



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2019

Attendees: Members Rosano, Whelton, Allard, Weed, Mastaitis and Brennan

Minutes of the February 21 meeting were reviewed and approved for distribution.

Member Brennan provided an update of the February 26, 2019 Planning Board Meeting agenda items:
BOCES Educational Building - 10C Airline Drive - Sketch Plan Review

Two-story 22,127 sq.ft. educational building, 3.2 acres of land which includes wetlands. Waiver will be needed because the building will exceed the 20 ft. setback. Parking requirements will be shared using the nearby lot for the NYS Agriculture and Market building.

J. Luke Office - 767 Troy Schenectady Road - Board Update

Three story 48,750 sq.ft. office building with 217 parking spaces Northwestern Mutual Insurance Building on 2.8 acres with parking underneath building. The landscape design includes a buffer for surrounding residential houses which will include two rows of staggered trees and a vinyl fence. In front of the building there will be trees and plantings along with a metal fence. Greenspace 37.7%. Waivers will be needed to reduce the parking spaces from the 217 required by code to the proposed 194 spaces and to reduce or eliminate parking islands. Land is not level and will need grading which will require removal of most of the trees.

Starbucks - KRE Colonie Center, 15 Wolf Road (aka 131 Colonie Center) - Board Update

One-story 2,025 sq.ft. building located on the Central Ave. side of the mall in the parking lot previously used for a snow storage area. Building will include a drive-thru window. The Board requested shrub screening for the dumpster and clear delineation of the north side of the project with curbing and landscaping. See coloniepedd.org for an official transcript of the meeting.

Plans reviewed:

Ridgeview Meadows - 1126 Loudon Rd.

24 lots, 3 of which will be devoted to stormwater management. Construction of 21 single family homes. Current Greenspace 16.90 acres Proposed Greenspace: 7.05 acres. After meeting with the neighbors, the developer has modified the project's access road design, locations of proposed house designs and stormwater management ponds. Members were concerned that the plan indicates that the houses will be built on the most heavily wooded areas of the land. Members also recommended removal of all ash trees on the site.

Cold Springs - 499 & 507 Albany Shaker Rd.

Construction of 38 single family homes in a conservation subdivision. Proposed establishment of no cut buffer that will be enforced by the homeowners' association. The design also includes porous pavement, a 25 ft. buffer from properties bordering the back of the development and a community playground site. Council will further review the proposal at an upcoming meeting.

Member Rosano announced that Mary Beth Kolozsary, Siena College Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, will attend the April 4 Council meeting to discuss continuing town projects focused on mapping, controlling and eliminating invasive species plants in the town public areas.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.