

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council

Minutes – June 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Barbara Mansell, Chair.

Public Comment: None.

Members present: Jean McAvoy, Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Norene Coller and Barbara Mansell.

Town Board members present: Eliot Werner and Mike Whitton.

Member of the public present: Dick Coller.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2018, was made by Norene Coller. Jean McAvoy seconded. All approved.

Communications:

There was a brief discussion of an application before the Planning Board for a deck on a private property near Long Pond on Camp Drive. There seemed to be no concerns.

As a result of the DEC's ongoing Dam Safety program, the Town was notified of its results of an inspection of an existing dam on Allen Road. Instructions were given to the new property owner on work needed how to repair the dam to be compliant with DEC's standards.

Finances:

2018 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
\$500	\$500	\$100 (earmarked for CCEDC programs)	\$400

Climate Smart Energy Subcommittee:

Mike Whitton, committee chair, reports that Judy Malstom, Jean McAvoy and Norene Coller have volunteered to work on the committee to develop a plan for the town. Jean McAvoy volunteered to obtain energy consumption data from the Town Clerk needed for benchmarking.

Barbara moved that we do benchmarking for the main town buildings. Maya seconded. All voted in favor.

Jean currently uses a Clean Energy Choice via Central Hudson.

The TOC Solar Energy Law and the updated Unified Solar Permit count towards one of the four requirements needed to apply for grants.

Zoning Revision Committee:

Barbara and Eliot reported that the first zoning revision has been completed and will report to the Town Board in July. The revision will then be circulated to other boards and the Town Attorney for comments. Public hearings will be scheduled in the future.

Jean asked if the zoning revisions reflected information related to Climate Smart concerns. Barbara stated that there was environmental information in the revision.

Education and Outreach:

RE: TOC Zoning-Laws document for Welcome Folders. Eliot noted that some language changes would be made to clarify concepts. Jean noted that she had sent information about simplifying some of the language. Eliot stated that he would check her information.

Mike noted that The Omega Institute will sponsor a community challenge program in October. He has signed up the CAC to take part. More information will be obtained.

Maya asked if the CAC has become involved with the issue of controlling gypsy moths. It was explained that this issue had been dealt with in the past when the moth was a serious threat to the environment.

The following CCEDC Programs will be Co-Sponsored with the Library:

“Composting for the Home” - June 28, 6:30am

“Ticks: A Proactive approach to Manage the pest and avoid its effects” - July 28, 11:30am

“Rediscovering Native Alternatives to NYS Invasive: Perennials” - August 30, 6:30pm

“Deer Defense: How to Co-Exist with the Wiliest of Wildlife” - Sept. 29, 11:30am

Maya suggested that we ask Brad Roeller of IES to present a program on Deer Defense replacing the CCEDC program on Sept 29.

Nature Trail Subcommittee:

Barbara reported that the trail is well kept under Theron’s direction.

Barbara will lead a bird walk on Sat, July 14 at 9:30. Co-Sponsored with the Library. Program is IBIRDNY.

Wappingers Creek Intermunicipal Council (WIC)

The next meeting is Friday, July 27th.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2018 at 4PM

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Norene Collier