



TOWN OF STRATFORD

RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 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 April 28, 2021 via GoToMeetings, pursuant to notice duly posted.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Boissevain – Director of Health
- John Casey – Town Engineer
- Alivia Coleman – Health Department Program Associate
- Laura Dancho – Town Council 10th District
- Kelly Kerrigan – Environmental Conservation Superintendent
- Raynae Serra – Director of Public Works
- Kaitlyn Shake – Town Council 2nd District

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim DiLorenzo
- Dan Keefe
- ZaNetta Purnell

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

- Tony Allevo
- Ron Curran
- Ray Frigon

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE:

- Meg Harvey

STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

- Joe Gresko – 121st District
- Phil Young – 120th 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.

III. STATUS

A. ONGOING REMEDIATION AT EAST MAIN STREET – Mr. DiLorenzo stated of the 24 properties in OU6, 7 have been completed. He noted the following:

- 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 December 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 500 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 via the Haul Road.
- 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 May. It was estimated there would be approximately 5,000 yards (700 trucks) with approximately 700 yard (80 trucks) of the total contained PHC (worst of the worst)

waste going offsite. To date, 2,928 yards (251 trucks) has been removed. 869.38 yards (60 trucks) of the PHC waste has been removed. Mr. DiLorenzo noted they may have to return for 360 East Main Street because under 302, the contractor was not contracted to go onto the property where it is located. He explained there were many degraded roofing shingles which had to be removed at this location, as well as non-Raymark waste roofing tar.

- East Main Street Pavement Removal – Mr. Heislein noted noise and vibration monitors were permanently set up. There were vibrations at the building foundations, and they worked with the business owners on the matter, and everything went well with no problems.
- B. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD (OU4) UPDATE – Mr. Looney discussed OU4 ballfield work that has been completed or ongoing since March.
- Approximately 4,000 cubic yards of material has been excavated from OU6 and transported to the ballfield.
 - The Posi-Shell cover has been applied on all previously imported Raymark waste at the ballfield. He noted that product itself is primarily clay and inert fiber material that is added for structural stability, adding there are no chemicals of concern in the formula. Compaction of placed material will be done the week of May 3rd in approximately one-foot lifts, all the way to the end. This will support a building or any future use the Town may have for it. Per Mr. Looney, compaction was not done during the winter due to cold and wet conditions, which are not conducive to compaction.
 - 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 – Per Mr. Looney, this will handle all the clean stormwater expected to be shed at the ballfield. Clean stormwater will be shed and collected where the current parking lot is on Frog Pond Lane. That will be carried across East Main Street, through Ashcroft, to an open channel, and eventually to the Housatonic River. They will also be constructing a pump station as part of that effort. Mr. Looney noted the designs for this 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 Structure – Mr. Looney explained it is to the west of the site, close to the former Contract Plating OU4 border. It is a structure 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. 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. Air is pulled out at a fairly high rate, and filtered through high-efficiency filters. Anything coming out, therefore, is scrubbed and cleaned before it is discharged to the air. Mr. Looney noted there will also be a

truck bypass around the structure for Raymark Waste soil that is dry and can go directly to the ballfield for consolidation.

- Longbrook Avenue/Haul Road Traffic Signal – Mr. Looney explained the traffic signal visors and louvers were installed by KTM. He noted they will minimize light nuisance to resident, and will operate only when trucks are using the Haul Road.

C. OU6 PROPERTIES UPDATE

- Ashcroft Rear – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, approximately 1,500 yards (90 trucks) will be removed. Mr. DiLorenzo stated there is an area of Raymark waste in the back rear right corner, which was found by a CT licensed environmental professional who is also remediating an issue (not related to Raymark waste) from the former owners of the property (Dresser Industries). The area will be more clearly delineated. Mr. DiLorenzo explained the difficulty with this particular area is its proximity to the Housatonic River. They will likely have to deal with more groundwater than they had previously. That groundwater will have to be containerized, treated and discharged, so that will slow the process down somewhat. Severson has already begun mobilizing equipment to this location, and anticipate beginning work in mid-May. It will take approximately six weeks to remediate the area.
- 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. This work will begin sometime in mid-July and will be completed early to mid-August.
- 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 Summer or early Fall 2021, and will take approximately twelve weeks to complete.
- 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. Collectively, there is an estimated 2,400 cubic yards of Raymark waste, of which 250 cubic yards is PHC waste.
- Wooster Park – Mr. DiLorenzo explained the delineation line has been established, adding it is larger than was originally thought. The timeframe has changed from Summer to Fall/Winter 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 virtually on May 12 at 7:00pm regarding this matter.
- Mr. DiLorenzo stated they are in the process of replacing 34 trees along the barriers. Along Frog Pond Lane, the contractor will mow the grass in front of the work area.
- Mr. DiLorenzo noted their lease at the former Rotary Ski Shop begins May 1. He explained the building is ideally located as it is in an OU6 property that needs to be

remediated, and will serve as the primary form of egress when work is done at Ferry Creek.

- D. OU4 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein stated since the March 31, 2021 public meeting, the Daily Average Dust level was 0.002 to 0.006 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.
- E. OU6 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Per Mr. Heislein, there are two dust meters /chemical sample collection systems in operation at OU6, as well as one personnel chemical sample collection system. For the soil excavation and site restoration at the East Main Street properties, the Daily Average Dust Measurements were 0.001 to 0.004 mg/m³. Mr. Heislein noted there were no exceedances of the OU6 Dust Action Level criteria 0.019 mg/m³, adding there were no exceedances of chemical health and safety criteria, nor were there any vibration issues. Mr. Heislein noted he is posting weekly air monitoring reports, chemical data and vibration monitoring reports on the Town Raymark website as well.

IV. QUESTIONS

- Is the Posi-Shell at the ballfield something that can be dug into, such as footings or a foundation, or would the Town need to build on top of it? Mr. Looney explained that the plan now is to build up approximately 15 feet of fill in the ballfield. Once all the waste is there and is compacted, the engineered 4-5' cap will be on top of that. Within the cap will be a building pad, so it is approximately 5' of structural fill that the Town in which the Town will be able to build.
- There appears to be new large concrete debris in the area off the haul road near the entrance off Longbrook Avenue. What is it? Will it stay there? Will more debris be added? Mr. Vanoer noted the contractor coated this with Posi-Shell for the Town, so while it may look like concrete, it is the same pile that has been there.
- When will the conveyance system plans be complete? Mr. Looney will confer with the EPA, and will send those out to anyone interested in seeing them.
- Is it possible to have a second Wooster Park neighborhood meeting? Mr. DiLorenzo stated there will be a second meeting, probably in early Fall, before the work begins.
- When work begins behind the Blue Goose restaurant, will neighbors be notified, since 460 trucks are expected to be on the road? Mr. DiLorenzo stated a flyer will be sent to abutters, and they will have a separate neighborhood meeting for that area, probably in mid-July.
- Will there be any road signage for the expected heavy traffic when this work begins? Mr. DiLorenzo explained they created the traffic patterns with the Town for all these areas, and they will revisit them. Mr. DiLorenzo does not expect any road closures at this location, adding he will reach out to the DOT and Stratford Police Dept. at that time. Ms. Coleman noted she has gone door-to-door in this neighborhood before, so residents there should not be surprised by the work to be done.

- 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.
- Along Frog Pond Lane, where there are three batches of five junipers, they are too close together and should be separated. Mr. DiLorenzo stated that is exactly what they will be doing. Mr. Vanoer noted they are going to replace the River Birch trees on the corner. He added the large dead evergreens should be replaced with two smaller (6-foot high) trees.
- Ms. Boissevain thanked Ms. Coleman for coordinating all the online meetings.

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 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Aileen Marsh
Recording Secretary