

# Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council

## Minutes – May 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Barbara Mansell, Chair.

**Public Comment:** Jean McAvoy was asked by the Library if the CAC would hold a Compost program. Barbara Mansell said she would speak to the Cornell Cooperative Extension. It was suggested that other programs could also be arranged.

**Members present:** Marian Thompson, Jean McAvoy, Bill Relyea and Barbara Mansell

**Town Board members present:** Eliot Werner and Mike Whitton.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2018 was made by Jean McAvoy and seconded by Bill Relyea. All members voted in favor.

**Communications:** Shad Hill Farm. Proposal to plant Christmas trees on a vacant lot was deemed to have no issues. Norene Collier sent a letter to Planning Board.

**Finances:**

| 2018 Budget | Amount | Spent | Remaining |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| \$500       | \$500  | 0     | \$500     |

**Climate Smart Energy Subcommittee:**

Mike Whitton was designated as the Climate Smart Coordinator

Marian reported that she and Louis Fiorese had attended NYSERDA's code enforcement training on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It was mostly attended by contractors. Louis was very helpful in describing the required energy codes.

Mike Whitton has been working on getting the Town Board to approve a revised Unified Solar Permit that conforms with the town's Solar Law.

**Zoning Revision:** Barbara stated that the Zoning Revision Committee continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7 PM.

**Education and Outreach:** The "Consult the Town of Clinton Zoning Law before you buy or develop your property," document was reviewed. Jean McAvoy suggested language be made more user friendly. She will continue work on the document.

Drawdown Community Challenge program at Omega will be in October. Barbara and Mike will followup.

**Nature Trail:** Barbara has contacted Theron Thompkins take care of the trail.

**Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council (WIC):**

Eliot Werner and Mike Whitton attended the meeting on April 27. The subject of the meeting was geared towards municipalities with infrastructure unlike Clinton where residents get their water from wells and must maintain their septic systems. Bill Relyea noted that this has always been the case when he attended meetings in the past.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

**Next CAC Meeting:** Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mansell in Norene Coller's absence