



TOWN OF STRATFORD

RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

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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 July 29, 2020 via GoToMeetings, pursuant to notice duly posted.

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Alivia Coleman -- Health Department Program Associate
- Kelly Kerrigan – Environmental Conservation Superintendent
- Greg Cann – 5th District Councilman

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Jim DiLorenzo
- Dan Keefe

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

- Michael Looney
- Robert Vanoer

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

- Ron Curran
- Tony Allevo
- Ray Frigon

STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

- Allison Dodge for Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's office
- Joseph Gresko – 121st District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Adam Roy – Nobis
- 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. UPDATES

A. CONTRACT PLATING & RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD BARRIER & HAUL ROAD CONSTRUCTION -- Per Mr. DiLorenzo, completion of the haul road on the former Contract Plating site is scheduled for completion by early September. The remaining work to be done includes:

- United Illuminating to move/relocate existing telephone poles along Longbrook Avenue
- Complete turn at Longbrook Avenue
- More fill to connect roads
- Drainage
- Pavement

This work should be complete by mid- to late-August.

i. LANDSCAPING – Mr. DiLorenzo stated all three barriers, which stretch approximately ½ mile from Longbrook Avenue to Frog Pond Lane, are now complete. Construction of the haul road, with the exception of the turn from Longbrook Avenue, is complete. Planting along Barrier #3 is delayed until September, when the weather will be more conducive to planting. Mr. DiLorenzo explained there is an existing chain link fence behind the residential properties from 70 Clinton Avenue to 424 Patterson Avenue. He asked that abutters to this fence contact him at DiLorenzo.Jim@epa.gov if they would like the contractors to remove the rear chain link fence from behind their property.

ii. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE UPDATE

- March – September 2020: Construction of haul road
- September 2020: Install plantings along Barrier #3
- Fall 2020: Excavation from four OU6 properties (Wooster Park, 380 East Main Street, 200 Ferry Blvd. and vacant lots behind 326 Ferry Blvd.)
- 2020/2021/2022 – OU3/OU6 remediation and construction of storm water system
- 2023 – Consolidation and Landfill Cap substantially complete

- B. GRANDSTAND DEMOLITION -- Mr. Looney explained Severson Environmental has mobilized office trailers and some equipment to the former ball field area off Frog Pond Lane. Severson will be conducting the primary portions of the cleanup, including the excavation and hauling of Raymark waste, as well as the construction of the cap at the former ball field. Per Mr. Looney, in August they will begin clearing trees from the ballfield. The demolition of the grandstands is scheduled for mid- to late-August. Perimeter air monitoring will be set up, and the area will continually be wetted. They do not expect much vibration to occur. Construction debris will be removed from the site at a later date via the haul road.
- Ms. Buchino stated there are four poles with pulleys on them, and asked what their purpose is. Mr. DiLorenzo suggested they might be used to take baseline photos. Mr. Looney noted that sometime in August, cameras will be installed at the former ball field and Contract plating sites. The cameras will provide 24-hour live streaming of the sites, so anyone can view work being done on-site in real time. Mr. Looney and DiLorenzo to confirm the purpose of the pulleys, however, they may be related to United Illuminating's work.
- C. OU4 CAP DESIGN REVIEW – Mr. Looney stated the design is underway and expected to be completed by September 2021. The volume capacity is approximately 125,000 cubic yards, and will incorporate a building pad for future use, with the assumption that it will be a single-story building approximately 200' x 300'. He explained the process of capping the area with an impermeable barrier. He noted there will be a new storm water conveyance system since the current system needs to be upgraded.
- Ms. Buchino asked what will prevent the storm water basin from being a mosquito breeding ground. Mr. Looney stated it will not be a stagnant pond.
- D. OU6 SEED PROPERTIES UPDATE – Mr. Looney explained the first four of the 23 OU6 properties to be excavated:
1. Vacant lot behind 326 Ferry Blvd. – Total 5,060 yards = 340 trucks. Of this, 4,440 yards is seed – 300 trucks, and 660 yards is Principal Hazardous Constituent (PHC) waste = 40 trucks
 2. Wooster Park – Total 1,800 cubic yards = 120 trucks. Excavations will be to a depth of 4-feet.
 3. 200 Ferry Blvd. – Total 300 cubic yards = 20 trucks
 4. 380 Ferry Blvd. – Total 40 cubic yards = 3 trucks
- * Mr. Looney explained they will not do Wooster Park if the haul road is not complete. Instead, they will do 250, 304 and 340 East Main Street, which would be 4,490 cubic yards = 300 trucks.

IV. QUESTIONS

State Representative Gresko thanked everyone for the update.

- Ms. Budai asked how long it would take to complete Wooster Park. Mr. DiLorenzo explained work would be done Monday – Friday, and not on the weekends, nor will it be done if school is in session. If schools resume in-person learning, and it is a mild Winter, work might be able to be done during the December school break. Per Mr. Looney, it will take 3-4 weeks to

complete. Mr. DiLorenzo added that prior to the work being done, neighbors will be invited to attend the next Raymark Community Advisory Group meeting to address any questions, comments or concerns they may have. Ms. Coleman noted anyone who has further questions may contact her via email.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Coleman stated the next Raymark Community Advisory Group meeting will be Wednesday August 26, 2020 at 6:30pm, and will most likely be done virtually on GoToMeetings. Ms. Coleman then adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Marsh

Recording Secretary