

Omya Community Issue Team September 21, 2017 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: September 21, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

- Bev Peterson – Florence resident
- Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
- David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
- Elizabeth Simpson – Florence resident
- John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
- Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator
- Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
- Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
- Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
- Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
- Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya

Absent:

- Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
- David Markowski – Florence resident
- John Lapre – Florence resident
- Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
- John Schell – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya

I. Welcome

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

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

- To date, we expect 2017 to be significantly better than what we did in 2016.
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Our employee number remains steady and we do not have any major plans to significantly change headcount.
 - Adding a new position of “Reliability Engineer” and adding 2 more “Packaging Operators” for 2018.
 - Retirements continue to result in implementing of succession plans. Looking for external candidate for Maintenance Manager position.
- Capital Investments
 - No major expansions planned for 2018.
 - Sustaining Operations / Maintenance investment still ongoing with some major projects still planned for 2017.
- Community Update – **Donations & Sponsorships**

Leicester Central
Epilepsy Foundation
Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl
Camp Thorpe

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Vermont Warriors AAU Baseball
Pittsford Cadet Program
Brandon Chamber of Commerce – Great Brandon Auction
David McKee Memorial Golf
Brandon Fire Department
Tom Fiske Memorial
JR's Menu - Ad
Adaptive Martial Arts
Ripton Ridge Run
Steven's University Men's Soccer
Mill River Union High School Banner
Brandon Fire Department
Wheels for Warmth
Academic Scholarships
Habitat for Humanity

II. Progress Report

Noise

- There have been two noise concerns reported over the last few months. In June, there was a silencer at the east plant that wasn't working right and projected a piercing sound. In August, a contractor had a piece of equipment go down and the loaner they had projected a "back-up" alarm.

Lost Trucks

- Omya continues to contract with the Pittsford Police department, Rutland Sheriff's department, and Rutland Town Police Department to have coverage five days a week, Monday – Friday. A total of 53 tickets were issued from January 1 – August 31 to truck drivers for overweight vehicles on posted roads. Fines have totaled over \$48,000.
- The state of VT is drafting a bill that will require all trucks traveling through the state to have a commercial truck GPS unit.
- Omya continues to work with the towns and state on signage.
- We are on track to exceed the amount of lost trucks recorded in past years.
- A new sign has been posted on the outside of the geology building in Proctor with a phone number to call if trucks arrive to this address.

Odor

- No odor concerns reported year to date.

Vibrations

- There was one vibration/blast concern reported in July from the Hogback Quarry. The vibration and air overpressure levels from the blast were well below the permit limit and right where predicted they would be for this size blast.

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- Nothing new to report.

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Ball Mill Reline Project (October 9 – October 31)

- Replacing brick inside this mill. This project will take 3 weeks working around the clock.
- In preparation we have had to build inventory on one of our products so we can continue to supply customers. This means pre-loading railcars and pre-bagging product for the past several months.
- In general, there is no effect on the public. It is all internal. There will be more contractors on site assisting which may result in a little more traffic in and out of the plant over the three-week period.

Road Washing

- Omya owns a water truck and pays a contractor to operate it to wash the roads.
- Roads are checked very early in the morning and at night for washing.
- Rain effects the conditions and a mid-day wash is done if needed.
- Omya will wash, as needed, portions of the public road from Whipple Hollow at plant entrance down to rail trestle and also where aggregate trucks are leaving Hogback Quarry via Fire Hill Road.
- Washing roads is temperature dependent and we are limited in the winter months. Typically, the ore yard stays frozen and there tends to be less tracking in the colder months.

Plant Tours

- Paramedics and police departments from Brandon, Rutland Town and Pittsford toured our facility in September and reviewed our emergency response procedures.
- Town of Pittsford and Proctor select board members and town managers toured the plant on September 19th.

III. New Ideas / Topics

- A question was brought up regarding what time of day railcars change. This occurs twice a day and is operated by Vermont Railway.
- There will be a second Veteran's Day ceremony at the Pittsford Town office on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 AM.
- Annual newsletter will be published and mailed in December 2017.
- Middlebury Quarry Open House is scheduled for September 15, 2018.

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

V. Wrap-Up

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