



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2015

Present Chairman Bob Ulrich, Mike Brennan, Linda Whelton, Ellen Rosano, Sudhir Kulkarni, and Laura Weed,

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Meeting minutes for 4/23 and 6/4 were both approved.

Bob pointed out that there is controversy in the *Spotlight* over the Fuccillo automotive project. Sudhir commented that the local residents are concerned about the curb cuts and traffic.

The Langan Audi project is also a matter of controversy, but we don't have plans. Bob will ask Tori why we don't have plans. A discussion ensued about how much re-development is necessary to require planning board review.

Bob noted that none of us had attended Ingrid Haekel's meeting at DEC. The group discussed that it would be good to get together with other CAC's and wondered if there is a NYS DEC CAC. Ellen suggested inviting Bob Cole to the Harvest Fest in October at the Crossings.

Ingrid Haekel is trying to assemble a round table on best practices. Columbia County has a very robust CAC. Bob circulated the planting advice from Cornell Cooperative extension.

Conservation Day

We had 1550 trees and gave out about 6 per person. About 200 people came. Less than half of the trees were gone by 10:30. Linda suggested a smaller number of varieties and more trees in each. Mike commented that it was nice to see some young people. Bob suggested a research poll, to figure out who comes and what they do with the trees. Laura suggested that we get the town tree, the Linden. Bob commented that they aren't available.

The group suggested more Dwarf Sand Cherries, (100) more Douglas firs, (150) Norway Spruces, (50) Wetland Roses (100) Toringo Crabapple (200) Red Pine (100), Button Bush (100), Pussy Willow (200), Beach Plum (200), Red Stem Dogwood (200), Tamarac (50) Arrowwood (100). We will eliminate the bristly locust, elderberry and silky dogwood, because they were the last trees to go. The total expense for the trees will be \$734. There will be a total of 1550 trees.

Bob observed that we were there very late on Friday night. Sudhir observed that fewer students showed up than last year, they went home earlier, and were a younger a group of students. We could invite boy & girl scouts, Siena's environmental club, St. Rose's environmental club. We could also start earlier, or stagger the arrival of groups of kids.

Ellen moved to adjourn, Sudhir seconded at 8:15pm.