



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2018

Attendance : Members Rosano, Weed, Allard, Mastaitis, Brennan and Town Board Member Whalen.

Site Plan Review:

798 Albany Shaker Rd. British American Plaza: Hotel and 3-story office building. Proposed project site is in an historic overlay district. Proposed Greenspace: 88.5%. Members requested a tree inventory be completed and copies of landscaping plans which should include wildlife corridors to allow for wildlife to safely move around the site. Members also recommended that final plans include an electric charging station and LED lighting.

33-45 Forts Ferry Rd.: Mixed use 2-story office building and 3-story senior living facility. Proposed project site slopes downward and includes non-jurisdictional wetlands. Proposed Greenspace 65.1%. Members requested a tree survey be completed and that due diligence used to avoid disturbing the wetlands. Members also recommended the final plans include an electric charging station and LED lighting.

Attendees reported on the following items:

Members Rosano and Allard attended the recent PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) meeting and advised the Council that the National Heritage Foundation will provide the town technical assistance of a student intern. The intern will assist the town by using Google maps to identify and map the location of the invasive Japanese Knotweed that is growing alongside town roads. The town will use the maps and project data to avoid mowing in the areas where the knotwood weed is growing to prevent spreading the weed seeds.

Member Rosano reported that Colonie has been designated a Clean Energy Community and has qualified for grant funding from NYSERDA that will allow the town to install LED street lights on a section of Central Ave.

Member Whalen reported on her recent meeting with Colonie OGS staff regarding high impact action items recommended by NYSERDA to reduce the energy usage of town buildings and facilities. Additional follow-up meetings with town staff to discuss this issue will be scheduled.

Member Brennan reported on the February 13th Planning Board meeting which included the following projects:

Tralongo Office Building 1214 Loudon Rd

Sketch Plan Review - construct two office buildings: a two-story 12,000 sq ft building and a one-story 5,671 sq ft building. Proposed project is located in the conservation overlay area and includes constrained land and wetlands. Plans include an underground stormwater management system. Greenspace exceeds 40%. It was reported that there are no large mature trees on the property. Nearby residential properties bordering the project will be buffered by current scrub pines and other smaller trees. Surrounding buffer will also provide a needed wildlife corridor.

Rosetti Warehouse Building 2 Lear Jet Lane

Sketch Plan Review - construct a one-story 45,500 sq ft warehouse that includes a 5,500 sq ft office component. Proposed project land includes wetlands and a stream that runs through the property. The board recommended that the truck loading and parking area be screened by trees or shrubs to block view on Wade Rd. Project includes a 100 ft buffer from the wetlands and a stormwater management system. Board had serious concerns regarding truck traffic entering and exiting the project location.

Safelight Warehouse/Manufacturing Building 327 Old Niskayuna Rd

Sketch Plan Review - construct a one-story 39,500 sq ft manufacturing/warehouse facility. Proposed project is located on the Schenectady/Niskayuna aquifer and includes wetlands. Front of property has several large mature maple trees which should be preserved. Porous pavement will be used in the parking lots and the landscape design should include wildlife corridors.

Mobil Air Transport 160 Sicker Road

Sketch Plan Review - construct a one- story 21,000 sq ft office and warehouse building in a ABA Zoning District. Incentive zoning will be applicable. The project's current greenspace is 29.8%. Board advised the developer to consider reconfiguring the project on the land to increase green space to at least 35%. Developer is also considering eliminating several of the parking spaces to increase green space to required percentage. For the official report of the Feb. 13 Colonie Planning Board meeting agenda items, please see Coloniepedd.org.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Motion made by Member Allard and seconded by Member Weed.