



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2016

Attendees: Chair Ellen Rosano, Sudhir Kulkarni, Don Allard, Linda Whelton, and Laura Weed

Motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2016 Linda Whelton motioned, Sudhir approved.

The committee reviewed the proposed form for evaluating properties at site visits. Several members objected to the form on the grounds that it concerns only trees. The group also thinks that several important issues such as historically sensitive areas, endangered or invasive species, water sources, aquifers, drainage, etc. are within our charge, so the restriction of the form to only trees is too narrow. We tabled the issue for the next meeting.

Don Allard submitted the Planning board report for May 24th, 2016.

The properties discussed were the Pollock Rd. Subdivision at 59 Pollack Rd.

Barbera Homes Offices/Warehouses at 208 Morris Rd.

Dollar General 1935 Central Ave

Cumberland Farms 1159 Troy Schenectady Rd.

See the transcript of the meeting on the PDD website for details.

Laura Weed read the report for the planning board meeting for June 7th

Stewart's Shop 19 Fuller Road Application for Concept Acceptance TDE - CHA Companies

The developer plans to raze existing buildings and replace them with a 3,975 sq. ft. convenience store and four-pump fuel canopy.

TDE Joe Romano: three requested waivers: for requested landscaping interior to the parking lot, to add staggered arborvitae, and proposed masonry garbage container.

Developer requests a modified dumpster location and style, wants trees and a fence instead of an arborvitae wall. He also wants to move curb cuts. He claims this will not impact Catherine St. At Peter Stutto's insistence, the arborvitae were included at the back of the building, but not at the Pinehurst fence line.

K. Dalton: We are not approving tonight, there are too many objections from neighbors.

Abele Tractor 91 Everett Road Sketch Plan Review

52,000 sq. ft. showroom, office & maintenance area Presented by ABD Engineers
TDE – CHA Companies

Developer: DCC has already approved the site. The Abeles have been doing blacksmithing on the property for 150 years, selling and maintaining farm and construction equipment since the 1930s. TDE: storm water planning is an issue, Green Space will be 35%. P. Stuto: seek better internal connectivity; appearances of buildings should be consistent. K. Dalton: A back entrance through Kross Keys would be an advantage.

Donna Drive Ext. Subdivision

100 & 105 Donna Drive and 352 Sand Creek Road Sketch Plan Review
24 lot residential subdivision Presented by ABD Engineering
TDE - CHA Companies

Ted Cillis builders purchased three properties to build homes. The loop on Donna Drive will be completed. K. Dalton raised the issue of preserving mature trees. The curves in the road are sharper than usual, but still adequate for plows and firetrucks.

Other business

Ellen Rosano has been tentatively appointed to the Town's Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. The first meeting is Wednesday, June 22, 2016. The charge of the committee is to review the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and draw a new one for the next several years.

July 12th there will be a seminar on trees after the (abbreviated) Planning Board meeting. The estimated time for the beginning of the seminar is 7:30 pm.

The Call for Proposals has not yet been posted for the DEC proposals for urban forestry grants.

Don discussed an article on invasive insects from the *Times Union*. The article reports that there are 62 species of invasives in the area.

Proposal Review:

Redevelopment project: Goldstein Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, One Autopark Drive. The developer promises 37% green space. The plan is on an aquifer. There is also no detail in the landscaping plan. We encourage the developer to keep the old trees on the property. A berm between the Rt. 9 and the car park would also be an addition to the landscaping plan.

Sudhir Kulkarni motioned to adjourn, and Don Allard seconded. At 8:30 pm.