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**Tonawanda Community Working Group (TCWG)
Tonawanda Coke Remediation and Redevelopment**

MINUTES

I. WELCOME - James Hartz - Meeting Via Zoom January 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Change in Membership - Jenn Pusatier from Citizens Science Community Resources taking the place of Jackie James

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Paul Nyznyk
Emily Terrana
David Stinner
Jenn Pusatier
Matt Chimera
Cathy Piciulo
James Hartz
Matt Sutton
Carl Szarek
Tom Hersey
Ken Swanekamp

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

John Black
John Hood
Rich Galloway
Victoria Streitfeld
Earl Wells
Todd Pignataro
Ben McPherson
Chad Stanisewski
Thomas Morahan
William Russo
Paul Morrow
John Morris
Angela Martin
Charlotte Bethoney
Bonnie Lawrence
Todd Pignataro
Michelle Rickan

- II. CALL FOR MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PAST MEETINGS – James Hartz**
MOVER: Cathy Picuilo
SECONDER: Tom Hersey
AYES: All members
RESULT: Passed (Unanimous)

III. DISCUSSION OF REVISED BYLAWS

John Black – the reference to redevelopment is premature and out of place since it is not under the process we are at now.

James Hartz - Motion to approve or hold off for now.

Tom Hersey - Should take a look at redevelopment issue, determine if bylaws should reflect future redevelopment, look at wording so it's termed correctly and can be addressed.

James Hartz –There's a standard of cleanup for remedial programs so it's important to think about redevelopment for the future use of this site.
Table this for now and address it at the next meeting.

IV. OWNER/DEVELOPER UPDATES (RITC)

John Black – Welcome a new member to team, Rich Galloway, Senior Remediation Manager for Honeywell, replaces Steve Coladonato.

Site Update –

1. Remedial Investigation, all samples have been collected and sent into labs, starting to get electronic data deliverable packages that are sent to the data validator to confirm testing was done correctly.

2. Asbestos Abatement – 16 buildings have abatement completed, and ½ of the overhead piping is down. Making great progress. Working on three largest buildings now.

3. Interim Remedial Measures - Surface Material Management

- organized and shipped for disposal or recycling 1.3 million lbs. of material.

- 61 of 88 tasks are completed

- 78 of 300 drums and containers are managed and characterized

- Surface water cleanup is ongoing and several work plans are into review by DEC

- Demolition will begin as soon as IRM work plan is approved but two unstable buildings have been demolished and removed under a permit with the Town of Tonawanda.

Questions

John Morahan – When do you think we will see a Draft Report?

John Black – Scheduled for July, as data is evaluated the schedule may get pushed out
Ben McPherson NYSDEC- We are in a holding pattern for data to comeback from the RI. Close to getting one demolition plan approved. A lot of improvement.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION

James Hartz – Towns Zoning Project is moving forward, including a planned unit development district that could be incorporated in this River Road Corridor.

Emily – Question of Clarification. With the Brownfield Application there was a piece for redevelopment as a Data Center as part of the draw to get the Community on board, so both a remediation and redevelopment plan. Are the two items still connected? Is the data center off the table?

Ben McPherson- For the redevelopment part of the Brownfield Application the property is assessed for what it will be used for, looking at zoning for eligibility determination. What is put on an application does not hold them to that specifically. Commercial is a broad term. If the redevelopment changes from commercial to something else it would change the level of cleanup required.

Ken Swanekamp- Progress on abatement is Good News.

Tom Hersey – County has a contractor for repaving and improvements to the Greenway for the Tonawanda section. Starting soon & coordinating with businesses and the Town.

Jenn Pusatier- Wondering when the last master plan for Tonawanda was approved. Plan for Grand Island was approved was 2018 and at the same stage as Tonawanda.

James Hartz- Update for plan was finalized in 2015. Addressing zoning law code now.

V. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday February 24th, 2021 at 10am via Zoom