

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex**  
**1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY**  
**November 10, 2021 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.  
All attendees were properly masked as mandated by the Town of Clinton.

**CAC members:** Jean McAvoy, Barbara Mansell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Marian Thompson  
**Member of the Town Board:** Michael Whitton

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2021, was made by Marian Thompson and seconded by Margaret Pierpont. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes.

**CSC Task Force**

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force chair, reported the CAC is invited to have a table at the Green Fair in the spring at Fran Mark Rec Park to present the Pollinator Pathway.

The creation of a CSC Task Force webpage on the Town's website is being considered.

The possible migration to electric vehicles for Highway Department is being investigated. The committee is following the progress of the towns Red Hook and Rhinebeck who have already begun this process.

The town will be developing a Road-Stream Crossing (culverts & bridges) Inventory and Management Plan. It will provide guidance on reducing high flood impacts, increase aquatic connectivity, and enhance the condition of road-stream crossings by creating an inventory of all the culverts and bridges in the town. A prioritization and management plan document would be used to log future maintenance which help the Town when applying for infrastructure funding. There is little cost to the Town, and the work will be done by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (CCEDC) who will make use of data already collected by Dutchess County Soil and Water and the NYSDEC.

The town will be able to take advantage of the Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Tool. The CCEDC staff will review existing plans and ordinances to identify where climate adaptation recommendations could be made, to help the town work toward becoming more resilient. The CCEDC's work is completely funded by the Climate Resilience Partnership.

The Benchmarking committee will be meeting with Eleanor Peck of the Clean Energy Communities Coordinator of the Hudson Valley Regional Council for further help creating the benchmarking reports.

A plan for 2022 is to purchase recycling bins for the Town parks.

**Pollinator Pathway (PP)**

Margaret Pierpont is working on Clinton information that can be added to the *Town of Clinton of Dutchess County* webpage on the Pollinator Pathway website at <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/clinton>. Margaret reported that she has been in contact with Robert "Skip" Backus and he is planning to put the Omega Institute on the Pollinator Pathway.

Maya Goer-Palenzuela was unable to attend the meeting. However, she had emailed her report to the group, and plans to give her presentation at the library this spring. She had discovered an app that will create QR codes for garden signs at the Fran Mark Rec Park to enable the public to identify the plant species. She also suggests the creation of signage for display at the pavilion about the CAC, pollinator pathway, and the plantings, including describing some of the principles that PP is encouraging for management.

Barbara Mansell suggested a Pollinator garden be created in front of the town hall. Jean McAvoy said the Friendship Garden Club of Clinton already maintains one there. There is a small garden that Norene Coller, Emeritus member of our CAC, created some years ago that can be added to the PP in the spring. It is located between the Masonic Hall and School House buildings.

Members who were able to attend the online presentation called *What's the Buzz: Creating Pollinator Friendly Communities*, by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (CCEDC) Environment & Energy thought it was very informative. The CCEDC recording of the forum will be forwarded to Clinton residents via the town email.

Barbara Mansell and Jean McAvoy will meet to review a Planning Board Application for a subdivision located at 1403 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck. Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is the Planning Board meeting where this will be discussed.

The installation of a doggie waste station in the Clinton Nature Trail has been put on hold in order to find a more cost-effective option for the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting is on December 8, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell