

Correspondence received by the
Concord Select Board
Week Ending – January 19, 2026

1. Eliza (Pippa) Shulman 643 Old Bedford Road
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4. Brooks Read and Susannah Kay 366 Estabrook Rd.

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From: Jessica Porter <jporter@concordma.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 8:41 AM

To: Kerry Lafleur <klafleur@concordma.gov>; Megan Zammuto <mzammuto@concordma.gov>

Cc: Kristin Reichman <kreichman@concordma.gov>

Subject: FW: Request for a Select Board Resolution on Antisemitism

From: Pippa Shulman <drpippa@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2026 8:45 PM

To: Mark Howell <markhowell@concordma.gov>; Wendy Rovelli <wrovelli@concordma.gov>; Paul Boehm <pboehm@concordma.gov>; Mary Hartman <mhartman@concordma.gov>; Cameron McKennitt <cmckennitt@concordma.gov>

Cc: DEI <dei@concordma.gov>

Subject: Request for a Select Board Resolution on Antisemitism

Dear Members of the Concord Select Board,

I am writing to request that the Select Board issue a stand-alone resolution affirming Concord's commitment to opposing antisemitism, including adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.

This request is grounded in recent events in our community. Antisemitic incidents in Concord have left many Jewish residents feeling unsettled and uncertain about whether their concerns are fully understood or prioritized. In moments like this, clarity from elected leadership matters. A Select Board resolution would provide that clarity.

I want to be clear that this request is not a criticism of the DEI Commission. The Commission has done meaningful and important work, and it should not be placed in the position of adjudicating whether antisemitism deserves explicit recognition. That responsibility appropriately rests with the Select Board. A stand-alone resolution would allow the Commission to continue its broader equity work without being unfairly drawn into controversy.

The IHRA definition is widely used as an educational and policy tool at the global, national, and state levels. It has been adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and by neighboring communities including Acton and Sudbury. Its purpose is not to limit speech or political debate, but to provide a shared framework for recognizing antisemitism when it occurs - something many institutions have found essential as antisemitic incidents increase.

Issuing a resolution focused specifically on antisemitism does not diminish the importance of addressing other forms of bias or hate. Equity sometimes requires specificity. Different communities experience different forms of harm, and naming those harms directly is a sign of seriousness, not exclusion.

Other Massachusetts municipalities have taken this step through formal resolutions or proclamations, including Acton, Bedford, Sharon, Framingham, Brookline, Easthampton, Gloucester, and Boston. Concord would not be an outlier in doing so; it would be aligning itself with a growing consensus across the Commonwealth.

Antisemitism is not only a national or global concern. It exists here. Sometimes it is overt, and sometimes it is subtle, but its impact on Jewish residents is real. A clear statement from the Select Board would affirm that Concord recognizes this reality and is committed to addressing it.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the community. I hope you will consider taking this step to provide clarity, leadership, and reassurance at a moment when it is deeply needed.

Respectfully,

Eliza (Pippa) Shulman

643 Old Bedford Road, Concord, MA

cc: the Concord DEI Commission

From: Frank Taylor <fmtaylor92@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2026 10:30:26 PM

To: Mark Howell <markhowell@concordma.gov>; Wendy Rovelli <wrovelli@concordma.gov>; Paul Boehm <pboehm@concordma.gov>; Mary Hartman <mhartman@concordma.gov>; Cameron McKennitt <cmckennitt@concordma.gov>

Subject: IHRA definition of antisemitism

You don't often get email from fmtaylor92@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Concord Select Board,

I am writing to encourage you to embrace the IHRA non-binding framework for defining antisemitism.

After watching, and being the first to comment on, the YouTube video of "Protecting Free Speech in K 12 & Beyond" held in the Concord schools:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNaTmCdzx94>

Because there is no agreed upon definition of antisemitism, citizens may not know when they're spewing Jew hate, and some may be wrongly accused of antisemitism. I see on YouTube endless antisemitic incidents worldwide and in Concord.



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Thank You,

Frank Matthew Taylor

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From: Miguel Echavarri <miguele@intelimapinc.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2026 9:25 AM

To: Kerry Lafleur <klafleur@concordma.gov>Cc: Mark Howell <markhowell@concordma.gov>; Paul Boehm <pboehm@concordma.gov>; Wendy Rovelli <wrovelli@concordma.gov>; 'Cameron McKennitt' <cameronmckennitt@gmail.com>; Mary Hartman <mhartman@concordma.gov>; Kerry Lafleur <klafleur@concordma.gov>; finance mail <finance@concordma.gov>

Subject: 1175 Elm is not available for Nagog WTP - Moving forward, can you provide the public with future PFAS infrastructure updates

Dear Kerry,

I finally received an update on the Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant (WTP). See below.

Due to rotary and MCI redevelopment projects, 1175 Elm Street is no longer a viable site for the WTP.

CPW is evaluating whether the Commonwealth would consider a land swap to allow the WTP to be built on state land, in close proximity to 1175 Elm Street. This is in the preliminary stages of discussion. On paper it seems like a good approach.

Based on a 10/08/25 Public Works Commission meeting, there were talks about forming a regional water district with Acton and Littleton to help mitigate the PFAS problem.

REQUEST: Due to a significant 2024 Town Meeting debt authorization of \$50,000,000 for [PFAS infrastructure](#), and considering major developments to the WTP project, would you please include the below items in future [Town Manager Project Updates](#)?

Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant, also known as Nagog Filtration Plant (\$28M)

PFAS treatments for Hugh Cargill & Second Division Wells (\$20M)

Because these projects relate to safe drinking water and our significant investment to secure it for the future, it's only reasonable for town officials to provide the public with regular status updates. This is not an unreasonable request.

Would you confirm receipt of this email and place it within SB correspondence? Also, can I expect an answer to this email and request?

Miguel Echavarri

Homeowner – 255 Commonwealth Ave

Reposted with January 19, 2026 correspondence with updated links

December 20, 2025

Dear Select Board members,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the proposed addition of Mr. Jeffrey Young of 264 Bedford St., as an Associate Member of the Historic Districts Commission. Our concern arises from Mr. Young's behavior while a member of a previous committee.

Mr. Young was a member of the Dog Park Feasibility Study Committee, which was active from late 2017 through late 2018. Around this time Mr. Young formed "Concord Unleashed," which operated through online and social media presences:

concordunleashed.org

<https://www.facebook.com/ConcordUnleashed>

Mr. Young used these platforms, along with the assistance of Select Board member Thomas McKean, to attack those who did not agree with his views.

The full extent of Mr. Young's efforts to harass and disparage those who would not submit to his worldview can be seen in a power point presentation which consists of emails, police voice recordings, and other documents obtained from public document requests, and screenshots from Mr. Young's and other social media platforms.

Click the link below to see the presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Cv29kEWwPKciuD6jAaNCBh95jAqpfIOI-J9cuWou9IM/edit?usp=sharing>

Given Mr. Young's documented enthusiasm for harassing Concord citizens with the assistance of the Select Board, and given his demonstrated willingness to promote knowingly false narratives, we strongly urge the Select Board to not appoint him to the Historic Districts Commission.

Brooks Read

Susannah Kay, MD

366 Estabrook Road