



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2016

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 May 5, 2016 approved by member Weed and seconded by member, Kulkarni.

Rehash of Conservation Day 2016:

Everyone thought it went very well. The weather was sunny and mild.

Need more flowering trees next year; there were perhaps, too many varieties; too many per bag of the Wetland Rose.

Member, Weed gave the breakdown of when we ran out of each variety:

Wetland Rose 200 trees 9:07
Dwarf Sand Cherry 200 trees 9:39
Red Stem Dogwood 200 trees 9:36
Button Bush 100 trees 10:23
Norway Spruce 100 trees 10:37
Douglas Fir 250 trees 10:43
Crab Apple 200 trees 11:11
Tamarac 100 trees 11:14
Pussy Willow 300 trees 11:20
Arrow Wood 200 trees 11:33
Bayberry 300 trees 11:43
Red Pine 100 trees 12:00

Approximately 2,250 trees were given out.

Attendance was uncertain, but estimate of 150 to 250 and there were 96 brochures left.

OverallConservation Day was a big success

It was agreed that we should continue to add conservation related groups....try for adding Audubon Club next year. Another possibility would be the Landis Arboretum.

Member, Allard to supply Member, Whelton with photos to be used in Bulletin Board Display of Conservation Day May 7, 2016.

Planning Board notes for PB Meeting of May 10, 2016 were read and discussed. **For complete information regarding the status of projects and/or public comments, please see Planning Board minutes of 5/10/16 at Town of Colonie PEDD website.**

Continuing discussions have been held regarding CAC's role in advising Planning Board/PEDD on conservation issues related to proposed development projects in the TOC.

A new form is being developed to help CAC in our work. Form would be completed by CAC and given to PEDD after reviewing a project. Current PEDD form item #14 has space for CAC comments, **which should be read for the public record** at Planning Board meetings.

Member, Weed reminded group that the Urban Forestry Grant is available to apply for.

Motion for meeting to adjourn made by Member, Weed and seconded by Chairperson, Rosano.