



TOWN OF STRATFORD

RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 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 June 30, 2021 via GoToMeetings, pursuant to notice duly posted.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Boissevain – Director of Health
- Kelly Kerrigan – Environmental Conservation Superintendent
- Raynae Serra – Director of Public Works

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim DiLorenzo

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

- David Heislein
- Michael Looney
- Anthony Noivo

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

- Tony Allevo
- Ron Curran

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Meg Harvey
- Lori Mathieu

STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

- Phil Young – 120th District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Various residents

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Boissevain called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

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

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

B. RULES OF CONDUCT – Ms. Boissevain 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. Boissevain 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.

III. COMPLETED OPERABLE UNIT 6 PROPERTIES

Mr. DiLorenzo stated the following:

- 380 East Main Street (Glynn Manufacturing) – Mr. DiLorenzo stated this was the first of the OU6 removals, took two days to excavate, and was completed by Sept. 17, 2020. It was estimated 40 yards of material would be removed, and 51.70 yards (4 trucks) was actually removed.
- 190 Ferry Blvd. (Karate Studio) – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this work took eight days to excavate and was completed December 2-10, 2020. It was estimated 100 yards of material would be removed, and 87.31 yards (10 trucks) was actually removed. He explained the Record of Decision identified Raymark Waste only at 200 Ferry Blvd, but its presence was confirmed at 190 Ferry Blvd. during predesign investigation.
- 200 Ferry Blvd. (Liquor Store) – Mr. DiLorenzo explained this work took eight days to excavate, and was done December 2-10, 2020. It was estimated 500 yards of material would be removed, and 481.83 yards (64 trucks) was actually removed.
- 250, 304 & 340 East Main Street (Ashcroft - front, Dry Cleaner and Hair Salon) – Mr. DiLorenzo stated excavation at these locations was done in 40 days (Feb. 15 – April 19, 2021). It was estimated there would be approximately 5,000 yards (700 trucks) with approximately 750 yards of the total contained PHC (worst of the worst) waste going offsite. In actuality 2,928 yards (251 trucks) was removed, and of the 794.60 yards (60 trucks) of the PHC waste was removed. Mr. DiLorenzo noted they may have to return for 360 East Main Street because the contractor was not contracted to go onto the property where it is located.
- DOT Exit 33 (Barnum Avenue) – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, work began Jan. 19 and is ongoing. The estimated volume is 420 yards. To date, 345.57 yards (19 trucks) have been removed via the Haul Road.

IV. ONGOING REMOVAL AT ASHCROFT REAR

Mr. DiLorenzo explained contaminated soil continues to be found close to the Housatonic River, so therefore the water table is high. He added the northern edge has yet to be determined. Excavation began June 9, and should be completed by the end of August. They originally expected 1,500 yards of material; the estimated volume is currently 7,500 yards. Additionally, 450 yards of PHC waste has been found. The excavated soil will be de-watered before going into a box car. He also explained a frac tank is a skid-mounted portable system.

V. OU6 PLANNED SITES

- Raymark Waste on 302/360 East Main Street – Mr. DiLorenzo stated volume is less than 1,000 cubic yards, and will be complete by September.
- DOT Right-of-Way Across from Karate Studio – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this area is across from Hitchcock Marine and the car dealerships, as well as the former ski shop. There are three distinct areas and approximately 1,000 cubic yards (60 trucks) of material will be removed. Two of the areas are clearly defined, while sampling is being done by the convenience store to define that area. This work will begin sometime in mid-late Summer.
- Wooster Park – Mr. DiLorenzo explained the delineation line has been established, adding it was originally thought to be 1,500 yards, but the current estimate is now 5,000 yards (350 trucks). Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there is no PHC waste at this location. Because the expected volume has increased exponentially, work will begin in the Fall, and will take approximately twelve weeks to complete. There was a virtual neighborhood public meeting on May 12 regarding this matter, and there will be another meeting 2-3 weeks prior to the work beginning in the Fall.
- Vacant Lot Behind Blue Goose Restaurant (326 Ferry Blvd.)– Mr. DiLorenzo noted this is a large wooded area that expands to some backyards along Willow Avenue and some on Housatonic Avenue. Of the approximate 4,400 yards (400 trucks), about 660 yards (60 trucks) is PHC waste. Work at this location will begin in either late Fall or early Winter 2021, and will take approximately twelve weeks to complete. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, they will host a public meeting for the residents of Willow Avenue and some on Housatonic Avenue prior to the work beginning.
- Beacon Point – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, 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. There is also a third small area by the boat ramps which entails gaining access to private property. Collectively, there is an estimated 2,400 cubic yards (200 trucks) of Raymark waste, of which 250 cubic yards (20 trucks) is PHC waste. Work will probably be done in Fall/Winter 2021, rather than during the busy Summer months, and will take approximately three months to complete.

VI. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL BALLFIELD (OU4) UPDATE

Mr. Looney reiterated the team's awareness of and adherence to health and safety protocols throughout this project. He explained various engineering controls that are being used such as perimeter concrete barriers, which are mostly at OU6 properties,

primarily for security but also keep sound and visual nuisance to a minimum. A water truck is used to keep dust down, and a “Dust Boss” is used to spray any uncovered material that needs to be wet. Mr. Looney noted the vibration monitors are now solar powered. Another example of erosion controls being used are silt socks, which are filled with permeable materials to allow water to go through, but not silt and other materials. Additionally, material is transported in tightly sealed trucks and/or containers with gasketed gates. Per Mr. Looney, air monitoring is done in real time, and contaminated material is covered with the posi-shell cover system. He then highlighted the OU4 ballfield work that has been completed or ongoing since May:

- Approximately 5,300 cubic yards of material has been excavated from OU6 and transported to the ballfield, and then consolidated, compacted and covered.
- The OU4 site and cap design is ongoing, and is 60% complete. Mr. Looney expects the design to be complete by the end of Summer.
- The stormwater control and conveyance system design is complete.
- There are five perimeter air monitors at OU4 and two at East Main Street that are operating daily.
- Mr. Looney stated the site cameras can be viewed online at <https://www.ipcamline.com/5fc7c13309700>.
- Mr. Looney explained the OU4 Containment Structure is meant to contain material that will be handled more than normal. Any wet material, or any material that needs additives for drying or other applications, will be handled in the containment structure. It is a temporary fabric structure, approximately 100’L x 130’W x 40’H, with an aluminum structural frame with PVC-coated fabric membrane. Per Mr. Looney, this structure needs to be wired for electricity, which should be done by mid-July.

VII. AIR MONITORING RESULTS

- A. OU4 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein stated since the May 26, 2021 public meeting, the Daily Average Dust level was 0.004 to 0.0010 mg/m³. There were no exceedances of the OU4 Dust Action Level criteria (0.014 mg/m³). He noted all five dust meters and sample collection systems are 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 at
- B. OU6 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein noted the soil excavation and site restoration at the rear of the 250 East Main Street property. The Daily Average Dust Measurements were 0.001 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 at OU6, 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.
- C. PERIMETER AIR MONITORING UPDATES 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 site restoration that the Dust Action Level is raised to 0.150 mg/m³.

VIII. QUESTIONS

- The landscaper who did the initial work in 2020 used an above-ground flexible irrigation system to deliver water to the plantings, including a water truck. Unfortunately, they suspended watering for most or all of July and August last year, resulting in severe dying and stress for the new plantings. How will watering be done this July and August by the current landscaper? What is the landscaper's watering plan and schedule? Mr. DiLorenzo explained the landscaper has been instructed to develop a satisfactory watering plan, noting the landscaper is responsible for any dead vegetation for the next year. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, the current plan is to water the plantings on an as-needed basis. Mr. Heislein noted the current landscaper is not the same as the one who did the original plantings, adding the new landscaper seems more responsive and aware.
- How are things with the State DOT? There seems to be six containers at the Exit 33 ramp. Mr. DiLorenzo explained some Raymark waste was moved to the ballfield in Fall 2020, but there is none in the six containers – although there may be asbestos in that material.

Ms. Boissevain noted anyone who has further questions may contact Ms. Coleman via email.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DiLorenzo suggested the next meeting be in August rather than July, with a community meeting for the Wooster Park neighbors in the beginning of September, as the work is scheduled to begin in October. Ms. Boissevain asked meeting attendees if, moving forward, they preferred in-person or virtual meetings. One constituent commented she preferred virtual meetings. Ms. Boissevain suggested the possibility of doing a hybrid platform whereby attendees could attend virtually at in-person meetings. This topic will be discussed further at the August 2021 meeting. Ms. Boissevain then adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Aileen Marsh
Recording Secretary