

Pompton CAG  
October 15, 2012  
Final Minutes

The CAG commenced at 7:15 pm and Rubino Facilitated it.

Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes. Plowman seconded it. All in favor.

Action items:

1. Riggiola said the document was shared with the CAG and sent out. She explained on the future the CAG will not send any letters on other letterhead. If a resident wants to send it out, they have to put it on their own and sign it.
2. Riggiola explained that she has two presentations already prepared and Pat Corcoran will consolidate for new Congressman's office as well as share with Senators

Rubino thanked Carolyn Fefferman for attending the CAG

3. Riggiola explained the CAGs letter went to the Governor. There will be a town hall meeting tomorrow night in West Milford and a few will be attending. She offered anyone who wants to join can come at 1015 am. Plowman finds it strange that Riggiola got a call from the Governors office to confirm. Fefferman said it is odd that the office would do that. They only call to confirm for invited guests. Fefferman said they probably want to brief him on the issues in Pompton Lakes.

4. CAG letter to the editor was published that discusses request for Superfund and other issues. It was passed around to the audience.

5. Request to Tom Hatton was sent to join us at our November CAG meeting. Hatton said an expert from Viridian would be the best candidate to discuss. They are checking schedules for the November meeting. Residents asked how come some people did not receive it. CAG explained that it may be held up in a government agency and you should call the vapor mitigation contractor and check on the status of your report..

Riggiola explained also if a resident did not get a check for electrical cost reimbursement, they should call 973-494-7703- DuPont information center to call and tell them you have not received it.

Martens explained that if you have Hatton in the past, and got a letter to have an inspection update, you can have Hatton check it, it doesn't have to be DuPont. You should get a second letter asking who you want. The first letter the CAG told everyone not to sign.

6. Lakeside school letter is tabled until EPA releases Acid Brook cleanup permit. May be out in a month.

7. Information on what a grid system is related to air sampling of the plume. Rich Chapin explained that within the entire town, set up a monitoring system that breaks up the town into to a grid sampling in each area to see variations in the plume. Riggiola explained they need long-term monitoring. Chapin explained that because air is transient, longer term monitoring. EPA should break out data into sections based on weather.

Patterson explained there is no snapshot of the air monitoring now. The tests for air have been taken over many years with different amounts of systems on.

650 air samples since 2008 EPA said in meeting last week. Chapin explained that where you put the sample is relative to the data. Must be uniformly collected with consideration of location. If it is not good data. CAG needs to ask EPA for QAPP and data for 650 air samples with weather and location of data.

TAGA bus is a means to collect the data in real time. If TAGA bus was in Pompton it can be done in real time and it is how you do it. We need a grid analysis with the TAGA bus. EPA said we have to get it from FEMA. Fefferman will speak to EPA and find out how the process for the TAGA bus works and how we can get to Pompton Lakes. The amount of time the bus would be there would depend on the agreed air sampling analysis.

8. Meeting is in the process of being scheduled with Rich Chapin and Phil Flax. Rubino explained that the pilot study is happening now, and we need to know what happens if it fails to be prepared if it fails. Patterson is scheduling the meeting. Riggiola explained that Plan C should be a property valuation plan- relief for those that want to stay and justice for those who want to leave. Riggiola will have follow up call with Lois Gibbs to discuss strategy on how to do this. Martens said that DuPont should pay the taxes on the property.

Resident (Anne Tacinelli) in the audience is worried that the number from where the home is valued at must be done from 2008 not from today's date. Need proper value to be evaluated. Riggiola explained a certified property appraiser needs to come in. Needs percentage of increase and decrease at that time.

Plowman explained that the town is getting money from the Feds to buy them out and are raising some homes rather than using all of them. The town is not going to want to cooperate with buyout program in plume because they will lose tax money. DuPont must pay the taxes if there was a buyout.

Riggiola and Plowman discussed having 3 appraisals, not just one in order to have several opinions. Rubino explained we will have call with Lois Gibbs and then explain details to the CAG.

Technical advisor presentation:

Chapin explained there is a difference between primary and secondary standards. Secondary are not health based, more if it smells, iron content, etc. we received 2001 forward only primary standards. PLCAG requested 1980 to present, and only gave 2001.

MUA told EPA that before 2001 is obsolete. CAG said that the data is still valid so the request for the additional data is pending. Chapin explained his memo and also handed out NJDEP printout for Pompton Lakes. There are 3 wells in town: Williard, Lincoln and Ridgedale (#1) Chapin will email Dana with websites and she will distribute via CAG email.

Low levels of plume related contaminants have showed up in Willard well at very low levels. EPA enviro facts warehouse website shows where the Willard Street well. Raggiola explained that in Hopewell Junction, they got an alternative drinking water source.

Chapin explained that they sampled the numbers at the source and there is something going on around the Well by Willard Street. He explained that risk assessment is not a definite science and will change over time.

Martens asked if it would cause your water to smell like rotten eggs. Chapin said no, that would be from hydrogen sulfide and we don't have the data yet. Intintola asked if it could be from nitrates or nitrites. They flush the distribution twice a year. None of the wells run directly to the wells. The tank has not been flushed into a long time. Changed from liquid injections to tablets. Intintola said he had his water tested and the lab found no trace of chlorine in the water but higher nitrates and nitrites. High level of manganese in water. Did a test and algae grew in toilet exposed to sunlight. He explained well 3 was clogged and public was never told why.

Vojo explained the Mothers Day incident on Barbara Drive of water testing. Chapin said to put in an OPRA for all data including field sampling data for date of event. CAG will put in the request.

Martens explained that the Councilman Kent's wife was upset that EPA gave us the data to the PLCAG with out reviewing it first.

Audience member asked why the town thinks it is ok that the environmental officer is paid by DuPont. Raggiola explained the past politics and that it is a conflict of interest.

Raggiola thanked anonymous cancer survivor for funding the ad and funding Rich Chapin to be here.

Intintola asked if we could get a copy of the original EPA letter that Popover augmented.

Martens explained EPA said the egg smell from her water could be caused by her hot water heater. Chapin explained if it happens in cold water, then it is not from hot water heater.

Intintola and Chapin had a more thorough conversation about well water flow and backup system.

Intintola explained that in 2011 and 2010 well 2 was shut down for petroleum for diesel fuel. Chapin did not see that in the reports.

Martens asked if the water is safe. Chapin said based on the data, it would be safe but he is hearing too many other aesthetic issues that does not match up. He said if the secondary issues are not satisfied then he wouldn't drink it either.

Riggiola asked if it is possible to mess with the water quality because her friend worked for Passaic county water system and said if they are aerating the water. A method to remove VOCs in water it to air rate it to blow it off. Yes, they could know there is contamination. Also, yes they could screw around with collecting samples if you wanted to but Chapin does not believe the labs would do that.

#### Superfund designation

Riggiola explained the petition signatures are almost equal to the population in pompton lakes, over 11000

#### USEPA information system meeting

1. Pilot study is starting and will last 9 months
  2. DuPont is talking to railroad to access area to drill horizontal well to address pilot for shallow groundwater Schuyler Avenue and Barbara Drive. Chapin asked for location and explained there is a starting and ending point.
  3. EPA will issue permit modification in the next month or so. Still working other US fish and wildlife. Will have a meeting when it was issued.
  4. Ad was major topic from Maria Kent, John Soojan, Barbara Goll. They asked EPA to address our ad with corrected version and EPA said they have nothing to do with it.
- Intintola explained that all media released in past.

Mayor stated at council meeting that the investigation was complete is false information. Riggiola asked Phil flax and he explained that DOE completed their OPRA request but investigation is not complete.

Riggiola urged audience to go to CAG meetings and said she I'll not go anymore with Helen if they are the only ones.

Audience member (Dorothy Mancini) explained that Soojan is buddy buddy with the Mayor and they twist the story to believe that we residents are causing the problem. She feels bad for Lisa if the town and council represent the town, its shame on them for not helping us.

Intintola said he would attend the next council meeting to set the facts straight.

Riggiola explained that Realtor Barbara Goll told her she is ruining the community and she should be ashamed of herself. Others explained their bad experience with her as a realtor.

Martens explained that she has a problem with Soojan minimizing the contamination in the town.

Kevin Harrison explained the picture in the EPA flyer is improperly installed. The French drain is not sealed. The system does not work and has many problems. Dana stated that we would address this issue with the EPA.

According to town ordinance, bid is for active businesses. DuPont is not, but is a member and biggest contributor to the bid and Soojan is chair of the bid.

Intintola held up photos of DuPont doing illegal activity in full blown hazmat suit. No permits were filed, truck was sitting on plastic. Riggiola and Intintola blew the whistle, called DEP and shut them down about 6 months ago.

Plowman explained he had an impromptu conversation with elected official in Wanaque. This guy went to business administrator and he explained that DuPont offered deal to town all land south of 287. Guy explained to BA that we don't know if it is contaminated or not and we would be liable if we accepted as open space. Looks like on tax maps that DuPont is not paying any taxes on that property and does not think borough of Wanaque realizes it.

Mayor and council filed application for 287 entrance to DuPont property but were denied.

Motion to close the meeting by Riggiola, seconded by Martens.