

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex**  
**1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY**  
**December 8, 2021 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.  
All attendees were properly masked as mandated by the Town of Clinton.

**CAC members:** Jean McAvoy, Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Barbara Mansell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Marian Thompson

**Member of the Town Board:** Michael Whitton

**Member of the Public:** Lynne Morrell

**Finances: 2021 Budget:      Amount: \$500      Spent: \$287.50      Remaining: \$212.50**

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from November 10, 2021, was made by Joe Phelan and seconded by Margaret Pierpont. The minutes were accepted.

Barbara Mansell, upon approval of the council, purchased Pollinator Pathway signs to be used at Frances Mark Memorial Park and the Town Complex. The cost was \$180.

**Planning Board Applications**

Barbara Mansell reported that on December 6<sup>th</sup> she, Jean McAvoy, and Marian Thompson reviewed two properties requesting 2 Lot Subdivisions. The properties were the O’Leary Farm on Hollow Road, and another on Sunset Trail. The O’Leary report included the existence of a Blandings Turtle, which is a protected species in New York State, that was sighted in the past outside of the Conservation Easement area on the property. The report continued to say that should further development of the lot be proposed in the future, care should be taken to determine if Blandings Turtles are still present. Otherwise, there were no concerns for either property.

**CSC Task Force**

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force chair, reported that Jack Persely is continuing to organize a Green Fair to take place in May at Fran Mark Rec Park.

The possible migration to electric vehicles for Highway Department is still being investigated by Todd Martin, who is following the progress of the towns of Red Hook and Rhinebeck who have already begun this process.

Joe Phelan reported extensive discussion concerning the placement of recycling bins for the Town parks. How can the town make sure only recyclables were put in the bins? If garbage is deposited with recyclables, then the entire contents of bin will be considered garbage.

As a result of the town completing four High Impact Actions in order to be designated a Clean Energy Community, Mike Whitton reported the town received a grant of \$5,000.

Joe Phelan reported that Clinton is just 35 points from being awarded Bronze Status.

Pam Lovinger of the Pleasant Valley CAC contacted Joe Phelan regarding a possible collaborative effort with Clinton as well as Hyde Park to hold Repair Cafes each month. Barbara Mansell volunteered to contact Kathy Everett who had organized the Repair Cafes for Clinton a few years ago. Repair Cafes are a way to reduce how much goes into the waste stream by repairing items instead of throwing them away.

**Pollinator Pathway (PP)**

Through the combined efforts of Margaret Pierpont and Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Clinton information has been added to the Town of Clinton of Dutchess County webpage on the Pollinator Pathway website at <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/clinton>.

Maya Goer-Palenzuela is developing PP programs to be presented via the Clinton Community Library.

The Friendship Garden Club of Clinton maintains the gardens at the town hall and library. The CAC plans to invite the club to enter the town's complex to the Pollinator Pathway. Jean McAvoy, a garden club member, suggested an email describing our interest will be sent.

**Other:**

Lynne Morrell began developing a timeline on the history of Clinton's CAC accomplishments.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm. Next meeting is on January 12, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell