

Victor Conservation Board Candidate Criteria

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Criteria for Board Candidates

A close working relationship is key to the Conservation Board continuing as a viable, productive organization. We are constantly in the position of recommending actions over which we have no power.

What keeps us going?

- A strong belief that our efforts have some effect, no matter how slight.
- A strong belief Victor must protect the environment if it wants to nurture a unique, healthy community.
- A strong belief that there is support in the community for preserving environmentally sensitive areas.
- And, above all, camaraderie among Board members that enables us to laugh about our rather tenuous position, to regroup when we have lost well-fought debates, to have fun.

Because of these somewhat intangible qualities, the Conservation Board must play a pivotal role in selecting members.

The Conservation Board seeks candidates who:

1. Have a genuine desire to support the mission, vision and goals of the Conservation Board;
2. Have an interest in and appreciation for the environment;
3. Are able to listen, communicate effectively and work as team members with a willingness to cooperate and reach group consensus;
4. Are open minded and have a sense of humor;
5. Have a commitment to attending every regularly scheduled meeting; willing to participate in extra meetings when needed;
6. Have the time to devote to reading background material on projects;
7. Are knowledgeable regarding environmental issues;
8. Are willing to attend site walks; and,
9. Understand that the Board is purely an advisory board.

Desirable but not mandatory:

1. Computer/e-mail/internet skills (we communicate via e-mail.)
2. Background in environmental sciences
3. Background in engineering
4. Experience with reading site plans
5. Understands importance of maintaining Board credibility
6. Writing ability
7. Brings specific knowledge base or skill to Board