

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex,
1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY
Minutes – October 9, 2024 – 5:30pm

CAC members present: Barbara Mansell, Jenn Brown, Michael Hurd, Margaret Pierpont, Deborah Valchar, Joe Phalen

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

Review and Approve Minutes – September 11, 2024 Minutes recorded by Jenn. Deborah makes a motion to accept the minutes. Joe seconds. All in favor.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2024 Budget	\$2,000	\$1,449.18	\$550.82
2025 Budget Requested	\$2,500	-	-

CCEDC – is currently looking for Climate & Environment Program Leader

- Monthly CAC & EMC meetings have been on hold
- Unclear if there will be the annual meeting in March where we typically go to report on our CAC activities with other CACs

Wetland Law Committee - The town is forming a committee to look at the law in relation to the new wetlands regulations from the state and using the NRI maps recently created. Katherine suggested someone from the CAC join this committee. Margaret volunteered.

Planning Board Report - Michael

- Nothing to report

Education Outreach/Programs – Subcommittee Chair(s) needed

- DEC October Tip shared via MailChimp
- Need a volunteer to provide a monthly newsletter to town
- Need a volunteer to set up additional Education Programs
- Could we possibly partner with the library to host talks through their programming?

CAC/CSC Website - Jenn

- Wildlife Informational articles - Margaret and Barbara are talking about this; coming soon
- Jenn will add some pages about invasive species in general and then additional items can be added to those pages as needed.
- **Barbara** to share w/everyone a document about what to consider when building something on your property for us to put on the website.
- Last 30 days of website activity: 64 visitors; 57 unique visitors; 91 page views; 42 Home; 12 NRI; 9 Parks & Trails; 5 CSC Task Force; 5 Events; 3 About Us; 3 Dark Skies

Welcome to the Town of Clinton Folders Subcommittee - Deborah

- Instead of welcome folders, we will send a postcard to new residents directing them to website
- **Deborah** will look into the price and size to mail to the full town and bring that info back in November.
- **Deborah** will check with the Assessor's or tax collector's office for a source for mailing addresses.

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Climate Smart Community Task Force Subcommittee - Joe

- Announcement has gone out!
- We received our plaque!
- The Bronze certification is good for 5 years and then we must reapply or apply for silver level
- Silver certification is a heavy lift
- Exploring potential grant opportunities. Two promising options: EV charging stations and weatherizing the town garage
- 3 new members of the CSC Tasks Force: Stan Orser, Ken Pickett, and Jim Metcalf; now up to full membership

CAC Room Cleanup

- **Barbara** will set up a time to tidy it

Clinton Nature Trail Chair - Barbara

- Bird Walk – September 14, 2024 – via Library - 5 attendees
- Replacement of Nest Boxes (On hold)

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 17, 2024 – Recycling Presentation, Clinton Community Library at 2:30pm.
Registration required on the library's website.

Next CAC Meeting: November 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm

2024 Meetings: December 11.