

Summary of Concerns (not prioritized) – Submitted by area residents 5/2/2016 through Kurt Soderlund:

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1. Q. Have core soil samples of the site been undertaken to evaluate pre-existing contaminants on site. This will be important for determining if there might be potential CERCLA, OPA or even Clean Water Act exposures to be addressed.

A. The first step was to have a Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) prepare a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. This step will be completed prior to our meeting date of 6/23/16. We have enlisted Robert J. Grabarek of Osprey Environmental for this service. This phase I will lead us to the next step in the process. We will use the recommendations of the Consultant on what further testing and evaluations are necessary to determine the course of action.

2. Q. Confirmation that the old landfill is capped but not lined.

A. The area where the aggregate recycling is being conducted (east side of Daniel's pond) is not what is typically referred to as the formal "Town Landfill". By the old landfill, I am assuming the question is the area to the west of Daniels pond. This area was used as a landfill until the late 1980's. After the Bridgeport RESCO facility opened, municipal solid waste has been brought to that location since that time. Questions about that property are a separate issue from the aggregate recycling operation. I do not believe that it has a lining, but is only capped. That is not very unusual, as the closing of the landfills that I was involved in Monroe CT (late 1990's) and Cheshire CT (early 2000's) during those landfill closures, and they were similarly capped but not lined. We will research the formal CT DEEP files to confirm.

3. Q. Please share guidance from an environmental professional on (i) type and frequency of environmental testing that should be undertaken in addition to the results shared to date (e.g. soil testing and expanded the water parameters to include pH, sulfates, calcium, and nitrates) and (ii) whether there is risk of air borne contaminants.

A. This information will be provided by the LEP (Osprey) and we will defer to his expertise regarding testing protocols. We do not have that answer at this time.

4. Has the Town reached out to DEEP for their expertise and assistance? Mindful of the potential marsh exposure, and DEEP's stated interest, perhaps the federal EPA as well?
 - A. Dave McKeegan of CT DEEP contacted me when he received an inquiry on this several months ago. A gentleman from his office (Mr. LeClerc) performed a site visit, and met with the Town's Director of Solid Waste & Recycling (Michael Zembruski). I have reached out to Mr. McKeegan to offer any input that he has in this matter.

5. Q. Role and opinion of the Town's Conservation dept.
 - A. Our Conservation Department is a valuable resource to the Town, and specifically to the Public Works Dept. We often seek their input on many matters, including this. They share similar desires to reduce the size of the piles, and to not cause visual or noise disturbance. Erosion & Sediment Control to protect the adjacent Wetland are also a priority. The Conservation Department receives weekly erosion and sediment control monitoring reports from the site contractor and adjustments to the current site controls are made based on conditions that are observed at the site.

6. Q. Who is the Town's retained environmental expert, and is that individual qualified to address land and water pollution, impact on wildlife, noise abatement, etc.? Would the Town like names of other experts who have these credentials?
 - A. For those items that are outside of the expertise of Osprey Environmental, we will be utilizing Christopher Allan of Land Tech, Westport CT. His expertise is more focused on ecological and wildlife issues, and will complement the work of Osprey. Mr. Allan was recommended by our Conservation Director as someone with the background and experience we were seeking.

7. Q. Will the Town share with us the Jullian contract, and details relative to the regulatory terms agreed for usage of this location (what are terms re usage, height, product, hours of operation, ongoing testing, etc)? What is the status of efforts underway to clarify definitive height limits and square footage of the operations, timing to achieve and related penalties if not in compliance.

A. Requests for Proposals (RFP) were publically solicited as per # 2013-73 in the spring of 2013 through the Town's Purchasing Department. Julian Enterprises was awarded this work as per the terms of the RFP. Due to the size of the documents, this is best accessed through the Town website.

All work is as per this bid, and there are no other separate agreements. We are working with the Town Attorney on a successor agreement, and we will be incorporating square footage and height requirements. As far as penalties, the route we are taking is termination if the Town is unsatisfied with the progress.

8. Q. Share results of Julian's work on storm water run-off or discharge (in accordance with State DEEP regulations) and site inspections for erosion.

A. We will have Osprey provide these as part of their reporting.

9. Q. Timing for landscape architectural plan (UCONN'S School of Landscape Architecture) to create a significant buffer to the homes to the south and east. Can you have the landscape architects join us in our June meeting?

A. The Landscape Architect (Peter Minuti) will be at the meeting of 6/23/16. A general goal is to shift the operation to the northeast quadrant of the current 5.5 +/- acre site. This will allow us to create a visual and sound protect to the south (Fairfield Beach Road) and the west (Salt Meadow Condos & Old Dam Road). This will be challenging because this section is where the most material has historically been placed.

The Landscape Architect will also be evaluating the Harvest New England site for similar opportunities to utilize the land to the south for barrier & screening, and move their operations further northward. Harvest New England is under contract until June 30, 2017. A revised site plan with limited footprint and heights can be incorporated into future agreements.

10. Q. Has the Fire Dept agreed to water the mounds? If so, has a protocol been established?

A. Harvest New England is the Town's contracted vendor responsible for the operations of the woody debris/ mulch facility on Richard White Way. There are industry standards for handling mulch piles (amount of watering, turning, size, etc) that Harvest New England is responsible for performing. I will defer to the Fire Department on what role they will play in this operation.

11. Q. Bird migration season is upon us and undoubtedly migrating birds are in the marsh. Can the Town's environmental expert advise relative to the impact of the Jullian operation on various migrating bird species? In view of the potential exposures that are provided for by the Migratory Bird Act this should be considered.

A. These are best addressed by Christopher Allan of Land Tech, Westport CT. He has been relayed this specific question for consideration.