

Omya Community Stakeholder Team October 11, 2018 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: October 11, 2018

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 Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
David Markowski – Florence resident
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
Elizabeth Simpson - Florence resident
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
Louis Gaudreau – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya

Absent:

John Lapre – Florence resident
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members and introduced newest member Elizabeth Simpson (Florence resident). Elizabeth and her husband Howard moved to their Florence summer home full time from Connecticut earlier this year.

The evening's agenda was reviewed and June's meeting minutes were accepted as published.

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

- Business has been very steady and we have been able to meet our forecast for 2018 YTD
- There seems to be a shortage of over the road truck drivers country wide
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Targeted headcount increases / assignments in some areas are planned but do not constitute major changes in headcount
 - No major expansions planned for next year
 - Sustaining operations / maintenance investment still ongoing with some major projects still planned for 2019

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- Community Update – **Donations & Sponsorships**

Adaptive Martial Arts	Girls on the Run	Prevent Child Abuse
American Parkinson's Disease	Henry Sheldon's Pop Concert	Proctor Elementary School
Barstow Elementary School	HOPE – Middlebury Food Shelf	Proctor Pittsford Country Club
Black Ice Hockey	Italian American Club	Proctor Skating Rink
Boys and Girls Club	Jr. Spartans Football	Proctor Youth League
Brandon – Bike Safety	Leicester School	RAVE Car Show
Brandon Town Carnival	Lothrop School	Ripton Ridge Run
Brandon Food Shelf	Maclure Library	Robo Rattlers
Brandon Independence Day Celebration	Memorial Sports Center	Rutland High School
Brandon Summer Concert Series	MESA	Rutland Middle School
Brandon Town Hall	Middlebury Maple Run	Rutland Rugby
Camp Thorpe	Middlebury TAM	Rutland Town Booster Club
Castleton Cares – Food Shelf	Mill River Project Graduation	Rutland Young Professionals
Castleton Summer Concert Series	Mill Union High School	Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl
Down Hill for Diabetes	Otter Valley Athletic Association	St. Jude – Trike A Thon
Ducks Unlimited	Otter Valley Football Club	The Mentor Bowl
Epilepsy Foundation – Volleyball	Otter Valley Project Graduation	Town on West Rutland
Fair Haven Concerned	Otter Valley Youth Wrestling	Vermont Achievement Center
Festival on the Green	Pittsford Food Shelf	Veterans of Foreign Wars
	Pittsford Recreation Department	West Rutland Food Shelf
		West Rutland – Town Wide Block Party
		West Rutland Booster Club

II. Progress Report

Legislative Update

- SMEEP Program signed into law (Self-Managed Energy Efficient Program)
- Omya has submitted their application to join the SMEEP Program

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. At the plant we are not seeing any great reduction in traffic on the minor roads.
- Omya continues to contract with local police departments to patrol the roads five days a week

Smoke Stack Demolition

- Demolition completed, and site is currently not considered for any additional work
- Stone and other information regarding this building has been provided for archiving and displays

Tailings Management Facility

- Tailings continued to be placed in lined areas
- Placement outside liner planned for 2019 per 2015 “liner waiver” issued by State

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- Preparations include 3 acres of tree removal along western edge in accordance with Act 250 permit and certification
- Tree removal planned for November 2018 by Lathrop Forest Products – 95% of trees (soft woods) will be chipped and sold to Burlington Electric as fuel

Route 7 Road Project

- The Segment 6 (A – F) project consists of reconstruction of a 1.2 mile section of Route 7 includes upgrades to utilities, sidewalks and street-scaping (including lighting).
- Casella Construction will continue work on US Rte. 7 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM until November 15, 2018. Traffic will continue to be impacted.
- After November 15, Casella Construction will cease all work on US Rte. 7 and only continue curbing, side walk & ancillary daytime work on side streets until April 1, 2019. Traffic delays should be minimal during this period.
- All currently disturbed sections of US Rte. 7 will be paved by this November 15, 2018 date prior to winter.
- US Rte. 7 construction will recommence April – November 2019. Traffic flow through Brandon will again be impacted. Additionally, one segment of construction at bridge on north side of T the Town Green will require night-time work. Schedule and duration to be determined.
- Omya, Casella Construction & the Town of Brandon continue to collaborate on efforts to reduce traffic impacts. Omya continues to utilize the full extent of its Act 250 permit allowances (Mon.-Sat., 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM) to overcome construction delays during transport feed stone from the Middlebury Quarry through Brandon to our Florence Plant.
- Omya's attempted to get a temporary approval from the VT Agency of Transportation to increase truck weights on US Rte. 7 by 3.5 tons. The State could not issue an approval without rule changes and legislative involvement. Therefore, this proposal is on hold.

Noise

- There was one noise concern reported in July and two in August.

Hogback Quarry Blasting Communications

- Omya's Hogback Quarry (HBQ) operates in accordance with its Act 250 Permit Conditions between late March – early December from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday – Saturday.
- Blasting generally occurs once per week prior to 4:00 PM between Monday and Friday.
- Monitoring for ground vibration & air overpressure is performed for each blast in the quarry and at the property boundaries. Over the last 5+ years, blasting has been significantly below the permit limitations for these monitoring parameters.
 - It is common that neighbors can experience difference from blast to blast at the HBQ largely due to (a) where in the quarry the blast occurs and/or (b) the weather conditions that day. This does not mean that something went wrong or that the blast exceeded any permit conditions.
 - If the Team or individual members would like to discuss this in further detail, a meeting, presentation or “blast experience / tour” can be arranged. Each of these types of communication has occurred in the past but can be held again.
 - A blast notification “call list” is offered to all who want it. This provides neighbors or stakeholders advance notice of blasting dates and times.
 - We encourage and can arrange direct communication with our Omya Quarry Geologist if neighbors have questions or concerns following a blast.

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Middlebury Quarry Open House (MQOH)

- MQOH took place on September 15, 2018
- Omya hosted 1,033 visitors
- The next MQOH will be scheduled in the fall of 2020

III. New Ideas / Topics

- Pittsford Veterans Day celebration will be held at the town office on Sunday, November 11th
- Annual newsletter will be published and mailed in December 2018

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, February 7, 2019** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.