



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2018

Present were members, Rosano, Brennan, Weed and Whelton

Siena College presentation of invasive species projects:

Jennifer Dean, Mary Beth Kolozsvary from Laura CAPMO PRISM present for Siena College seniors.....Joe DeMarco and Jillian Marci's presentations:

Japanese Knotweed in the TOC:

- Study area is in Conservation Overlay District
- Pilot Project using Google Street View
- Bounding Boxes where JK are found
- Candidate Boxes where computer finds it.
- Over 2,000 images used to teach the computer
- Images as old as 2011
- iMap Invasive mapping used
- In winter, looking for reddish bamboo looking stalks
- From 8 to 37 sittings from day in the field.
- Avoid digging or mowing up the plant
- Use herbicide to control
- Notification of public to the presence of the JK.
- Planning Department can alert prospective developers and how to treat it.
- Marking so as not to dig up the soils. Soils are quarantined in Great Britain.
- City of Saratogait is an issue for selling properties.
- The tap root grows very deep
- Licensed herbicide applicators in the TOC? Herbicide is injected (hypodermic needle) into the stem of the plant. Labeled for use of JK. Contractors do this work.
- Kills within growing season. Homeowners can use black tarps. Landfills can burn it once a month.
- Don Leopolds Native book.

Oriental Bittersweet in the Fox Preserve and TOC

- Oriental Bittersweet wraps around the plant and strangles the plant.
- Herbicides are used to control
- Hand pulling and digging best for smaller plants
- Cut stem and spray with herbicide in the Fall
- Vine cutters crews are used down toward NYC
- Shuts down the photosynthesispull as early in the year as possible.
- Roots are bright orange.
- Audubon has studied extensively.
- American Bittersweet is a substitute
- Nature Conservancy has handouts....with nursery's Go Native
- Plant Nursery to join Conservation Day
- Spencer from CAPMO PRISM helped with both projects.

Regular meeting:

- Don will fix last Meeting Minutes March 15
- Don to send Planning Board Notes for last PB meeting
- Conservation Day
- 1850 seedlings

Safelite Autoglass-327 Old Niskayuna Rd plans reviewed

- Trees along Wade Rd will be maintained; porous pavement to be used for driveway and parking
- 68.3% green space
- Barn is staying
- Landscaping Plan to be sent to town for approval after Concept Approval has been obtained.
- Cleaning solutions used only.
- Bank 8 parking spaces

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

- Motion to adjourn by member, Weed and Member Brennan seconded.