



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2017

Members present: Steinmuller, Kulkarni, Weed, Whelton, Allard and chairperson Rosano.

Special Planning Board Meeting on GEIS Update...report from member, Kulkarni.

Report from chairperson Rosano on 3 Day Seminar - Biodiversity Assessment run by Laura Heady and Gretchen Stevens of the Hudson River Estuary Program NYSDEC. Ellen and Paul Rosano from Town of Colonie attended the 3-day seminar.

Looked at uplands environment; wetlands environment; Pine Bush environment; In depth classroom sessions including how to read contour maps;

Member Allard learned that a full-time conservation officer used to be employed by town.

Chairperson Rosano mentioned being contacted by a grad student at Cornell looking into getting info about EAB.

Also, Paul Rosano and several Planning Board members attended HVCC seminar, Local Government Workshop...concentrating on the short EAF SEQR form.

Also, it is time to re-apply for Tree City USA

Plans to Review:

- 1) Latham Farms 579 Troy Schenectady Rd 2 restaurants and a retail store; located on same footprint as old Walmart Garden Center; bringing greenspace up to 37.9%. CAC comments should include request for landscaping plan and suggestion to use native non-invasive trees and shrubs.
- 2) 261 and 261A Troy Schenectady Rd (near Silva Avenue to Abbey Rd) proposal for 61 houses on 62 lots On The Farms Estates; 50 acres of land; CAC comments being submitted today. CAC recommends that developer and Planning Board reconsider status of the development and use conservation overlay rather than normal development. CAC also recommends that proper paperwork is secured from regulating entities before any tree removal or construction begins. Developer needs to answer the question as to how will the wetland be protected during construction of the roadway over the designated wetland area. Since no HOA is planned, the developer needs to answer the question as to who will be protecting the wetlands from harm, incursion or elimination. A tree inventory is recommended.

Motion to close meeting: member, Kulkarni; seconded by member, Weed