

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 – May 14, 2025 – 5:30pm**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm

CAC Members: Michael Hurd, Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Deborah Valchar

Town Board Liaison – Katherine Mustello

Remembrance: Norene Collier passed away on May 3, 2025. Norene established the Town of Clinton CAC many years ago, and we owe her our gratitude for her passion to preserve Clinton's wildlife and environment.

Review and Approve Minutes – A motion to approve the March 13, 2025 meeting was made by Michael Hurd. Joe Phelan seconded the motion. All approved the minutes.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2025 Budget Requested	\$2,050	0	\$2,050

Planning Board – Michael

- Nothing to report

Wetlands Law – Margaret

- Margaret shared that there were two public workshops to revise the wetlands law. A major part was making the NRI Wetland map referenced in the Town law. Both Jean and Margaret attended the first meeting on March 20, and Margaret attended the second one on March 31. Charles Canham, Eliot Werner and Paul Thomas were all involved in the revising of the text. The revised text goes to the Town Board and then to a Public Hearing. Katherine has more details.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (CCEDC)

- The 2025 Dutchess County Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable was held on March 26, 2025. Lynne, Joe and Barbara attended the meeting. Barbara has forwarded to the group an email with links to the details of the meeting received from Devin Rigolino | Environmental Program Director, Dutchess County Planning and Development.
- There is a new Dutchess County Aquifer and Wetlands Law mainly directed towards commercial businesses, from the Dutchess County Department of Health and the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development. Resolution 2023156: Regulating Hazardous Pollution Sources in Proximity to Public Water Supply Sources, Aquifers and Wetlands. Adopted September 24, 2024. Projects are being reviewed for compliance with this local law concurrently with the development of rules and regulations. Over the next year, regulations will be developed, and will be finalized by January 1, 2026.
- Joe and Barbara met with Scott Kleinberg on March 25, 2025, to discuss the CAC and CSC work.

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Education Outreach/Programs – Barbara, Jean, Margaret

- Julie Hart, from Dutchess Land Conservancy, will give a Water Conservation presentation on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 11am in the Town Hall. Julie will include the town's NRI maps.
- Margaret is developing an item on Clinton's water for the CAC website.

Clinton Community Library Plant and Book Sale – Lynne

- Barbara and Lynne cannot attend but Lynne will meet with volunteers to organize materials.

Clinton Community Day – Lynne

- Lynne is organizing the CAC booth and will be asking for volunteers to help.
- Barbara contacted Brian Scoralick at Dutchess County Soil and Water regarding their Stream Table. Lynne and Barbara are awaiting a response.
- Flyers: Home Composting Workshops; Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling; Exploring and Understanding Clinton's Water Resources events

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

- Jenn was unable to attend the meeting.

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards – Deborah

- Deborah presented in an email several designs for the front and back of the postcard before the meeting. She also included cost estimates for printing and the cost to mail the postcard to the community from Minuteman Press in Red Hook. At the meeting, the group agreed on a design of the postcard that included a QR code, and the number of postcards to print. It is hoped the postcard will be received by residents before Clinton Community Day. There will be postcards available at the CAC booth.

Welcome Folders – Barbara

- More folders need to be put together. A date has not been set to the task.

Climate Smart Community Task Force – Joe

- Joe and Barbara will be on a Zoom meeting with Scott Kleinburg of CCEDC, on May 27, 2025 at 1pm to discuss the Climate Smart Planning Tool for Clinton.
- A comprehensive energy study of the Highway Garage was done by NYSERDA, funded by a \$10,000 CEC Grant. It was completed on April 17, 2025.
- The town received a \$50,000 grant which will be used to implement the energy audit recommendations for possible improvements to the Highway Garage.

Clinton Nature Trail – Barbara Chair

- No update

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Saturday, May 17, 2025 - Clinton Community Library Plant and Book Sale. 9am to 3pm

Saturday, June 7, 2025 – Clinton Community Day, Clinton Historical Society/ Creek Meeting House (2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514), 11am to 5pm. Planning meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm.

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 - 6pm Home Composting Workshop, Dutchess County Farm & Home Center, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545. For more information call (845) 463-6020 or email: solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov

Saturday, September 13, 2025 – Water Resources Program with Julie Hart of the Dutchess Land Conservancy in the Town of Clinton Town Hall at 11am.

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - 6pm Home Composting Workshop, Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. For more information call (845) 463-6020 or email: solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov

Next CAC Meeting: June 11, 2025 @ 5:30pm

2025 Meetings: July 9; August 13; September 10; October 9; November 12; December 12.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.