

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council

Minutes – April 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4 PM by Barbara Mansell, Chair.

Members present: Barbara Mansell, Marian Thompson, and Norene Coller.

Town Board members present: Eliot Werner and Mike Whitton.

Member of the public present: Dick Coller

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018 and March 14, 2018 was made by Norene Coller and seconded by Marian Thompson. All members voted in favor.

Communications: No communications were received.

Finances:

2018 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
\$500	\$500	0	\$500

Climate Smart Energy Subcommittee: The group discussed upcoming Climate Smart Community meetings and plans to attend, when possible.

The town must designate a Climate Smart Coordinator

The group is working to complete four High Impact Actions in order to earn a Clean Energy Community designation.

1 - NYSERDA's code enforcement training will occur on April 16th. Clinton town employee, Louis Fiorese has been approved to attend, as well as Mike Whitton and Marian Thompson.

2 - Mike Whitton discussed the current program to replace lights with LED in Clinton parks will not be eligible for discounts, however, a future program will change this policy.

3 - The current TOC Solar Law limits peak power for residence to 20kw. In order receive credit for a Unified Solar Permit the peak power needs to be 25kw.

Norene Coller suggested contacting former Town Supervisor, Jeff Burns, for assistance.

The group noted that they would work with the Town Clerk to determine the current town laws and policies to better implement Clean Energy policies.

Zoning Revision: Barbara stated that the Zoning Revision Committee continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM.

Education and Outreach: Barbara shared Eliot Werner's document, "Consult the Town of Clinton Zoning Law before you buy or develop your property," for review. If approved, it will be added to the Welcome Folders for newcomers.

Mike suggested that a Climate Smart Energy presentation at the Library would be a way to reach out to residents and to enlist members more.

Nature Trail: Trail was badly affected by the March storms. She will contact Theron Thompkins to enlist his help for clean up.

WIC: Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council (WIC) will meet on April 27 at 8 AM in the Town of Milan.

Old Business: The group reviewed the CAC participation in the Clinton Community Library Book Sale on February 24, 2018 at which they presented information on vernal pools. Mike, Barbara and Jean McAvoy attended the Dutchess County CAC and EMC roundtable. Barbara made a report on the Great Backyard Bird Count which occurred on February 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norene Coller