



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2014

Present: B. Erlich, L. Whelton, D. Allard, L. Weed, S. Kulkarni, M. Brennan

March 6, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Members agreed to reschedule the April 17 meeting to April 24.

Member Erlich will contact Colonie Personnel office to request updated ID badges for all members.

Member Weed updated the group about her research on Congressman's Tonko's environmental and conservation related bills. The group discussed several strategies to contact elected and other government officials to encourage their support of environmental related legislation and initiatives. Further discussion on this issue will be needed to identify effective strategies.

Conservation Day 2014: Members provided updates on the preparations underway for distribution of trees on May 3 at the Colonie Library. Members will continue working on assigned tasks (i.e. advertising and publicity, contacting groups and organizations to request assistance and participation, obtaining supplies and materials, coordinating town departments and library assistance) and report back at the next meeting on progress. Member Kulkarni will e-mail the event poster to all members to publicize the event.

Planning Board Reports: Member Brennan reported on the following projects that were reviewed at the March 18, 2014 meeting:

Route Nine Square - 1095 Loudon Rd at Boght Rd - Application for Concept Acceptance

Neighbors expressed concerns on several issues including site overdevelopment, stormwater management and noise and light pollution. The developer will revise and resubmit plans to the Board for further review.

Fuccillo Volkswagon - 2240, 2242 & 2250 Central Avenue - Sketch Plan - Raze existing building and construct a new auto dealership. Plan includes the use of porous payment, improvements to stormwater management and landscape design and heavy screening on the back to the property using white fir to mitigate light pollution. No conservation or environmental concerns.

Fuccillo Nissan - 976 Loudon Road - Application for Concept Acceptance - Raze existing building and construct a new auto dealership. Plan design includes the use of porous payment which will greatly reduce stormwater drainage. Greenspace will be above 36%. No conservation or environmental concerns

Site Reviews:

227 Wolf Rd - Hotel and Office Building Development. Project proposes 45% green space. Members had concerns about stormwater management.

685 Watervliet Shaker Rd. - New Life Convent Church. Plan review indicated that the proposed site includes wetlands.

Bulletin boards for March/April are benefits of solar power and pollution awareness.

Meeting minutes submitted by Member Brennan.