



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes April 19, 2012

Present: Chair Diane Davies, George Palmer, Sudhir Kulkarni, Don Allard, Ellen Rosano and Laura Weed

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Diane announced that since there will probably be no site reviews for May 3rd, we would cancel that meeting. Instead, we would meet at 5 pm on May 4th to do tree packing for Conservation Day in the garage at Town Hall on Rt. 9.

Diane also announced that Andrew Dangler of the Army Corp. of Engineers is putting together a field trip for us. More info will follow.

Ellen Rosano announced that the Albany County Storm Water Management webcasts are available on the Albany County web site.

Planning Board Reports were presented by George Palmer:

- The Joe's Crab Shack project at 579 Troy Schenectady Rd. was approved. The GPD group was apparently allowed to go ahead without the firelane that had been discussed.
- The Siena College Loop Rd. was also approved.
- A Senior Citizen's Planned Development Area at 605 Maxwell Rd. proposing 51 units of residential housing had been postponed from 2007 and 2010. The board members commented that the plan did not contain water management proposals, and the area is low-lying and adjacent to wetlands. Also, the proposal did not contain plans for a home owner's association to maintain the property, a PPD or a community center. The project was tabled.
- The Funeral Director's Association at 605 Sand Creek Rd. is meeting with the Shaker Historical Society to verify that they are using Shaker heritage architectural styles, and plans to replace original plantings with non-invasive species. The final site plan was approved.

Site Review

- The Loudonville Home for Adults at 298 Albany Shaker Rd. submitted expansion plans for the addition of an el in the front of the building. The el will extend from the current front of the Home for Adults across the property that is currently the Farley home at 300 Albany Shaker Rd. The Farley home will be torn down and replaced with an extension of the Adult Home containing additional resident rooms. The building plans feature extensive storm water management and water infiltration systems. Diane will check the plantings for invasive species.

Conservation Day Final Plans

Sudir made and will be distributing posters
Aaron Kanale from the Pine Bush will attend
George and Michelle will pick up the trees
Bob is getting banana boxes from a grocery store
Ellen is making info boards on the trees and bushes, and Diane is getting an Easel or the boards
Don is doing a composting exhibit
Laura is getting certificates for the Key Club assistants
The banner is ready and will go up the Friday before Conservation Day
Paula Mahan will issue a proclamation

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30, Ellen moved to adjourn and Sudhir seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Weed