

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Minutes – January 8, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Barbara Mansell, chair

**CAC members present:** Norene Coller (Emeritus) Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Jean McAvoy, Marian Thompson, Merida Welles

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

**Member of the Public:** Eliot Werner

**Minutes:** The motion to approve the minutes was made by Maya Goer-Palenzuela. It was seconded by Marian Thompson. The December 11, 2019 minutes were approved by the group.

**Finances: 2020 Budget:            Amount: \$500            Spent: \$0            Remaining: \$500**

**Sustainability Fund** – We invited Charlotte Binns of Joule Assets speak about the Sustainability Fund as it relates to Community Solar. Joule Community Power has established a community solar program that gives back to the community and enables subscribers who support clean energy generation. Subscribers can save approximately 10% annually on electricity by supporting renewable energy. To encourage communities such as Clinton to move closer to using 100% renewal energy, \$50 will be put in a sustainability fund in Clinton for each subscriber that enrolls in Community Solar. The funds can be used to fund sustainability projects of our choosing.

**Community Choice Aggregation** – Via email, Jeff Domanski, Hudson Valley Energy, wrote that a second CCA package was submitted with new documentation to the Department of Public Service. The submission was accepted and was awaiting approval.

**Climate Smart Program Webpage** – Members reviewed Merida Welles’ webpage before the meeting. They had very positive feedback. It was suggested that the page be rearranged to place the reasons why our residents need to be encouraged to reduce emissions followed by what they can do to accomplish it.

**Kirchman/Wiedman Property** – A letter was sent to the Planning Board expressing our concerns about the deer fencing listed in the December 11, 2019 minutes.

**Mailchimp Town Wide Email** – Barbara and Merida are interested in learning how to use Mailchimp. Barbara will follow up with Ray Oberly.

**The following meetings of note were announced:**

**NY Transco Workshop** – Tuesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. Learn about the status of the new transmission lines going through Clinton

**CAC and EMC Roundtable** – Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Farm and Home Center  
CAC/EMC Annual Report form and 2020 Directory Information

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell