

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Town Hall
1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY
May 8, 2024, Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Mansell, CAC member, at 5:30 PM.

CAC members: Margaret Pierpont, Deborah Valchar, Jenn Brown, Jean McAvoy, Lynn Morrell

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

April Minutes: Jenn moves to accept. Deborah seconds. All accepted.

Maps: We have 2 sets of NRI maps: one is rolled up and the other are on foam boards. All are located in the “Map Room” (also known as the Conference Room in Old Town Hall/Library building. We’ll also have one additional foam board with the new Jurisdictional Wetlands Map created with Sean Carroll. Barbara will investigate storage questions, including checking with Arlene about getting another metal rack for the new maps and another sectioned off box to store the rolled up maps. The maps mounted on foam would go onto the metal racks and the Hudsonia maps currently on the metal racks would be stored.

Moratorium on Building Permits: Barbara has shared with Eliot that the CAC doesn’t see a reason for putting a moratorium on building permits as we have a system in place already for assessing permit requests. It’s on the agenda for the Planning Board meeting next week.

Six Senses: ZBA is going to make their determination on whether it can be considered a conference center on May 29. No actions currently needed.

Planning Board: Ground Mounted Solar Energy System (SES) – Wetland Permit: CAC submitted comments to the planning board on 5/7/24.

Website Update: The newsletter HVNY picked up the Town’s email about the spongy moths and posted on social media as well as sent out a note in their newsletter. We got a big bump in traffic from it. Here are some website analytics:

- Since the beginning of 2024:
 - 1,400 visits to the site
 - 985 visits to [Spongy Moth article](#)
 - 649 visits to the [home page](#)
 - 122 visits to the [About CSC](#) page
 - 118 visits to the [About CAC](#) page
 - 85 visits to [To Mow or Not to Mow](#)
 - 77 visits to the [Photo Gallery](#)
 - 68 visits to the [NRI page](#)

Education/Outreach:

- Richard Marshall would like to participate in something more about the Climate Smart Community program. He would be a good person to involve for future events.
- Library Book and Plant Sale:
 - Schedule: Margaret and Jenn in AM; Lynne and Barbara for the afternoon.
 - Possible items to bring. Lynne will assess items in the map room this Saturday to review materials.
 - Coloring pages for kids
 - Bookmarks
 - Dark Skies Flyer
 - New Brochures
 - Copy of NRI - Margaret will ask Jack where they are. (Add: "For Display Only" on the cover) One for CAC, one for Planning Board, one for Library, one for building and zoning office.)
 - Tables: Lynne can bring one (or will leave it in the map room)
 - Tent: Barbara will bring.
 - Easels: Barbara will check out buying easels with Arlene.
- Other opportunities:
 - Lynne emailed the Rec Director to find out when the town might gather. Summer concerts - not a great venue for us to have a table. Summer camps - this might be a chance to go a few times to do an activity. Lynne is still exploring.
- Community Day:
 - Jack will no longer be available to do Green Fair as he is moving.
 - Lynne to look into having a composting display and/or the erosion table (Lauren Drum at CCE) at the event.

CSC: There was no meeting this past month.

Composting Grant: Not something we will pursue.

Next CAC Meeting: June 12, 2024 @ 5:30pm

2024 Meetings: July 10; August 14; September 11; October 9; November 13; December 11.