



## TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



### **Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2017**

Attendees: Chairperson Ellen Rosano and members Don Allard, Mike Brennan, Laura Weed and Linda Whelton.

Rosano distributed two brochures of invasive species of concern in New York State.

Whelton went over the notes taken at the Planning Board meeting of February 7, 2017. Green space to be reduced from 25% to 18% with the expansion of the Laguna Mobile Car Wash at 610 Troy-Schenectady Road. The site complied with the Town's green space requirement until NYS reconfigured Exit 6 off the Northway. Mitigation fees will be paid. There was also a lengthy discussion with people from the neighborhood near the proposed Stewarts on Fuller Road. Concerns were mainly around traffic and noise issues, but the close proximity of tanks so near a residential area was also discussed.

Plans for a warehouse at 83 Karner Road were reviewed. The lot is currently vacant, but in an area with other warehouses, businesses and trucking firms. There will be almost 50% green space, but the CAC is recommending that landscaping be added to extend the existing line of trees on the sides of the property.

Weed attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting. Development within Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) areas of the Town was discussed with a recommendation that mitigation fees be set for development in those areas. A grant will be written for money available through Tree City USA for possible use to conduct a tree inventory.

Corinne Steinmiller has been approved to join the CAC beginning March 9, 2017. She has a degree in wildlife technology.

There was an update on where the CAC is in planning this year's Conservation Day. It has been confirmed that representative from the Pine Bush Preserve Commission and Cornell Cooperative Extension will attend this year. Brennan and Kulkarni will be contacting the key clubs of South Colonie and Shaker High Schools for assistance in packing trees the evening before the event.

The meeting was adjourned.