



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2017

Members present: Sudhir Kulkarni, Ellen Rosano, Don Allard, Laura Weed, Mike Brennan

The meeting began with a clean-up discussion of note taking and planning board reports for the first half of the year.

We reviewed minutes from the April 20 and May 23 2017, and approved them with minor typo corrections.

Planning board report for April 25, 2017: Mike Brennan

Precision Industrial maintenance: Amending Concept acceptance on hold: A study is required for Karner Blue Butterflies, and a wildlife corridor is required residents questioned the materials and trucks that will be stored on site.

Gas Station Mini mart at 736 Loudon Rd. Sketch plan review curb cuts and green space may be a trade off on small lot.

O'Reilly Autoparts: 1390 Central Ave. Applied for waiver request for pavements setback, and request to take trees down in the back, and replace with landscaping: White Pines and Norway Spruce.

Planning Board Report for May 23: Don Allard

Colonie Hills PDD 179 Troy Schenectady Rd. Sketch Plan Review

129 Units on 39 acres 32 for seniors, 46 units for workforce, and 50 units supportive for mentally ill people. Treatment facility on site, but no 24 hour staff. Planning board wants more detail.

Halfmoon Estates Subdivision 261-271 Troy Schenectady Rd.

67 lots conservation subdivision residents point out that there are water issues on Abbey Rd.

Retail Storage Building - 2069 Central Ave 6,755 s.f. one story commercial building. On the corner of Lishakill and Central Ave. Large grove of maple trees on the north edge of this proposed site that screens the neighborhood from the commercial area.

Sunrise Development Mixed use, 836 Troy Schenectady Rd.

2 Story 9,000 sq. ft. office and two story apartment building with a total of 21 units, SEQR Determination and Final Review. Neighbors complained about bald eagles unprotected, storm water concerns, and ugly lighting. Final review was approved.

Project reviews:

Ridgeview Meadows at North Colonie: 1126 New Loudon Rd. Residential and senior housing, dementia center, assisted living complex. Off Weatherbee Ct. and Bergen Wood on the same side of Rt. 9 as the Town Park. Neighbors are concerned about traffic and noise. It will be a conservation development, so housing will be clustered and 40% green space will be preserved. There are federal wetlands on the property. The area is deeply sloped and heavily wooded at present. We need written assurance from the Army Corp of Engineers and the DEC that the wetlands will be protected. We are also concerned about the storm water retention issues. We would like a tree survey of the area, and no clear cutting of the area. We are wondering why only one tree per house is proposed. We would also like to see wild-life corridors preserved.

Don shared an article about solar arrays being used as a car park, and made at GE, and suggested that the Town of Colonie might consider solar panels for parking lots. He also mentioned a Nova video on the water pollution in Flint, Michigan.

Meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm. Sudhir motioned adjournment, Don seconded.