

Minutes - December 4, 2012 meeting of the 2229 Main Street Committee

Committee Members and Guests Present

Pam Rockwell, Chair; Fred Seward; Steve Verrill, Leonard Rappoli; David Bearg, Guest

Items Discussed

The EPA Tech Group will meet on January 9, 2013, at the Nuclear Metals Site trailer. One subject for discussion will be reuse of the property, possibly for solar panels.

The Feasibility Study may be finished in draft format by February to meet EPA April review timeline

Committee ideas on clean-up standards: 1) A small area of the Property will be used to pump and treat groundwater 1,4-dioxane, the rest of the Site except for the Holding Basin and Landfill may be cleaned to residential standards, 2) Possible on-Site disposal of contaminated media because accidents can happen if transported off-Site, 3) Nothing left on-Site that would cause unacceptable risk for a residential exposure scenario because foreseeable use cannot rule out future residential use, 4) Priorities should be off-Site disposal or detoxify on-Site, 5) Landfill should be remediated because otherwise the Property will become a permanent low-level radioactive waste dump, 6) 15 feet of clean fill should overlie contamination 7) If a cap is installed, is 15 feet of clean fill required.

Questions on reuse of the property: Problem with potential future Town use as a truck storage area. Would truck maintenance facilities which make use of oil and hazardous material follow? What if a release of gasoline, diesel, or motor oil occurred? Would such a release hamper remediation efforts? What if underground storage tanks were installed to hold gasoline or diesel? Would that necessitate excavation into contaminated areas? Can the process to pump and treat groundwater also be used to treat septic waste?

RPs are proposing to discharge treated groundwater to the Assabet River. Would it not be better to discharge treated water to the Cooling Water Pond.

Should the Committee take the lead completing the municipal reuse pro-forma worksheet? This needs to be discussed with the Town.

2229 will hold an open forum meeting on Thursday January 3, 2013 to discuss reuse options for the former Nuclear Metals property.

Respectfully submitted by Leonard Rappoli