

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes – March 10, 2021**

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.

CAC members present: Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Jean McAvoy, Barbara Mansell, Marian Thompson

Member of the Town Board: Michael Whitton

Members of the Public: Mady Goldstein, Virginia Harper, Richard Marshall, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont

Finances: 2021 Budget: **Amount:** \$500 **Spent:** \$80 **Remaining:** \$420

Virtual meet and greet members of the public who have expressed interest in joining the CAC. Thank you for attending.

Pollinator Pathways:

Maya placed copies of her Pollinator Pathway (PP) poster in various locations in and around Clinton.

Maya presented a Pollinator Pathway slide show that introduced the importance of planting native species to support native insects, butterflies, bats, and birds. It was well received by the group. Thank you, Maya, for your work.

Maya, Barbara, and Jean attended a Zoom meeting with the Friendship Garden Club of Clinton to introduce the PP. Thank you, Jean, for setting this up. Maya presented her PP slide show here as well.

Questions for next time we meet: What do we have on our properties that are still native? How do we start our outreach program for Clinton residents? Many extensive lists of native plant species for New York are available, for example, as Maya mentioned in her presentation, the Xerces Society’s website (www.xerces.org) Is there a “starter list”? What are some of the invasive plant species?

Barbara noted the availability of CAC created Welcome Folders at the Town Clerk’s office. Maya’s PP poster could be included. Barbara will share the content of the folder with prospective members.

Upcoming Events:

Introducing the Pollinator Pathway Zoom meeting will be, Tuesday, 3/23/21 at 7:00pm organized by the Town of Poughkeepsie CAC.

Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 2021 Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable will be on Tuesday, 3/30/21 at 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Creating a Garden for Pollinators - Virtual Talk, Thursday, Apr. 22, 2021, 11:00 AM
Clinton Community Library Online via Zoom. Details on the library’s website.

Climate Smart Task Force:

Michael Whitton gave an overview of the work the CAC has done and the next steps in the Climate Smart Communities which includes building a task force. Barbara will email links for more information to the group.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell