

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meetin Location: Top floor of the Masonic Hall at the Town Complex
1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY
August 10, 2022 Minutes

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

CAC Members: Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Marian Thompson

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

| 2022 Budget | Amount | Spent | Remaining |
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| CAC A8090.4 | \$2,100.00* | \$518.51 | \$1,581.49 |

*Travel. .411 \$100

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2022, was made by Jean McAvoy and seconded by Barbara Mansell. The minutes were accepted by members present. Barbara thanked Marian for her preparation of the minutes.

2023 Budget – Barbara asked for suggestions of projects to be included in next year’s budget. The purchase of three Master Gardener presentations for \$200. It was suggested that Barbara contact Joe Phelan, the CSC Task Force Chair, for their need.

Planning Board Applications – Barbara, Jean and Marian reviewed two Planning Board applications on August 8, 2022. Both applications required review of proposed soil erosion control measures regarding steep slopes. Barbara is encouraging members to register for the CCEDC’s Online Mapping Tools for Local Conservation Planning training that will be on Sept. 10, 2022. These are the mapping tools that we use when reviewing applications.

Pollinator Pathway (PP) - Barbara thanked the volunteers who watered the plants in the new PP garden at the town hall. Margaret, although not present, liked the idea of organizing three Master Gardener programs with the library. Two of the three programs will be #87 “Stop the Spread: Scout for New Invasives Citizen-Science Training” and #84 “Controlling Invasives in Managed Landscapes”. Margaret is arranging a visit to Casperkill Game Club to be held the week before Labor Day. She also heard back from Omega suggesting that we plan something in early 2023. Lynne asked which app is useful in identifying plants. It is called Seek.

Education Outreach – Jean and Barbara organized a Monarch Butterfly program for the summer campers. The campers brought small boxes that they added screening so they could take one of the various collected Monarch caterpillars and chrysalises found by Jean. Barbara provided a Monarch coloring sheet as well as a handout of “A Few Common Butterflies” found in Clinton for the campers to take home.

Clinton Community Day – Lynne Morrell is organizing the CAC/CSC Task Force table information and a volunteer schedule. Margaret plans to write up a handout on what to do in the yard in the fall to promote more pollinators in the spring. It would include simple information about what to do with the leaves, leaving stalks on plants and when to mow fields. Lynne proposed having a free raffle of a native plant. Lynne and Margaret are planning a poster with pictures of late summer native plants found in the town to show the public.

CSC Task Force – Joe, Barbara, Mike Whitton, Todd Martin and Melissa Karchmer attended the second Zoom meeting with Sean Carroll of CCEDC on Clinton Road-Stream Crossing Management Plan. Sean presented a map of Clinton showing the inventory of culverts listed by priority that will guide the highway department in

this plan. Jean described culverts shaped like a box open on the bottom are better than circular culverts because they're less likely to cause a soil buildup, they increase aquatic connectivity, and animals can cross more easily. Sean will be providing Culvert Public Outreach flyers for Community Day.

Richard Marshall prepared the Town of Clinton Climate Action Plan 2022 Draft that will be reviewed by the Task Force. It includes benchmarking, promoting energy efficiency, reducing energy usage, monitoring direct emissions and indirect emissions of green house gases (GHG), inventorying natural resources and the conservation of same, assessing natural habits and preservation of same, managing waste including but not limited to promoting reuse and providing for recycle, and mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

Wappinger Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council (WIC) – The next meeting is either Friday 9/16 or Friday 9/30.

Clinton Nature Trail

No news for the Eagle Scout project to build benches.

Upcoming Events

Sat, September 3, 2022 - Clinton Community Day at Clinton Corners

Sat, September 10, 2022 - Online Mapping Tools for Local Conservation Planning training

Sat. September 17, 2022 – Clinton Democrats Social, Fran Mark Park, 1pm-4pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm, The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022, at 5:30pm.

Meetings for the remainder of 2022 will be October 12, No meeting in November, December 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mansell with help of Marian Thompson