

Memo

From : Conservation Commission, Ken Stern, Chair

To: Planning Board, Brendan O'Donnell, Chair

Cc: Select Board, Scott Doherty, Chair

Re: Proposed Contaminated Materials Ordinance

At the CCC meeting of August 14th, 2025, the Commission reviewed and discussed the ordinance being proposed by the Selectmen relative to Contaminated Materials. The following excerpt of our minutes summarizes our discussion. We suggest that the list of items at the bottom be added to the ordinance with the provision "including but not limited to"

Please excuse the delay in providing our comments.

Thank you for your consideration, Ken

The intent of the proposed Contaminated Materials Ordinance is for adoption by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) rather than as a Planning Board Ordinance.

The primary purpose of this ordinance is to establish clear regulations regarding contaminated materials within the town. The ordinance aims to simplify enforcement for the BOS, focusing on straightforward and easily understood definitions and standards.

The ordinance will include a definition of contaminated material. In the drafting process, it was discussed that the rationale for including specific materials does not need to be extensive; rather, simplicity will aid in effective enforcement by the BOS.

Materials to be considered under this ordinance may include, but are not limited to:

- Septic Sludge
- Thermally treated soil
- Materials containing petroleum products
- PFAS ("Forever Chemicals")
- Other hazardous chemicals
- Trash
- Plastic
- Metal
- Radioactive material
- Medical waste