

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
This meeting was held via Zoom
April 20, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.

CAC members: Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Margaret Pierpont, Marian Thompson

Member of the Town Board: Katherine Mustello

2022 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
CAC A8090.4	\$2,100.00*	\$160.00	\$2,040.00

*Travel. .411 \$100

*Supplies .481 \$2000 (This is earmarked for 6 benches, dog waste stations, plantings and signs.)

\$160.00 was spent on the purchase of Pollinator Pathway signs.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2022, was made by Jean McAvoy and seconded by Marian Thompson. The minutes were accepted by members.

Pollinator Pathway (PP)

Members of the CAC and public attended the last two of Maya Goer-Palenzuela’s presentations called “Best Native Plant Choices for Our Eco-Region for Threatened Pollinator Survival” and “Property Management: Nurturing Habitat for Non-Humans”, sponsored by the Clinton Community Library. All three presentations were recorded and will be found on the library’s website. Crystal Middleton added flyers to the CAC Pollinator Pathway display that is set up in the Town Hall, listing books and movies recommended by Maya.

The Friendship Garden Club met on April 13, 2022, at 10am, and Jean McAvoy, member of the club, attended on behalf of the CAC. They discussed possible collaboration with the CAC for maintenance of the Town Hall Complex gardens. It was decided that the CAC would take a lead role in developing the gardens with native plantings, and organizing maintenance. The club will help as best they can. Jean plans to talk to the club about having native plants for sale at the Clinton Community Library Book Sale/Plant Sale on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Margaret Pierpont prepared two handouts on best mowing guidelines. One, *No Mow May*, on how we can help our pollinators, will be sent via the town’s Mail Chimp. The other, *To Mow or Not to Mow?* will be available at the Green Fair on May 14, 2022.

Margaret Pierpont spoke with Lauren Mathis, Skip Backus’ assistant, about the CAC’s general interest in collaborating with the Omega Institute concerning pollinators—from walks, to identifying invasive and good native species in their gardens. Skip Backus is apparently already interested in doing something regarding the new approach to lawn maintenance. Margaret will follow up with Lauren and see if any progress has been made.

Margaret Pierpont and Lynne Morrell have been working on developing a hands-on workshop for pollinator-friendly planters and pots. Barbara Mansell suggested a program could be developed for the Summer Campers at Fran Mark Park. Lynne volunteered to contact Dan Harkenrider.

Education Outreach

Lynne Morrell is continuing her efforts in organizing CAC members who will attend upcoming events listed below. She will have materials ready to use by volunteers, and will meet with Barbara Mansell in the town hall to copy materials.

Barbara Mansell attended the initial Clinton Community Day planning meeting on April 28, 2022.

CSC Task Force

The deadline to submit documentation for the town to achieve Bronze status is July 8, 2022.

Members Jean McAvoy and Jake Strauss produced a graphic representation of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory as part of the Benchmarking Work.

The Roadside-Stream Crossing Inventory and Management Plan is expected to begin in April.

Lynne Morrell is working with Jack Persely and Richard Marshall on developing flyers and communications for the Green Fair.

There will be a mock Repair Café on June 4th from 10am to 2pm at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall. Jack Perseley has been involved on behalf of Clinton's CSC Task Force.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 14, 2022, 11:00am – 3:00pm at Fran Mark Park - Green Fair

Saturday, May 21, 2022, 9am – 5pm Book/Plant Sale at Clinton Community Library

Saturday, September 3, 2022 Clinton Community Day at Clinton Corners

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm, The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022, at 5:30pm.

Meetings for the remainder of 2022 will be June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 7.

Respectfully submitted,
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