

Omya Community Issue Team May 11, 2017 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: May 11, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Bev Peterson – Florence resident
David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
List Ketcham – Shipping Coordinator, Omya
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya

Absent:

Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
David Markowski – Florence resident
John Lapre – Florence resident
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
John Schell – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members and introduced Lisa Ketcham who took over for Walt Ralph upon his retirement as shipping coordinator on second shift. The evening's agenda was reviewed and February meeting minutes were accepted as published.

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

- First quarter production was good
- We expect 2017 to be slightly above last year
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Staffing numbers remain the same with no major plans to significantly change headcount
 - We have hired an engineer. This position will train in Vermont for one year then travel to other Omya plants around the US.
 - We have welcomed our new controller, Barry Cohen, who took over when Jack Todd retired in March
 - Succession planning continues for folks retiring this year
- Capital Investments
 - Sustaining operations/maintenance investment still ongoing with some major projects planned for 2017
 - No major expansions are planned this year

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- Community Update & Upcoming Activities

Events:
4/7 – Omya Family Fun at the Paramount Theatre (Movie and Light Snacks)
4/29 – Sponsor for the Pittsford Trail Run
5/5 – Green Up Day at Verpol (5/4 actual day due to weather) – lunch on 5/5
5/6 – Green Up Day with the Town of Pittsford
5/8 – Legislative Breakfast (Omya Main Sponsor for all 3 events)
5/9 – Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Mixer – hosted by Omya at Vermont Marble Museum -150 attended
5/13 – Sponsor for Girls on the Run
5/16 – Verpol Plant Electrical Shutdown
5/19 – Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
5/20 – Pittsford Fishing Derby – Food Donated (Hot Dogs, Chips and Water)
5/23 – Rutland Young Professionals
5/24 – Home Builders Tour
6/17 – American Cancer Society – Relay for Life
7/11 – Brandon Senior Center – BBQ Dinner (Omya Employees volunteer and pay for dinner)
8/12 – Satin and Steel (Band for Pittsford Day)

Donations & Sponsorships:
•Middlebury Maple Run 5/7/17
•RAHA
•Girls on the Run
•Pittsford Historical Society
•Little Otters Wrestling
•Mendon Fish and Game – Lifetime License (Fishing Derby 6/7/17)
•Rutland Library
•Barstow Memorial – Donation towards new playground
•Castleton Summer Concerts
•Otter Valley Football
•Granville Little League
•Collin Elliott – Eagle Scout Project at the Pittsford Rec
•Italian American Club – Bocce Team “Omya Crushers”
•Brandon Rec Department – Helmets for Bike Safety Day 5/7/17
•Rutland Rugby Club
•Proctor-Pittsford Country Club – Corporate Membership
•Carving Studio Dinner
•Preservation Society – donation to Vermont Marble Museum
•Flags for the Town of Pittsford
•It’s a Crime Not to Read – Reading Program at Lothrop School “Maclure Library”

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II. Progress Report

Noise

- Omya continues noise monitoring and remains well below permitted allowance. No new noise concerns year to date.
- Omya has switched out some the back-up alarms to white noise which has helped reduce noise issues
- Omya has altered the preventative maintenance program for the dryer silencers to replace packing material more frequently
- There is a project in place to add additional silencers. Looking to complete by end of third quarter.

Lost Trucks

- Omya continues to contract with the Pittsford Police department and the Rutland Sheriff's department to patrol roads surrounding the plant. A total of 25 tickets were issued from January 1 – April 30 to truck drivers for overweight vehicles on posted roads. Fines have totaled over \$29,000.
- Omya will begin to contract with the Rutland Town Police department this summer to have coverage fives day a week, Monday – Friday, between the three police departments

Odor

- No odor concerns reported year to date

Vibrations

- There was one vibration/blast concern in March from the Hogback Quarry

LNG

- Nothing new to report.

Route 7 Roadwork

- The Segment 6 project consists of reconstruction of a 1.2 mile section of Route 7 and includes upgrades to utilities, sidewalks and street-scaping (including lighting)
- Omya & the Town of Brandon met in September to collaborate on efforts to reduce traffic impacts starting in Spring 2017
- Town of Brandon awarded the project to Casella Construction Inc. in April 2017

Next Steps:

- Brandon, Casella & Omya to meet to discuss project schedule and transportation impacts during construction
- If there is a need for temporary changes to Omya feed stone hauling, a scheduled public meeting with stakeholders in Brandon & Pittsford will take place to present options and collect feedback (Act 250 District Commissioner request)

Road Washing

- Omya owns a water truck and pays a contractor to operate it to wash the roads
- From the spring to fall, road washing takes place at the end of each hauling day from the main entrance, up the haul road to the ore yard. It is also washed down the backside of the haul road and the road from the Hogback Quarry to the plant is washed daily.
- Cold weather limits Omya to road washing in the winter
- Omya monitors other on-site roads and will wash them as needed

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- During extended periods of wet weather, stone fines can be tracked onto the Whipple Hollow Road between the Omya west and east entrances
- Omya is investigating a safe & legal way to wash this portion of the public road
- Omya continues to monitor and find ways to reduce material being tracked onto the roads

III. New Ideas / Topics

- Vermont Rail is planning rail crossing upgrades on Town Hill Road and Kendall Hill Road. Construction to begin in 2018. Upgrades could include concrete, signage, lights and gates.

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, September 21, 2017** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.