

Omya Community Issue Team February 08, 2018 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: February 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
David Markowski – Florence resident
John Lapre – Florence resident
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
Louis Gaudreau – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya

Absent:

Bev Peterson – Florence resident
Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya

I. Welcome

Louis Gaudreau welcomed team members and introduced himself. The evening's agenda was reviewed and September meeting minutes were accepted as published.

In a brief business activity update, Louis noted the following:

- Verpol reached an all-time production record in 2017. We expect 2018 will be on the same track as 2017.
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Our employee number remains steady and we do not have any major plans to significantly change headcount.
 - Reliability Engineer position is still vacant. We did fill 2 Packaging Operator positions for 2018.
 - Retirements continue to result in implementing of succession plans. We are in the stages of finalizing an external candidate for the Maintenance Manager position.
- Capital Investments
 - No major expansions planned for 2018.
 - Sustaining Operations / Maintenance investment still ongoing with some major projects still planned for 2018.

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- Community Update – **Donations & Sponsorships Q4 2017**

Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl
Camp Thorpe
Vermont Warriors AAU Baseball
Pittsford Cadet Program
David McKee Memorial Golf
JR's Menu - Ad
Ripton Ridge Run
Mill River Union High School Banner
Wheels for Warmth
Academic Scholarships
Middlebury Elementary School - Read a Thon
Four Winds Institute
Rutland Young Professionals
Otter Valley Sports Banner
Mentor Bowl
Otter Valley Youth Wrestling
The Addison Independent - Sports Ad
Vermont Folklife
Brandon Toy Project
Pittsford Christmas for Kids
Women's Shelter
DCF - Rutland Foster Care
Proctor Fall Festival (Pumpkin Donations)
Maclure Annual Library Book Sale

II. Progress Report

Noise

- There was 1 noise concern reported in Q4 2017. Noise was due to back-up alarm on contractor equipment.

Legislative Activities

- Lost Trucks
 - The state of VT is drafting a bill (Bill H.613) that will require all trucks traveling through the state to have a commercial truck GPS unit.
 - Omya continues to work with the towns and state on signage. There has been discussion of potential signage considerations.
- Efficiency Vermont
 - SMEEP Program (Self-Managed Energy Efficiency Program)
 - Omya making amendment to current customer credit program (along with other Vermont companies).
 - Act 77 workgroup is a new pilot program administered by EEV.

Odor

- No odor concerns reported in Q4 2017.

Vibrations

- There were no vibration/blast call-ins reported in Q4 2017 from the Hogback Quarry.
- During the meeting a neighbor reported a loud vibration/blast during deer season. We will contact the Hogback Quarry geologist and look into the details.

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- Nothing new to report.

On-site Substation Improvements/Upgrades (Pittsford Fire Department Station 2)

- Omya did the following upgrades to improve the building conditions: repair steel wall framing, installed PVC siding, secured metal siding to foundation, added foam to insulate walls, sheetrock walls and ceiling, paint, added gutters, repaired corroded structural beam and installed lights and outlets.

Road Washing

- Omya has successfully trialed and implemented an alternative winter exit route for haul trucks when weather conditions are too cold for road washing.
- Trucks will exit around the back of the property as opposed to exiting the short route (haul road) back to Whipple Hollow Road. This seems to have helped significantly. Omya will continue monitoring.

Route 7 Road Project (Brandon)

- The majority of the remaining segment construction north of Brandon town Green is scheduled for April/May 2018 and south of Green by September/October 2018 with impacts to route 7 traffic.
- All segments of project are set to be completed by November 2019.

III. New Ideas / Topics

- Omya purchased property at 2371 West Creek Road. House has been vacant and run-down for some time. Omya will remove house with the help of the Pittsford, Brandon and Rutland Town Fire Departments. These fire departments will use this exercise as a firefighting drill. Tentative date set for mid-March. Permits have been submitted. After debris removal the land will be restored to “green field” by Omya in the spring.
- The former Fowler mill smoke stack is set to be removed in Q2 2018 due to safety reasons. Warning signs have been posted in the short-term. Omya working with state to preserve as much of the site as possible.
- Omya has begun a Middlebury Quarry Community Issue Team to get to know neighbors and stakeholders and educate the community on quarry operations. This is modeled after the existing Florence Community Stakeholder team.
- Omya Family and Friends movie night at the Paramount on April 20, 2018. This is open to the public and admission is by donations of non-perishable food item to Rutland Food Shelf or Rutland County Humane Society. This is a fun family event.
- Middlebury Quarry Open House is scheduled for September 15, 2018.

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, June 14, 2018** at Omya’s Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.