

## **Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**

### **Minutes – April 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Norene Collier, Chair.

**Members present:** Norene Collier and Bill Relyea.

**Members of the public present:** Dean Michaels, Town Board Liason.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016, was made by Bill Relyea and seconded by Norene Collier. All members voted in favor.

**Communications:** None.

**New Business:** Members of the CAC have checked shrubs planted last year and all seem to be healthy.

<b>Finances:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
	Town of Clinton	\$800.00	\$15.00	\$785.00
Expenses:	\$15.00 was spent for engraving the Emil Schoch award.			

**Goals for 2016:** Members will talk to the new staff in the building office about maps and information which the CAC has obtained for the town to make better informed decisions about land use. A meeting will be scheduled in the future. A discussion ensued about working in a cooperative matter with members of the Building Department about habitat as shown on the Hudsonia maps and documents. Bill and Norene will commit to developing this communication.

**Open Space:** Members suggested that packets for newcomers to town could focus on engaging new home owners about wildlife habitat on their land.

**Water, Watersheds and Wetlands:** No new information.

**Biodiversity:** The CAC hopes to continue to work with Hudsonia involving land use decisions.

**Education and Outreach:** Barbara will prepare and distribute newcomer folders for the use of town offices.

**Nature Trail Subcommittee:** Members will paint the trail markers in the spring to make them more visible.

**Green Energy and Climate Change:** No new information.

**Zoning Revision:** Dean reported on the work of the committee on tree protection in the new zoning law. Discussion followed about the concern of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation about erosion caused by clearcutting.

**Proposed Powerlines:** The NYS Public Service Commission is being sued by a potential contractor.

**Old Business:** No new information.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Norene Coller**

Norene Coller, Chair

**Next CAC meeting: May 11, 2016 at 7 PM**

