

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting was held via Zoom
January 12, 2022 Minutes

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

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

Member of the Town Board: Katherine Mustello

2022 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
CAC A8090.4	\$2,100.00*	\$0	\$2,100.00

*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 December 8, 2021 was made by Jean McAvoy and seconded by Joe Phelan. The minutes were accepted by members.

Barbara Mansell welcomed Katherine Mustello, the new town board liaison to the council.

Barbara Mansell noted that Lynne Morell was appointed to the CAC at the December 2021 Town Board meeting. Her term will run through to December 31, 2022.

Pollinator Pathway (PP)

This meeting was dedicated to discussing Maya Goer-Palenzuela’s Land Management Proposal for the town. Its objectives are to:

- Establish pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators on town-owned properties.
- Identify and encourage the planting of native plants, remove invasive plants, and discourage the use of pesticides.

A question was raised as to how to remove invasive plants without using pesticides. Some ideas were discussed but further research needs to be done. The proposal also includes mowing and lawn care maintenance guidelines. To encourage insect populations to thrive, one of the suggestions is to keep the lawn mowing height to 4”-6” in sports areas and walking paths at our parks. Maya received good feedback from members.

The Pollinator Pathway supports a No Mow in May initiative. Members wanted to know why this is recommended.

Maya is also developing PP programs to be presented via the Clinton Community Library:

- Sat, Feb 5, 2022 at 10am - Pollinators: Who/What Are They & Why Do They Matter?
- Sat, March 5, 2022 at 10am - Best Native Plant Choices For Our Eco-Region for Threatened Pollinator Survival
- Sat, April 2, 2022 at 10am - Property Management: Nurturing Habitat for Non-Humans

CSC Task Force

The task force did not meet in December. However, Joe Phelan reported that a Zoom meeting was being scheduled to learn about the “Town of Clinton - Road Stream Crossing Inventory & Management Plan Project” that is being sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County. Work in developing a collaborative effort to hold Repair Cafés with Pleasant Valley and Hyde Park is continuing. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

Other:

Melissa Karchmer of the Highway Department notified Barbara Mansell, Chair of the Clinton Nature Trail, that a Boy Scout Troop would like to replace the benches as a scout project this year. Barbara welcomed the idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm and the next meeting scheduled for February 9, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Meetings for the remainder of 2022 will be March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell