

of Trustees.

Beach's status as a board member had been in limbo for several months as he held out on a decision to remain.

But he sent a letter to the Clinton County Legislature Tuesday saying he would resign from the 10-member board effective Jan. 31.

gret, but knowing that the college is well situated for the new century," Beach wrote.

Beach, of Altona, who served on the CCC board for 15 years, also asked

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C. Randall Beach

ble replacements.

Trombley said he has several

Legislator Sam Trombley, who represents that area, for a list of three or four names of possible

ness to do," Garrant said.

Beach's departure will create two empty seats on the board.

Margaret Kennedy resigned last month after serving for 23 years.

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that could let him in ability with full pay.

Detective Kurt Tobrocke he injured the City Police park while trying to get it adding that the activated an old knee in He's been off active Jan. 11 and is expected desk duty today, according to Police Chief Matt Booth.

Tobrocke was pending last month being arrested in Canada on charges he tried to make an arrest in Bec while drunk.

The 47-year-old detective was heading back to New York from a conference in Mor when he made the rest.

Mayor Clyde Bideau confirmed at the time of the alleged incident, Tobrocke he was tiring.

The detective was for two weeks, returned and reportedly for about three weeks. Because of the dent, Tobrocke is for disability status, coup wages lost and expenses incurred from his injury.

But with that status eligible to file for ability with the state grants him the pension Tobrocke would get of his pay.

With overtime duties with the termination Task earned \$66,000 last

However, because officials claim is error" in its contract union, Tobrocke

DEC examining bids for PCB cleanup in bay

By JEFF MEYERS
Staff Writer

PLATTSBURGH — The state is making its final preparations before beginning to clean the PCB-contaminated sludge bed in Cumberland Head.

The Department of Environmental Conservation has received seven bids from contractors interested in the project and is now reviewing the lowest bid from a firm based in Buffalo.

"We will be issuing a notice (of approval) once we've reviewed the contracting process," said Robert Edwards, DEC project manager. "We're still on schedule to start removal this summer. Everything is going smoothly."

Edwards was in Plattsburgh Wednesday night to discuss the portion of the cleanup that deals with the Cumberland Bay beaches and the beach disposal area being used by Cumberland Bay State Park.

When the sludge bed near Wilcox Dock was identified as containing PCBs in 1992, the

New York State Health Department voiced concern about wood chips and other debris washing up on shore.

The state then tested the debris and found elevated PCB levels in some samples. Officials then decided to remove the debris from the beach on a regular basis.

"We plan on continuing to do that as long as debris continues to wash up on shore," Edwards said. "We expect the volume of material to drop off dramatically once we've started removing the sludge bed."

But the state has decided not to take any more action with the debris in the campsite's disposal area, on northern side of Route 314 across from the campsite.

"Over the past 20 years, the state park has been cleaning the beach and placing the debris at the disposal site," Edwards said. "They called us with concern about possible contamination, but PCB levels we found there are well below any level of concern."

The state also tested surface water near the pile of debris and found no PCB contamination

there, either.

Only a handful of people were on hand at Wednesday's hearing, and their major concern was the schedule for removing the sludge bed itself. Edwards said construction on a dewatering plant and water-treatment facility will begin within the next few months, and actual removal of the sludge bed should start by June.

The entire project should take three years, including removal of all buildings and equipment and restoration of the wetland that lies on shore adjacent to Wilcox Dock. Dredging should take only two years, Edwards said.

The project includes the construction of a boat ramp between Wilcox Dock and the breakwater to the south. The ramp will remain when the project is complete, but Edwards said plans for access to the ramp, including parking space, has not yet been finalized.

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County hires firm to study impact of adding tonnage at dump

By JOE LoTEMPLIO
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PLATTSBURGH — The Clinton County Legislature agreed to hire an Albany firm to do an independent study of the landfill.

C.T. Male Associates will review the landfill to see what the impact will be of bringing more garbage in each year.

Casella Waste Management of Vermont, which leases the land-

fill from the county, wants to increase the tonnage it dumps each year from 125,000 tons to 175,000 tons.

But a group of citizens is against the idea of bringing in more garbage, citing environmental, traffic and philosophical concerns.

The County Legislature approved Casella's request for more garbage last year, but before it can be implemented, an environ-

mental review must be done.

The county agreed to hire an independent firm to do the study.

C.T. Male was one of three firms submitting bids, and its bid of \$5,700 was chosen.

The firm of Clough Harbor and Associates also of Albany, submitted a bid of only \$1,300, but officials there did not sign a form saying the firm had nothing to do with Casella, said Legislator Keith Defayette (D-Area 5).

"We had to be absolutely sure that whatever company did this had no ties to Casella, and this company (C.T. Male) came up clean," Defayette said.

The firm of U.S. Facilities Management was the third bidder and its bid was for about \$12,000.

Defayette said he hopes C.T. Male can complete the study within 30 days.

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