

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**

Agenda – July 9, 2025 – 5:30pm

Minutes – June 11, 2025 minutes approved

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

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2025 Budget	\$2,050	\$1,306.64	\$743.36

Expenses:

- Copy of Bronze Certification Plaque from Minuteman Express - \$54 (included above)

Unaccounted Expenses:

- Lynne CCD expenses - \$42.48 (included above)

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards – Deborah

- The group agreed to print and send postcards to the remaining addresses Deborah was able to get from the town
- This will use the remainder of our budget. We may need approximately \$50 more, and **once Barbara has the full quote from Deborah she will share with Katherine** to ask for the town to provide funds to cover that gap

Food Waste and Composting

- Sandra Stratton-Gonzalez from Mothers Out Front will present an 8-minute slide show at our August 13, 2025 meeting. A monitor is needed to stream a google slide presentation.
- CSC Survey Results shared by Richard Marshall – emailed with Agenda for this meeting.
- Food waste and composting
 - Joe and Michael shared emails with details of what they found out about food waste and the garbage chain in Dutchess County
 - The CAC isn't making any recommendations to the town about specific programs as the logistics are too difficult
 - We will look at this topic for future educational programs to encourage people to learn about home composting
 - **Katherine** will email her contact at eWaste and see if we might be able to set one of these up for the Town w/CAC support

Clinton Community Day Followup:

- Barbara contacted Chris Johnson. She is concerned about the salt runoff on her property from salting the TSP near to where she lives. She suggests CAC contact DOT to share what the Town of Clinton Highway Department uses on its roads. Chris and her husband want to meet with Barbara sometime this month.
- Barbara sent an email to Todd at the highway department to see if she can find out what the town uses on the roads and also if he knows what the DOT uses on the Taconic

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Education Outreach/Programs – Barbara, Jean, Margaret

- Margaret is working on an article about water information for the CAC website.
- The garden tour for the library had a swag bag with their recent garden tour, so Margaret suggested we add our postcard. Katherine said they're only doing it every other year, so we'll do it in 2027
- Margaret suggested she become our Library Liaison since the library does a number of programs in line with topics we want to help promote (e.g., repair cafe, garden tours). Everyone agreed.

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

- Pictures from Clinton Community Day
- Repair Cafe at Library has been listed on Events page
- We got a thank you email from Rain Garden Info addition to website. Email from Kelly Hall

Welcome Folders - Barbara

- Still working on it

Clinton Nature Trail – Barbara Chair

- Barbara is exploring a possible development of a Remembrance Garden
 - Margaret suggested we rename the nature trail the Noreen Kohler Nature Trail. The group agreed. Katherine will put it on the agenda for the Town Board in August. Barbara has a list of all the things Noreen did for the Town and will share it with all of us. A possible ribbon cutting was discussed.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 12, 2025 – 12pm-4pm Repair Café hosted by the Clinton Community Library and Zero Waste Dutchess in the Clinton Town Hall located at 1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck.

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: August 13, 2025 @ 5:30pm

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