



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2016

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Attendees: Ellen Rosano, Chairperson and members Don Allard, Mike Brennan, Laura Weed, Sudhir Kulkarni and Linda Whelton plus Colonie resident, Susan Weber

CAC minutes of April 21, 2016 approved by chairperson, Rosano and seconded by member, Weed.

Last minute items regarding Conservation Day discussed:

- Banana boxes to be picked up by member Brennan Friday afternoon at Hannaford – Wolf Rd.
- “Newspaper” bags to be picked up at Times Union by member, Whelton
- Member Kulkarni to pick up trees at Saratoga Tree Nursery with Michele from TOC
- Certificates made by member, Weed
- Chairperson, Rosano to supply water bottles
- Member, Whelton to supply Dunkin Donuts coffee and munchkins
- Discussion regarding how many bags to give out per person/per family (2 and 3 per bag depending on kind of tree)
- FYI, the Linden Tree is the official TOC tree
- There will be soil testing at Conservation Day provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension

Concept Plans reviewed included, Cumberland Farms 1159 Troy Schenectady Road; Siena Heights Subdivision 522 Loudon Road; and Stewart’s Shops – 19 Fuller Road.

CAC Comments:

Stewarts - 19 Fuller Road- Retain two large trees in the western part of the parcel if possible. Regarding the landscaping plan submitted, stagger the two rows of trees for the border. Consider planting two different species of trees.

Cumberland Farms - 1159-1163 include landscaping using non-invasive plantings, recommend leaving trees to the southwest corner of the property uncut, stagger the double rows of trees using two different types of species. Special consideration should be given to the aquifer, which is a sole source aquifer from contamination with petroleum products. Parcel slopes to the back of the property then drops off dramatically.

Siena Heights Subdivision - Site is heavily wooded, with many mature trees and slopes. Plans should indicate distinctly from where the trees will be removed, for the project. CAC recommends preservation of the wetland area. Preservation of a natural corridor for movement for wildlife should be considered. CAC recommends a natural buffer of mature trees be left behind existing homes.