

# Omya Community Issue Team February 16, 2017 Meeting Meeting Summary

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**Location:** Omya Verpol Plant

**Date:** February 16, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Meeting Attendees:**

- Bev Peterson – Florence resident
- Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
- David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
- John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
- John Lapre – Florence resident
- Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
- 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:*

- Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
- David Markowski – Florence resident
- John Schell – Assistant Plant Manager, Omya
- Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator

**I. Welcome**

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

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

- Production was good in 2016.
- We expect 2017 to be slightly better.
- Vermont Plant Personnel
  - Staffing numbers remain the same with no major plans to significantly change headcount.
  - Succession planning is underway for folks retiring this year.
- Capital Investments
  - Focusing on sustaining operations and maintenance investments.
  - No major expansions are planned for 2017.
- Community Update & Upcoming Activities

2/14/2017	United Way Annual Luncheon
3/4/2017	Carving Studio Fundraising Event – Mardi Gras at the Rutland Country Club – Omya Table
3/6/2017	Legislative Breakfast @ Franklin Conference Center (Omya sponsored)
3/14/2017	Rutland Business Show – Holiday Inn (Omya Booth)
3/14/2017	Omya Employees volunteering at Brandon Senior Center - St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
3/15/2017	Annual Blood Pressure/Cholesterol Screening through RAVNAH for all Omya employees and spouses
3/23/2017	Health and Wellness Committee will attend the Governors worksite wellness conference in Burlington
4/4-4/5 2017	Annual Hearing Tests for all Omya Employees
4/29/2017	Rutland County Home Builders - Home Show at Spartan Arena – Headline Sponsor
5/5/2017	Green Up Day at Omya (Friday)
5/6/2017	Green Up Day with the Town of Pittsford
5/9/2017	Rutland Chamber Mixer hosted by Omya the Vermont Marble Museum
5/16/2017	Annual Electrical shutdown at Verpol

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### II. Progress Report

#### Noise

Omya continues noise monitoring and remains well below permitted allowance. No new noise concerns year to date.

#### Lost Trucks

- We continue to see lost trucks coming into the plant.
- Omya continues to contract with the Pittsford Police department and the Rutland Sheriff's department to patrol roads surrounding the plant. A total of 51 tickets were issued in 2016 to truck drivers for overweight vehicles on posted roads. Fines totaled over \$40,000.
- The amount of lost trucks coming into the plant is still a significantly small percentage compared to the total amount of trucks that pick-up from the plant (~ 1-2%).

#### Odor

- No odor concerns reported year to date.

#### Vibrations

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

#### LNG

- Nothing new to report.

#### Forest Management

- This project (cut) will help establish a healthy forest to sustain long term growth using the shelter wood theme and variation techniques. This will not be a clear cut.
- This is a proven forestry method for regenerating stands of tolerant and mid-tolerant tree species.
- The Forester for this project has over 30 years of experience.
- The work will be conducted over approximately 16 months and be completed in small sections.
- The noise modeling shows little to zero risk of increased plant noise at neighboring properties.

#### 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, Town of Brandon & Casella Construction met with District #9 Coordinator Geoff Green in December to discuss temporary transportation options and process to amend permit.
  - If temporary changes to Omya feed stone hauling is needed, there will be scheduled public meeting(s) with stakeholders in Brandon & Pittsford to present options and collect feedback (Act 250 District Commissioner request).

### III. New Ideas / Topics

- Walt Ralph, second shift shipping coordinator, will be retiring in April. Lisa Ketchum has been hired to replace Walt.
- Due to concerns with speeding vehicles by Smith Pond, Omya is considering purchasing a speed radar sign to remind vehicles to slow down.

### IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

- Omya newsletter will now be issued once a year.

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- A team member proposed to hold the Community Issue Team meetings three times per year. The meetings are running smoothly and do not see a need to meet quarterly. Team agreed to meet in May and again in the fall (late September time frame).

### V. **Wrap-Up**

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is **Thursday, May 11, 2017** at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.