

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
This meeting was held outside the Library
June 8, 2022 Minutes

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

CAC Members: Barbara Mansell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Marian Thompson

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

Members of the Public: Al Bacon, Marilyn Schiller

| 2022 Budget | Amount | Spent | Remaining |
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| CAC A8090.4 | \$2,100.00* | \$160.00 | \$2.040.00 |

*Travel. .411 \$100

*Supplies .481 \$2000 (This is earmarked for 6 benches, dog waste stations, plantings and signs.)

Barbara Mansell welcomed Al Bacon and Marilyn Schiller to the meeting. Both have been very interested in the CAC's work especially regarding the protection of the town's drinking water.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2022, was made by Margaret Pierpont and seconded by Marian Thompson. The minutes were accepted by members.

There were no Planning Board applications needed to be reviewed.

Barbara Mansell reported that the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County is partnering with the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development on a two-year grant project to update Dutchess County's 2010 Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). CACs were asked to complete a survey aimed to gain feedback on how/if the current County-wide NRI from 2010 was used, what might be looked for in the update with regards to content and functionality, and how it can be made more accessible and user-friendly. Barbara completed the survey on behalf of Clinton. Currently, the CAC uses Dutchess Parcel Access, and from the DEC Environmental Resource Mapper, and Hudson Valley Natural Resource Mapper when reviewing Planning Board Applications.

Pollinator Pathway (PP)

Barbara Mansell, Lynne Morrell, Margaret Pierpont and Marian Thompson volunteered their time at the CAC Pollinator Pathway display at the Library's Plant and Book sale on May 21, 2022. Thank you to Lynne for organizing the materials and display. A resident on Stonehouse Rd made note that Casperkill Game Club had planted a field of native plants. Barbara will contact the game club.

Barbara and Ray Mansell placed a Pollinator Pathway sign in the garden at Fran Mark Park.

With Maya Goer-Palenzuela's resignation, members wondered how things were left with mowing at Fran Mark Park.

Margaret Pierpont is continuing communication with Lauren Mathis at Omega Institute regarding a collaborative effort for a Pollinator Pathway educational program.

Barbara Mansell will meet with Chris Johnson, 4-H Co-Leader of Blooming Kids, at 10am on June 11, 2022 at the Town Hall to discuss help needed to plant a pollinator garden between the Mason Hall and Schoolhouse buildings. Barbara bought 5 plants from Adams for the garden.

Barbara Mansell revisited the possibility of paying for Master Gardener programs such as “Controlling Invasives”. She will contact Joyce Tomaselli, CCEDC Community Horticulture Resource Educator.

Clinton Nature Trail

Barbara Mansell led a bird walk in the Clinton Nature Trail on May 17, 2022. She requested permission to purchase new brochure holders for the kiosk located at the start of the trail. She will contact Liam Stark regarding his Eagle Scout plan to install benches.

Education Outreach

Barbara Mansell placed 10 Welcome to the Town of Clinton folders in the Town Clerk’s office. Lynne Morrell will make contact with Lizzie Tompkins, camp leader for the Summer Camp, to organize pollinator pathway projects.

CSC Task Force

The Green Fair was held on May 14, 2022 in the Frances J. Mark Memorial Park. It was well attended. There was much interest in the various vendors present. A Green Fair in 2023 seems likely. Jean McAvoy has submitted her latest Benchmarking report to the Town Board for its June 14, 2022 meeting. Both the Green Fair and Benchmarking results count as points towards achieving the Bronze level status.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 3, 2022 Clinton Community Day at Clinton Corners

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm, The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022, at 5:30pm.

Meetings for the remainder of 2022 will be August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell