



# TOWN OF STRATFORD

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## RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

### MEETING MINUTES

**March 31, 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 March 31, 2021 via GoToMeetings, pursuant to notice duly posted.

#### TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Boissevain – Director of Health
- Alivia Coleman – Health Department Program Associate
- Laura Dancho – Town Council 10<sup>th</sup> District
- 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
- Carl Niemitz
- Robert Vanoer

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

- Tony Allevo
- Ron Curran

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

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

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. 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](http://www.TownofStratford.com/Raymark).

III. STATUS

A. ONGOING REMEDIATION AT EAST MAIN STREET – Mr. DiLorenzo noted there was a security incident the weekend of 3/27/2021. The gate at the rear of Longbrook Avenue and inner gate at the ballfield were not locked. USACE notified Severson, and it was determined the cause was human error. Mr. DiLorenzo noted no one accessed the site, and noted that Severson will recheck the area and gates daily.

B. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD (OU4) UPDATE – Mr. Looney discussed OU4 ballfield work that has been completed or ongoing since February.

- Waste material from 250, 304 and 340 East Main Street is currently being excavated and transported to the ballfield.
- The Posi-Shell cover has been applied on all previously imported Raymark waste at the ballfield. Mr. Looney explained there is material which has not yet been compacted as they are awaiting dryer conditions. When they are able to do so, Mr. Looney stated they will use rollers. At this time, they do not expect to need to use vibratory rollers.
- The OU4 site and cap design is ongoing. Mr. Looney expects the design to be complete by the end of Summer.
- Stormwater control and conveyance system designs are 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>.
- OU4 Containment Sprung Structure to be installed – Mr. Looney explained these are temporary fabric structures, approximately 11’L x 130’W x 40’H, with an aluminum structural frame with PVC-coated fabric membrane. Used primarily for overly wet material, as well as materials which need additives prior to going into the ballfield or taken off-site, this is a closed system with air treatment. Mr.

Looney noted there will also be a bypass around the structure for material not requiring treatment.

C. OU4 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein stated there are five air monitors /chemical sample locations at OU4. Since the Feb. 24, 2021 public meeting, the Daily Average Dust level was 0.002 to 0.013 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. On 3/11/2021, there was a Dust Action Level criteria exceedance (0.016 mg/m<sup>3</sup> versus 0.014 mg/m<sup>3</sup>), which was found to be associated with community-wide dust – background conditions. Per Mr. Heislein, similar dust concentrations were found at all seven meters (OU4 and OU6). The exceedance was reported and posted on the Town’s Raymark website. Information included chemical data from the air monitors, confirming that there were no risks posed to either workers or the community (no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria). Mr. Heislein noted he is providing weekly air monitoring reports, chemical data and vibration monitoring reports to the Town for the Raymark website as well.

D. OU6 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Per Mr. Heislein, there are two air monitors /chemical sample locations at OU6, which are moved as needed. For the site preparation and soil excavation work that was done at the East Main Street properties, the Daily Average Dust Measurements were 0.001 to 0.006 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Mr. Heislein noted there was an exceedance on 3/22/2021 during the removal of clean groundwater from 250 East Main Street to support soil excavation. He added the water vapor impacted the adjacent dust meter. Mr. Heislein reported the exceedance to the Town, and it was posted on the Town Raymark website. The report included chemical data from the groundwater, confirming there were no risks posed to workers or the community, adding there were no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria. Mr. Heislein noted he is posting weekly air monitoring reports, chemical data and vibration monitoring reports on the Town Raymark website as well.

#### E. OU6 PROPERTIES SCHEDULE

- 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) was actually removed.
- 190 FERRY BLVD. (Karate Studio) – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this work was completed in November 2020. It was estimated 100 yards of material would be removed, and 104.57 yards (10 trucks) was actually removed.
- 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) was actually removed.
- DOT EXIT 33 – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, work began Jan. 19 and is ongoing. The estimated volume is 420 yards. To date, 345.57 yards (19 trucks) has been removed. Mr. DiLorenzo added the DOT has another 60-80 cubic yards, which he expects to receive at the ball field within the next few weeks.
- 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. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, many degraded roofing shingles had to be removed, as well as roofing tar (non-Raymark Waste), at 250 East Main Street. There was a large pile of soil left there by the previous owner. It has yet to be determined whether crew will need to remove any Raymark waste underneath the pile, as he is awaiting data results

prior to making that determination. It was estimated there would be approximately 5,000 yards (700 trucks) with approximately 750 yard (60 trucks) of the total contained PHC (worst of the worst) waste going offsite. To date, 1,494 yards (131 trucks) has been removed. 512 yards (31 trucks) of the PHC waste has been removed. Mr. DiLorenzo expects this work to be done by the end of April.

- DOT RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS FROM KARATE STUDIO – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, this work will begin late Spring/early Summer.
- BEACON POINT – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there are three distinct areas of Raymark waste, one of which entails gaining access to private property. Work will probably begin in the Fall, rather than during the busy Summer months, 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.
- WOOSTER PARK – Mr. DiLorenzo explained conditions are changing at this location. They are trying to establish the delineation line, adding the Raymark waste area is larger than originally thought. Original estimates were 1,500 of cubic yards of waste, but that has increased to approximately 5,000 cubic yards, although there seems to be no PHC waste at this location. The timeframe has changed from Summer to Fall 2021, when residents are less likely to be in their backyards while the work is being done and the park will be less active. Because the expected volume has increased exponentially, it will take more than ten weeks to complete. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, they plan to have a neighborhood public meeting regarding this at a date to be determined. State Representative Young offered to help with the meeting.
- 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.
- HAULING WASTE: TRUCKS VS. CONTAINERS – Mr. DiLorenzo explained all tailgated trucks have a tight cover and full gasket, and are labeled “Raymark Waste”. He noted containers are used, since it is difficult to find dump trucks that meet their requirements. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, trucks are now used at the East Main Street site, and are able to carry 20 cubic yards, rather than container trucks, which can handle only 8-10 cubic yards.

#### IV. QUESTIONS

- Why are the containers by DOT Exit 33 covered with red tape? Mr. DiLorenzo explained they are probably DOT trucks used to move non-Raymark material to and from the DOT area.
- Are there any contamination problems with Wooster pond, and/or the other side of the park? Per Mr. DiLorenzo, that side of the park is fine. It is only on the right side of Quail Street, closer to the home, where the soil is impacted.
- When will the Raymark Cleanup team open the office building on Ferry Boulevard? Mr. DiLorenzo stated the lease begins May 1, 2021.
- Will the height of the cap increase at the ballfield, since the volume of material has increased? Mr. DiLorenzo explained it will be flat with a 2% slope, adding that any excess material will go off-site.

- Regarding the Wooster site, should neighbors be told to keep off the area currently? Mr. DiLorenzo noted the area is heavily grassed and wooded, adding there are several inches between the topsoil and Raymark waste beneath it. Once soil disturbance work begins on site, access to the work area will be restricted.
- How high are daily air monitoring exceedances? Mr. Heislein explained that at no time has the public ever been at risk, as the levels were set very low for everyone's safety. The exceedance do not mean there is a health threat, but are used to inform workers to ensure no dust is being created. Mr. DiLorenzo stated the low exceedance level never reaches a higher level, as work is stopped immediately.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Coleman noted the next meeting will be April 28, 2021. She then adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aileen Marsh*

Recording Secretary