



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2019

Attendees: Members Rosano, Whelton, Allard, Weed, Mastaitis, Kulkarni and Brennan
Jack Spath, legal counsel assigned to the CAC, attended the meeting and answered members' legal questions related to project reviews.

Member Rosano attended the recent Tree City USA breakfast meeting. Meeting discussions included a youth conservation program in Syracuse, tree inventory in Utica and impact of invasive species in surrounding areas.

CAC members thanked member Weed for representing the council on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Member Weed ensured that the CAC issues and goals were included in the committee's discussions.

Member Rosano reported that Rob Cole of the DEC will participate at the Conservation Day event. And, there will be a banner announcing the 50th anniversary of the Conservation Day event.

Plans Reviewed:

Radike Project - 614 Albany Shaker Rd. 219 unit apt. bldg. and 61 unit assisted living bldg. Greenspace - 77.7%. CAC recommended preserving the mature trees where possible and requested a copy of the landscaping plan and due diligence with protecting the nearby sole source aquifer.

Chase Bank - 873 Loudon Rd. Landscape plan includes removing infested trees on the site and adding landscaped parking lot islands. Member Brennan provided an update of the March 12, 2019 Planning Board Meeting agenda items:

Luizzi Office and Warehouse - 950 5 the Street Application for Concept Acceptance Subdivide existing 82 acres and construct new office building 10,000 sq.ft.; 2 warehouse buildings (10,000 and 15,000 sq. ft.) and a maintenance building 15,000 sq.ft. Proposed land is a contaminated brownfield and the Board requested an environmental assessment to be completed and the report to be submitted to the town for review. 42% greenspace. An onsite pond will be used for stormwater management. Board requested berming and buffering to screen the warehouse and truck parking areas from neighboring residents. Neighbors commented that the site is currently in very poor condition and is littered with garbage. Many voiced concerns about the contamination of the site and how developing the property may spread the contamination to their properties, air quality and noise from truck traffic. The developer commented that no hazardous materials will be stored on the property and that he has experience contracting with licensed environmental clean-up specialists when undertaking other brownfield projects he has completed. Developer has requested banking parking spaces to expand greenspace. Concept acceptance was approved.

Ridgeview Meadows Subdivision - 1126 Loudon Road for Concept Acceptance. 24 lots, 21 single family houses and 3 lots devoted to stormwater management. Proposed green space is 7.05 acres. Project design will include pedestrian walkways and stormwater management ponds. Neighbors commended the developer for meeting with them and incorporating their feedback into the revised project design. Concept acceptance approved. See coloniepedd.org for an official transcript of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.