



# TOWN OF STRATFORD

## RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

### MEETING MINUTES

**January 27, 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 January 27, 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

#### 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

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

- Tony Allevo
- Ron Curran

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Meg Harvey

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Phil Young – 120<sup>th</sup> District
- Joseph Gresko – 121<sup>st</sup> District

#### 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 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. WEEKLY UPDATE – Ms. Coleman explained that weekly 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 provided a recap of work that has been done in the past two years:

- Residential barriers have been built along the entire consolidation area, which includes OU4.
- A barrier was also built along the former Contract Plating property.
- A haul road was built, which will bring waste from Longbrook Avenue directly to the ballfield, minimizing any truck activity through residential neighborhoods to the north of that area.
- Perimeter security fencing was installed, so the entire area (OU4 and former Contract Plating) is now secure.
- Three office trailers have been mobilized at the former ballfield property. One is being used by the government, while two are being used by Severson.
- All debris has been cleared from the ballfield.
- The grandstands were removed.
- Growth and trees were removed from the infield.
- A live-stream camera was installed to show the ballfield 24/7.
- Waste consolidation from some of the OU6 properties has begun. The first three properties (380 East Main Street, 200 Ferry Blvd. and 190 Ferry Blvd.) were completed last year.

Mr. DiLorenzo gave an overview of fiscal year 2021, noting the following are planned:

- 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 they signed a 5-year lease with the building owner, which begins 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 March or April, a tent will be installed called a spring structure 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 purpose of the stormwater line is, as the property is capped at the ballfield, an impermeable material will be placed over the cap to keep rainwater from percolating through it. 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. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, the current pump station handles 13 cubic feet of stormwater per second; the new system will have a capacity of 200 cubic feet per second.
  - 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 soon 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. 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.
  - Mr. DiLorenzo stated there is sufficient funding to keep the project moving, and does not expect any funding disruptions.
- B. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD (OU4) UPDATE – Mr. Looney discussed work completed or ongoing since December 2020.
- Ballfield preparation complete.
  - Waste material from 380 East Main Street and 190/200 Ferry Blvd. has been consolidated and covered.
  - Waste material from CT Dot Exit 33 project brought to the ballfield
  - Temporary stormwater basin was constructed in what was the outfield of the former ballfield. To cover waste and keep it secure during periods on which it is not actively being worked, plastic sheeting or poly tarps are typically put down over the site to keep material secure, so water and/or elements cannot get to it. On such a big site as this, it is too cumbersome to use tarps and plastic, so a Posi-Shell, made by LSC Environmental Company, will be used as an alternative cover for the waste material at the ballfield. Mr. Looney explained it is not a new technology, and has been used effectively for many years at other sites across the United State to manage dust and erosion. It is essentially a spray-on clay shell for dust suppression and erosion control. 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.
  - OU4 air monitoring wells to be decommissioned week of Feb 1

- Mr. Looney stated the site cameras can be viewed online at <https://www.ipcamline.com/5fc7c13309700> and at [www.townofstratford.com/Raymark](http://www.townofstratford.com/Raymark)
- C. OU4 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein stated concentrations have been running well below or under the tracking criteria. Since the 12/9/2020 meeting, the Daily Average Dust = 0.002 to 0.014 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. There was one day on Jan. 13 that there was a 0.015 mg/m<sup>3</sup> exceedance. At all five locations chemicals were not detected. All five meters were not calibrating due to nighttime freezing temperatures and moisture buildup. Per Mr. Heislein, all soil work on OU4 was stopped, and the meters were sent out for calibration. The Town was notified, and work continued on the Posi-Shell soil cover. To resolve the issue, it was determined the meters would run 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, of which summaries are posted on the Town’s Health Dept./Raymark website.
- D. OU6 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Per Mr. Heislein, when the soil excavation and site restoration work was done at 190/200 Ferry Blvd. Dec. 10-14, 2020, the Daily Average Dust Measurements were 0.002 to 0.007 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. All were below the Daily Average Dust Action Level 0.019 mg/m<sup>3</sup> criteria. Per Mr. Heislein, the Dust Action Level is specific to the OU6 sites, and is based on cumulative potential health risk from the twelve chemicals found on all OU6 sites. He added there were no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria.
- 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 53 yards (4 trucks) was actually removed.
  - ii. 190/200 FERRY BLVD. (liquor store and karate studio) – Mr. DiLorenzo explained this work was done in December 2020, It was estimated 500 yards of material would be removed, and 678 yards (74 trucks) were actually removed.
  - iii. DOT EXIT 33 – Mr. DiLorenzo explained Raymark waste was found in discreet pockets. The estimated volume is 380 yards (50 trucks). Work began Jan 19 and is ongoing.
  - iv. 250, 304 & 340 EAST MAIN STREET – Mr. DiLorenzo stated work at these locations should begin the week of February 1, and will take approximately twelve weeks to complete. It will involve approximately 5,000 yards (700 trucks) with about 750 yards (60 trucks) of the total contained PHC (worst of the worst) waste going offsite to a location in the Midwest.
  - v. BEACON POINT – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there are three distinct areas of Raymark waste. 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.
  - vi. WOOSTER PARK – This will involve approximately 3,000 yards (200 trucks). Mr. DiLorenzo noted this work will be done when school is not in session, adding it will take approximately ten weeks to complete.

- vii. 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.
- viii. DOT RAYMARK WASTE – APPROXIMATELY 275 yards (20 to 30 trucks)
- 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 dump trucks will be used in the future, and each will have a tight cover and full gasket.

#### IV. QUESTIONS

- What is the size of the tent/sprung structure? It is approximately 100’x200’, placed in the OU4 property where trucks will enter from Contract Plating.
- When during this process will waste from the Exit 33 project be done? The majority of that waste has already been taken and moved to the ballfield the week of 1/18/2021. There is one more area from which waste needs to be removed. That work is planned for the week of Feb 1.
- Why do the plantings at the commercial sites look better than those at the residential properties? Mr. DiLorenzo has not received complaints from other residents and any dead plantings will be replaced.
- Will 4-feet of dirt be added to the dirt that is already up against the embankment of the barrier wall at the ballfield? If that material is clean, that slope will be cut somewhat to bring the cap up. The final grade will meet the bottom of the wall.
- When will a live demonstration of the air monitoring system occur? Mr. DiLorenzo explained EPA management cancelled it due to the COVID pandemic, and will determine when it is safe to do so in the future.
- When will this project end? The work will be complete by the end of 2022, and the cap is expected to be done by the end of 2023.
- How much waste will be removed from Wooster Park, and how long will it take? Approximately 3,000 yards of material will be removed, and will take ten weeks to remove.
- Is anyone keeping track of estimate volume versus the actual volume of waste that is removed? Mr. DiLorenzo has a table of the current volume. Per Mr. Looney, it was designed for 125,00 cubic yards, but expect it to be 100,000 cubic yards. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this allows for the material found at locations such as the karate studio and Exit 33.

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

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Coleman noted the next meeting will be February 24, 2021. She then adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Aileen Marsh*, Recording Secretary