

# Omya Community Issue Team – May 19, 2016 Meeting Meeting Summary

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**Location:** Omya Verpol Plant

**Date:** May 19, 2016

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Bev Peterson – Florence resident  
Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident  
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative  
David Markowski – Florence resident  
David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission  
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager  
John Lapre – Florence resident  
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner  
Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator  
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident  
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya  
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya  
John Schell – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya  
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya

*Absent:*

Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya

## **I. Welcome**

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members. The evening's agenda was reviewed and February's meeting minutes were accepted as published.

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

- We have seen steady business activity YTD and we are on target with our budgets for 2016. We expect a similar year as we had in 2015.
- Personnel
  - Our employee number has remained steady
  - Retirements will result in some new hiring to replace positions
- Capital Investments
  - Not adding any new equipment or processes in 2016
- Community updates:
  - RRCC - Legislative Luncheons Series Sponsor [Former Bus Trip to Montpelier]
  - Omya Employee Green Up Day, May 6
    - Omya celebrated 20 years! 1996 – 2016
    - Over 35 employees/contractors participated
    - Collected 51 bags of trash and 31 tires
  - Pittsford Green Up Day, May 7
- Upcoming Activities:
  - Verpol Summer newsletter – early July
  - Brandon Senior Center – July 12
  - Pittsford Day (Omya sponsor of Satin and Steel) – August 13
  - Middlebury Quarry Open House – September 10
- Omya Sponsored Events
  - Crowley Race (Marble Medals)
  - Boys and Girls Club Clam Bake
  - Relay for Life Team

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- Alzheimer's - Memory Walk
- Evelyn's Fund
- Girls on the Run
- Middlebury Maple Run
- Prevent Child Abuse
- Susan G. Komen - Race for the Cure

## II. Progress Report

### Hogback Quarry Permit Amendment (Act 250)

The test blast took place on April 13. Final submission from all parties are due the end of May. The commission decision is expected in June.

### Odor

- No odor concerns reported year to date.

### Noise

- There was 1 noise complaint in February. Noise was due to dryer start-up where 2-3 dryers were started one right after another. The dB was below permitted levels.

### Lost Trucks

- Omya continues to focus on trucks coming into the plant on posted roads.
- 2016 is trending close to what we saw in 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.
  - Fines have been as high as \$13,000.00
- Omya needs to replace / update signs in Proctor. Mike Laurent is working out the details with the Town of Proctor and the VT Agency of Transportation.

### Vibrations

- There was 1 call related to blasting at the Middlebury Quarry. The neighbor reported that the January blast "felt heavier than in the past". The recorded monitoring data indicated that it was a normal blast well within permitted limit.

### LNG

- Nothing new to report.

### Beaver Pond

- The transaction was completed in late March and the Town of Proctor now owns the pond and the surrounding land.

### Vermont Marble Museum

- The museum is in the process of updating the Omya room.
- Vermont Marble will have a booth at the Middle Quarry Open House on September 10.

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### III. New Ideas / Topics

- There was a question about the road washing and how often it is done. Omya has purchased the wash truck and maintains a schedule. Extra washing will occur if needed due to weather, etc.
- A member commented that they are happy to see the light at the entrance of the plant.
- A member asked if Omya has anything new to report on solar panels. Omya has had a few proposals but nothing has been a good fit up to this point.

### IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

- Wayne to contact a local resident about joining the team.

### V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, August 18, 2016** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.