

Omya Community Issue Team – February 18, 2016 Meeting

Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: February 18, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Bev Peterson – Florence resident
Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya

Absent:

Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
John Lapre – Florence resident
David Markowski – Florence resident
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
John Schell – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members and introduced newest member, David Mills. The evening's agenda was reviewed and November's meeting minutes were accepted as published.

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

- Business is good.
- Community updates:
 - Omya celebrates 20 years with the United Way
 - Omya has donated over \$420,000 over the last 20 years
 - Omya received business of the Year from United Way in 2015
 - The Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports has awarded "Omya Worksite Wellness Committee" the 2015 Governor's Excellence in Worksite Wellness
- Upcoming Activities:
 - 18th Annual Home & Recreation Show Sponsor – April 4
 - Omya Employee Green Up Day (celebrating 20 years) – May 6
 - Green Up Day with the Town of Pittsford – May 7
 - Brandon Senior Center – July 12
 - Pittsford Day (Omya sponsor of Satin and Steel) – August 13
 - Middlebury Quarry Open House – September 10
 - RRCC - Legislative Luncheons Series Sponsor [Former Bus Trip to Montpelier]

II. Progress Report

Line Landfill Certification

- Certification was issued by the State of Vermont in late November. It includes the waiver of the liner and allows Omya to extend to the south of the current tailings location beginning in 2018. The certification will expire in 2023.

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Hogback Quarry Blasting Update

- Omya submitted the Act 250 permit application in December and a hearing date was set for late January. Prior to the hearing date additional neighbors requested to be notified of the changes. This postponed the hearing date. The permit application will be resubmitted on February 19 and a new hearing date will be set.

Odor

- One odor concern in 2015. Omya was not able to fully track down the source at that time and the odor did not return.

Noise

- There were 5 noise concerns in 2015. The noise was traced back to worn packing within the silencers on our dryers. Omya has updated the frequency of our preventative maintenance (PM) schedule again and have implemented a program to manage these PM's and catch the silencers before they become ineffective.

Lost Trucks

- Omya continues to focus on trucks coming into the plant on posted roads.
- There has been a reduction in trucks from 2014 to 2015.
- Omya continues to send letters & invoices to customers and carriers.
- Omya continues to contract with the Pittsford Police and Rutland Sheriff's departments to patrol roads on Whipple Hollow Road and West Creek Road.
- Omya needs to replace / update signs in Proctor.

Vibrations

- There were 3 vibration concerns from quarry blasting activities in 2015 - two from the Middlebury Quarry and one from the Hogback Quarry. All concerns were addressed.

LNG and Safety Training

- Omya continues to work with the Pittsford fire department on LNG safety training.
- In addition, Omya will be working with the local fire department on confined space evacuation drills / exercises.

III. New Ideas / Topics

- It was asked if Omya could bring stone pieces to the library and do a show-and-tell for the kids.
- There was a question about the road washing last summer / fall. The roads seemed dustier than usual. Omya will be focusing on implementing improvements for washing the roads on-site which should reduce dust tracked out to public roads. Omya will also contract with a new vendor for the road washing.

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

- Wayne to contact a local resident about joining the team.
- Invite Bev's neighbor to the next meeting (Heather to contact Bev).
- Wayne to give David Mills a plant tour.

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, May 19, 2016** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.