

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Location: Town Hall**  
**1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY**  
**March 13, 2024, Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.

**CAC Members:** Jenn Brown, Barbara Mansell, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Deborah Valchar

**Town Board Liaison:** Katherine Mustello

2024 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
CAC A8090.4	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000

**Minutes** A motion to accept the February 14, 2024, minutes was made by Margaret and seconded by Joe. The minutes were approved by the group.

**Wetlands**

The wetlands discussion will continue at the April 10 2024, CAC meeting with Sean Carroll from the CCEDC. Barbara will not be able to attend.

**Goal for 2024**

A new Chairperson is needed by 11/30/24.

**Education Outreach** - Lynne

Lynne began by inquiring what events the CAC&CSC website's calendar should have. The group suggested only events involving the town of Clinton be noted.

The CAC&CSC will have a table at the Clinton Community Library Book and Plant Sale in May, and at the Clinton Community Day in September. Holding an NRI event in the Town Hall, sharing Composting, and Pollinator events were some more ideas for education outreach. The CCEDC is a good resource to explore.

Joe is particularly interested in these events as they count as points towards Bronze certification for the CSC Task Force.

Deborah researched the cost to print and mail CAC&CSC informational postcards to the community, which was quite expensive. Instead, postcards will be created describing the CAC&CSC to be used as handouts at educational events.

The March issue of "12 Monthly Tips for Being a Friend to the Environment" will be sent via MailChimp to residents. This is a monthly email with information from the DEC website "Living the Green Life". The email will include a link to the CAC&CSC website.

**Planning Board**

Margaret attended the March 5, 2024, Planning Board meeting. Many of the items before the board were about permits for driveways up steep slopes. The board clearly expected proper design and engineering for their approval. She wondered if the CAC should also receive these items to review.

### **Welcome to the Town of Clinton Folders**

Mady emailed her report. She has delivered 15-18 folders and there are about 10-12 more needed for the year 2023. Some homeowners were very friendly as she welcomed them to the community.

### **2024 Dutchess County Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable Meeting**

Barbara and Joe shared the CAC&CSC 2023 Annual Report at the meeting. Lynne, Jean, and Jenn also attended the meeting.

### **CAC&CSC Website**

Jenn report that the CAC&CSC website, [www.clintoncac.com](http://www.clintoncac.com), is live and ready to be shared with the town of Clinton community. Jenn would like to add the list of contents that are in the Welcome Folders. Barbara will share. She also thought a jpg of the CAC banner that Lynne had created last year would be a nice addition to the website.

### **Omega Neighbors Program**

Jenn shared the application for Omega Institute Neighbors Program for town of Clinton and Rhinebeck residents only. More information and the application are available on the town's website as well as on the CAC&CSC website.

### **CSC Task Force**

The Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for the Town of Clinton, which was a collaborative, grant-funded effort with the Town of Washington and the Village of Millbrook, was formally adopted at the March 12, 2024 by the Town Board. Joe Phelan and Jack Persely, of the CSC Task Force, and Margaret Pierpont, of the CAC, gave short presentations describing the importance of the NRI. Several CAC members attended to show their support. The link to the NRI is available on the Laserfiche Portal on the town's website and on the CAC&CSC website.

Katherine shared links to the Climate Resilient Hazard Mitigation Plan that she edited for the county with Joe. Joe has shared the information with Anna Harrod-McGrew of the CCEDC for her review and assessment for Bronze certification qualification.

**Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council (WIC)** – No update.

**Clinton Nature Trail** – No update.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, March 25, 2024** – Six Senses PB Workshop, 6pm, Town Hall

**Thursday, March 28, 2024** – ZBA Public Hearing - Six Senses, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Town Hall

**Saturday, May 18, 2024** – Clinton Community Library Book Sale and Book Sale, 9am to 3pm. The CAC and CSC will have a table at this event.

**Saturday, August 31, 2024** – Clinton Community Day. The CAC and CSC will have a booth at this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024, at 5:30pm.

**2024 Meetings:** May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14; September 11; October 9; November 13; December 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mansell