

2229 Main Street Oversight Committee - Minutes for Monday, May 16, 2022.

Attendance:

Members – Pam Rockwell (Chair), Ray Bruttomesso, Deborah Farnsworth, Nick Pappas, Fred Seward

Visitors – Terri Ackerman, Nancy James, Gary Kleiman, Tim Rose

This Zoom meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. A review of the Minutes of the March 28 meeting was postponed until our next (June) meeting. Pam asked if anyone else would like to lead this Committee and received a unanimous expression of satisfaction for the job the present Chair was doing and there were no volunteers to replace her.

The main item for discussion was a letter to be sent by this Committee to the Concord Selectmen who will set the conditions for the Town taking control of the Site. The letter will review hazards and risks at the Site connected with present and future remedies. The draft letter is presently in two parts: a one page synopsis of the major risks and a six page section giving details. This is aimed at new Selectmen who might not be familiar with ongoing work at the site, the present hazards, and the planned remedies. The letter states that we are not making judgements about safety and that most clean-up procedures at the site have been done before.

The Committee liked the two-part format. It was noted that we should be careful to present facts and not opinion. Also, the words “know” and “mild” should be avoided. Some revision of the first “you can’t get sick” section was suggested. On our site guided tours have been useful and future visits by the public should be encouraged. This could be more prominent in the header and Pam will redo. Also the description of U in the detailed summary should be rewritten. Fred will send Pam a revised paragraph.

We think that it is important for the Town to own the site so the Town has institutional control. We can make rules like “Don’t drill a well.” and try to enforce them. There would be an incentive to notice mistakes and have them corrected. There was discussion of future liability

Pam will revise this draft and send it to the Committee members for comment. We thought it would be OK to show it to CREW and see if they had any input. After a second revision the letter would be sent to the Select Board and will become a matter of Public Record.

No new information about Site remediation is available for discussion. There are plans to stockpile soil on site this summer to use as backfill and soil from 1440 main St will be used if available. However, Terri said the availability of this is still in Limbo.

A pilot study will be started to test the ability of Apatite and zero-valent Iron to reduce the solubility of Uranium in ground water.

We adjourned at 12:05.

The next meeting will be Zoom at 11:00 AM, Monday, June 6.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Seward