



# TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



## **Town of Colonie - Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2016**

Attendance: Members Rosano, Whelton, Allard, Weed, Liaison Jennifer Whalen

Member Whelton made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, Member Allard seconded the motion.

Old Business- Review of site at 250 Old Loudon Rd: This site was reviewed at the last meeting and recommendations were made regarding the white pine selection for a border, spacing is important with these plantings to ensure the desired effect is garnered.

Volunteers are needed for Conservation Day- The local high schools are usually contacted through the key clubs. However, more volunteers are needed. Liaison Whalen requested information regarding volunteering to be distributed at her sons school for additional workers.

Member Weed is currently teaching an Environmental; Ethics Course at St. Rose and is encouraging her students to attend a CAC meeting and if available to wrap trees for Conservation Day.

New Business- Member Allard spoke of the work currently being done on Sand Creek Road. The project which is developing a wet land area as part of a mitigation arrangement with the Town, is moving quickly.

Member Weed and Rosano attended the EAB meeting held in Troy. The CAC and the Planning Dept. will work in conjunction to apply for a grant. There are monies available through DEC. The grant will be written requesting funds to have an inventory done of the trees on town property and to develop a maintenance program for the trees. Applications should be coming out in Feb. Time to complete the grant request will be limited.

Attendance-Members: Weed, Rosano, Brennan, Allard, Liaison Whelan and community member Lisa Barron.

Change to the current calendar assignments, Member Brennan to attend planning board meetings for the month of February. Member Rosano will attend the planning board meetings for the month of August.

Member Brennan reported on the planning board meeting of 2/9/16: Plans reviewed: Route Nine Square-Final, Mitola Dental Office-Sketch, Ventura Conservation Subdivision-Concept acceptance, Colonie ASC Medical Office-Concept, Audi Albany-Final, Precision Industrial Maintenance-Update, Loudon Road Subdivision-Sketch and Gordon Apartments-Update. For further detailed information regarding this meeting please see Planning Board Minutes of 2/18/16.

Review of the Zebra Tech Warehouse Project located on Curry Road.

1. Project is a redevelopment
2. Current building is to be demolished, new building to be built on current building pad site
3. Current driveway is to be used
4. Parcel is located at the rear of the property owned by the Pine Bush
5. Proposed trees and shrubs are appropriate for the site. They are not regulated or prohibited
6. Zoning is appropriate

Council does not have any recommendations to forward to the planning board.

Liaison Whelan reported that the village of Colonie would be responsible for the liter cleanup of a particular section of Central Avenue. Member Allard will contact officials of the Village regarding same.

Members Allard and Rosano relayed information received at a PRISM meeting recently held in Clifton Park. PRISM is the capital Mohawk Primary Regional Invasive Species Management. Members Allard and Rosano are members of the Conservation subcommittee of the committee. The committee is charged with identifying (5) invasive species, designating one and developing a plan to deal with the removal and prevent the further spread of the species.

Member Allard and Weed provided recent addressing environmental issues. A violation of the clean air act is being addressed by County Executive Dan McCoy in the form of a suit against the offending company. Member Weed presented an article discussing the displacement of wildlife related to the development of lands previously undisturbed.