

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Top floor of the Masonic Hall at the Town Complex
1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY
February 8, 2023 Minutes

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

CAC Members: Al Bacon, Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy
Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

2023 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
CAC A8090.4*	\$2,700	\$0	\$2,700

*Details of the budget may be found in the February 8, 2023 agenda.

Minutes: A motion to approve the January 11, 2023 minutes was made by Al Bacon and seconded by Jean McAvoy. The minutes were accepted by members present.

Planning Board Applications – No applications

CAC&CSC Task Force website – Before the meeting, Al emailed the link to a working first outline of the website. It is a great start, with members expressing positive comments. The information was based on the current CAC and Climate Smart webpages. Members suggested additions such as an Events button and past Annual CAC Reports. Some sections need to be edited. Al will present the outline to the CSC Task Force at their next meeting.

Barbara contacted Carol Mackin asking if it was possible to have CAC information more easily found on the town’s website. Through the help of Fred Shequine, technology consultant for the town, links to the CAC webpage, Agendas and Minutes are now on the front page.

Education Outreach – Joe volunteered to describe what CSC means to “Seniors Helping Seniors” next month.

There is a Dutchess County Earth Day event on April 29, 2023 at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook. Barbara will contact the event organizer for more details.

In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, Barbara was asked to lead a bird walk partnered with the Recreation Committee on May 6, 2023. They also suggested a plant identification walk. The members present thought that mowing paths in the back of Friends Park would be a good place for this type of walk. Barbara will contact Dan Harkenrider and Todd Martin. Katherine also suggested Cloverbrook Farm.

CSC Task Force – Joe was unable to attend this meeting. Jean reported that Richard Marshall has almost completed the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory. It is suggested that this inventory be done every year.

Barbara will contact Anna Harrod-McGrew to find out if other towns have already created floodplain information, information on emergency preparedness, and climate action plans, on which Clinton could base their own plan. Katherine stated she is working on an Emergency Action Plan for the town board.

Jean reported that she, Margaret, and Jack Persley are on a NRI subcommittee of the CSC Task Force. They attend monthly Zoom technical support meetings. She stated that the level of detail that exists in the base maps that she and Jack inventoried puts Clinton in a good position for completing this project sooner than anticipated. A lot of the information needed already exists for developing the digitized version of the NRI.

Clinton Nature Trail – No updates

Wappinger Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council (WIC) – No date yet.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their **Annual 2023 Bare Root Seedling Sale**. **Orders must be placed by March 12, 2023**. Pick up dates are April 20, 21, and 22. www.dutchessswcd.com.

Thursday, March 9, 2023: “Rain Gardens: How Plants that Love Wet Feet Can Solve Home Garden Issues” at 6pm. Register for this event on the Clinton Community Library website via the calendar.

Thursday, March 16, 2023 – “What is a CSC” program by Joe Phelan for “Seniors Helping Seniors” at the Clinton Community Library.

Saturday, April 22, 2023: “Electric Cars” at 10:30am. Register for this event on the Clinton Community Library website via the calendar.

Saturday, May 6, 2023: Bird walk at Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary West in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month. Address: 23 Mountain Rd, Stanfordville, NY. Time TBA. Sponsored by the Town of Clinton Recreation Committee.

Saturday, May 13, 2023: “Climate Change And How it Relates to the Town of Clinton” at 10:30am. Register for this event on the Clinton Community Library website via the calendar.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023: 2023 Dutchess County Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Location: Dutchess County Farm and Home Center (2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY) **Snow Date March 23, 2023.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022, at 5:30pm.

2023 Meetings: April 12; May 10; June 14; July 12; August 9; September 13; October 11; November 8; December 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell