



# TOWN OF STRATFORD

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## RAYMARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

### MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 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 September 29, 2021 via GoToMeetings, pursuant to notice duly posted.

#### TOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

- Andrea Boissevain – Director of Health
- Alivia Coleman – Health Dept. Program Associate
- Kelly Kerrigan – Environmental Conservation Superintendent

#### 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

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Meg Harvey

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Various residents

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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, 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 ST. – Mr. DiLorenzo stated the excavation at the rear of Ashcroft, for which Severson is the contractor, began June 9 and was originally scheduled to be done by the end of August. The original estimated volume was 1,500 yards; the current volume estimate is 8,500 yards, as well as 380 yards of Principal Hazardous Constituents (PHC) waste. To date, 7,863 yards (635 trucks) of Raymark waste has been removed, as well as 377 cubic yards (35 trucks) of PHC waste. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, the high water table at this location also complicated the cleanup. Additionally, Tropical Storm Ida inundated the area with water. Approximately 400,000 gallons of groundwater has been treated to date. He explained they have had to work around the Ashcroft loading docks, which also delayed the project. Everything that can be removed has been, due to the groundwater treatment. Mr. DiLorenzo noted that when that is dismantled, the remaining contaminated material will be removed. Additionally, Mr. DiLorenzo stated the area will be repurposed with a new stormwater conveyance system. This is the last piece of the East Main Street corridor to be done.
- 302/360 East Main Street – Mr. DiLorenzo stated a small amount of Raymark waste was found in two small areas 302 and 360 East Main St. Work was completed Sept. 15 and 18. The total volume was 127 cubic yards (9 trucks).
  - DOT Right-of-Way Along Ferry Blvd – Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there are three distinct areas: two by the intersection with East Broadway, and one at 171/191 Ferry Blvd. (strip mall, private property and DOT ROW). Work on the two areas by East Broadway began on Sept. 20 and will be complete by the end of September. The area will be filled and re-seeded in the next few weeks. Work on 171/191 Ferry Blvd. is scheduled to begin Oct. 4 and will take approximately two weeks to complete. There is approximately 900 cubic yards (60 trucks) of material will be removed, none of which is PHC waste. To date, 50 yards (4 trucks) has been removed. Mr. DiLorenzo noted all excavations are done to a depth of 4-feet.
  - Wooster Park South – Mr. DiLorenzo explained this is an isolated wooded area on the tip of Quail Street – not Wooster Park proper. The delineation line has been established, adding it was originally thought to be 1,500 yards, but the current estimate is now 6,000 yards (350 trucks). Per Mr. DiLorenzo, there is also approximately 500 yards of PHC

waste (35 trucks) at this location. Tree clearing and brush removal will begin mid-October. The project is scheduled to begin Nov. 1, and will take approximately twelve weeks to complete. There was a virtual neighborhood public meeting on May 12 regarding this matter, and another on Sept. 22, 2021. Mr. DiLorenzo explained temporary barriers (chain link fence with blanket cover to reduce noise) will be installed. Regarding the planned truck route, it will be necessary to go through side streets and by schools, though team members will work to avoid conflict with the school bus routes.

- **Option #1: Vacant Lot Behind Blue Goose Restaurant (326 Ferry Blvd.)**– Mr. DiLorenzo noted this is a large wooded area that runs from the Blue Goose parking lot to Ferry Creek and expands to some backyards along Willow Avenue and some on Housatonic Avenue. The original estimate was 4,400 yards (400 trucks) and 660 yards (60 trucks) PHC waste. The revised estimates are now approximately 10,000 yards (500 trucks) and 1,400 yards PHC (90 trucks). Work at this location is tentatively scheduled to begin in January or February 2022, and will take approximately sixteen weeks to complete. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, they will host a public meeting for the residents of Willow Avenue, and some on Housatonic Avenue and residents of the condo at the intersection of Ferry Blvd. and East Broadway in Dec. 2021, prior to the start of the work.
- **Option #2: 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, which they are still chasing as it may be expanded. There is also a third small area by the boat ramps which entails gaining access to private property. It was originally estimated there would be 2,400 cubic yards (200 trucks) of Raymark waste and 250 cubic yards (20 trucks) was expected to be PHC waste. Current estimates are now 3,250 cubic yards (210 trucks) of Raymark waste and 250 cubic yards (20 trucks) of PHC waste. Per Mr. DiLorenzo, the issue at this location is the work needs to be completed before boating season (early June 2022). Work will probably start in Spring 2022, and will take approximately eight weeks to complete.
- Mr. DiLorenzo stated to date, 11,901.01 cubic yards (1,007 trucks) of Raymark waste has been removed. The total amount PHC waste removed is 1,171.60 cubic yards (95 trucks).
- Mr. DiLorenzo noted sampling on a residential Third Avenue property will be done the first week in October.

**B. RAYBESTOS MEMORIAL FIELD (OU4) UPDATE** – Mr. Looney highlighted the OU4 ballfield work that has been completed or ongoing since August:

- Approximately 12,000 cubic yards of material has been consolidated, compacted and covered.
- A Posi-shell cover has been applied on all Raymark waste which had previously been brought to the ballfield. Material is covered daily in either a plastic tarp or Posi-shell.
- The material handling tent structure is complete and in use.
- The OU4 site and cap 95% draft design is complete. Mr. Looney expects the final design to be done by late Fall.
- The stormwater control and conveyance system design is complete.

- There are five perimeter air monitors at OU4 that are operating daily.
  - Mr. Looney stated the site cameras can be viewed online at <https://www.ipcamline.com/5fc7c13309700>.
  - Mr. Looney explained in the current site design, there will be access from Frog Pond Lane and Longbrook Ave. via the haul road, which was raised 1 ½ feet to accommodate utilities. The actual future use of the 200' x 300' building pad will be determined by the Town. The final grading will have a 2% slope and 3:1 slopes at the edges. Mr. Heislein noted that the Record of Decision states there is a height limit, which is no higher than the bottom of the barrier.
- C. OU4 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein stated since the August 25, 2021 public meeting, the Daily Average Dust level was 0.004 to 0.0011 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. There were no exceedances of the OU4 Dust Action Level criteria (0.014 mg/m<sup>3</sup>). Per Mr. Heislein, all five dust meters and sample collection systems are in operation, as well as one personnel chemical sample collection system. He noted 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.
- D. OU6 AIR MONITORING RESULTS – Mr. Heislein discussed the air monitoring results for the soil excavation and restoration at the rear of the 350 East Main Street property, 302/360 East Main Street and the intersection of East Broadway and Ferry Blvd. The Daily Average Dust Measurements were 0.000 to 0.010 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. There were no exceedances of the OU6 Dust Action Level criteria (0.019 mg/m<sup>3</sup>). There are two dust meters /chemical sample collection systems 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.
- Perimeter Air Monitoring Update for OU4/OU6 Restoration – Per Mr. Heislein, all imported clean soil is tested every 500 – 1,000 cubic yards to verify it meets CT Residential Soil Criteria. It is only during the site restoration that the Dust Action Level is raised to 0.150 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

#### IV. QUESTIONS

- Will the building pad size increase? Mr. Looney stated the pad is a fixed size, but anything within a similar weight limit can be built upon it. Mr. DiLorenzo added that any recreational, commercial or industrial use is okay, but not residential.
- Is the Public Works Dept. going to use the building pad? Mr. Looney does not know what the Town will choose for the site in the future.
- Did crews find an Old Kings Highway mile marker on Ferry Blvd.? Mr. DiLorenzo stated it was located outside the excavation area. Mr. Vanoer confirmed it was not in the work area.

#### **HAPPY RETIREMENT, RON CURRAN!**

- ✚ Ms. Boissevain explained she has been on this project since 1991; Mr. Curran has been on it since 1995. Ms. Boissevain expressed her appreciation for all of Mr. Curran's support. She noted his input on this project has been incredible, including his historical

perspective. Mr. Curran noted he appreciates the entire group working on the project, especially Ms. Boissevain.

- ✚ Ms. Coleman explained how Mr. Curran played a huge part in getting her involved in this project and the Stratford Health Dept. Mr. Curran stated the work Ms. Coleman has done on this project is incredible.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DiLorenzo suggested bi-monthly meetings going forward, due to the large size of the work areas, adding that written updates will be provided in the months when there is no meeting. Everyone is attendance found that decision acceptable. Since the last Wednesday in November is the day before Thanksgiving, the next meeting will be held one week earlier on Nov. 17, 2021. Ms. Coleman adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aileen Marsh*

Recording Secretary