

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Location: Top floor of the Masonic Hall at the Town Complex**  
**1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY**  
**March 8, 2023 Minutes**

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

**CAC Members:** Marilyn Donahue-Schiller, Barbara Mansell, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont  
**Member of the Public:** Eileen Sikora

<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
CAC A8090.4*	\$2,700	\$0	\$2,700

\*Details of the budget may be found in the March 8, 2023 agenda.

**Minutes:** The February 8, 2023 minutes were approved by members who had attended the meeting.

**2023 Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable** is on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center (2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY). Joe and Barbara worked on the Annual Report that includes CAC and CSC Task Force accomplishments. Barbara will submit the Directory List of CAC members and 2022 Annual Report as requested by CCEDC no later than March 15. Barbara will deliver the report at the meeting.

**Planning Board Applications** – No applications

**CAC&CSC Task Force website**

- Al was unable to attend the meeting. However, in an email to Barbara, she requested that members review the outline that was sent last month, and has set a deadline to have comments and suggestions to her by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She also encouraged members to send photos.
- Some suggestions that came out of the meeting were to: rewrite the CAC statement of purpose, post Pollinator Pathway information created by the CAC, and write a paragraph on the Natural Resources Information that would link to the Open Space, Biodiversity and Comprehensive Plans that have maps of the town.

**Education Outreach**

- Barbara reminded the group of the upcoming Master Gardeners presentation on Thursday, March 9, 2023: “Rain Gardens: How Plants that Love Wet Feet Can Solve Home Garden Issues” at 6pm.
- Joe is giving a presentation on the CSC to “Seniors Helping Seniors” on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Barbara contacted the organizer of the Dutchess County Earth Day event being held on April 29, 2023 at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook. Due to the lack of space inside the building, only one booth for CACs and one booth for CSCs for all of Dutchess County will be available. Joe and I decided that attending events in Clinton are much more successful for residents and makes good use of our volunteers’ time.
- Lynne wants to purchase a banner that represents the CAC and CSC at events. She would like to design a logo as well as use photos that represent the town of Clinton.
- Barbara reached out to the Recreation Committee regarding a possible plant identification walk event at Friends Park. She learned that an Eagle Scout Project is being planned to create paths in the back of the park, so the walk is on hold. Marilyn was curious about how the park could be renovated to make it more attractive for residents and town activities. Barbara suggested that she visit the Recreation Committee page on the town’s website to learn what is being planned. The Recreation Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 7pm.

## **CSC Task Force**

- A press release is being created by Margaret regarding a grant that was received from DEC Hudson River Estuary Program. Clinton is partnering with the neighboring Town and Village of Millbrook on year-long Natural Resource Inventory project. The project will be completed by the end of the year. The press release will be added under “News” on the town’s website and emailed to residents via MailChimp.
- A crucial piece for applying for the Bronze status requires the completion of a Climate Action Plan. The Hudson Regional Council is working with the Task Force on this.
- Road Stream Crossing Inventory & Management Plan is ongoing.
- Climate Smart Resiliency Plan Emergency Preparedness Strategies for Hazard Mitigation Recovery is ongoing.

## **Welcome to the Town of Clinton Folders**

Regarding the creation of an Emergency Action Plan document to be added to the Welcome to the Town of Clinton folders, Barbara contacted Anna Harrod-McGrew to learn where to start. Anna stated she is working with the town of Clinton on this. An Emergency Action Plan document of some sort will eventually be created.

**Clinton Nature Trail** – No updates

**Wappinger Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council (WIC)** – No date yet.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023:** “Rain Gardens: How Plants that Love Wet Feet Can Solve Home Garden Issues” at 6pm. Register for this event on the Clinton Community Library website via the calendar.

**Thursday, March 16, 2023:** “What is a CSC” program by Joe Phelan for “Seniors Helping Seniors” at the Clinton Community Library.

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023:** 2023 Dutchess County Annual CAC & EMC Roundtable Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Location: Dutchess County Farm and Home Center (2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY) Snow Date March 23, 2023.

**Saturday, April 22, 2023:** “Electric Cars” at 10:30am. Register for this event on the Clinton Community Library website via the [calendar](#).

**Saturday, May 6, 2023:** Bird walk at Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary West in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month. Address: 23 Mountain Rd, Stanfordville, NY. Time TBA. Sponsored by the Town of Clinton Recreation Committee.

**Saturday, May 13, 2023:** “Climate Change And How it Relates to the Town of Clinton” at 10:30am. Register for this event on the Clinton Community Library website via the [calendar](#).

**Saturday, May 20, 2023:** Clinton Community Library Book Sale & Plant Sale from 9am to 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2022, at 5:30pm.

**2023 Meetings:** May 10; June 14; July 12; August 9; September 13; October 11; November 8; December 13.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell