



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2019

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

Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2019 and March 21, 2019 were approved.

The TOC Comprehensive Plan continues to receive input from the community.

Member Rosano attended the PRISM meeting on Tuesday April 2nd held at The Crossings. Siena College to receive a \$9,200 grant. SUNY Biology Professor spoke about his work with Leaf Allium and Sweet Midge. Also, Bloody Red Shrimp discussed and how it has found its way to the Hudson River (originates from Europe). Phragmites is being controlled using herbicides in Montgomery County. Tivoli Park in Albany uses sheep to control their invasives. Next PRISM meeting is December 17 1pm to 4pm at The Crossings. Member Allard to connect with Siena College and PRISM regarding the CAC initiative for Invasive Species Awareness Week. Permission given by TOC Golf Course for CAC's planned work day in July, concentrated on an area of the Green Nine. The work day would be part of the statewide Invasive Species Awareness Week. PRISM is the statewide organization set up by NYS DEC and stands for Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management. We would concentrate on removal of 3 or 4 invasives. Japanese Knotweed and Oriental Bittersweet come to mind as candidates. Upon removal of the plants we would dry out the whole lot near the maintenance building to the point where the pulled or cut invasives are not a danger to propagate. Finally, although ISAW is scheduled for July 8 - July 14.....we would like to schedule it a bit later.... from July 24-July 30. We would invite anyone interested in helping out and that may include some Siena College students and also people involved in our Capital Mohawk PRISM.... approximately 15 people.

Member Rosano also mentioned that the English Ivy growing on mature trees in The Crossings has been successfully killed.

Conservation Day preparations...save newspapers. Folding tables needed to be found from another source as the annual Book Sale is being held on the same day as Conservation Day at the Library. This could have the added benefit of drawing more people to the event. Fort Orange Garden Club and Audubon Club will not be able to attend Conservation Day. Invitations to groups need to be sent out earlier next year. Flyers will be available as soon as it can be confirmed that Ph testing will be available through the Cornell Cooperative Extension and that compost will be available from the TOC Public Works.

Plans to Review: 947 Troy-Schenectady Road car dealership. Comments to be provided.

Hudson Valley Regional Planning Commission meets April 19th.

iMap Training to be held at the TOC Library April 30th.

Motion to adjourn by member, Weed. Seconded by member, Kulkarni.