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Raytheon requests public involvement

TO THE EDITOR:

The Raytheon Company is holding a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) meeting Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Building Senior Center. It is important that residents, business owners and town officials attend to learn the status of the environmental cleanup at the company's former facility on Route 20, Wayland.

The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) PIO process requires Raytheon to report to us as certain milestones are achieved in the cleanup. Since the last PIP meeting in May, Raytheon has performed additional testing at this Tier 1B hazardous waste site to assess more fully the nature and extent of the contamination.

The agenda for this upcoming meeting includes Raytheon's report of its latest findings, e.g. tracking a contaminant (TCE) migrating in groundwater, PCBs and heavy metals in the wetlands, etc. Other agenda items include proposals for additional site work, proposed cleanup goals for the wetlands, wetlands restoration between the parking lot and the Sudbury River, upcoming permitting processes with DEP, EPA and other regulatory bodies and the schedule of upcoming PIP meetings. A question and answer period also will be provided.

The town has involved the DEP in the groundwater investigation near the Baldwin drinking water well field. Pursuant to an MOU between the

town and Raytheon, the company has provided \$25,000 to pay for an independent Licenses Site Professional (LSP) to assist Wayland in overseeing site work, evaluating data and plans and for submitting written comments on behalf of the town.

Everyone is urged to attend this important meeting because this large property is located in the heart of our community, is adjacent to the Sudbury River and other public drinking water supplies, is environmentally sensitive and it abuts businesses and private properties. The town also remains interested in the potential future uses of the residentially zoned portion of the property, east of the existing office building.

A full set of documents explaining the site history and investigation of soils, sediments, groundwater and surface water can be reviewed in the Raytheon file at the Wayland library reference section or at the Board of Health office. Please refer questions to Ron Slager at Raytheon at 508-490-1707.

Strong public attendance at the PIP meeting will demonstrate Wayland's interest in and commitment to an effective and successful cleanup. The town has been able to work cooperatively with Raytheon to assure that our concerns get addressed. The expertise of the town's consultant has been invaluable and would not have been possible without Raytheon's funding.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., and plan to attend.

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