



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie - Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2016

Attendance: Members Weed, Whelton, Allard, Brennan and Rosano and Community Member Lisa Barron.

Member Rosano made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and Member Brennan seconded the motion.

Correction to the Feb. 18 meeting minutes: It was previously reported that the Village of Colonie would be responsible for the litter cleanup of a section of Rt 155 near Albany St. However, that area is actually in the town and therefore, it will be the responsibility of the town for litter clean-up.

Member Brennan reported on the planning board meeting of 2/23/16:

- Shelter Cove PDD - 1308 Loudon Road
 - Application for revised landscaping plans for carriage homes
- Lupe Way Rezoning - 8 Lupe Way
 - Application for Rezoning recommendation to Town Board
- Barbera Homes Office/Warehouse - 208 Morris Road
 - Sketch Plan Review
- Gaffers Court Mixed Use - 3 Gaffers Court
 - Board Update on Revised Project

For further detailed information regarding this meeting, please see Planning Board Minutes of 2/23/16.

Two proposed projects plans were reviewed:

Stewart's Shop #421 - 186 Troy Schenectady Road

Landscaping plan indicates 40% green space.

The committee's recommended changes to the plan were:

Increase the number of arborvitae by 18 for a total of 39 to allow for a staggered shrub line buffer. Replace the proposed burning bushes, which are a regulated species by DEC. Alternatives to be considered are: blueberry, red or black gooseberry, gray dogwood, dwarf hybrid or large commercial or witherod viburnum. Also suggested was including dwarf trees in the rear area near the dumpster site.

Summit Senior Living - 33 and 45 Forts Ferry Road.

Landscape plan indicates 67% green space

The project will result in the removal of many trees on the property. The committee recommends that where possible as many pine trees and other hard wood trees should be maintained and trees replaced where possible. Current buffers along the property line will be maintained.

New Business: Committee discussed plans for Conservation Day 2016 promotional materials updates to include information about the availability of soil testing by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Also discussed were ideas for participation of other local conservation organizations and community groups at the event. North and South Colonie Key Club members as well as other student groups will be invited to assist the committee on Friday, May 6th with the bagging and preparation of the tree seedling for distribution.