

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

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Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex,

1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY

Minutes – February 12, 2025 – 5:35pm

CAC members present: Michael Hurd, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Jean McAvoy, Deborah Valchar

Review and approve minutes – February 12, 2024 (minutes recorded by Barbara). Michael Hurd moved to accept minutes. Deborah Valchar seconded. All in favor.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2025 Budget	\$2,500	0	\$2,500

Proposed East Clinton Firehouse and 334 Lake Drive subdivision- Michael

- Michael attended the March 4, 2025, Planning Board meeting to discuss his findings. He noted that plans are changing and a long way from final. A request for an easement across neighboring land has been abandoned, and there is an attempt to establish access by widening a driveway onto Salt Point Turnpike, potentially encroaching on a stream.
- The Planning Board asked the CAC to look at a request to subdivide a property at 334 Lake Drive into three, approximately 5-acre parcels. Michael summarized the letter he wrote in response and shared with CAC members, noting that the property lies within the Milan Window and the surveyor had taken care to delineate wetland boundaries. Members approved the letter and agreed that the CAC will want to be engaged if and when there are plans to develop.

Education and Outreach/Community Day – Margaret and Lynne

- Barbara contacted the DLC to give a talk on Water Conservation to include NRI maps. The talk is scheduled for September 13, 2025.
- Have plans been made for DC Soil and Water to show its Stream Table at Community Day?
- Margaret will write an item on Clinton's water for the CAC website and as a handout for the Library Book Sale.
- The CAC plans on having a table at the Library's Plant and Book sale on May 17, 2025
- The CAC and CSC will each have a table at Community Day.

Wetlands - Margaret

- A public workshop is scheduled for March 20, 2025 to further discuss how the DEC changes in wetland regulation may impact the 250-78. Freshwater wetlands, watercourses, lakes, ponds and floodplains law in Clinton. Topics to be addressed include referencing the NRI maps in the law and clarifying definitions.
- There are ongoing questions about the role and process of the DEC.

CAC/CSC Website (www.clintoncac.com) - Jenn

- Jenn was unable to attend the meeting.

Welcome to the Town of Clinton Postcards - Deborah

- Deborah is working on three design ideas for a postcard that she will bring to the next meeting. Members agreed that a less-expensive 3 by 5 postcard was preferable to a larger one and that it should reference the bookmark design and include a QR code, as well as some catchy “teasers.” Jean described a system created by the CSC for creating a “tickler” file that would be useful here for gathering names of new residents after the initial mailing to all residents.

Welcome to the Town of Clinton Folders - Barbara

- 20 folders with Clinton Historical Society and Clinton Community Library brochures included have been distributed to the Supervisor and Town Clerk offices as well as the library.

Climate Smart Community Task Force - Joe

- \$50,000 NYSEDA grant for implementing an energy audit was approved. It will be used for upgrades to the Highway Department garage recommended in the energy audit. However, the energy audit (using funds from a previous \$10,000 grant) has not yet been scheduled.
- Judith Maelstrom has been attending CSC meetings to propose the idea of Zero Waste, a movement encouraging municipal composting. Joe agreed to visit a facility in New Paltz and report back to the CAC.
- There was discussion of the composting program offered through the O-Zone in Red Hook where people can pay to drop-off waste or arrange for pick-up. The website is ozonehv.com Jean suggested finding out the level of interest in composting in Clinton with a survey and possible raffle.

Clinton Nature Trail - Barbara

- Barbara was unable to attend the meeting.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

- **The 2025 Dutchess County Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable** is being held on March 26th from 6pm – 8pm, at Dutchess County Farm and Home Center (2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY). A list of accomplishments and challenges from 2024 as well as goals for 2025 from each town will be sent before the meeting to Scott Kleinberg, the Climate and Environment Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension | Dutchess County. Joe, Barbara and Lynne will be attending.

Upcoming Meetings and Events Involving CAC Presence

- Saturday, May 17, 2025 - Clinton Community Library Book Sale, 9am – 3pm
- Saturday, June 7, 2025 – Clinton Community Day, Clinton Historical Society/ Creek Meeting House (2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514). Planning meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm.

Next CAC Meeting – April 9, 2025, 5:30pm in Masonic Hall

2025 CAC Meetings – May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 9, November 12, December 12.

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm.