



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2016

Attendees.....Ellen Rosano, Laura Weed, Linda Whelton, Mike Brennan

Minutes for Nov 17, 2016 CAC approved by member, Brennan and 2nded by member, Weed

Planning Board Meeting CAC Notes for.

- Plans were reviewed for DePaula-Alpha Romeo Maserati 1101 Central Ave-DePaula
- Porous pavement is proposed
- Plans show protecting existing trees; 30% to 47% greenspace
- Tree buffer in back between site and neighborhood-conifer trees
- This is the old Albany RV site
- Landscaping islands – what are they going to plant in them?
- Well designed proposal and landscaping

- Plans were reviewed for “Park Place at Shaker West”-Watervliet Shaker Rd
- 1 and 2 bedrooms apartments
- Plans call for greenspace of 59.3%
- Comments should include keeping the large trees; recommend types of trees be listed in the landscaping plans

- **For complete information regarding the status of projects and/or public comment, please see Planning Board minutes at Town of Colonie PEDD website.**

- Review of Saratoga Tree Nursery offerings considered: Douglas Fir, Osage Orange, Beach Plum, Highbush Cranberry, Eastern Red Cedar, Red Stem Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, Sand Cherry, Toringo Crabapple and Wetland Rose.

- Budget is approx. \$1000

- Don gave report on Hudson River PCB’s Superfund Five Year Review Meeting presented by EPA. Further dredging of the Hudson has not been ruled out. Dredging was initially agreed upon in 2000 to increase the rate of recovery of pcb’s rather than through natural cleansing. A report on the data will be issued in Spring 2017, after which the next moves shall be considered. Some promising results showing reduction in pcb’s in sediment and water in initial data but no improvement seen in pcb contamination of fish. Still too much consumption of contaminated fish.

- Meeting adjourned.....moved by member, Allard and seconded by member, Whelton