



TOWN OF COLONIE

347 OLD NISKAYUNA ROAD

LATHAM, N.Y. 12110



Town of Colonie Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2014

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

Site Plan Reviews:

Latham Plaza Development: The former Bowler's Club on Troy –Schenectady Rd.

This is a re-development featuring four separate building structures. The developers promise 37.1% green space. The species of plants to be included were not listed on the site plan. We would encourage the developer to use non-invasive and native species.

Upstate Veterinarian Specialties: 152 Sparrowbush Rd., near George's Nursery.

This is to be a two story 18,000 sq.ft. emergency medical facility for animals. It will be open 24 hrs. a day, cover three acres of land, and hire about 50 employees. There will be no external kennels on the property, and the developers promise 46.7% green space.

A sewer line is present on the vacant property, and the developers will add a water line. The developers have requested a waiver from the set-back requirements to add parking. The developers are planning green infrastructure and storm water management, as well as landscaping on the street. We request that they try to retain some older trees if possible.

Member Reports

Laura Weed attended a Riverkeeper lecture on the level of sewage pollution in the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. The Mohawk at Waterford, The Hudson above the Troy Lock, The Dunn Memorial Bridge, and the Normanskill outlet contain some of the worst fecal matter pollution in the entire River system. Often this is because of runoff from creeks and streams that feed into the larger rivers. More than half (63%) of the Riverkeeper's sampling sites failed EPA standards for recreational waterways, in studies done from 2008-2013.

Don Allard reported that Atty. Gen. Schneiderman is seeking action to ban micro-beads; tiny plastic beads that are put in facial scrubs and body soaps. These beads harm fish and produce pcbs. Nineteen tons of them are washed down the drains and into the rivers annually, because sewer systems have no way to remove them from waste water.

Ellen Rosano reported that a new invasive species has been detected in Lake Champlain. She will find out more about it.

Planning board reports: None to report on.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Moved by Ellen Rosano, Seconded by Mike Brennan