

2229 Main Street Oversight Committee (Committee) Meeting Minutes for Monday February 7, 2022.

Persons Attending

Committee Members: Chair Pam Rockwell, Nick Pappas, Fred Seward, and Len Rappoli.

Town Officials: Natural Resources Commission Member Gary Kleiman.

Visitors: Tim Rose and Karlen Reed.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am using a Zoom platform and in accordance with public meeting protocol.

Items Discussed

Previous Minutes: The Committee reviewed meeting minutes from December 6, 2021. Minor corrections on dates were made, and the minutes were accepted.

Draft Site-Wide Sediments and Soils Pre-Design Investigations Report (SSS PDI; the Report): The Committee spent most of the meeting discussing this Report. The SSS PDI was prepared by de maximis, remediation management contractor for the 2229 Main Street property (the Site), along with de maximis subconsultants. The Report is a draft version and is currently under review by USEPA. de maximis also emailed copies to the Committee for consideration. However, Committee members had a difficult time accessing the email link to the Report. Nick Pappas fixed the link and sent the updated link to Pam.

The SSS PDI describes methodology and results for five areas of investigation of surface and near-surface contaminant levels across the Site. As such, the SSS PDI supplements previous investigations and refines the understanding of contaminant locations. The SSS PDI is voluminous with some 600-plus pages. The Committee expects that de maximis will hold a public meeting clarifying the report in late February. Before the public meeting Committee members should review the SSS PDI according to their expertise to generate a list of questions and preliminary comments for de maximis .

Initial review of the SSS PDI so far by Committee members indicates that the following areas of the Report need further scrutiny.

- 1) Areas of Investigation 8 (Sweepings Pile) & 9 (Drain Outfalls). These two areas will be excavated first so the Committee should respond soon to review data for these areas. Does the Committee believe de maximis accomplished what they expected. Excavation may begin here in the spring. Since these areas are easy to access, de maximis will use them as a dry run to test their procedures before more difficult areas of the Site are attempted.
- 2) Quantitative risk numbers 10^{-6} to 10^{-4} . Which is correct for the site as both are used in the SSS PDI, and there are two orders of magnitude between the numbers.
- 3) What are the new limits of excavation after the SSS PDI sampling, and how do they compare with the limits of excavation prior to the latest sampling. Does the sampling data justify the limits of excavation.
- 4) The subdivision plan at 1440 Main Street has been denied by the Town. What is de maximis alternative for borrow fill.

- 5) The old landfill. New data include the recent geophysical transect in December 2020 (Geophysical Applications Inc) and SSS PDI test pits to confirm the presence of metal objects. What shows up.

Specific assignments. Len will talk to Deborah about what areas of the Report to review. Fred will review data from under the buildings.

Redevelopment Plan for the Site: Gary Kleiman contributed much to the Committee discussion of a future Town sponsored Redevelopment Plan for the Site. The Town may choose to hold a public meeting on this subject. However, there appears to be two prerequisites the Town needs to move forward. The first is a document prepared by an attorney outlining the legal ramifications and the liability concerns of a redevelopment plan. The second is a letter regarding the public health and safety issues currently at the Site and for the long term.

It is the Committee's understanding that a document describing the legal course is being prepared by Town council. Gary suggested that the public health and safety letter or memo be written by Pam. The letter should be in non-technical lay terms, 2-3 pages long, present an understanding of what the risk is, and what the long term elements of remediation are to address the risk. This letter should be directed to the Select Board. Fred suggested that any health and safety letter compare risk from the Site to risk from background.

Pam said that she will write a draft letter for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

Future 2229 Meetings: The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 7 at 11:00 am via Zoom. It was agreed that all future Committee meetings be scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 11:00 am. If there is nothing to discuss, then the meeting for a particular month could be cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted

Leonard V. Rappoli