



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2018

Attendance: Members Rosano, Weed, Welton, Kulkami, Allard, Mastaitis, Brennan

Mary Beth Kolozsvary, Ph.D. associate professor from Siena College Environmental Studies Dept., provided an overview of a project that she and a group of her students will be undertaken to assist Colonie with identifying invasive plants on Town owned land. After discussing the project, members selected the following areas for the surveyors to inspect: The bike path along the Mohawk River, Stump Pond, Colonie Crossings and Schuyler Flats. The timeframe for completing the project is: field work to begin in June, draft report prepared starting in July and the final report presented to the CAC in December. Further discussion and refinements to the project's design and scope will continue at upcoming CAC meetings.

The 2018 Conservation Day tree distribution at the Town Library was a success with over 1,500 tree and bush seedlings being distributed to more than 250 town residents who participated in the celebration. Free garden and landscaping compost was also distributed. The most popular seedlings distributed were the nannyberry bush, red osier dogwood and wetland rose. Members discussed possible seedlings types to be included in the 2019 event and also ideas to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Colonie's CAC.

Site Plan Review:

Cumberland Farms 1893 Central Ave: Members recommended that overgrown vines and plants on the property be removed because they may be harming or limiting the growth of the trees on the property. Trees at the rear and side of the property will remain to screen the project from neighboring properties. Members also recommended that trees and shrubs between storm water management area and building remain and be incorporated into the project's landscape plan.

54 Vly Rd. 2 Apartment Buildings - 8 Units (8405 sf) and 10 Units (9350 sf):

Project includes 2.16 acres including 40% greenspace and landscaping design will be in keeping with Town design standards. Project is not in any flood or wetland areas. Mature trees on the property will remain to act as screening for neighboring residents and members recommended additional landscaping for screening.

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Entertainment Complex - 941 Albany Shaker Rd - Application for Sketch Plan Review 1 story, 25,000 sq.ft. indoor entertainment facility with 200 parking spaces and 29 spaces banked. Project location is in airport GEIS area and includes wetlands and a stream. Project plans includes the use of porous pavement. Waivers will be requested to allow for parking in front of the building and reduction in required number of required parking spaces for the size of the facility.

Safelite Autoglass - 327 Old Niskayuna Rd - Application for Concept Acceptance One-story 40,500 sq.ft. building, 30 parking spaces, 8 banked spaces. Concept acceptance approved. Project location in airport GEIS area. Developer will use porous pavement where possible. In response to the Board's request, the developer agreed to preserve the large maple and other trees on the property where possible. The Board requested an update from the developer regarding preserving trees and project landscape design as the project moves forward.

Hotel and Restaurant - 144 Wolf Rd, Application for Final Approval and SEQRA Four-story 110 room hotel and 2 restaurants totaling 13,452 sq.ft. Approved by Board. Developer has hired a landscape architect and the proposed landscape design will increase the current greenspace and will include trees and shrubs. Mature pine trees bordering the project on Automation Lane will remain to provide screening for the neighboring buildings. Shrubs and trees between the project and the neighboring property on Wolf Rd. will be replaced. Project will include a complex stormwater management system that includes pipes and catch basins that will channel any emergency overflow to the state system on Wolf Rd. This should alleviate current drainage and site runoff problems to the neighboring properties. At the request of the Board, the developer agreed to move one of the restaurants back and additional 15 ft. from Wolf Rd. Project will have no negative impact on environment.

Panera - 601 Troy Schenectady Rd. Application for Approval of Waiver. Project plans include additional plantings on the island in the parking lot and along Rt. 2. Board concerned about traffic issues on Troy Schenectady Rd and Aaron St. leading into project. For an official report of the May 8, 2018 Colonie Planning Board meeting agenda items, please see Coloniepedd.org.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Motion made by Member Welton and seconded by Member Weed.