



# TOWN OF STRATFORD

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## RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

### MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 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 February 24, 2021 via GoToMeetings, pursuant to notice duly posted.

#### TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Boissevain – Director of Health
- Alivia Coleman -- Health Department Program Associate
- Laura Hoydick – Mayor
- Raynae Serra – Director of Public Works
- Kaitlyn Shake, Town Council 2<sup>nd</sup> District

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim DiLorenzo
- Dan Keefe

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

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

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

- Tony Allevo
- Ron Curran
- Ray Frigon
- Sandy Brunelli

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Meg Harvey

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 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 6:31pm.

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 per Governor Lamont’s Executive Order, 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. PROJECT UPDATE EMAILS – Ms. Coleman explained that 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](http://www.TownofStratford.com/Raymark).

III. STATUS

A. PROJECT OVERVIEW AND GOALS FOR 2021 – Mr. DiLorenzo noted the Fiscal Year 2021 Milestones as follows:

- Replace dead trees along the barriers
- Establish a local office at the former Rotary Ski Shop. This will house USACE and EPA, as well as Severson and their subcontractors. Mr. DiLorenzo noted this building is ideally located as it is in an OU6 property that needs to be remediated, adding it provides an egress to OU3, which will be the subject of work in 2022. He explained the lease begins in May 2021 and will be more than sufficient to complete the consolidation remedy. Mr. DiLorenzo noted the building will also provide a storefront for the community to come in and ask questions, or get more information.
- In April, a sprung structure tent will be installed at the ballfield. It will be a negative pressure structure whereby any handling of waste or any additives that need to be added to it or any separation or dewatering will happen in that tent prior to placement in its final point of consolidation.
- Construction of a stormwater conveyance line is planned, which will take stormwater from Contract Plating and the ballfield properties to what is now the Platt Street pump station, which will be upgraded as well. Mr. DiLorenzo explained the current stormwater pipelines are insufficient, and they need to increase the capacity, which is why they need to construct a new stormwater line

from Frog Pond Lane over behind the Ashcroft property to the pump station along the Housatonic River. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall, and will take one year to complete.

- Complete the design of the cap and pump station
  - Conduct additional sampling at several properties (Ashcroft, Wooster Park and Beacon Point) –Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this pre-remediation sampling will be done to accurately delineate all the boundaries of excavations before digging, to the extent that is possible. In doing so, there will not be a wait for lab data to be returned. This preconstruction sampling is expected to continue for the next several months.
  - Remove Raymark Waste from 6-8 OU6 properties -- Raymark waste will then be removed from the East Main Street property, either Wooster Park or Beacon Point, and then the vacant lot behind the Blue Goose restaurant. That work should be completed by the end of Summer 2021.
- B. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD (OU4) UPDATE – Mr. Looney discussed work completed or ongoing since December 2020.**
- Waste material from 250, 304 and 340 East Main Street is currently being excavated and transported to the ballfield. The material will be covered with a plastic shield at the end of every day.
  - A Posi-Shell cover, which is a spray-on clay shell for dust suppression and erosion control, has been applied on all previously imported Raymark waste at the OU4 ballfield. The product itself is primarily clay and inert fiber material that is added for structural stability. There are no chemicals of concern in the formula. Mr. Looney explained Compaction will occur in Spring/Summer 2021 when the weather is drier.
  - Stormwater control and conveyance design ongoing, to be completed by Summer 2021.
  - OU4 Monitoring well abandonment – Mr. Looney stated the OU4 monitoring wells were decommissioned.
  - 5 perimeter air monitors at OU4 and 2 at East Main Street are operating daily
  - Mr. Looney stated the site cameras can be viewed online at <https://www.ipcamline.com/5fc7c13309700>.
  - OU4 Design Concept – Mr. Looney explained the grading will meet the bottom of the barrier. He noted a drainage swale may be added on Frog Pond Lane. The future use of this property has not yet been determined.
- C. OU4 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein stated since the 1/27/2021 meeting, the Daily Average Dust = 0.002 to 0.012 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. There have been no exceedances of the Daily Average Dust Action Level 0.014 mg/m<sup>3</sup> criteria. All five meters operate 24/7, with heaters to decrease moisture content. Mr. Heislein noted data is still being reported during working hours, adding there were no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria. He submits weekly Air Monitoring reports, as well as Vibration Monitoring reports, to the Town. Summaries are posted on the Town's Health Dept./Raymark website: [www.townofstratford.com/raymark/airmonitoring](http://www.townofstratford.com/raymark/airmonitoring) .**
- D. OU6 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Per Mr. Heislein, during the site preparation and soil excavation at 250 and 304/340 East Main Street properties, the Daily**

Average Dust Measurements were 0.001 to 0.006 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. There were no exceedances of the Daily Average Dust Action Level 0.019 mg/m<sup>3</sup> criteria. There were also no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria. Mr. Heislein explained the meters are moved as the work areas change. There are currently five monitors at OU4 and two meters running at OU6, which are placed next to the buildings when necessary. Ms. Coleman stated the air monitoring results can be found on the Health Department's Raymark site, on the "Air Monitoring" tab. Ms. Coleman added she highlights any exceedances in a summary, if applicable.

E. OU6 PROPERTIES UPDATE

- i. 380 EAST MAIN STREET (Glynn Manufacturing) --- Mr. DiLorenzo stated this was the first of the OU6 removals, and was completed by Sept. 17, 2020. It was estimated 40 yards of material would be removed, and 42.30 yards (4 trucks) were actually removed.
- ii. 190 FERRY BLVD. (Karate Studio) – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this work was completed in December 2020. It was estimated 100 yards of material would be removed, and 104.57 yards (10 trucks) were actually removed.
- iii. 200 FERRY BLVD. (Liquor Store) – Mr. DiLorenzo explained this work was done in December 2020, It was estimated 400 yards of material would be removed, and 497.91 yards (64 trucks) were actually removed.
- iv. DOT EXIT 33 – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, work begin Jan. 19 and is ongoing. The estimated volume is 420 yards. To date, 345.57 yards (19 trucks) have been removed. He added the DOT is removing the waste for the EPA to manage.
- v. 250, 304 & 340 EAST MAIN STREET (Ashcroft - front, Dry Cleaner and Hair Salon) – Mr. DiLorenzo stated work at these locations began Feb. 2, and will continue through mid-April. He noted there were a number of trees removed by Severson. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, many degraded roofing shingles, as well as roofing tar (Non-Raymark contamination) were encountered, at 250 East Main Street. A temporary gravel road was constructed for waste removal. The existing soil piles will be used as backfill. It was estimated there would be approximately 5,000 yards (700 trucks) with approximately 750 yard (60 trucks) of the total containing PHC (worst of the worst) waste going offsite. To date, 208.87 yards (21 trucks) have been removed – none of which has been the PHC waste.
- vi. BEACON POINT – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there are three distinct areas of Raymark waste, one of which entails gaining access to private property. Work should begin in early May, and will take approximately ten weeks to complete. It will involve approximately 2,400 yards (200 trucks) with about 250 yards (20 trucks) of PHC waste.
- vii. WOOSTER PARK – This will involve approximately 3,000 yards (200 trucks). Per Mr. DiLorenzo, they are trying to establish the delineation line (where the waste ends), adding it is most likely where the mature trees are located. He noted this work will be done when school is not in session, adding it will take approximately ten weeks to complete.
- viii. VACANT LOT BEHIND BLUE GOOSE RESTAURANT – Mr. DiLorenzo noted this will involve approximately 4,400 yards (400 trucks) with about 660

yards (60 trucks) of PHC waste. Work at this location will begin in Fall 2021, and will take approximately twelve weeks to complete.

- ix. TRUCKS – Mr. DiLorenzo explained all tailgated trucks have a tight cover and full gasket, and are labeled “Raymark Waste”. Active wetting occurs as the material is removed from the trucks. He stated more traditional dump trucks will be used in the future, and each will have a tight cover and full gasket. Each truck carries approximately ten cubic yards of waste.

#### IV. QUESTIONS

- Ms. Boissevain and Ms. Coleman will contact resident Jennifer Budai when work is scheduled for Wooster Park, so they can coordinate efforts to notify nearby residents.

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

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Coleman noted the next meeting will be March 31, 2021. She then adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aileen Marsh*

Recording Secretary