

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Location: Town Hall**  
**1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY**  
**November 8, 2023 Minutes Draft**

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

**CAC Members:** Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont

**Town Board Liaison:** Katherine Mustello

**Members of the Public:** Donna and Phil Burns, Jenn Brown, Deborah Valchar

<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
CAC A8090.4*	\$2,700	\$1491.61	\$1208.39

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

**Minutes** A motion to accept the September 13, 2023 minutes was made by Jean and seconded by Margaret. The minutes were approved by the group.

**Public Comment** Donna and Phil Burns, residents of Coyote Ridge, attended the meeting to express their concerns about the Six Senses project. There was much discussion on what the CAC has looked at so far. In a follow-up email, Donna thanked the CAC for listening to her concerns.

**Planning Board Application** – Six Senses

Paul Thomas, PB Chair, met with some members of the CAC on October 11, 2023, to talk about what was presented at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop. Since then, a small group of CAC members has met twice. Another meeting is scheduled at the end of the month. At Paul’s request, the CAC is creating a list of concerns and questions for the December 19, 2023, Planning Board meeting.

**SEQR and Habitat Conservation DEC Workshop** presented at the Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center in Wappinger Falls, was attended by Jean and Deborah. It was well attended and gave them a better understanding of what is involved in a SEQR review.

**Education Outreach** – Lynne

Lynne has agreed to maintain a list of topics for future educational events as they are brought to our attention. She will create a "calendar of events" for 2024 that we can populate as events are scheduled. The council will decide which topics should be presented to the public. Other topics of interest can be noted on our website for reference. The Spongy Moth presentation was attended by 45 people from Clinton and neighboring towns.

**Welcome to the Town Folders** – Mady

Mady has agreed to contact the Town Assessors office to distribute folders to new residents. Barbara completed a “How to Create the Folders” information sheet.

**CAC Task Force** - Joe

There is concern that two of the requirements for the Bronze application will not be completed in time for submission in April. The requirements are the completion of a new CAC/CSC website and an Emergency Preparedness Plan. Sean Carroll will be presenting the Stream and Culvert study to the town board on December 12, 2023. The final NRI drafts of the text and maps were placed on the front page of the Town’s website as well as on the CAC webpage for public review. Jack of the CSC Task Force is concerned about what zoning is in place for the protection of wetlands. Barbara shared the current zoning “Chapter 250-78. Freshwater wetlands, watercourses, lakes, ponds and floodplains” plus “Definition - Controlled Area for 250-78 Watercourse Law”.

### **CAC Room**

Shelving has been installed.

### **CAC/CSC Website**

No news.

### **Clinton Nature Trail**

Three benches have been purchased from Custom Forestry Products in Clinton and are set up in the meadow. A second set of 3 have been ordered for the Stream Loop trail. New material has been added to the Kiosk.

### **Other**

Members asked Barbara to create a list of CAC chairperson duties.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023, 1-2:30pm** - DEC Webinar - "Protecting Wetlands and Streams in Your Community"

**Thursday, November 29, 2023, 3pm** - Using Natural Resource Inventories in Designating Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) Webinar by Hudsonia

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6pm to 8pm** - Dutchess County Watershed Roundtable - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess Farm and Home Center in Millbrook, NY.

**Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7pm to 8pm** – “The Spongy Moth in Our Yards and Forests” at Cary Institute Main Campus + Live Stream, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Rte. 44) Millbrook, NY 12545. To Register: <https://www.caryinstitute.org/events/spongy-moth-our-yards-and-forests>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023, at 5:30pm.

**2024 Meetings:** January 10; February 14; March 13; April 10; May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14; September 11; October 9; November 13; December 11.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell