

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes – March 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Barbara Mansell, Chair.

Public Comment: None.

Members present: Norene Coller (Emeritus) Barbara Mansell, Marian Thompson

Members not present: Jean McAvoy, Maya Goer-Palenzuela

Town Board members present: Mike Whitton, Eliot Werner

Member of the public: Merida Welles, David McGhee

Minutes: February and March minutes will be reviewed at the April meeting

Communications: Barbara presented the CAC’s 2018 Report at the 2019 Dutchess County Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable at The Farm and Home Center held on Thursday, March 7, 2019. She asked Eliot and Mike to review Clinton’s list of Local Environmental Laws & Ordinances in the CCEDC Environmental & Energy Program for its completeness. She will email the list of Primary CAC/EMC Responsibilities and the link to Dutchess County State of the Environment Report that was presented.

Finances:

2019 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0

Climate Smart Energy Subcommittee: Mike Whitton, Jean McAvoy, Maya Goer-Palenzuela

Climate Smart Program presentation was given by Mike. Mike and Barbara feel a page should be added to the Town of Clinton website to describe this program to residents.

Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019, entitled, “Community Choice Aggregation Program” was passed. An independent administrator is required and Joule Energy will likely be chosen.

Mike proposed a Solar Law Revision to the town board to allow the increase of the peak power rating for residential home to 25kw to be consistent for a Unified Solar Permit. Also, it will allow solar farms.

The town board approved an \$11,000 upgrade for LED lighting in the town buildings.

Zoning Revision Committee: No report

Education and Outreach:

Preventing Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases in our Communities program will be given by Dr.Ilya Fischhoff on Thursday, March 28, at 7PM at the Clinton Community Library

Maya attended Repairing the Web of Life: Responding to Rapid Pollinator Die-off Through Ecological Design and emailed a report.

Is it possible to stream education videos such as How to Care for Septic Systems and Well Water on Clinton’s cable channel?

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Nature Trail Subcommittee: No report

Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council (WIC): Mike Whitton

Mike stated that the DEC initiated Buffer in a Bag Program. Anyone who owns or manages at least 50 feet of land along a stream or waterbody in New York State is eligible to receive a free bag of seedlings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell