



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes August 15, 2013

Present: B. Ulrich, E. Rosano, G. Palmer, L. Whelton, D. Allard and L. Weed

Member Weed made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Member Palmer seconded the motion.

Member Ulrich provided information about a webcast entitled Woods in your Backyard. Those interested, make the appropriate contact.

It was suggested by Member Ulrich that as bulletin boards are completed a report by the responsible member be given to the committee. Member Weed and Member Allard will report on the carbon cycle and styrofoam respectively at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the role of the CAC with the new passive park, bike trail and the distribution of information to the public.

Member Weed will head the aforementioned project. She will assign tasks to committee members as needed. Member Weed will continue her work on the project. (She has been walking the bike path, taking pictures, noting water ways that are not identified). Member Rosano will try to find any information concerning the water ways that dissect the bike path.

The issue of signage was discussed. No plan was developed.

The committee will meet at the site of the new passive park/bike trail at the next scheduled meeting, Sept. 5th at 6 o'clock. The committee will meet at the old railroad station on River Road.

Plan Review-211 Troy Schenectady Road- Cumberland Farms there was no recommendation from the CAC regarding the project. However, there was not a list of planned plantings available to review. The project had 42% green space listed.

Planning Board report- 7/16/13- Member Weed reported of the sketch plan review, 144 Wolf Rd. Currently Lazare Lincoln-Mercury Car Dealership. The plan is for a 5 story 82 room Hotel, 6,200 sq. ft. restaurant, 2,200 sq. ft. retail strip mall and a 5,100 sq. ft. restaurant. The project will have 28% green space. The perimeter on 4 sides will be landscaped. Waivers requested: front setback, parking spaces. Curbcuts currently at 4, TDE would prefer 3. Other issues to be addressed: Sidewalks for interconnectivity, FAA to be consulted as proposed site in with flight path, Wolf Rd. sewer may be taxed, DOT to check traffic flow. The projects must secure the retailers. This is a deal breaker for the project.

Home 2 Suites by Hilton-10 Metro Park-Concept acceptance. Previously the Board had objected to the appearance of the building-The designer has added more brickwork and redesigned the entrance. There were still concerns about the appearance of the building. Hilton will not allow a redesign for the building. The building will be located in a corner of the property preventing fire access. DCC wants fire access on aviation rd. The builder proposed a gated

secondary fire access. The developer wants more landscaping less fencing, green space currently at 38%. Water remains an issue. The infiltration ditch does not seem to be working.

Waivers- Building exceeding setback, parking in front emergency access (Fire Marshall, TDE and Builder will work on this issue) and fencing. Wolf Rd. sewer study will also apply. Airport GEIS, eventually there will be a corridor from Albany Shaker Rd. to Sand Creek Rd. Concept Acceptance Granted.

Rezoning of 4.05 acres on 617 Bought Rd. Tabled - Mr. Jones will return with a request for a zoning change, from ENCOR to single family residence. Submitted by Ellen Rosano

Minutes of the meeting submitted by E. Rosano