

Omya Community Issue Team – July 30, 2015 Meeting

Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: July 30, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
John Schell – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
Stuart Brashear – Dyno Nobel
Dave Warpula – Dyno Nobel

Absent:

Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
Bev Peterson – Florence resident
Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
John Lapre – Florence resident
Matt Harvey – Pittsford resident
Umberto “Pat” Rosato – Florence resident
David Markowski – Florence resident and local business owner

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members and special guests. The evening’s agenda was reviewed.

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

- Business is 4-5% lower than last year at this time but still good.
- Community updates:
 - Green Up Day – Omya [May 1]
 - Green Up Day – Town of Pittsford [May 2]
 - Girls on the Run @ Rutland Fair Grounds – Sponsor [May 30]
 - Crowley Race – Sponsor of Marble Medals – [June 7]
 - Hosted Brandon Chamber Meeting – Plant Tour [June 10]
 - Boys and Girls Club Clam Bake – Platinum Sponsor [June 13]
 - 2015 Convention of National Railway Historical Society [June 19]
 - American Cancer Society Relay Team [June 20]
 - Hosted Omya Executive Board Meeting [July 7]
 - Brandon Parade – Omya and Casella Construction [July]
 - RAVE Car Show – Sponsor [July 11]
 - Brandon Senior Center BBQ – Sponsor & Serve Dinner [July 11]
 - Summer newsletter mailed [mid-July]
 - Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure – Sponsor [July 18]
 - Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont – Mud Volley Ball Team [July 19]
 - Grand Brandon Auction [July 21]

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II. Progress Report

Line Landfill Certification

- The line landfill certification has passed the technical review by the staff at the state and is now being reviewed by the state's legal team looking at the public trust issue. From there it will move onto the commissioner and then will go out for the public comment period which is typically a 30 day process from start to finish. We had hoped to have it back sometime in August but it is looking like it will be closer to September.
- Bristol, VT has chosen to close their unlined landfill. They are using about 28,000 tons of Omya material to cap the landfill, which is nearly a third of what is produced at Verpol. This is a significant project and a win-win for both the town of Bristol and for Omya.

Odor

- No new odor complaints.

Noise

- Noise monitoring continues monthly onsite.
- There have been two noise complaints year-to-date. One complaint in April regarding more noise than usual coming from the plant (due to warmer weather and opening more doors) the other in May from a backup alarm.

Lost Trucks

- All new "lost" truck signage has been installed at the following locations:
 - (1) north & (1) south on Beaver Pond road
 - (1) North Street, Proctor
 - (2) 5-way intersection, Proctor
 - (2) Route 3, entering town of Proctor

III. New Blasting Technology at Hogback Quarry

- Minutes provided in a separate document.

IV. Next Steps

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, November 5, 2015** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.