

Minutes of the Public Works Yard Meeting #2
Public Meeting October 5, 2016
7:30pm at Roger Sherman School

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Director Joseph Michelangelo

ITEM 1 PROPOSED LANDSCAPED BERM

ITEM 2 SITE ANALYSIS

ITEM 3 DISCUSSION OF KEY ELEMENTS

ITEM 4 PROPOSED LAYOUT

Peter Miniutti of UCONN was introduced and shared an extensive display of the project plans for the Public Works Yard location. He introduced Samantha Stewart, graduate student who is spending 75% of her time on this project. He provided plotted results of the June 23, 2016 survey which were incorporated in the design pieces shown to the public.

There will be a 25' high slope with an 8' fence with opaque screening on the top. The top of the berm will be at elevation 45', and the top of fence will be at elevation 53'. The future activities behind the berm will be kept to below elevation 45'. Therefore, the activity behind the berm will not be able to be seen from the south, even without the fence or the plantings. However there will be an evergreen structure facing the south.

We will be pushing material back to build up the berm. Currently the pile is at approximately at and the Town will be lowering it both by exporting material and the construction of the berm. The composition of the fill to be used creating the berm has yet to be determined – that decision will be made between the Town and DEEP – where there is no vegetation left, they will vegetate. It will be 24' to the fence. The northwest winds off the water create a harsh environment for plantings.

We plan to use pioneer species of plants, junipers and such that will acclimate to the harsh environmental area. Fast growing trees 2-3 ft. to 10-12 ft. will encompass the area.

Phase I - will be the fill operation and Phase II will be the organization operation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS ARE IN CAPS

WILL IT IMPACT WILDLIFE – THE SWANS AND DEER?

Mr. Miniutti noted there will be 2 - \$500.00 birdhouses (also available for sale created by his wife the architect!)

WILL THE PUBLIC BE ALLOWED TO WALK BACK THERE? A HIKING TRAIL?

WHAT'S THE TIMELINE?

WHAT IS THE PLAN TO MONITOR?

DO THEY HAVE A FACTORY HERE?

WHY ARE THEY HERE?

WHERE ARE THEY BRINGING IT? SELLING IT?

WHEN WILL YOU POST:

PHASE I & II?

BUDGET?

TIME OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE BERM?

REDUCTION OF THE PILE?

ITEM 5 SCHEDULE Mr. Michelangelo addressed this issue.

After December 15 the Town will be holder of the Stormwater management.

Julian will not be participating in the construction of the berm, or any other activity after 12/15/16, other than 30 days to de-mobilize.

Once we close the landfill, we need to propose the grading is proper so as not to encourage water seeping in. The idea is to install ground water monitoring wells using PVC pipes to intercept water –so we can see how the water is affected. If this material is acceptable, we can use it to build the berm and get rid of the mass.

Once the Plan is approved, we need to begin the permitting process local, inland – wetland, DEEP, OLISP Coastal and Stormwater. This process can take from 3-6 months. We have estimated the cost to be approximately \$75,000.00 for the plantings, seeding, fencing, etc. We will do construction with our own crew and inspections will be done according to the permit guidelines.

Robert Gabarek of Osprey Environmental Engineering commented, “We do not expect any further sinking – this material has been there for decades do not expect any issues.

HAS THIS BEEN A PROFITABLE OPERATION FOR JULLIAN?

Correct, that is the only way they make money is through the private side of the operations, The amount of material the Town is purchasing is not sufficient to sustain the operation.

PILE HASN'T GONE DOWN

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER 2 YEARS OF WATERING?

IS THERE A PROVISION THAT THE TOWN WILL TAKE OVER MAINTAINING THIS AREA?

Mr. Miniutti explained that the plantings will need some watering during the first couple of years to become established, especially during dry time. In the long term, the plantings were chosen to be sustainable without creating a demand for watering.

Brenda Kupchik asked, "WHAT DID THE TOWN GET OUT OF ALL THIS?"

We got rid of our spoils at a rate of 5,000-10,000 tons a year, we were able to purchase some material at below market rates, a rental fee, and by 12/15/16 we are optimistic that there will have been a pile reduction from the beginning of the agreement.

AFTER DECEMBER 15th THERE WILL BE NO MORE MONSTER TRUCKS?

That is correct.

ARE THERE ANY PROJECTIONS OF TRUCK ACTIVITY COMING AND GOING AFTER DECEMBER 15th ?

Just normal daily activity associated with Town of Fairfield Public Works activities.

WE NEED TO DESIGN SOMETHING THAT WILL BE A GOOD ASSET TO THE TOWN.

HAVE THERE BEEN ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS TO MOVE IT ELSEWHERE IN TOWN?

There are no other potential locations that this type of activity can occur.

RTM Member Lee asked, WHAT WILL THE ADDITIONAL COSTS WOULD BE TO THE TOWN TO PRODUCE FILL?

Mr. Tetreau explained this will be the focus of the October 18th meeting, at that time we will have more complete answers. We will look at all the pieces and address your concerns further on October 18th @ Sherman School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Mr. Michelangelo stayed to address further questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Fournier