



## TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



### **Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2017**

Attendance: Chairperson Rosano and members Weed, Whelton, Allard, Steinmuller and Brennan.

Members reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the March 16 meeting.

*Member Brennan reported on the Planning Board meeting of March 21, 2017 which included the following projects:*

#### **O'Reilly Auto Parts 1929 Central Avenue - Sketch Plan Review**

Raze existing restaurant and construct a new 15,650 sq. ft. retail building.

Storm water management will be managed in the rear of parking lot near the 50ft. buffer. Conservation easement will be required. Mature trees on the west side of the building will be preserved.

**Pollock Road Conservation Subdivision Application for Concept Acceptance Approved** 46 Building Lots. 48% of the land reserved as green space. Rain gardens were included in the landscape design on every residential lot.

**Cumberland Farms - 1157 Central Avenue Application for Concept Acceptance Approved** Raze former hardware store and construct a 4,786 sq. ft. convenience store and 6 fuel pump canopy. Developer intends on keeping current vegetation in rear of building and supplement additional plantings to provide adequate screening. Storm water management will be provided in the rear of the building near buffer. Evergreens will be added on the Reynolds St. side to buffer residents.

**Donna Drive Extension Subdivision - Application for Concept Acceptance Approved** 23 Lot Residential Subdivision. Developer completed a tree survey which identified 199 trees on the site and indicated that 50 trees will be preserved and 149 trees will be removed. Storm water management is a big concern to the many residents on Alfred Ave. who attended. Wildlife corridor, increased traffic and tree removal were also concerns of residents. Members commented that the tree survey diagram and documentation was very informative and helpful in understanding the impact of the development on the land and potential problems that may occur for residents on Alfred Dr. due to storm water issues.

*Members reported on the following issues:*

Member Allard reported that Colonie has been designated as a Tree City USA. He and Chairperson Rosano attended the 2017 Tree City USA recognition ceremony on March 30 in Albany. Member Allard also discussed the requirements necessary for Colonie to maintain the Tree City designation in 2017.

Member Weed reported that tree cutting has occurred at the site of the Foegtli Farm on Shaker Rd. and additional tree cutting and land grading has occurred at the Maxwell Rd/Margaret Dr. development site. She also reported that the barn at that Foegtli Farm has also been dismantled.

Member Allard invited all council members to join him and others for a Clean-Up Albany St. event the morning of April 8.

#### *Site Plan review:*

The council members reviewed site plans for the O'Reilly Auto Parts redevelopment project at 1929 Central Avenue. Plan documentation indicated 33% green space. Members recommended that mature trees on the site be preserved. The council requested additional information about the types of plantings that will be included in the landscape design be provided including the plantings on the parking lot islands.

Chairperson Rosano made a motion to adjourn the meeting and member Weed seconded the motion.