



# TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



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

Members Present: B. Ulrich, E. Rosano, L. Whelton, D. Allard and M. Brennan

The minutes for the February 5, 2015 meeting were approved and were sent to Victoria Normandin for distribution.

Site Review: Afrim's Sports Park, 969 Watervliet Shaker Rd. 89,754 sq. ft. air supported dome & clubhouse, pavilion and artificial turf soccer fields. Preliminary discussion focused on site wetlands, entrance road and historic significant of the property. Further review and discussion will occur at the next CAC meeting.

Meeting discussion focused on the following topics:

### **Emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation**

- To increase public awareness of the infestation, the bulletin boards in town hall and the public operations building will continue to present EAB information during March. The bulletin board messages will be targeted to homeowners to help them identify signs of EAB infestation and directing them to the DEC if they have questions the other board will caution residents about transporting "untreated" firewood to avoid spreading the infestation.
- Don Allard made arrangements to air the video "Lurking in the Trees: Asian Long-Horned Beetle" on the Town of Colonie Local Access channel several times during March. The video presents the devastating impact of the beetle on the landscape of Worcester, Mass. and included several strategies of how the community addressed the Asian beetle infestation. These strategies may be useful in addressing Colonie's EAB infestation.
- Bob Ulrich and Ellen Rosano updated the members about their recent meeting about the EAB infestation with Mike Lyons and Jack Cunningham and the approach the CAC will take in addressing this issue.

### **Conservation Day 2015**

- 1,550 trees will be distributed to town residents. This is the largest number of trees distributed since the event was started.
- Event tasks and assignments were confirmed and members provided updates on progress on assigned tasks. Communications to participating groups and local officials have begun to promote the event.
- Don Allard provided information on the three of the trees that will be distributed at the event: dwarf sand cherry, douglas fir and red pine.

### **Planning Board Meeting March 10, 2015**

- **Newcomer Funeral Home**, 181 Troy Schenectady Rd - Application for ODA recommendation to Town Board.
- **Afrim's Sports Park**, 969 Watervliet Shaker Road - Application for Concept Acceptance. 388 vehicle parking and 75% green space, which includes artificial turf. Public comments were provided local coaches, community members and by the chairperson of Shaker Heritage Society regarding the historic significance of the property.
- **Bordeau Conservation Subdivision**, 103-107 Consaul Rd - Sketch Plan Review. 18 lot residential conservation subdivision. Proposed cluster subdivision in an area that includes state and federal wetlands and a protected water course to the Lisha Kill.
- **Life Convent Church**, 685 Watervliet Shaker Rd - SEQR Determination. Planning Board lead agency.