



# TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



## **Town of Colonie - Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016**

Attendance: Members Weed, Whelton, Allard, Brennan, Kulkarni and Rosano and Community Members Lisa Barron and Cathy Love.

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

Member Brennan reported on the Planning Board meeting of 3/8/16:

- **Parkside at the Crossings - Mulberry Drive**  
**Application to amend prior PDD**
- **Crossings Apartments - 23 and 40 Aviation Road**  
**Board Update on Revised Elevations**  
Presented by Crisafulli Associates  
DPW/PEDD Review
- **CGM Subdivision - 621 Boght Road**  
**Application for Concept Acceptance**  
23 Lot Residential Subdivision
- **Goldstein Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram 1 Autopark Drive**  
**Sketch Plan Review**  
Raze existing dealership and replace with a new 44,000 sq. ft. dealership  
Presented by Hershberg & Hershberg
- **Colonie Senior Service Center, Inc. PDD 11 Elks Lane**  
**Board Update**  
48,400 sq. ft. three-story 100 senior apartments and garages  
Presented by Hershberg & Hershberg

For further detailed information regarding this meeting, please see the 3/8/16 Planning Board Minutes.

### **New Business:**

Members discussed recent applications for concept acceptance for subdivisions on land that has significant stormwater drainage problems and where neighboring homeowners have voiced strong concerns about approving the projects because of potential damage to their property from stormwater. Based upon this discussion, Member Allard suggested that the Planning Board should consider a moratorium on approving development on land that has significant stormwater drainage issues.

The committee also suggested that the Planning Board should encourage developers to include rain gardens, tree retention and other conservation focused design elements in their stormwater design proposals to minimize soil erosion that could lead to increasing stormwater problems.

Member Rosano provided an update on the class "Plant This NOT That" by Kerry Mendez recently offered by Faddagons Nursery. Ms. Mendez encouraged the planting of hardy, non-invasive plants that are drought tolerant.

Member Weed reported that the NY Releaf (DEC) will hold a conference at Skidmore College on July 15. Member Weed will chair a session on the topic: Sustainable Urban Forestry.

Other upcoming events are:

Earth Day Celebration - 4/17 at Washington Park, Albany

Arbor Day Celebration - 4/29 at Wallenberg & Broadway - Wallenberg Park, Albany

Conservation Day Update:

The tree order was reviewed to ensure that 1,300 trees are available for distribution. Other issues discussed were:

Requesting publicity to be inserted in local newspapers (Chronicle and Spotlight).

Contacting other conservation organizations (Audubon Society, Pine Bush) to encourage their participation in the event.

Event flier will include information that soil testing will be available.

Contacting library personnel to ensure the tables and tent will be available for use and the banner will be displayed in front of the library.

Volunteer participation will be requested from town high schools Key Clubs and other clubs and other local colleges.

Producing thank you certificates to volunteers and participating groups.

Requesting banana boxes requested from Hannaford and bags from the Times Union