



TOWN OF STRATFORD

RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2020

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 October 28, 2020 via GoToMeeting, pursuant to notice duly posted.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Boissevain – Director of Health
- Alivia Coleman -- Health Department Program Associate
- Laura Hoydick -- Mayor
- Kelly Kerrigan – Environmental Conservation Superintendent

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim DiLorenzo
- Dan Keefe
- Bryan Olson – EPA Region 1 Director of Superfund and Emergency Management Division

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

- David Heislein
- Michael Looney
- Robert Vanoer

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

- Ron Curran
- Tony Allevo

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- Meg Harvey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Various residents

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

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.

III. STATUS

- A. HAUL ROAD, BARRIER & LANDSCAPING – Mr. DiLorenzo reviewed the three different barriers, which stretch approximately ½ mile from Longbrook Avenue to Frog Pond Lane, and are now complete. Landscaping is largely done, and is most noticeable on Patterson Avenue by the Public Works building. Due to the drought conditions during the summer, many trees – especially conifers – have died, and added that a significant number of them have been replaced. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, several more trees continued to die during the past two weeks. At the landscaper’s advice, none will be replaced until Spring 2021, due to the upcoming cold weather. Mr. DiLorenzo stated the material is guaranteed for one year beginning Nov. 2020, and added that the US Army Corp of Engineers continues to track the condition of the trees. Mr. DiLorenzo explained they are installing a chain link fence on Frog Pond Lane between the former Contract Plating site and the ballfield, and parts of Longbrook Avenue. Some parts will have sound dampening material on it as a visual construction screen. This will ascertain the entire perimeter will be secure, including the backyards of abutting residents. Mr. DiLorenzo stated the purpose of the haul road is to allow EPA to bring Raymark waste from the off-property areas to the ballfield for consolidation. The completed haul road, which connects Longbrook Avenue to the former ballfield, is approximately ¼ mile long, has a widened entrance, and was raised to cover former Contract Plating waste and lagoons. It will minimize traffic going through residential neighborhoods, and will be used to take a majority of the waste from OU6 properties. Any demolition debris will be going through the haul road, which will accommodate 18-wheel trucks, and will allow for flexibility regarding the future use of the property.
 - i. REMAINING ITEMS – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, a flashing sign and light warning drivers of turning trucks will be added to the railroad bridge by mid-November.
 - ii. HIGH SCHOOL EXCESS SOIL TO FORMER CONTRACT PLATING – No discussion was held.
- B. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD (OU4) UPDATE – Mr. Looney noted progress is going very well. Workers are prepping the area to receive Raymark waste from various contaminated properties in Town. Since Severson mobilized to the site in July, they have cleared the OU4 parking lot, established site trailers, set up air and vibration monitoring, and cleared vegetation from the ballfield.
 - i. HAUL ROAD EXTENSION ON OU4 – Per Mr. Looney the OU4 temporary access road is complete. He explained it was constructed to carry Raymark waste from the haul road to the consolidation area at OU4. Construction for the access road began in late September and was completed by mid-October. They began using the OU4 access road, as well as the haul road, the week of Oct. 19th for hauling demolition debris offsite. To date, the materials taken offsite have been a substantial amount of non-contaminated demolition debris, which includes concrete and wood from the grandstand structure. Mr. Looney explained the purpose of the OU4 access road is to provide a level and clean transport path to the consolidation area, so keeping the transport trucks’ exteriors from coming in contact with

- Raymark waste to the extent possible is the goal. He added that vehicles are required to be decontaminated and cleaned before leaving the site.
- ii. **GRANDSTAND DEMOLITION** – Mr. Looney stated they are well into the demolition of the grandstand. The work began in early October, and progress has been made carefully – sometimes by hand and sometimes with heavy equipment. Per Mr. Looney, removal of the scoreboard and light ballasts will be the last step of the process. All demolition is expected to be complete by the end of November.
 - iii. **SECURITY/PERIMETER FENCE/CAMERAS** – Mr. Looney explained they are implementing site security for OU4 and the haul road. Security measures consist of a secure site fence around the entire perimeter of the OU4 and former Contract Plating parcel. They recently completed construction of the perimeter site fence, which starts at Longbrook Ave. (connected to the beginning of sound Barrier #1), crosses the haul road, and then connects to the railroad right-of-way fence (which runs along the entire southeast edge of the property), along the railroad tracks to Frog Pond Lane, and then up to connect to the end of Barrier #3. Portions of the site fence will utilize the soundproofing material used for Barrier #2, to mitigate noise and visual nuisance. During the month of November, they will also be installing a series of line-stream cameras, which have not yet been installed, as they have been waiting for UI to provide a new utility pole and bring power to the site. Mr. Looney stated they have put in a request to UI that they expedite doing so. Mayor Hoydick offered to have the Town of Stratford intervene on his behalf. Mr. Looney will discuss the matter with the contractor, and report back to Mayor Hoydick. He stated that once the cameras are up and running, the public can view the site via the internet. One camera will be mounted at Barrier #3 overlooking the ballfield. Another camera will be at the front of the OU4 entrance and will look down on the trailers and parking lot. There will also be cameras mounted along the haul road to show trucks entering and leaving Longbrook Ave., as well as those entering and leaving the OU4 ballfield.
 - iv. **AIR MONITORING**
 - a. **OVERVIEW** – Mr. DiLorenzo stated dust suppression is the front line. Constant watering, to ascertain no dust is created, is the primary goal. That will go hand in hand with air monitoring to help determine if too much dust is created. Per Mr. Heislein, the daily average dust measurements in OU4 have been 0.001 to 0.007 mg/m³, which is below the 8-hour Daily Dust Action Level 0.014 mg/m³ criteria. He stated there were no exceedances of chemicals within the dust, ensuring worker and stakeholder safety. He is submitting weekly air monitoring and vibration monitoring reports, which are posted on the Health Department's Raymark website. Mr. Heislein explained the weekly air monitoring summary reports include work conducted, daily weather, 8-hour daily average and if there is an exceedance, the source and action taken, equipment used and confirmed daily calibration, and chemical analyses of dust samples and comparison to individual chemical criteria. Per Mr. Heislein, air monitoring will continue. Vibration monitoring will continue for another week.
 - b. **EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION VIDEO** – Mr. DiLorenzo explained the Air Monitoring demonstration did not happen on Oct. 21 due to Covid restrictions. In the interim, he put together a video, but it does not work with the GoToMeeting platform. He may need to post it to YouTube instead. Mr. Heislein explained how the air monitoring is performed. All five meters run all day from 7am when they are turned on until the end of the day (approximately 5-6pm). They will pick up any dust particulates that are in the area. Mr. DiLorenzo stated the meters are continually monitoring dirt and dust particles in the air, but not chemical. This means that they assume any dust is of a hazardous nature. They then send the data to a lab, which takes time to analyze for chemicals.

- C. OU6 SEED PROPERTIES UPDATE – Mr. DiLorenzo explained that all Raymark waste will be excavated to a depth of 4-feet, and will be confirmed by a surveyor.
- i. 380 EAST MAIN STREET – Mr. DiLorenzo stated this was the first of the OU6 removals, and was completed Sept. 16-17, 2020. They estimated it would involve 40 cubic yards of material; the actual amount was 42.3 yards (4 trucks). There was active wetting throughout, as well as air monitoring stations and portable devices at 380 East Main St. and the ballfield, as well as a tire wash station. During this process, a retaining wall was removed, and an air conditioning unit has to be temporarily supported.
 - ii. 200/190 FERRY BLVD. – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this will be done in late November/early December (but not during the week of Thanksgiving). Approximately 300 yards (20 to 30 trucks) of material will be removed. He is working to determine accurate delineation areas of excavation and refining the perimeter.
 - iii. 250, 304 & 340 EAST MAIN STREET – Mr. DiLorenzo explained approximately 5,000 cubic yards (300 trucks) of contaminated soil at these locations will be done during the Winter months, with about 750 yards of the total going off-site (worst of the worst waste) per the Record of Decision. Crew will do an accurate delineation of the edges. That will allow excavation and backfill work to be done with a minimum amount of time leaving that excavation open. He expects this work to be completed in January 2021 weather permitting
 - iv. DOT RAYMARK WASTE – APPROXIMATELY 275 yards (20 to 30 trucks)
 - v. TRUCK UPDATE – Mr. DiLorenzo noted that prior to placement at the OU4 site, the first two trucks were rejected onsite, as the containers had no gasket. Each and every truck will be inspected prior to use, to ascertain it meets requirements (continuous sealed tarp with no gap, and a gasket on the tailgate to provide a water-tight seal). Any truck not meeting those requirements will not be allowed to be used.

IV. QUESTIONS

- Resident(s) were disappointed that the landscapers did not water the shrubs. Mr. DiLorenzo explained that watering should have been included in the contract. He added that only the larger trees seem to be having trouble; the smaller trees seem to be doing okay.
- Mr. DiLorenzo explained the security fence will remain for the duration of the project. The Town will determine what to do with it after the project ends.
- Where will the utility pole be placed? Mr. Looney will determine such from UI.
- Why are the cameras not installed and running on a generator? Mr. Looney explained that temporary power is not an option to run the cameras and internet.
- Why did workers create noise and vibration when loading grandstand debris into trucks? Mr. Heislein will follow up on the matter.
- Will materials be watered down all Winter. Per Mr. Heislein, they will, adding that if the ground is wet from rain or snow, then dust is not being generated. The air monitors, however, will continue to run.
- How will the small nearby hydrant provide enough water? Mr. Heislein stated that during the early Winter months, a water truck will suffice. He will follow up on a plan for the later Winter months, and report on such at the next meeting.
- How is it known that the air monitors are not being turned off while work is being performed? Mr. Heislein explained that the graphs that are submitted for each day are a continuous running chart, and there is a time bar across the bottom. If a monitor was turned off, the chart would indicate such, and workers would need to indicate why it was turned off. There is a technician who monitors the results, and sends text messages to staff if any exceeds a set number. The source and action taken are documented.
- Where does the waste go when it reaches the ballfield? Per Mr. DiLorenzo, it will be placed in lifts and covered in a manner that is practical at the time. Later, a tent will be erected for wet material to be dried, and will then be placed in the ballfield.

- Why was a monitor on Frog Pond Lane removed? Mr. Looney explained that a vibration monitor that needed to be repaired on Oct. 27th was simply a battery replacement.
- Is waste decontaminated or just relocated? Mr. DiLorenzo explained treatment is not an option due to the various chemicals in the material, adding that it will be capped in segments.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Boissevain noted that due to the upcoming holidays, the next meeting should be mid-December.

Mayor Hoydick suggested the next meeting be held Dec. 9th. Ms. Coleman will email the presenters, to confirm they are available to attend on that date. She then adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Marsh

Recording Secretary