



# TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



## Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2015

Present: E. Rosano, L. Weed, L. Whelton, D. Allard and M. Brennan

Member Rosano made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2014 meeting and it was seconded by Member Weed.

Site Review: Albany RV is requesting approval for an additional 177 parking spaces. The parking lot redevelopment proposal will not impact any wetlands and will not degrade any natural resources, ecosystem or historic resources. Proposed green space is 74.1%.

Meeting discussion focused on addressing the emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation.

- Members were encouraged to attend a meeting of the Capital District EAB Taskforce which will be held at the Crossings Meeting House on February 12.
- To increase public awareness of EAB infestation, the bulletin boards in town hall and the public operations building will continue to present information in February about identifying the EAB infestation.
- Members viewed the video "Lurking in the Trees: Asian Long-Horned Beetle" about the devastating impact of the beetle on the landscape of Worcester, Mass. The video presented several strategies of how the community addressed the Asian beetle infestation. These strategies may be useful in addressing Colonie's EAB infestation.
- An EAB hotspot was identified in the Osborne Road and Maple Avenue area. Members will drive by the area to see the impact of the infestation on the ash trees.

## Planning Board Meeting February 10, 2015

- **Laura Drive Extension Subdivision**, 100 Dussault Drive - Scheduled a public hearing of proposed development.
- **ICS Waste Transfer**, 7 Railroad Ave - Application of extension of final approval for the construction of a garbage transfer station.
- **Life Church**, 685 Watervilet-Shaker Rd - Open development area (ODA) recommendations to Town Board and SEQR update.
- **Colonie Senior Services, Inc.**, 11 Elks Lane - Update provided to the Board about the proposed three-story, 100 senior apartments and garages. Developer will provide screening along Abedar Lane with white fir and other types of spruce trees. Mature trees along the property line will be preserved and berming will be provided to also provide screening for surrounding neighbors.
- **Crisfulli Professional Building**, 407 Shaker Rd. - Sketch plan review for a 2 story office building on Shaker at the intersection of Everett Rd. Three large mature trees on the property will be preserved to enhance buffering and an underground waste water management system will be installed.
- **Cillis Home Design Center and Apartments**, 258 Old Loudon Rd. Sketch plan review for an office/storage building and 6 unit apartment building. Proposal included preserving mature trees on the property and a storm water management system.
- **Cumberland Farms**, 211 Troy Schenectady Rd. - application for amended final review.
- **Fastrac Markets**, 1159 Troy Schenectady Rd. - Application for concept acceptance for a new convenience store and fueling canopy on Route 7 near Hewitts. Proposal includes 60% green space.