



# TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



## **Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019**

Present: Ellen Rosano, Don Allard, Ben Mastaitis and Laura Weed

Member Rosano reported on the Planning Board meeting: Rossetti Development Corp., proposal to build a 45,000 sq. ft. warehouse on Lear Jet Dr. There was no vote taken. Plan to be reviewed again at a later board meeting, requested changes to the plan must be incorporated before final approval by the Board.

Two other plans presented will be reviewed at the next CAC meeting.

Member Rosano reported on the DCC meeting held 1/9/19. Two plans were presented at the DCC meeting. A complex consisting of a retail space, apartment building and an assisted living residence. The site for this complex is the old Hoffman Playland site located on Rt. 9.

The second plan discussed the Pathway to Learning BOCES project located at 10c Airline Dr. New construction of a 44,000 sq. ft. building two stories. ODA will be needed. Students from 15 different school districts will be attending the school. School is designed for students who require a different type of educational setting.

Member Rosano gave a report on green infrastructure from the program offered at HVCC.

Conservation Day- Order has been placed with the Saratoga Nursery. Changes had to be made to the order developed by the CAC. The recommendations made were from the Saratoga Nursery and Cooperative Extension. The following trees and small shrubs have been ordered: Douglas Fir, Highbush Cranberry, Grey Dogwood, Pussy Willow, Eastern Red Cedar, Serviceberry, Winterberry, Witch hazel, Button Bush, Virginia Rose, Flowering Dog Wood Arrowwood, Nannyberry and Red Osier Dog Wood.

Member Weed suggested that the CAC try to secure the Linden Tree for our Conservation Day as it is the Town designated tree.

Carol Henry from Cooperative Extension will be sending Master gardeners to Conservation Day to provide information and to do soil testing. Her number is 518-765-3500 x 3516.

Member Mastaitis will contact the Audubon Society regarding their participation in Conservation Day.

Member Allard will contact the Fort Orange Club for their participation in Conservation Day.

Presently conservation day is scheduled to be held at the Library. However, the construction will be on-going. CAC may have to get creative with the placement of the tables.

Member Allard reminded the members of the round table taking place on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Colonie Library, 5-7-30, regarding CAC and associated committees. There will also be a webinar on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11 o'clock, presented by DEC., topic is an update of the Biological Control of Water Chestnut

Next Regional Planning Commission event will be held 4/24/19 at HVCC.

Meeting adjourned at 8 o'clock.