



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2015

Attendees: Bob Ulrich, chairman and members Don Allard, Mike Brennan, Sudhir Kulkarni, Ellen Rosano, Laura Weed and Linda Whelton.

Previous minutes of November 19, 2015 were approved by member Allard and seconded by member, Rosano.

There were no Planning Board plans provided to CAC to review this meeting.

Conservation Day 2016 tree selections were discussed and tree varieties and qtys of each were decided upon. \$1000 is available for tree purchases in 2016. Member Whelton agreed to place order with Saratoga Tree Nursery the first week of January.

200	Sand Cherry	\$90
250	Douglas Fir	\$75
100	Norway Spruce	\$45
200	Wetland Rose	\$90
200	Toringo Crabapple	\$90
100	Red Pine	\$45
100	Buttonbush	\$45
250	Pussy Willow	\$110
250	Bayberry	\$110
200	Red Stem Dogwood	\$90
100	Tamarak *	\$70 * Containerized Plugs
200	Arrowwood	\$90

Total= \$950

We discussed when we should be receiving plans from PEDD. The process is Sketch Plan Review – Application for Concept Acceptance- Application for Final Approval. CAC would like to receive plans early as possible to review, as 2nd stage Application for Concept Acceptance could be too late for CAC to make meaningful suggestions to the Planning Board. Also, CAC would like to receive plans for Re-development from Building Dept.

Member Allard reported on Planning Board Meeting of December 5, 2015.

1) ICS Waste Transfer Station- 7 Railroad Ave –Application for Extension of Final Approval

Extension was approved.

2) Wade Development Plaza – 615 Loudon Rd – Sketch Plan Review

Commercial/Office-Residential Zone; planning an increase of about 16% greenspace on plan A or 25% on plan B; Developer would accommodate porous pavement; PB suggestions made to make project more in line with goals of Village of New Loudon; Would accommodate shrubs and retaining wall between auto dealer and the new development.

3) Campito Parking Expansion-150 Wade Road-Application for Concept Acceptance

Bryan White TDE reviewed; This development qualifies for SEQR Short form; Porous pavement planned; Sidewalks planned from rear parking to front entrance; They plan on beefing up landscaping in front; Trees in rear will not be touched other than possible limb trimming during construction. Concept Acceptance APPROVED

Discussion related to the recent CAC Roundtable for Albany and Schenectady Counties. It was noted that CAC's have multiple committees to focus on certain areas.

Chairman Ulrich requested members to provide conservation issues to look into for 2016. Members provided the following:

- 1) Solar Energy use in TOC facilities.
- 2) Town-wide Seasonal (Spring) Cleanup. It was discussed that many roadsides in TOC that are not 'owner maintained' are quite littered and this is especially noticeable in Spring after snow has melted and before Spring growth of roadside vegetation.
- 3) Mapping of TOC resources, specifically waterways, wetlands and wooded areas. It was noted that approximately 85% of TOC has been developed leaving very little open space to preserve. CAC and TOC should give high priority to wildlife, woodland and water quality preservation and improvement. Mitigation fees should be allocated to this.
- 4)

There was discussion of our TOC CAC Charter established 11/26/1969 in Section 64-b of Town Law and the State of New York Article 12-F, General Municipal Law establishing CAC's. These will be discussed at future meeting.

Member Kulkarni put up new displays on CAC bulletin boards for month of December.

Member Kulkarni made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Member Brennan.