

Omya Community Stakeholder Team June 14, 2018 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: June 14, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

- Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
- Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
- David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
- Ed Brutkoski – Guest (Florence resident)
- John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
- Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
- Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator
- Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
- Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya

Absent:

- Bev Peterson – Florence resident
- David Markowski – Florence resident
- Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
- John Lapre – Florence resident
- Louis Gaudreau – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
- Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
- Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members and introduced Ed Brutkoski (Florence resident). Ed has had multiple trucks turn around at his family’s farm located on route 7 north of truck route. Most recent truck caused damage to lawn.

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:

- The start of 2018 has been very good.
- There seems to be a shortage of over the road truck drivers country wide.
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Adding a new position of “Reliability Engineer” and adding 2 more “Packaging Operators” for 2018.
- Capital Investments
 - No major expansions planned for 2018.
 - Sustaining operations / maintenance investment still ongoing with some major projects still planned for 2018.

• Community Update – **Donations & Sponsorships**

American Parkinson Disease Association
Barstow School
Black Ice Hockey

Mill River Project Graduation
Otter Valley Football Club
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Brandon - Bike Safety Day
Brandon Fire Department
Brandon Independence Day Celebration
Brandon Summer Concert Series
Brandon Town Hall
Carving Studio
Castleton Summer Concerts
Castleton University
Festival on the Green
Flags for Town of Pittsford
Henry Sheldon's Pop's concert
Italian American Club - Bocce
It's A Crime Not to Read
John Bloomer Golf Tournament
Jr Spartans Football
Leicester School
MaClure Library
Middlebury Maple Run

Paramount Theatre
Prevent Child Abuse
Proctor Pittsford Country Club
Proctor Youth League
Rutland Blooms
Rutland High School - project graduation
Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce
Rutland Region Workforce Investment
Rutland Rugby
Scholarships (STEM- external)
St. Jude Trike A Thon
The Preservation Society Trust of VT
Town of West Rutland
Vermont Achievement Center
West Rutland - Town Wide Block Party
Wonderfeet Kids Museum

II. Progress Report

Legislative Update

- SMEEP Program signed into law (Self-Managed Energy Efficient Program)
- “Strict Liability Legislation” was broken out into parts and eventually vetoed by the Governor. Expect that it will be brought up again next year.
- Truck GPS Legislation did not pass but it did precipitate a new discussion regarding road signs.

Road Signs (lost trucks)

- New signs have been posted and initial feedback has been mixed. Visibility is better but will have to wait and see if it affects the numbers. Community feedback has been mostly positive to neutral.
- Omya continues to contract with local police departments to patrol the roads five days a week.
- Omya has edited address in search engines to ensure the Proctor address does not show up.

Smoke Stack Demolition

- No municipal permit needed to remove. Waiting for confirmation from “Vermont Department of Historic Preservation” for approval.
- When all approved the stack will be imploded – July/August Time frame.

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Route 7 Road Project

- Construction continues on both north and south sides of the Brandon Town Green for the remainder of this summer and fall from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. This construction activity is having impacts to Route 7 traffic, specifically multiple stops with delays up to 10 minutes each. Starting in the fall some night-time construction is also anticipated.
- Omya continues to work closely with Casella and the town on haul truck traffic to and from the plant.
- Reviewed Act 250 permit conditions with the stakeholder team regarding hauling days/times, and number of trips:
 - Pre-construction hauling from Middlebury Quarry between 6AM – 5PM, Monday through Friday with occasional Saturdays if needed.
 - During construction (current) hauling from Middlebury Quarry between 6AM – 8PM, Monday through Saturday with occasional Sundays if needed (max allowances under Act 250 Permit).
- To help reduce traffic on Route 7 during Brandon construction, Omya will propose a plan to temporarily increase haul truck weight by 10%.
- This temporary 10% increase would benefit by;
 - Reducing traffic congestion in Brandon by reducing number of haul trucks
 - Reduce hours & days of truck trips in Florence on local truck route to Omya facility
 - Reduce fuel consumption
 - Reduce man hours to maintain “normal” feed stone required for production demand
- Next steps after sharing proposal with stakeholder team and getting feedback;
 - Work with Town of Brandon on agreement and support benefits
 - Work with Town of Pittsford on agreement and support benefits
 - Approval and amendment to “Fleet, Overweight” permit for Casella haul trucks (local roads & bridges)
 - Confirmation / approval for crossing Kendall Hill Road Bridge
 - Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans / VTAOT) – to request approval of weight exemption on US Route 7

Noise

- There was one noise concern reported in May.

III. New Ideas / Topics

- Stakeholder members
 - Peg Flory said she will step down after this year as she will retire from the senate and she is no longer a Pittsford resident.
 - Elizabeth Simpson expressed interest in joining the committee. All members accepted the request. Elizabeth will be invited to the next meeting.
- Member asked about tracks by Troy Minerals on Fire Hill Road. Some town members have complained. Omya will get a contact from VTR.
- Omya considering putting a flashing speed sign by Smith Pond to slow trucks down.
- Pittsford Day is August 15, 2018.
- Annual newsletter will be published and mailed in December 2018.
- Middlebury Quarry Open House is scheduled for September 15, 2018.

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IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, October 18, 2018** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.