Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board October 24, 2017

Community Center 7:30pm

Participants: Laura DeNey, Ingrid Haeckel, Noel Russ, Joe Bergstein, Kenji Tierney, Jim Littlefoot, Amanda Gotto (Planning Board)

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

**Public Comment:** None

**Tree Permit Applications:**

21 State Rt 299 W – Application received earlier in the day to clear 12 trees for a residential solar installation. Joe Bergstein had opportunity to drive by and noted that the trees are not flagged. The board will request that trees be flagged and wait until the November 8th meeting to make a decision so that other members can view the site.

**Planning Board Projects:**

TransHudson/CVS:

Amanda Gotto provided an update on TransHudson’s presentation at the Oct 12 Planning Board meeting.

Pending conclusion of the Gateway moratorium, the Board decided to postpone further review of the recent submission. In the meantime, Ingrid and Laura will submit preliminary responses/technical guidance from the Oct 11 EnCB meeting. The Board discussed the need for redlined maps and responses to issues raised in prior letters regarding this project.

**Discussion:**

Planning Board openings: Amanda invited EnCB members to apply.

Gateway Moratorium: Laura and Amanda provided an update on the Oct 23 Gateway Committee meeting. The Board discussed some recommendations for incorporating environmental considerations to the recommendations, such as maintaining natural landforms, requiring tree inventories be completed as part of Site Plan Review, increasing the open space preservation requirement, and preserving existing vegetated buffers along the NYS Thruway and Rt 299.

Laptop and ArcGIS License Purchase Request: Ingrid will submit a purchase request to the Town Board for consideration at the upcoming Nov 2 meeting. The EnCB wishes to purchase a laptop and ArcGIS license for use in review of development proposals and to assist with developing a townwide Natural Resources Inventory.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.