



Atlas Tack Working Group

MINUTES

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Present: Rick Trapilo- Chair, Doug Brady- Vice-Chair, Fernando Llemos, Patricia Estrella- via zoom, Michael Sherman, Ken Blanchard, Brian Messier via zoom for first portion of meeting, Patrick Carr, David Gerber, Cathy Melanson, Keith Silvia, TA Keith Hickey via zoom, Aaron Shaheen – EPA via zoom,

Meeting Called to Order: by Chair Rick Trapilo 5:07 PM

Minutes: voted to accept minutes of 05-14-26 one correction of Atlas Tech to Atlas Tack, all in favor. Motion by Ken B. second by Rick All in favor by roll call vote.

Chair's Report:

- Asked that the EPA please update the committee on the report completed by EPA.

Discussion / Action Items:

- Aaron Shaheen from EPA provided an update on the December 2025 site visit at the Atlas tack site, where 19 samples were taken for asbestos testing. The results showed that only one sample contained detectable levels of asbestos (35% Chrysotile), which is below EPA's threshold of 1% for considering all material as asbestos containing. Aaron explained that after internal review meetings, EPA determined that almost no asbestos containing material was found, making further Superfund action unwarranted at this time.
- Many members express concerns about the EPA report and the understanding of the findings. The findings were all from outside the building and no samples taken from inside the building where the roof had collapsed inwards.
- Questions were raised in regards to the original testing of the site and current testing results.
- The one sample which registered 35% asbestos was a sample of green felt used in lining of roofs which was tested on a piece outside of the building.
- Concern was that the roof collapsed inward and since it was most likely made with the same green felt lining that the inside of the building grounds contains high level of asbestos which inside had no samples tested.
- Aaron explained that while samples of roofing materials were taken and tested, no asbestos was detected in the roof tiling samples. Town expressed concerns about the reliability of the report due to limited sampling of roofing materials, particularly green felt paper which tested positive for 35% asbestos. Aaron clarified that the EPA's decision was based on health assessments showing low findings, and confirmed that while the site might be delisted from Superfund status, the land use restrictions and groundwater monitoring would remain in place. When asked about pricing demolition, Aaron acknowledged this was outside his expertise and suggested it would require follow-up with demolition experts.
- Aaron explained that both EPA and the state will monitor the building demolition at the Superfund site due to existing remedial infrastructure and groundwater monitoring requirements. He confirmed that the EPA report findings indicate low risk of asbestos contamination and public safety concerns, allowing the town to share the report with residents and potential buyers.
- Aaron agreed to provide information about the delisting process for the site
- Concerns were raised regarding the demolition order by the building commissioner and status.

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- TA Hickey said in a future Select Board meeting he will update the Select Board on EPA test results and discussed next steps regarding the problematic property. the Select Board now needs to decide whether to litigate against the current owner to remove the building.
- The group discussed the \$1.5 million property on the market and potential funding opportunities through the One Stop Portal program for pollution control and environmental cleanup and explore grant possibilities.
- Chair Trapilo announced his resignation from the board due to being elected to the Select Board emphasizing the need to continue working toward demolishing the problematic building. Chair Rick expressed his desire to see this to the conclusion and to become the Select Board liaison to the group at the assigning of liaison positions at the next select board meeting.
- The board was reorganized as part of the yearly process upon town elections. Ken Blanchard was nominated as chair and there were no other nominations. All present were in favor via raised hands and roll call. Ken B. was elected as chair. Doug Brady was nominated as vice chair and clerk, and no other nominations. All present were in favor via raised hands and roll call vote. Doug B was elected as vice chair and clerk.
- The board discussed reviewing and updating their mission statement and Charge of the group. It was agreed that the group will be emailed a copy of the charge and mission statement for feedback and potential updates to be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee Member Items:

Rick T. thanked the group for all the work they have done and that the group needs to continue and finish the goals.

Public Comment – Limited to two minutes- None

Correspondence – None

News and Announcements

Next meeting is June 25,2026 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment – 7:14 PM

Submitted by: Doug B. Vice - Chair / Clerk