

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF VICTOR CONSERVATION BOARD
January 19, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Town of Victor Conservation Board was held January 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Victor Town Hall, 85 East Main Street, Victor, New York, with the following members present:

ATTENDING: Joe Limbeck, Chair; Kate Crowley, Vice Chair; Jacob Post; Mathew Matteson; Frank Pavia

OTHERS: Dan Crowley, Town Board liaison;

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

On a motion of Jacob Post, seconded by Mathew Matteson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 (Frank Pavia was not yet at the meeting).

RESOLVED, that the minutes of January 5, 2016, be approved as amended with corrections.

OPENING BUSINESS:

Design a Site Plan Review List

Conservation Board checklists and worksheets were distributed. Background: the site-walk checklist is used during a site-walk to make sure existing features are noted. The Site Analysis worksheet is used to develop site walk comments for the Planning Board.

There was discussion about consolidating the 2 site plan review checklists. Jake Post took the action to consolidate the Pre-Application Site Walk Checklist and the Natural Resource Inventory Field Data form. Matt Matteson took the action to combine the two site plan review checklists. Ms. Crowley will use the combined Pre-App/Field Data form to develop a pre-app comment template with URLs and other electronic links.

Matt Matteson is working on the article for the Victor Voice Town and Village Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Ms. Crowley visited several sites in the Town, currently under development, to collect pictures for the board's Cause and Effect Inventory project.

Auburn Trail (opposite Silverton Glenn) – Several village residents have cleared the area adjacent to the trail and have planted trees and shrubs. Dan Crowley, Town Board liaison, reported that the Village does not use the Town's Conservation Easement program; the Village has their own code.

Silverton Glenn – Ms. Crowley shared pictures of the Auburn trail where silt appears to have collected from earlier rain events. Kate made note of a trail with platform bridge (part of Victor's "walkable community"). There is a second bridge that crosses the unnamed creek further up the trail. The trail appears to be within a least restrictive easement. Discussion was tabled.

Chairman Limbeck took an action item to meet with the Planning Board Chairman. The CB is interested in feedback from the Planning Board on the comments that we prepare for the Planning Board (PB); are there adjustments that can be made to the comments so that they are more effective and actionable for the PB. Meetings with the two chairs have been helpful in the past.

Finger Lakes Coffee Roasters – Kate confirmed, by review of the applicant's documentation that the proposed construction does not indicate additional trees being added to the buffer; it was a recommendation made by the Conservation Board.

Pinnacle – Ms. Crowley shared photos of the trail where gravel fill has been used to fill a sink hole. Ms. Crowley documented silt entering the stream in photos dated January 16, 2016 – she will submit them to P&B for the file. Mr. Pavia mentioned that the DEC is sensitive to streams that are classified as containing trout species.

Rawson Road site – The first pile has been uncapped (approved by PB). The topsoil from Victor Chevrolet is being dropped off at first pile and then moved into position.

Tuscany Hills (Plastermill) – Kate documented that the tree that Mr. Affronti noted as valuable when he began site prep has been incorporated into the open space on the site. Dan Crowley reported that the cell tower application for this site was not approved.

Ballerina (Off Malone Road, north of Victoria Woods) – Ms. Crowley had nothing of note to report.

Anton Rise – Ms. Crowley had nothing of significance to report; a portion of the woods, older pines, have been removed.

Hidden Creek – Ms. Crowley has photos of the site prep and noted that soils within the tree's drip edges have been disturbed. Kate noted that Board comments should include protection of root systems when significant site prep is planned.

Auburn Creek – Ms. Crowley will share photos with P&B and ask that someone conduct a site visit to confirm that debris is not ending up in the adjacent wetland. She will send a note to the P&B e-mail box.

There was a discussion about the process of petitioning the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) to list Critical Environmental Areas. There are several Vulnerable Ecological communities within the Town that Mr. Pavia indicated may be important to identify. Critical Environmental Areas are a State designation; these areas do not stop development but the area will get heightened scrutiny under SEQRA. Mr. Pavia suggested that LaBella or BME assist in the technical analysis. Joe will follow up with Katie Evans on funding. Mr. Pavia suggested that his stipend allocation be redirected to this project. The board will continue discussion on this topic at their next meeting.

Chair Limbeck noted the letter that Marsha Senges sent to the Conservation Board regarding the Victor Chevrolet site. The response was prepared and sent by P&B.

The Thomas Shepard- Shed application (178 Miles Cutting Lane) was approved by the Planning Board. The applicant is placing a prefabricated shed on cinder blocks; there is little site impact expected.

Dan Crowley reported that the Historical Society would like to send a liaison to the Conservation Board meeting if there are historical issues or questions on the agenda. The Conservation Board agreed with this approach.

Scout Ridge Subdivision – 7346 Dryer Road: A site walk will take place on Sunday, January 24th, 2016 at 9:00PM; the Planning Board will be invited.

Auburn Hills Phase 2 – Following Ken Wilson's inspection, the silt fence is in place. Mr. Pavia mentioned that silt fencing is difficult to replace when the ground is frozen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Debby Trillaud, Secretary