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RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2021

The Raymark Community Advisory Group, in conjunction with the Stratford Health Department, Environmental Protection Agency, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, and the United States Army Corp of Engineers, conducted a virtual meeting on Wednesday November 17, 2021 via GoToMeetings, pursuant to notice duly posted.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Boissevain – Director of Health
- Alivia Coleman – Health Dept. Program Associate
- Laura Dancho – Town Council 10th District

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim DiLorenzo
- Zanetta Purnell
- Darriel Swatts

UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS (USACE) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- David Heislein
- Michael Looney
- Carl Niemitz
- Anthony Noivo
- Robert Vanoer

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEEP) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Tony Allevo

STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

- Allison Dodge for Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's office

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Various residents

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS -- Ms. Coleman introduced herself and others in attendance.

A. OVERVIEW OF VIRTUAL MEETING STRUCTURE – Ms. Coleman explained the process of conducting a virtual meeting, and reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

B. RULES OF CONDUCT – Ms. Coleman reviewed meeting protocol, noting that based on suggestions she received, participants would be allowed to ask questions after each individual presentation, if they were pertinent to the presented material.

C. PERIODIC UPDATE – Ms. Coleman explained that periodic updates are emailed to those who requested such, adding that those who would like to receive updates can provide their email addresses, and updates can also be found on the Town’s website: www.TownofStratford.com/Raymark.

Ms. Purnell thanked the Raymark CAG members for all they have taught her over the years, and introduced Mr. Swatts, who will be replacing her.

III. STATUS

A. OU6 PROPERTIES UPDATE – Mr. DiLorenzo stated the East Main Street corridor is now fully remediated. The excavation at the rear of Ashcroft, for which Severson is the contractor, began June 9 and was finished Nov. 3. The original estimated volume was 1,500 yards; the actual volume removed was 9,259 yards (745 loads), as well as 377 yards (35 loads) of Principal Hazardous Constituents (PHC) waste. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, the high water table at this location complicated the cleanup, along with a record amount of rain and storms in July. He explained they had to work around the Ashcroft loading docks, which also delayed the project.

- DOT Right-of-Way and 171 Ferry Blvd – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there were three distinct areas: two by the intersection with East Broadway, and one at 171/191 Ferry Blvd. (strip mall, private property and DOT ROW). Work on the two areas by East Broadway began on Sept. 20 and was completed October 19. There was 819 cubic yards (88 trucks) of material will be removed, none of which is PHC waste.
- Wooster Park – Mr. DiLorenzo explained the design estimate was originally 1,500 yards, but the current estimate is now 6,000 yards (350 trucks). Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there is also approximately 500 yards of PHC waste (35 trucks) at this location. Tree clearing and brush removal began in mid-October. The project began Nov. 4, and should be complete by late January or early February – weather permitting. There was a virtual neighborhood public meeting on May 12 regarding this matter, and another on Sept. 22, 2021. In addition, bulletins and flyers were also hand-delivered. Mr. DiLorenzo explained Severson created a temporary gravel road, adding orange fabric and then crushed stone, over which the trucks will drive which will lessen the number of times they will need to be washed. This will ascertain no Raymark waste leaves the site on the truck tires.
- Vacant Lot Behind Blue Goose Restaurant (326 Ferry Blvd.)– Mr. DiLorenzo stated work will begin at this site after Wooster Park is done. He noted this is a large wooded

area that runs from the Blue Goose parking lot to Ferry Creek and expands to some backyards along Willow Avenue and some on Housatonic Avenue. The original estimate was 4,400 yards (400 trucks) and 660 yards (60 trucks) PHC waste. The revised estimates are now approximately 10,000 yards (500 trucks) and 1,400 yards PHC (90 trucks). Work at this location is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2022, and will take approximately sixteen weeks to complete. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, they will host a public meeting for the residents of Willow Avenue, and some on Housatonic Avenue and residents of the condo at the intersection of Ferry Blvd. and East Broadway in Dec. 2021, prior to the start of the work.

- Beacon Point – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this will be the next project site after 326 Ferry Blvd. He noted there are three distinct areas of Raymark waste. One is along Beacon Point Road facing the waterfront opposite the water treatment plant. This is the primary area where there is Raymark waste at this location. The second area is behind the condo complex, as there is an area of Raymark waste in the grassy area between rear of condo complex and the parking lot for boat ramps, which is almost fully delineated. There is also a third small area by the boat ramps which entails gaining access to private property. It was originally estimated there would be 2,400 cubic yards (200 trucks) of Raymark waste and 250 cubic yards (20 trucks) was expected to be PHC waste. Current estimates are now 3,250 cubic yards (210 trucks) of Raymark waste and 250 cubic yards (20 trucks) of PHC waste. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, the issue at this location is the work needs to be completed before boating season (early June 2022). Work will probably start in Spring 2022, and will take approximately eight weeks to complete.
 - Mr. DiLorenzo stated to date, 13,677.01 cubic yards (1,160 trucks) of Raymark waste has been removed. The total amount PHC waste removed is 1,171.60 cubic yards (95 trucks).
- B. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD (OU4) UPDATE – Mr. Looney highlighted the OU4 ballfield work that has been completed or ongoing since September:
- Approximately 14,000 cubic yards of material has been consolidated, compacted and covered. The thickest lens is at the former home plate area.
 - A Posi-shell cover has been applied on all Raymark waste which had previously been brought to the ballfield. Material is covered daily in either a plastic tarp or Posi-shell. Material which is handled and spread is adequately wetted for dust control. Severson maintains daily logs regarding this.
 - The material handling tent structure is complete and in use.
 - The OU4 site and cap 95% draft design is under review.
 - The stormwater control and conveyance system design is complete.
 - There are five perimeter air monitors at OU4 that are operating daily. The results are posted on the Town website.
 - Mr. Looney stated the site cameras can be viewed online at <https://www.ipcamline.com/5fc7c13309700>.
- C. OU4 CAP AND SITE DESIGN – Mr. Looney explained the design is 95% complete. It will incorporate a 200' x 300' structural pad for future use by the Town to accommodate a structure or other feature. The site will have two entrances off Frog Pond Lane – one is across from the DPW and the primary access is toward the southern end of Frog Pond

Lane. That access road will cut through the OU4 site, connect to the new haul road, and eventually out to Longbrook Avenue. The secondary access road will do the same. The maximum elevation for the cap will be 37', which is level with the bottom of the barrier. The top deck slope is 2% to shed stormwater, and the side slopes will be 3:1. Mr. Looney gave a brief overview of what the cap is going to look like. Landfill material will be covered with a 4' thick cap. Layers will have a vegetative cover on top (typically grass), with 6" topsoil under that, then 42" additional soil, and then underneath that is a thin geocomposite layer which provides separation and reinforcement between the layers, and also provides drainage. Therefore, when it rains on this site, water can permeate the vegetative layer and soil layer. It will then hit the geocomposite layer and cannot go any further down, and is shed off the site.

- D. OU4 STORMWATER SYSTEM – Mr. Looney explained OU4 will have a stormwater retention basin where all the runoff from OU4 will go. It will then be carried 1/3-mile via a stormwater conveyance line through the DPW lot, across East Main Street, through a private residence, and then the Ashcroft parking lot, to an open channel and then to the Housatonic. A new stormwater pump station will be installed there as well to handle the additional stormwater that will be generated. The conveyance system will be the first part of this to be done. The contract is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Assuming the contract is signed and the easements are received, work is expected to begin in late Winter, and will take 9-12 months to complete. The new Platt Street pump station will have four axial flow pumps, and a 200 cubic feet per second capacity during significant storm and high-water events, and will help the Town's existing drainage. Additionally, the masonry pumphouse will be situated on the Town/Ashcroft property close to the Housatonic River.
- E. OU4 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein stated since the September 29, 2021 public meeting, the Daily Average Dust level was 0.003 to 0.009 mg/m³. There were no exceedances of the OU4 Dust Action Level criteria (0.014 mg/m³). Per Mr. Heislein, all five dust meters and sample collection systems are in operation, as well as one personnel chemical sample collection system. He noted there were no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria in fixed monitoring station or on personnel. He is posting weekly air monitoring reports, chemical data and vibration monitoring reports on the Town Raymark website.
- F. OU6 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein discussed the air monitoring results for the soil excavation and restoration at 250 East Main Street (Ashcroft rear), the intersection of East Broadway and Ferry Blvd. and Wooster Park. The Daily Average Dust Measurements were 0.000 to 0.006 mg/m³. There were no exceedances of the OU6 Dust Action Level criteria (0.019 mg/m³). There are two dust meters /chemical sample collection systems in operation, as well as one personnel chemical sample collection system. Per Mr. Heislein, there were no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria. He is posting weekly air monitoring reports, chemical data and vibration monitoring reports on the Town Raymark website.
- Perimeter Air Monitoring Update for OU4/OU6 Restoration – Per Mr. Heislein, all imported clean soil is tested every 500 – 1,000 cubic yards to verify it meets CT

Residential Soil Criteria. It is only during the site restoration that the Dust Action Level is raised to 0.150 mg/m³.

G. EXCAVATION AND CONSOLIDATION SCHEDULE UPDATE

Mr. DiLorenzo noted the following work has been completed:

- Dec. 2019 – June 2020: Barriers constructed
- March – Sept. 2020: Haul Road constructed
- July – Sept. 2020: Ballfield prepared to receive Raymark waste
- Sept. 2020 – Nov. 2021: Raymark waste excavated from 13 OU8 areas

Per Mr. DiLorenzo, the following is an estimated schedule of work to be done:

- Nov. 2021 – Feb. 2022: Quail Street/Wooster Park
- Feb. – May 2022: Vacant lots behind Blue Goose restaurant
- May – Dec. 2022: Beacon Point, Third Ave., DOT lot (I-95 to Broad St. bridge) and Lockwood Ave. that abuts the I-95 corridor
- 2022 – 2024: Severson will construct stormwater pipes and a different contractor will do the pump station
- 2023: 230 Ferry Blvd. (Hitchcock Marine), 250 Ferry Blvd. (Wiz Auto) and 280 Ferry Blvd. (Blasius) and OU3 Ferry Creek
- 2024: 300 Ferry Blvd. (former ski shop) and construction of OU4 cap

IV. QUESTIONS

- What are the truck routes for the Wooster and Ferry Blvd. projects? Mr. DiLorenzo explained the trucks will go from Quail Street to Nichols Ave. to Barnum Ave. to Longbrook Ave. and then to the Haul Road. From Ferry Blvd. the trucks will go under the I-95 overpass to Barnum Ave. to Longbrook Ave. and then to the Haul Road. He noted the average is five trucks per hour.
- Will the new stormwater conveyance lines connect with the existing lines? Per Mr. Looney, they will connect. Mr. DiLorenzo noted that by going through private property at 390 East Main Street, they can avoid using Avery Street, which has multiple problems. He added that to do so, they will get an easement from both Ashcroft and the nonprofit organization which owns the property.
- Will the material from Wooster Park have to be dried out in the tent? Mr. DiLorenzo stated he expects material from Lockwood Ave. and Ferry Creek sediments will need to be dried out, but not the Wooster Park material. He added they may need to dry out the material from Beacon Point by the roadway.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Per Ms. Coleman, there will be no meeting on December 29. The next meeting will be January 26, 2022. Ms. Coleman adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Aileen Marsh
Recording Secretary