

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Top floor of the Masonic Hall at the Town Complex
1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY
October 12, 2022 Minutes

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

CAC Members: Al Bacon, Marilyn Donahue-Schiller, Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

2022 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
CAC A8090.4	\$2,100.00*	\$1514	\$686

*Travel. .411 \$100

*Supplies .481 \$2000 (This is earmarked for 6 benches, dog waste stations, plantings and signs.)

Minutes: A motion to approve the September 14, 2022 minutes was made by Marilyn and seconded by Jean. The minutes were accepted by members present.

Regretfully, Marian Thompson has resigned her position on the CAC.

Planning Board Applications – Joanna Swomley of Pumpkin Lane contacted the CAC regarding concerns about a proposed development on a 100 acre parcel adjacent to her property. The Planning Board has been working with the developer for several months. The original plan was to build 12 houses. Currently, the number of houses has been reduced to 5. The proposal is listed as Dutchess Reserve LLC 5 Lot Subdivision (Sketch Plan) SBL No. 6568-00-017281 on the Planning Board agendas. Barbara shared Joanna Swomley’s letter to the Planning Board expressing her environmental and landscape impact concerns especially regarding water resources and possible toxic materials used for the driveway and foundation. Barbara sent the list of Online Mapping Tools to aid her research and assured her that the CAC will be asked to review the proposed application. It was suggested that CAC members investigate the property on their own.

Education Outreach

The CAC had a table at the Clinton Democrats Social on September 17. Educational materials included an Aquifer Map of the town of Clinton, Welcome to the Town of Clinton folders, Culvert Public Outreach survey flyers were provided by the CCEDC, and Pollinator Pathway handouts.

Al, Barbara, and Marilyn met on October 11 to begin designing a standalone CAC&CSC Task Force website. Al questioned who will be making the decisions on what is on the website. Photos will be a great asset. Through Al’s website design experience, she plans to create an initial website for review using Squarespace with information on the CAC webpage on the town’s website. CSC Task Force information will be added later. The proposed website will be reviewed by CAC&CSC Task Force members.

Two Master Gardener Zoom programs, “Stop the Spread: Scout for New Invasives Citizen Science Training” on October 20 and “Controlling Invasives in Managed Landscapes and Beyond” on November 10 will be presented through the Clinton Community Library. The programs have been promoted on the library’s weekly email, through Mail Chimp to town residents and on the Clinton Community Bulletin Board FB page.

CSC Task Force – On Sept 19, 2022, there was a Climate Resiliency Review with the CCEDC. A major piece involves adopting an Emergency Preparedness Plan for Hazard Mitigation Recovery. Joe reported there is a Hudsonia Grant Program that would aid in developing an updated Natural Resource Inventory. The grant

requires partnership with a contiguous town. Katherine suggested the towns of Milan and Stanfordville as good candidates because of their similar CSC work. Joe will contact Melissa in the Highway Department for Vehicle Usages data which is a required piece of information for Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Richard Marshall, Michael Whitton and Jack Persley are continuing to develop a Climate Action Plan. The submission of Benchmarking Advanced Reporting High Impact Action under NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities was approved. Thanks goes to Jean. All the above-named items will give the town points to achieve Bronze Status.

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

Clinton Nature Trail - Al reported that growth along the trail has narrowed the pathways. Barbara said she would meet with the highway department to discuss clearing.

Upcoming Events

- **Thurs, Oct. 20, 2022** – “Stop the Spread: Scout for New Invasives Citizen Science Training” -6pm – Must register on CCL’s website via the calendar
- **Thurs, Nov. 10, 2022** – “Controlling Invasives in Managed Landscapes and Beyond” – 6pm – Must register on the CCL’s website via the calendar

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm, The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2022, at 5:30pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell