

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Top floor of the Masonic Hall at the Town Complex
1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY
May 10, 2023 Minutes

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

CAC Members: Al Bacon, Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont
Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

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

*Details of the budget may be found in the May 10, 2023 agenda.

Minutes: A motion to except the April 12, 2023 minutes was made by Jean and seconded by Joe. The minutes were approved by the group.

Planning Board Applications – The CAC received a Planning Board Application to review for Dutchess Reserve LLC 5 Lot Subdivision on Pumpkin Lane Road. A meeting for initial review is scheduled for May 22, 2023.

CAC&CSC Task Force website

Al and Barbara met to subscribe to Squarespace for the website. Payment was made via the Town’s credit card. The cost will be deducted from the CAC funds. Margaret and Barbara met on May 7, 2023 to work on the CAC section of the website. Al will update the website with these revisions.

Education Outreach

Lynne presented initial designs for a CAC banner. The group discussed possible additions that Lynne noted. Thank you to Lynne’s son for the designs. She will forward the revised banner designs to Barbara when they are ready.

Joe reported that the “Electric Cars” presentation on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Clinton Community Library was positive and well received. About 25 people attended the presentation.

Barbara led a walk at Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary West (23 Mountain Rd, Stanfordville, NY) on Saturday, May 6, 2023 in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month. Seven people attended the walk.

Lynne Morrell will attend the Clinton Community Day monthly meeting on May 18, 2023. Barbara and Lynne will meet in the CAC room to sort through material that can be presented at the Clinton Community Library Plant and Book Sale on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Pollinator Pathway

In preparation for Plant and Book Sale, the Pollinator Garden between the Masonic Hall and the Schoolhouse needs to be cleaned up and weeded. Barbara will choose a date for volunteers to meet.

New information about the “No Mow May” promotion has shown that the advantages to pollinators and the grass are not as positive as originally thought. Barbara had shared an email received from Joyce Tomaselli at CCEDC with the group before the meeting.

CSC Task Force

Work is continuing in the completion of a Climate Action Plan. The Hudson Regional Council is working with the Task Force on this. The Road Stream Crossing Inventory & Management Plan is ongoing. Climate Smart Resiliency Plan Emergency Preparedness Strategies for Hazard Mitigation Recovery is ongoing.

Margaret and Jean brought up the difficulty in finding information in the Town Municipal Code in the provided link on the town's website. Barbara will contact Jeff Newman, Municipal Code Enforcement Inspector in Clinton, to find out what he recommends.

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

The Community Choice Aggregation was not accepted by the Town Board, partly because the special pricing for electricity was not specified, and partly because the program requires all residents to be automatically included in the program. Residents who do not want to take advantage of the CCA program have to "Opt-Out". Instead, the town board wanted residents to "Opt-In" for the program. The CCA does not work in this manner.

Clinton Nature Trail

Barbara will meet with Dan Harkenrider on May 13, 2023 to discuss mowing and maintenance of the trail

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

Saturday, September 2, 2023: Clinton Community Day from 10am to 4pm in Clinton Corners at the Clinton Historical Society property.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022, at 5:30pm.

2023 Meetings: July 12; August 9; September 13; October 11; November 8; December 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell