

Omya Community Stakeholder Team February 7, 2019 Meeting Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: February 7, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Bev Peterson – Florence resident
David Mills – Local resident & VP of Pittsford Planning Commission
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
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Peg Flory – Rutland resident
Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya

Absent:

Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative
David Markowski – Florence resident
Dennis Carroll – Safety Environmental Manager, Omya
John Lapre – Florence resident

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members

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

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

- Performance in 2018 was very good and we almost beat our all-time record production record set in 2017.
- There continues to be a shortage of over the road truck drivers country wide.
- Vermont Plant Personnel
 - Our employee number remains steady and we do not have any major plans to significantly change headcount.
 - No major expansions planned for 2019
 - Sustaining operations / maintenance investment still ongoing with no 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

Noise

- There was one noise concern reported since the last meeting in October. In January the east plant flash dryer silencer packing replacement was slightly delayed due to the holidays. In addition, moisture from condensation deteriorated the packing material. The problem was fixed. Moving forward, PMs will not be scheduled over the holidays.

Road Signs (lost trucks)

- Reported lost trucks have decreased in the town of Proctor.
- Omya continues to contract with local police departments to patrol the roads five days a week.
- Omya continues to track and monitor lost truck traffic trends.

New On-site Office Road

- Omya is putting in a new road on-site to redirect front office traffic around the truck loading lot.
- The blast rock generated from this project will be crushed and screened into either plant feed stone or turned into aggregate products.

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Tailings Management Facility

- Tailings continued to be placed in lined areas.
- Tailings placement outside the liner is planned to start in Q1 2019 per the 2015 “liner waiver” issued by State.
- Preparations included removal of approximately 3-acres of trees along the western edge of the current tailings management facility in accordance with our Act 250 permit and solid waste certification.
- Tree removal completed in November 2018 by Lathrop Forest Products – 95% of trees (soft woods) were chipped onsite 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 U.S. Route 7 includes upgrades to utilities, sidewalks and street-scaping (including lighting).
- As of November 15, Casella Construction ceased all work on U.S. Rte. 7 and only continued curbing, side walk & ancillary daytime work on side streets.
- U.S. Rte. 7 construction will recommence March – November 2019. Traffic flow through Brandon will again be impacted. Additionally, one segment of construction at the bridge on north side of the town green may require night-time work. Schedule and duration to be determined.
- A majority of the 2019 construction will be everything north of the town hall. There is also one section of work that will be done at the south end of town.
- 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.

III. New Ideas / Topics

- A question was asked about the relationship between Florence Crushed Stone and Omya.
 - Florence Crushed Stone is a separate company. Omya owns the quarry and the resource and subcontracts the blasting and crushing.
- Discussion regarding the latest newsletter article, “*Product Developments Mean Environmental and Ecological Benefits*”. This article is about products that are not made in Vermont. We wanted to share information about what Omya is doing in other parts of the company.
- Kendall Hill Bridge update:
 - Necessity of structural replacement of bridge is gaining ground through the state but no set plan in place.
- Pittsford Day celebration is scheduled for August 17, 2019.

IV. Next Steps (Action Items)

- Discussed bringing on another legislature member to the team now that Peg has retired. Discussions will continue.

V. Wrap-Up

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