

Resolution: 2024-002

**Introduced By: Councilor Jesse Gordon
December 9, 2024**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PFAS TESTING
IN AND AROUND THE BAIRD MCGUIRE SUPERFUND SITE**

WHEREAS, the Randolph-Holbrook-Braintree reservoir has exceeded the PFAS limit several times in the past; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Randolph seeks to avoid exceeding PFAS limits in the future, including new lower PFAS limits promulgated by the EPA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Randolph has invested in PFAS filters in our new water treatment plant currently under construction, and seeks to minimize that ongoing expense which could exceed \$1 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the long-term solution to reducing PFAS is to identify and remediate the source of PFAS, which would reduce the amount and expense of PFAS by removing PFAS before it gets into the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the Baird-McGuire Superfund site, on the Holbrook-Randolph border, is one such possible source of PFAS, having had numerous PFAS water tests exceeding the EPA limit over several years; and

WHEREAS, the EPA and MA-DEP have undertaken limited water testing for PFAS around the Baird-McGuire Superfund site, but no soil testing has been conducted to identify "PFAS hotspots";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Randolph Town Council hereby requests that MA-DEP conduct further water testing and additional soil testing in the areas in Randolph near the Baird-McGuire Superfund site and downstream, and/or provide funding for the Town of Randolph to conduct such testing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Randolph Town Council hereby requests that the EPA conduct water and soil testing throughout the Baird-McGuire Superfund site, and make a plan for remediation/removal of contaminated soil when PFAS hotspots are found; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Randolph Town Council hereby requests that the Tri-Town Water Board, the Joint Water Board, their successor Water Boards, and the Holbrook Select Board make a similar request of MA-DEP and the EPA, for PFAS testing in and around the Baird-McGuire Superfund site in Holbrook.