

Omya Community Stakeholder Team June 13, 2019 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: June 13, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Alicia Malay – (Guest) Pittsford Town Select Board Member
Bev Peterson – Florence resident
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
David Markowski – Pittsford resident and local business owner
David Mills – Florence resident, VP of Pittsford Planning Commission & Pittsford Town Select Board Member
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya

Absent:

Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
Elizabeth Simpson - Florence resident
John Lapre – Florence resident
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
Louis Gaudreau – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
Peg Flory – Rutland resident
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members and guest Alicia Malay.

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:

- Performance for 2019 is steady. Orders remain stable and close to expectations.
- Truck shortages have dissipated some since last summer.
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Our employee number remains the same and we do not have any major plans to significantly change headcount. There are roughly 30 contractors on-site on a daily basis.
 - No major expansions are planned for 2019
 - Sustaining operations / maintenance investment still ongoing with no major projects still planned for 2019.

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- Community Update – **Donations & Sponsorships**

Brandon Independence Day	Rutland High School – project graduation
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Otter Valley Football
Brandon Town Hall Community Canter	Proctor Pittsford Country Club
Poultney High School	Post 31 – American Legion Baseball
Henry Sheldon Pops Concert	Pittsford Village Farm – Summer Concerts
Town of Wallingford	Town of Pittsford – Memorial Flags for Veterans on Cemetery Stones
Middlebury Transitional Care Coalition	The Green Mountain Gala – (RRMC Benefit)
Rutland Rugby Club	Castleton University – Dasher Boards
Festival on the Green	John Bloomer Memorial Golf Tournament
Brandon Safety Day	Dancing with the Stars
Brandon Summer Concert Series	Town of Pittsford – Donation to Police Car

II. Progress Report

New On-site Road

- Work is almost complete. We are now using the road and no longer drive through the loading dock area where trucks come to pick up our packaged finished products.

Rail Road Crossing at Plant Entrance

- The concrete panels within the rail road crossing at the front of the plant entrance are broken. The state is having similar concrete failures at other locations as well. VTrans is working on fixing the problem areas. Omya has reached out to VTR and was informed that VTR is working with VTrans. The proposed fix is scheduled for June 21st.

Verpol Agracarb (Tailings Byproduct End Use)

- Product is being used for various projects around the state.
- In spring 2019 it was used as soil amendment by VT, NH, & NY in agricultural operations.
- In May 2019 the product was used for trail erosion repairs at Pine Hill Park in Rutland.

Potential “Fire Station” Property on Whipple Hollow Drive

- Omya is working with the town of Pittsford on the piece of land by the church (old McLaughlin property) for a potential location for the fire department’s rapid response substation. Conversations are ongoing. This would provide better access for the fire department and help avoid traffic coming in and out of the plant.

Hogback Quarry Rail Yard Extension – Proposed Act 250 Minor Amendment

- There is an increasing demand for construction aggregates shipped by rail.
- Expanding a small area in the current rail yard will provide additional storage space for these products.
- Omya will work on obtaining the required permits (similar to when the rail extension was put in).
- The more aggregate moved by rail the less aggregate truck traffic.
- Looking to add additional crushing equipment to produce smaller construction aggregate such as winter sand. This would still fall within current permit limits.

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Update on Hogback Blasting Performance

- Omya changed to an electronic blasting method at Hogback Quarry a few years ago to help reduce plastic contamination as well as improve blast consistency, blast cancelation, reduce vibrations, etc.
- We have continued to collect blast monitoring data that continues to show that blasts at the Hogback Quarry are more productive, better controlled and staying well within permit limits.
- We are seeing much less vibration and air overpressure.
- We are very pleased with the results and will continue to monitor.

Noise

- There were no noise concerns reported since the last meeting in February.

Lost Trucks

- Reported lost trucks have decreased in the town of Proctor.
- Omya continues to contract with local police departments to patrol the roads five days a week.
- Omya continues to track and monitor lost truck traffic trends.

LNG Call-outs

- There have been 2 LNG call-outs. The fire department was dispatched. These were related to truck blow off.
- Omya continues to work with the LNG drivers.

III. New Ideas / Topics

- Kendall Hill Bridge update:
 - Necessity of structural replacement of bridge is gaining ground through the state but no set plan in place. Any help with lobbying for this project would be greatly appreciated by the town.
 - West Creek road paving project is planned.
 - Reconstructing part of Whipple Hollow Road from rail trestle to Dido's. Work to begin in mid-August starting on West Creek Road continuing onto Whipple Hollow. Town will work with Omya and Casella before project begins.
 - Project planned to "shave" a little off West Creek Road at the truck route intersection. Estimating work to begin in 2-3 weeks.

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Stakeholder Team meeting is **Thursday, October 24, 2019** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.