

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes – June 10, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Norene Coller, Chair.

Members present: Norene Coller, Barbara Mansell and Bill Relyea.

Members of the public present: Dick Coller, Paula Wolf Trimble and Michael Trimble.

Public Comment: Paula Wolf Trimble made a presentation summarizing the research done by Cornell University and the NYS DEC on their land along the upper watershed of the Crum Elbow Creek last year with many methods used to observe and seek evidence of the presence of common and rare mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Stream macroinvertebrates were also surveyed. Connected habitats were observed to be important wildlife locations in the area.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015, was made by Bill Relyea and seconded by Norene Coller. All members voted in favor.

Communications: The deconstruction of a dam on the Kliros property on the Little Wappinger Creek in Hibernia was discussed. The Clinton Planning Board will require the applicant to get a steep slope permit for the dam deconstruction. The engineer for Ms Kliros will appear before the Planning Board on June 16th.

Finances:	Source	Amount	Spent	Remaining
	Clinton Watch	\$3740.46	\$3740.46	0
	Town of Clinton	\$900.00	\$342.24	\$557.75

Note: \$84.52 was spent on printing and mounting the town zoning map for the Planning Board.

All remaining Clinton Watch funds were spent on the purchase of trees for the Nature Garden, with \$202.75 added from the Town of Clinton funds.

Water, Watersheds and Wetlands: Norene will contact Laura Weiland at The Omega Institute to determine when the Long Pond property owners meeting will be scheduled.

Biodiversity: It is hoped that a conference for Clinton landowners will be planned at The Omega Institute this fall. Norene Coller will make calls to The Omega Institute and Hudsonia to set a date.

Education and Outreach: Barbara Mansell plans to duplicate more materials for newcomer folders this month.

Nature Trail Subcommittee: All trees in the Nature Trail entrance seem to be doing well with the recent increase in rainfall. Members will continue to monitor their health. There are no current plans for a memorial event at the Nature Trail.

Open Space Plan: There is hope that the Greenway grant funds will assist with the implementation of the goals of the Open Space Plan.

Zoning Revision: No new information.

Proposed Powerlines – Environmental Subcommittee: No new information.

Old and New Business: No new information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Norene Coller

Norene Coller, Chair

Next CAC meeting: July 8, 2015 at 7 PM