

Omya Community Issue Team November 10, 2016 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: November 10, 2016

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
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
John Schell – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya

Absent:

David Markowski – Florence resident
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya
John Lapre – Florence resident

I. Welcome

John Schell welcomed team members. The evening's agenda was reviewed and August meeting minutes were accepted as published.

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

- We have seen steady business activity.
- We expect 2017 to be in line with that of 2016.
- Team members
 - Team member attendance was reviewed.
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Staffing numbers remain the same.
 - Succession planning is underway for folks retiring next year.
- Capital Investments
 - Focusing on infrastructure items (mill rebuilds, roof, etc.).
 - No major expansions planned for 2017.
- Community Update & Upcoming Activities
 - LNG Training event held at the Rutland Town Fire Station – 11/2/16
 - Veterans Memorial Unveiling at the Pittsford Town Offices – 11/11/16

II. Progress Report

Noise

Omya continues noise monitoring and remains well below permitted allowance.

Lost Trucks

- Neighbor reported a truck past Markowski's on West Creek Road. Truck driver had followed Truck GPS and was trying to avoid an "upcoming" underpass.
- Omya continues to focus on trucks coming into the plant on posted roads.
- Omya continues to send letters & invoices to customers and carriers.

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- Omya continues to contract with the Pittsford Police and Rutland Sheriff's departments to patrol roads on Whipple Hollow Road and West Creek Road.
 - Tickets continue to be issued. Due to incorrect coding of the Pittsford invoices, revenue was not being passed down to the Town. Correction has been made and the Town should now see revenue from tickets going forward.
 - To-date a total of 34 tickets have been issued by the Pittsford Police & Rutland Sheriff departments.
- Proctor Town signs have been taken down and new regulated signs have been installed.

Odor

- No odor concerns reported year to date.

Vibrations

- There was one vibration/blast concern in September. The ground vibrations measured were still well below the permitted levels that can cause damage.

LNG

- LNG Training event held at the Rutland Town Fire Station on 11/2/16. Topics covered included; natural gas, LNG, LNG transportation, transportation emergencies, combustible gas indicators, LNG releases and fires.

Forest Management – potential logging project

- The proposed cut would create less canopy to allow for future healthy forest growth. This would not be a clear cut.
- Noise modeling continues to see if this project will have any noise impact.

Route 7 Roadwork

- The Segment 6 project consists of reconstruction of a 1.2 mile section of Route 7 and includes upgrades to utilities, sidewalks and street-scaping (including lighting).
- Omya & the Town of Brandon have met to collaborate on efforts to reduce traffic impacts starting in spring 2017.
- Currently Omya's trucking from the Middlebury Quarry through the Town of Brandon is governed by an Act 250 Land Use Permit.
- Omya is scheduled to meet with District #9 Coordinator Geoff Green to discuss temporary transportation options.
- Supplemental meetings are expected with applicable stakeholders.

Tailings Update

- Current work nearly complete on conveyor system to achieve final fill capacity in active cell over next several years.
- Working with engineers and state regulations to use tailings for two landfill projects starting in spring 2017. We continue to look into end uses in construction related projects.
- Final closure of current tailings management area will include final grading and vegetation to blend into existing landscape.
- Next tailings management area is to immediate south of current cell.

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Town Water Usage

- Since early October, Omya has been buying additional town water to maintain / replenish process water storage levels in the Pittsford Italian Quarry.
- Omya will continue to work with the town as we anticipate continuing into December at low flow rates to ensure adequate supply to sustain water needs during the frozen winter months.
- Spring time snowmelt/rainfall and dewatering of the Hogback Quarry will bring water levels back to normal levels without the need for town water.

III. New Ideas / Topics

- New sign at front entrance gives off a glare/reflection and makes it hard to read when dark.
- Plant entrance is hard to see coming from the Route 7. Brush is high/full. It is recommended to cut more of the brush back so lights and signs are easier to see.

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, February 16, 2017** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.