



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2018

Present: Ellen Rosano, Mike Brennan, Don Allard, Linda Whelton, Ben Mastaitis, Laura Weed, Board Member Whalen, Sudhir Kalkarni

Minutes from 10/4/18 and 11/1/18 meeting approved, distributed by Linda Whelton

Minutes after June 21, 2018 must be sent electronically

Don Allard moves to approve 11/1/18 minutes, Linda Whelton 2nd. Minutes approved

Sudhir Kalkarni attended 11/27/18 Planning Board meeting and issued his report of that meeting, a brief summary follows: 1. 767 Troy-Schenectady Road, Northwest Mutual Office, sketch review, has 33 % greenspace. 2. 922 Troy-Schenectady Road, sketch review, East of Peter Harris Plaza, 2 buildings, one cosmetic college plus 8 unit apartment building with parking, Federal wetland on site, . 100 foot buffer from Shaker Creek, 65% green space. 3. Stewarts on Fuller Road—19 Fuller, Final approval and SEQR. Proposed a new store plus 3 gas pumps, revised from 4 pumps to 3, the fuel tanks were moved away from the residential buildings. The hours were limited to 4:30-11:30 PM, and limited delivery. Fuel tank deliveries will be three times per week. Catherine Road will be widened to accommodate the tanker trucks. Final approval was granted. 4. Lecce Office/Retail-1209 Troy-Schenectady Road, Final Approval and SEQR granted. 5. Cumberland Farms at 1824 Central Ave., 6 gas pumps plus store, greenspace at 60%. Approval granted.

Ben Mastaitis reported on the Planning Board meeting of December 4, 2018 and those minutes were sent electronically to the members.

Ellen Rosano met with Joe LaCivita and Monique Wahba about Tree City USA, Wahba will apply for other grants as they become available. LaCivita said that he would discuss switching Conservation Day to the Crossings for next year (50th Anniversary year). Ellen talked about using different vendors to get more popular trees for next year. Ellen also spoke to Jack Spath about members of CAC going onto private property (to take pictures, etc) and Spath indicated that nothing gave CAC members permission to do this and some sort of permission form might need to be developed.

Ellen Rosano also emailed Cornell Cooperative Extension about coming to Conservation Day next year and Don Allard will reach out to Audoban. Ben Mastaitis indicated that he could get the Adirondack Mountain Club to have a table again next year.

Ellen will also reach out to get the “bug truck”. Mike Brennan added it would be nice to have some invasive species education at Conservation Day next year, Ellen said she would reach out to PRISM.

Don Allard wants to invite Monique Wahba to a meeting, and Ellen indicated that she had invited her.

Don Allard Moved to adjourn meeting, Laura Weed 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.