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## DRB Continues Deliberation on Bunkhouse Remodeling

by **Jane Pichel Cook**

**GREENSBORO** — The Development Review Board (DRB) continues its deliberation of a renovation of an accessory structure at 151 Birch Lane. The property is within the Sherland Protection District and a nonconforming use. A variance hearing was held on January 29. The DRB will reconvene on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to continue its deliberative action.

The application from Martin Wright and Greg Boelter is being reviewed under five regulations of the Greensboro Zoning Bylaws, Section 2.7, Sherland Protection District; 5.4 Conditional Uses 8.8 New Uses and Encroachments within the Sherland Buffer Resource Zone; 8.9 Nonconforming Uses and Structures within the Sherland Resource Zone; and 8.10 New Uses and Encroachments within the Sherland Protection District.

The applicants refer to the accessory building as a "bunkhouse," not a "bunkhouse," as it goes beyond being a place for the storage of tools. Three buildings are on the 0.4-acre (410-acre) lot with a 50-foot right of way; a 2,536 square foot main house, a single story shed, and an accessory building. The application is to renovate the accessory building. It is set back 1 foot 6 inches from the rear lot line. The footprint will remain the same as the existing building, but the height of the structure will be raised to 12 feet. The accessory building is 18'5" by 12'6" and 18'6" by 12'6" with a height of 19' 8" inches

(10' 8"). The proposed renovation retains the same length and width but raises the height to 3 stories, 29 feet 5 inches (29' 5"). The building would have a shed roof. According to architect Jeffrey Cushman, the northeast side of the building height increase by 6 1/2 feet and 8 feet on the lakeside side.

Cushman indicated at the hearing that other buildings around the lake are tall and have shed roofs. He displayed a parking plan showing off-road parking for 4 or 5 cars. The renovation is described as a seasonal bunkhouse with a studio and storage. A review of history cards shows the building has undergone several renovations from 1967 through 2014. In 1967, it is shown as a 1-room with a hall bath. In 1993, it was listed as a bunkhouse, with 1 bedroom and a 1/2 bath. In 2015, it was a best house/range with 1 room and a 1/2 bath.

Ahnters expressed concern with the proposed history building being tall, linear and rectangular and changing the aesthetic of the Canaan Lake shoreline.

Cushman explained that the proposed building would have 602 wft of habitable space, not including the basement area. The plan is to tear down the present structure, including the basement, and reconstruct a new center form. The plan is to tear down the present structure, including the basement, and reconstruct a new center form. The plan is to tear down the present structure, including the basement, and reconstruct a new center form.

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Charlie Evans of Placebased Farm and Bakery leads a group of Starbuck through a Grow Your Own! event taking workshop held Feb. 3 at the Center for an Agricultural Economy. Twenty-three people attended the event and view their own plans of the design to build a farm. Grow Your Own! is sponsored by the Hardwick Area Food Project. NEX kids on the move and CAE.

## Center for an Agricultural Economy Puts Place-Based Learning in Action

by **Michael Bielawski**

**HARDWICK** — The notion of getting kids out of the classroom and into a popular talking point. Now, the Center for an Agricultural Economy (CAE) is putting the idea into practice with a program that coordinates opportunities for "place-based learning" for local students. Reeve Lison, education and agricutural coordinator for the CAE, is spearheading the effort. She started working with them in early 2016. Her background includes six years of elementary teaching, in addition to work in food and agriculture.

"I certainly feel like a really wonderful alignment of what I've been involved with, both in terms of my career as a public-school educator and in other educational settings," she said. "The role that I'm only able to connect with the community in a really wonderful and meaningful way."

She coordinates various projects with each of the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union schools. One of these projects involves a group of four students at Hezen Union, who are working with the cafeteria staff to revive the long-gone grow their own local produce.

The project is still in the early stages, the students are getting to know the staff and what they can do to help.

"The kids have started out by trying to understand what's already going on in the cafeteria, so that our

they are not imposing ideas without a foundation of understanding some of the systems that are already in place and the history of the greenhouse," she said. "And that also sets up a more collaborative approach to the project."

A couple of Hezen Union freshman students were able to share their experience.

"I think it's fun, better than just sitting in the classroom and listening to the teacher talk," Madison Bartlett said. "We actually get to interact with the teachers and get their point of view and just more about understanding the school."

Mr. Cousins here science teacher and Mark Conlady. We do most of it and let them just help and to help with the bigger steps," she said. "It's

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## Development Board Member Appointed

by **Michael Bielawski**

**HARDWICK** — East Hardwick Resident Kate Brooke will serve the remaining two years of a three-year seat on the Development Review Board, as the select board appointed her to the position at last week's meeting.

According to the board, she has done her homework for the position.

"I sounds like from what you have written in your letter you have investigated what that position entails," board chair Eric Lemke said.

A Waterbury native, Brooke recently moved to East Hardwick from Portland, Oregon. She works for an accounting firm doing resource management for over 200 Oregon employees.

She was asked what specific skill-set and philosophy she would bring.

"I do work for an accounting firm but, not being an accountant any more, communication and people management is probably the biggest that I work in," she said.

That could be ideal, she hopes that at a prior meeting board member Danny Hale had asked that the job is about "helping people what to do with their land."

Police Officer Christine Goggin has his police report. He called some

## Q&A

The Hardwick Select Board voted on December 21 to hire an additional police officer. Meet with a number of readers have asked: Q: How much will the new police officer cost? A: The cost is initially be added to a 3-year, \$125,000 Department of Justice CPPS grant.

## Budgeted Amounts

	FY20	FY21	FY22
Total	\$75,531.01	\$83,217.75	\$88,022.87
CPPS Grant	\$59,815.27	\$45,786.00	\$119,908.73
offset			\$0.00
Two-year expenditure	\$18,715.74	\$37,431.75	\$68,224.40

Source: hardwickvt.org

Workers from Leobusch Construction of East Birens install steel work on the town of Hardwick's new 2,500-square-foot municipal solid storage building, located on Creamery Road.

## Rite-Aid Begins Transition with Walgreens Pharmacy

by **Doug McClure**

**HARDWICK** — As January drew to a close, the first steps in transitioning the Hardwick Rite-Aid to a Walgreens got underway. Rite-Aid, in Morrisville, Montpelier, and Waterbury also began the transition. Aside from new signage with the Walgreens logo, other major changes are being begun.

The pharmacy department changeover from Rite-Aid's systems to Walgreens' on the January 1st. Despite a short-lived transition period, Walgreens pharmacy workers at the Hardwick store say the transition went smoothly.

"They did a good job of giving us a lot of advance information. They told us what would happen, what to expect, and what to do, and there were no major problems," said one worker.

According to Walgreens, this pharmacy changeover is their second two-step process. For now, the prescription is filled at a Rite-Aid with a Walgreens pharmacy can only be



using the Walgreens app or website until the transition is complete.

Programs such as wellness and Health card, Rite-Aid coupons and circulars will continue to be valid until the store is fully transitioned after which time customers can enroll in the Walgreens Balance Rewards program. Walgreens also participated in the Walgreens Pharmacy discount card and Rite-Aid customers can now get those from the Walgreens pharmacy.

The entire transition process is expected to take up to the three years, according to Walgreens. Walgreens does not plan any staff changes because of the changeover.

This is the latest change in pharmacies in Hardwick. Cox Pharmacy closed after it was destroyed in the massive downtown blast in 1992, and Brooks became an Rite-Aid. Rite-Aid was founded in Stratton, Pennsylvania, in 1962. Walgreens was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1901, and still has its corporate headquarters there.

Photo by Vanessa Fournier



Tom Jennings and his wife, Leanna Farrier, told traditional folk tales at a Lenoxing Union School Jan. 3.

## In Sports

**Twinfield Girls Continue to Improve**  
**Cats Survive Flu Bug and Sweep the Week**  
**Cabot Girls Gain Ground with Big Win**

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