

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 – June 11, 2025 – 5:30pm**

Present: Barbara Mandell, Michael Hurd, Margaret Pierpont, Jenn Brown

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

Review and Approve Minutes – May 14, 2025 Minutes

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2025 Budget	\$2,050	\$1,210.16	\$839.84

Margaret motioned to accept minutes from May 2025 meeting, Michael seconded

Expenses:

- www.clintoncac.com
 - Website - \$192
 - Domain Name - \$25
- CCD CSC Task Force booth - \$25
- Metal Garden Makers - \$22.78
- Two portable folding tables - \$89.96
- Postcards - \$855.42

Expenses to be added: Lynne CCD expenses - \$42.48

Clinton Community Day Report – Lynne, Jean, Deborah, Jenn, Margaret, Joe, and Richard

- Rained out much of the day, 20 visitors total
- The maps are a huge success. People were really drawn to the maps of water.
- Chris Johnson is concerned about salt runoff from the Taconic and would like our advice. She gave Lynne her number. **Barbara** will respond to her and suggest she check in with the state.
- Winner of raffle was Judith Grabowski. Lynne to contact.
- We will participate again - June 6, 2026

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards – Deborah

- QR code on postcard didn't work. Minuteman provided stickers of accurate QR codes that Deborah will stick on the remaining postcards
- People liked the image a lot
- Margaret (Rhinebeck), Michael (Staatsburg), and Barbara (Salt Point) didn't receive the card
- Deborah check with Minuteman Press and the cards went out only to 12514.
- We have 100 extra that didn't get sent out
- Deborah has asked to meet with Town Clerk Carol Mackin to get the names of what is missing
- Katherine suggested maybe asking for the list of registered voters

Clinton Community Library Plant and Book Sale Report– Deborah and Jean

- Was a good event. People were talking about composting and the pollinator garden.
- We will want to participate again.

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Climate Smart Community Task Force – Joe

- Joe and Barbara met via Zoom with Scott Kleinburg of CCEDC, on June 5, 2025 to discuss the Climate Smart Planning Tool for Clinton.

Supporting a Healthy Dutchess County by Reducing Waste

- Are we interested in a presentation by **Mothers Out Front Dutchess County**? Email forwarded before meeting.
 - Barbara will reach out and connect them with Michael W to suggest they consider asking to get on the town board agenda

Planning Board – Michael

- No recent requests

Wetlands Law – Margaret

- Katherine is facilitating getting the zoning laws updated with the town based on the new DEC rules. Might happen by September, but not

Education Outreach/Programs – Barbara, Jean, Margaret

- Margaret is developing an item on Clinton's water for the CAC website.
- Barbara will try to do another educational program with the summer campers

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

- We had a good bump from the postcards. Jenn will provide stats ahead of next month's meeting

Welcome Folders - Barbara

- Barbara is distributing more

Clinton Nature Trail – Barbara Chair

- Barbara had put a purple martin house along the Nature Trail and we have a nesting pair!
- **Jenn** to add Barbara's recent 1-day list of 97 birds to the existing bird article on the website.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

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Next CAC Meeting: July 9, 2025 @ 5:30pm

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