

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes – June 9, 2021

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

CAC members: Jean McAvoy, Barbara Mansell, Joe Phelan, Jake Strauss

Member of the Town Board: Michael Whitton

Members of the Public: Margaret Pierpont, Lynne Morrell

Finances: 2021 Budget: Amount: \$500 Spent: \$107.50 Remaining: \$392.50

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from April 14, 2021 was made by Joe Phelan and seconded by Jean McAvoy. All members voted in favor.

Future meetings will be held at 5:30pm. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month.

May 12, 2021 4pm Meeting: Barbara noted that there were 3 members plus Mike Whitton able to attend. There were no minutes taken. Barbara shared conversations from the present members. Mike reported that the first meeting of the Climate Smart Task Force was set for Tuesday, May 25th at 7pm. Ten residents of various backgrounds have been invited to attend. Joe, committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 228, would welcome ideas for Eagle Scout Projects and volunteer opportunities for scouts that would benefit our municipality through community service.

Climate Smart Task Force Report – Report given by Joe Phelan. The first meeting of the Climate Smart Task Force was held on Tuesday, May 25th. Mike described the program and history of the program to the task force. The committee elected Joe as chairman and Ian Shank as taker of the minutes. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 29th at 7pm.

Benchmarking Report – Report given by Jean McAvoy. Jake clarified the process by which to update the database. Marian Thompson helped Jean with updates to the database with last year's electricity usage.

Pollinator Pathway Report – Barbara shared Maya Goer-Palenzuela's report. A Pollinator Pathway Press Release, written by Margaret Pierpont, will be distributed to local publications. Maya, Joe, Margaret and Barbara met at Fran Mark Park on May 23rd. They discussed signage, tick issues, NYSDEC's Trees for Tribes, grant money, seed vs plug planting in the ditch. Actionable items: Follow up meeting with Garden Club, volunteering at plant sale, proposal for funds and budget (organize treasure and bank account). It was suggested that a survey of residents be taken to learn what sort of garden spots they would like to see. A community garden site could be developed near the town complex to raise food for residents.

Planning Board Applications Barbara and Jean reviewed two applications.

1. Wetlands Permit for 164 Mountain View Road – Reviewed on 5/14/21
2. Bledin and Rosenthal Special Permit and Soil Erosion Plan Centre Road – Reviewed on 6/1/21

Clinton Nature Trail – Barbara led a bird walk for the Clinton Community Library on May 22nd. Eight people attended. She will lead a Nature Walk on Saturday, June 26th.

Education Outreach – Some members will attend the Clinton Community Library Book Sale on Saturday, June 12th to introduce the Pollinator Pathway by passing out the press release.

Clinton Summer Camp – July 5-9, July 12-16, August 2-6, August 9-13 – Ideas for educational outreach programs Contact: Nancy Cunningham and Dan Harkenrider

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm. Next meeting July 14, 2021 at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell