

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF VICTOR CONSERVATION BOARD  
February 21, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Town of Victor Conservation Board was held on February 21, 2017 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; Matthew Matteson; Jacob Post; Frank Pavia

**OTHERS:** Dave Condon, Town Board Liaison; Rick Mitchell, Mitchell Architecture

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Kate reported on effluence in Victor creeks. She provided pictures to the Planning & Building Department on 1/28/17. The Town's engineer indicated that the effluence could be naturally occurring organic effluence. Kate has been asked by Planning & Building to continue to provide pictures and to document location of effluence observation; water testing would be ~\$200 and is not warranted given the amount (small) of effluence.
- There is a presentation on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid by Cornell University this coming Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:30pm in Canandaigua at Wood Library. There is a one hour movie documenting the pest followed by a discussion with a Cornell researcher. The Board had a brief discussion about the pest and the fact that Hemlocks commonly grow along headwater streams greatly influencing stream characteristics, like temperature and nutrient recycling, and influence freshwater ecosystems. Hemlocks grow on many slopes in the Finger Lakes area. The adelgid pest has no known indigenous predators, and has the potential to kill whole sections of standing Hemlocks.
- Joe reported that the mandatory Annual Harassment training will be rescheduled from March 16, 2017 to a date in April.

**PROJECT REVIEW:**

1. VANBORTEL SUBARU ADDITION  
6327 State Route 96  
4-SP-2017

Applicant is requesting approval to demolish the existing two-story house structure located east of the main building and to construct a 30 foot by 41.7 foot addition off the south side of the existing building 2. The applicant would also like to combine the lots that the main building and the house structure sit on.

Rick Mitchell from Mitchell Architecture joined the Conservation Board to discuss the project. Mr. Mitchell explained that there are oil separation tanks at the back of building where the addition is proposed. They are very old and will be decommissioned prior to construction of the addition.

Following the protocol set for the first project presented to the Town in December, 2015, the Conservation Board requests the applicant to describe, in detail, how the oil pit will be moved so that there is evidence that extreme care will be taken given the adjacency to Mud Creek. Details should include removal of the existing oil pit and construction and insertion of the new pit. The Conservation Board recommends that appropriate oversight be demonstrated while the tank is removed (intact) with no evidence of contamination in the surrounding soils. The soils in the proposed construction zone should be tested before disturbance.

The area of disturbance, on the site plans, should be well marked given the adjacency to Mud Creek. The Conservation Board does not expect any impact to the creek, however, the slopes in the area must be protected and construction debris contained.

There are no additional comments at this time.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

On a motion of Kate Crowley, seconded by Matthew Matteson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED - AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

RESOLVED, that the minutes of January 17, 2017 be approved.

**OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

- Native Plant Manual  
Kate reported on the native Plant manual and conversations she has had with local nurseries. Nurseries stock what consumers buy; and growers respond to nursery orders with stock. The Board considered 2 formats for the manual; multiple lists based on availability or a single list color coded to indicate those natives that are more difficult to locate. The board would prefer the later. Kate will develop a prototype and circulate prior to next meeting.
- Conservation easement language at Fishers Ridge

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Notes taken by Kate Crowley, Vice-Chair