

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes – April 14, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.

CAC members: Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Jean McAvoy, Barbara Mansell, Joe Phelan, Jake Strauss, Marian Thompson

Member of the Town Board: Michael Whitton

Members of the Public: Virginia Harper, Margaret Pierpont, Glen Schwarze

Finances: 2021 Budget: Amount: \$500 Spent: \$80 Remaining: \$420

Barbara welcomed new members, Jake Strauss and Joseph Phelan.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021 was made by Marian Thompson and seconded by Jean McAvoy. All members voted in favor.

Barbara reported that she and Jean reviewed a Planning Board Application for a property where two dwellings will be built on the steep slopes on Coyote Ridge Rd.

Clean Energy Communities:

- The Town Board approved the continuation of the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. A new rate is being negotiated which must be lower than the previous 2 year average cost of electricity. Central Hudson's rate has been low but is now increasing. The CCA program requires that electricity must be from 100% renewable energy and from NYS resources.
- Clean Energy Communities certification is awaiting approval.
- Jean expressed her frustration with the Energy Star Portfolio Manager for entering the town's energy usage data. Jake volunteered to try to help.
- Michael Whitton is building a Climate Smart Task Force.

Pollinator Pathway (PP):

Barbara will pass along several native plant resources.

Suggestions of tasks for introducing the PP to Clinton residents:

- Create FB page
- Request to have a table at the Clinton Community Library's Book Sale which is from 6/11-6/13/21.
- Provide a 10-15 minute presentation at the beginning of the May Town Board meeting.
- Maya is working on a 3 part presentation series: Pollinators, Birds, Lawn Maintenance.
- Use the town's MailChimp.
- Create a webpage on the Pollinator-Pathway.org website.
- Program for summer campers?
- Maintain the little garden between the Mason Hall and Schoolhouse buildings.
- Garden walks. Bird walks. Butterfly walks.
- Encourage Old Adriance Farm to join the PP.
- Develop the empty lot where the Mason Hall was in Schultsville.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. Next meeting May 12, 2021 at TBA

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell