

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex
1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY
August 11, 2021 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.
All attendees were properly masked as mandated by the Town of Clinton.

CAC members: Jean McAvoy, Barbara Mansell, Joe Phelan
Member of the Town Board: Michael Whitton
Member of the Public: Lynne Morrell

Finances: 2021 Budget: Amount: \$500 Spent: \$107.50 Remaining: \$392.50

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2021 was made by Joe Phelan and seconded by Barbara Mansell. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Mike Whitton expressed the town board's need of a letter detailing plans for Pollinator Pathway (PP) with other items, to justify the request to increase the CAC funds from \$500 to \$2,000 for 2022. Jean McAvoy suggested some money be used to hire a suitable student to look for properties that contain existing native plantings. This would be a good starting point in identifying locations on a PP map to see corridors in our town unfold. At previous meetings, the subcommittee suggested adding more native plantings with signage at Fran Mark Park to bring awareness to the program. PP educational programs and hands-on workshops are also being planned.

Joe Phelan, Climate Smart Task Force chair, reported that the committee met on July 27, 2021 with 4 attendees. Discussion began with reviewing Vanessa Bertozzi's June 29, 2021 Presentation. She is a member of the Village of Rhinebeck CSC Task Force and was able to describe their accomplishments thus far. The committee reviewed the list of Climate Smart actions needed to achieve the Bronze level. Twelve have been completed with another possible 17 that could conceivably be done. One possible action, for example, is providing recycle bins for plastic containers and cans in the town buildings.

The Benchmark 2020 data will be completed soon.

The CAC is invited to have a table at the Democratic Committee Social being held on Saturday, September 4th, from 1pm to 4pm at Fran Mark Park. Discussion focused on providing Pollinator Pathway information and to attract members. Barbara Mansell will update the CAC Brochure. Member of the Public, Lynne Morrell, said she would review the information available on the Pollinator Pathway website that could provide good handout material. Jean McAvoy, Marian Thompson and Lynne Morrell will be able to attend the event.

Friends of the Library Welcome Totes – Barbara Mansell was invited to join the committee because the CAC has been distributing town and environmental information to new residents via Welcome to the Town folders for many years. The meeting is at 10:30am on August 13, 2021 at the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting September 15, 2021 at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell