



# TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



## **Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2014**

Present: B. Ulrich, L. Whelton, D. Allard, E. Rosano, S. Kulkarni, M. Brennan

April 3, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Chairman Ulrich has contacted the Colonie Personnel office and his request for ID badges for all council members has been approved.

**Conservation Day 2014:** Final preparations are underway for distribution of trees on May 3 at the Colonie Library. Members will complete all 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) to ensure the event is a success. Member Kulkarni will supervise the pick-up and delivery of the tree seedlings to the town garage. All members along with North and South Colonie Key Club volunteers will pack, label and organize seedlings at the town garage on Friday (May 2) in order to ensure the quick and efficient seedling distribution the next day at the library.

**Planning Board Reports:** Member Brennan reported on the following projects that were reviewed at the April 8 and 22, 2014 meetings:

Riverhill Center Building - 1201 & 1207 Troy Schenectady Rd. - Application for Concept Acceptance. 18 acres site includes 46% greenspace. The plan includes landscaping in front of the site and on parking islands and pedestrian walkways through the site. Board approved redevelopment concept with recommended changes to proposed design. No conservation issues.

57 Cohoes Road Demolition - Public hearing cancelled. Deterioration of the building structure necessitated the demolition plans to proceed.

Salvation Army - 190 Troy Schenectady Rd. - Application for Final Review and SEQR Determination. 3.2 acres site includes 49% greenspace. Landscape design includes a evergreen buffer from neighbors and does not include any invasive trees or plants. Due to tight clay soil type and the slope of the site, an elaborate stormwater management system was required to prevent neighborhood flooding. No conservation issues.

Cumberland Farms - 211 Troy Schenectady Rd. - Application for Final Review and SEQR Determination. 2.4 acres site includes 47.9% greenspace. Landscape design includes street trees (spruces and maples) along Swatling Rd. and in the front of the building. No conservation issues.

First Columbia Office & Hotel - 227 Wolf Rd. & 652 Albany Shaker Rd. Application for SEQR Determination. Board approved designating the Planning Board as the lead agency for the project's SEQR.

### **Site Reviews:**

Alpine Environmental Training Building - 238 New Karner Rd. Redevelopment project that includes retail and office space and 72% greenspace

Meeting minutes submitted by Member Brennan.