



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



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

Members present included Ben Mastaitas, Ellen Rosano, Laura Weed, Linda Whelton, Sudhir Kulkarni, Mike Brennan and Don Allard

CAC minutes for Feb 15th approved by member Mastaitas and chairperson Rosano seconded

February 27 2018 Planning Board presented by Mike Brennan

Shaker Pointe, Phase 4 - 357 Watervliet Shaker Road Amendment to Final Phase 4 of PDD: before the Planning Board for Final Approval. Configuration of building was changed with one more apartment added....for a total of 35 apartment units. **Approved**

Century Hill Plaza Office 15 & 16 Plaza Drive Application for Concept Acceptance - Two-story 40,000 sq. ft. office; Five-story offices totaling 228,000 sq. ft.; and a Four-story 67,830 sq. ft. office. Waiver requested to reduce the number of parking spaces based on their study findings that show their parking lots are one-third vacant on a daily basis. (Perhaps CAC could consider recommend to Planning and Development modify the current formula for calculating parking spaces for future projects to allow for more green space.) Member Brennan inquired about a landscape plan to which the developer responded that it would be provided. Neighborhood resident expressed concern about the increased development in the Rt 9 and 9R area and the resulting high volume of traffic. Approved by Planning Board

Crisafulli Warehouse 348 Old Niskayuna Rd Application for Concept Acceptance to build a 63,357 sq ft warehouse. 35.4% greenspace. Proposed tenant will be light industrial and no hazardous materials will be stored on site. Board recommended additional landscape buffering and downward LED lighting to shield residents on both sides of the project site. Concern expressed regarding storm water run-. Developer responded that the storm water management plan will include infiltration basins and that all storm water will be managed on-site and not negatively impact neighbors. Approved by Planning Board.

Mitola Dental Office 1240 Loudon Road Application for SEQRA and Final Approval 4,100 sq. ft. professional office. On conservation overlay district and 40% of the land must be conserved. Active farm area. Resident owner of surrounding farm stated that they will continue to use pesticides. **Approved**

For complete information regarding the status of projects and/or public comment, please see Planning Board minutes at Town of Colonie PEDD website.

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Extension of Aviation Rd and related properties discussed.

March 6, 2018 Planning Board Meeting presented by Don Allard

British American Plaza – Phase I 798 Albany Shaker Rd. Before the Planning Board for Application for Concept Acceptance Member Allard presented CAC Comments to PB including request for developer to show E-car charging stations on Final Plan; to include landscaping plans; to remove ash trees if found due to EAB infestation; to leave a wildlife corridor between hotel and office buildings and to consider use of porous pavement. Developer to use E-car charging stations and stated that soil geology was not conducive to porous pavement.

Chairman Stuto from PB requested additional info on E-car charging stations. NYSERDA could be contacted to give a seminar to Planning Board and Planning Dept on this subject.

Sunrise Development Mixed Use – 836 Troy Schenectady Rd, Before the Planning Board for Application for Revised Final Plan Approval and Incentive Zoning. Developer stated structural changes will reduce greenspace from 55% to 51%. Approved.

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Member Whelton noted that 2018 will be CAC's 50th anniversary.

Saturday May 5th is Conservation Day.

Ellen gave out various assignments for Conservation Day

CAPMO Prism Interns from Siena College to present before CAC and Town Board members on April 5 at 7:00pm before regular CAC meeting. Also discussed using Siena College interns for hands-on portion of the Japanese Knotweed project.

Chairman mentioned possible CAC involvement with Siena College Farm to Table Day at Siena College

Motion to close meeting from Member Weed and seconded by Member Kulkarni