

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECLAMATION YARD

November 3, 2017

Update No. 18

The following is the bi-weekly status update for the Public Works Yard remediation and reduction of the existing material pile. The Town will be providing bi-weekly updates of the status and progress to remediate the isolated area of contaminated fill materials at the site while also working on the long term goal of reducing the size of the existing pile. All status updates and related information will be posted to the Town website located at: <http://www.fairfieldct.org/pwyard>

The most recent Public Meeting was held Tuesday October 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Fire Training Center. A copy of the presentation and meeting minutes are posted on the PW Yard website

ENVIRONMENTAL

- The final 110 tons of PCB impacted material was removed on October 11th, 2017. Confirmatory soil samples were collected from the “hot spot” areas after the excavation was completed to determine compliance with the PCB RSR criteria. No further action is required at this time.
- A final Remedial Action Report (RAR) of the project is being prepared and provided to the Town ensuring compliance with the CT DEEP PCB Division requests. The Remedial Action Report will be submitted to the CT DEEP PCB Division and will be posted on the Town’s website after the completion of the work. This is expected to be completed by 11/8/17. The remediation project was completed within the original funded amount of \$289,000.
- Design of capping, proposed groundwater monitoring wells, and grading plan for this area was submitted to Fairfield TPZ and Conservation Dept. on 6/21/17. The application was presented at the Fairfield Planning & Zoning meeting of 8/22/17. Due to the comments received, the application has been withdrawn until the outstanding concerns (letter attached) are addressed. The Town is working with a small group of neighborhood leaders to revise the plans as requested. The application will not be resubmitted until the neighbors have had a chance to review and comment on the revised plans. A Certificate of Wetland Compliance Permit # 2016-17-119 has been issued for this project.

LEGAL

- The Town has engaged a law firm for legal action. All public information on this matter is available and on the website of the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. This is frequently updated with any new information.

<http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/CaseDetail/PublicCaseDetail.aspx?DocketNo=FBTCV175032827S>

OTHER

- The Yard Waste site continues to be monitored to eliminate potential fire risks. Responses to RFP #2017-78 for a successor to the current Harvest New England operations were received on June 7, 2017. A proposed new contract is expected to be executed this month.
- The design and permitting application of the Town's Flood Control Barrier around the WPCF / Fire Training Grounds / Conservation Garage / Animal Control Facility was submitted to CT DEEP on April 7, 2017. The Town received comments on 10/18/17 and will be addressing them. This project will be scheduled for a Town Planning & Zoning Public Hearing this fall. A Certificate of Wetland Compliance Permit # 2016-17-115 has been issued for this project.
- A landscaping plan for screening trees consisting of 40 14' tall white pines (*Pinus Strobus Fastigiata*) located at the rear property line of the training grounds has been developed. This will be funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. The installation of the landscape/ screening will be coordinated with the construction of the above referenced Flood Control Barrier. If CT DEEP approvals for the Flood Barrier are received shortly, the construction can begin this calendar year.
- The Town will begin the development of a five year plan for the Fire Training Grounds, Mulch Operations, and the PW Yard.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to be added to the distribution list for future project updates, please send an email to kfournier@fairfieldct.org

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Status Update No. 19 will be issued on November 17, 2017.