

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council

Minutes – May 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Norene Collier, Chair.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2016, was made by Bill Relyea and seconded by Barbara Mansell. All members voted in favor.

Communications: New Town Board member, Nancy Cunningham, has been appointed as liaison to the Building Department.

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

Finances:	Source	Amount	Spent	Remaining
	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. Bill and Norene will commit to developing this communication.

The group discussed potential new members.

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 would like to communicate with Omega about erosion issues around Long Pond.

Education and Outreach: Barbara has made available on the town's website the 2016 Omega Institute Neighbors Program Application. This enables Town of Clinton residents access to the Institute's grounds and facilities such as the library, sanctuary, trails, tennis courts, beach and lake once the application has been approved. Town residents must sign in with guest services before entering the grounds.

Dean would like to develop an information exchange based on the Town website.

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

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. Dean discussed downed trees along streams and floodplains.

Proposed Powerlines: No new information.

Old Business: There was a discussion about the demolition of the old dam in Hibernia. The NYS DEC hopes to meet an August deadline.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Norene Coller

Norene Coller, Chair

Next CAC meeting: June 8, 2016 at 7 PM

