

## Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

[clintoncac.com](http://clintoncac.com)

**Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex, 1215 Centre Road,  
Rhinebeck, NY**

**Minutes: August 13, 2025 – 5:30pm**

**Present:** Michael Hurd, Margaret Pierpont, Jean McAvoy, Deborah Valchar, Lynne Morrell

**Minutes** – July 9, 2025 minutes approved

### **Mothers Out Front Dutchess - Supporting a Healthy Dutchess County by Reducing Waste**

Sandra Stratton-Gonzalez presented a slide show from this organization committed to a “sustainable environment for children and grandchildren.” The current goal of the group is a county-wide adoption of curbside composting, within a larger aim of ending incineration of waste. A PDF of the presentation was provided and will be available on the CAC website.

| CAC A8090.4 | Amount  | Spent      | Remaining |
|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| 2025 Budget | \$2,050 | \$1,308.13 | \$741.87  |

**2026 Budget** – The CAC budget request is due by September, 2, 2025. All present agreed that Katherine Mustello and Barbara Mansell needed to discuss the amount, including the cost of a sign for the Norene Collier Nature Trail and support for regular maintenance. Since the postcards mailed by the CAC to Clinton residents require a sizable portion of the budget, it was agreed that a mailing every two years would be sufficient.

### **Norene Collier Nature Trail – Barbara, Jean, and Margaret**

A meeting was held on August 5<sup>th</sup> to help draw up a Resolution to rename the Clinton Nature Trail the Norene Collier Nature Trail. The trail is in need of reclaiming, refurbishing of signage and kiosk, and regular maintenance. Ideas that were aired included enlisting local scouts, arranging a clean-up day like the spring road clean-up, and renewing previous arrangements with the Recreation Department or the Highway Department for regular mowing. A new sign needs to be decided upon. Michael offered to get an estimate and Lynne will reach out to a contact. A dedication of the trail is planned for May, 2026.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee** - The town board is looking for a CAC volunteer to participate in the Comprehensive Plan update. Both Deborah and Michael expressed interest and would like to know more about what’s involved. It was suggested that perhaps CAC members could share the responsibility.

**"Exploring and Understanding Clinton's Water Resources"** - Dutchess Land Conservancy will be presenting on Saturday, September 13, 2025 in the Town Hall.

- Promotion of event. Barbara has asked Carol to send the flyer via MailChimp and has posted the event on the Clinton Community Bulletin Board FB page. This will have to be done another one or two times to keep residents aware of the event. Email from Julie Hart of the DLC has been forwarded.
- Barbara will contact Brandon, the Town’s technician, to have event recorded for YouTube.

This update from Barbara was acknowledged and accepted.

### **CAC/CSC Website ([www.clintoncac.com](http://www.clintoncac.com))**

- Margaret’s Water Article in on the website. <https://www.clintoncac.com/blog/drink-local-all-about-your-well-water>
- Paul Thomas’ email was forwarded to the group. “Has the CAC done anything recently on invasives - i.e., identification, impact on native species, types commonly found in Clinton, control methods etc.?” Jean forwarded a link to Barbara of the most recent review of invasive from Hudsonia. Charles Canham

also sent information from his writings on the effect of invasive on forests. **These links will be available on the website.** There was discussion about the gap between the broader scientific viewpoint and the practical impact on individual properties and Town roadsides. A presentation for the spring was proposed.

#### **Planning Board – Michael**

There was nothing to report from the Planning Board. Michael suggested that it would be helpful if all building permits were available for viewing online.

**Wetlands Law – Katherine Mustello** Katherine was not at the meeting, so this was not discussed.

#### **Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards – Deborah**

The ongoing difficulty of sending postcards to multiple Zip Codes was discussed. The additional cost to send out the remaining post cards will be about \$1236.20 which includes postage. There will be about \$494.33 that won't be covered by the CAC budget. We need to talk to Mike Whitton to find out if the cost will be covered.

#### **Climate Smart Community Task Force**

- Barbara and Joe will be attending Climate Smart Resiliency for the Town of Clinton meeting with CCEDC, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am via Zoom.

#### **Welcome Folders – Barbara**

- Fifteen folders made. Some distributed to ToC Supervisor and Town Clerk offices.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025** - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Event, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6596 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 8am – 12:30pm. (online registration opens August 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am) Registration and \$10 Prepayment Required. More details: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Solid-Waste-Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Electronics-Event.htm>

**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](mailto:solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov)

**Saturday, October 6, 2025** – Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Event, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY (online registration opens September 18th) Registration and \$10 Prepayment Required. More details: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Solid-Waste-Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Electronics-Event.htm>

**Next CAC Meeting:** September 10, 2025 @ 5:30pm

Minutes submitted by Margaret Pierpont