

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex**  
**1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY**  
**October 13, 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, Maya Goer-Palenzuela

**Member of the Town Board:** Michael Whitton

**Member of the Public:** Lynne Worrell

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from September 15, 2021, was made by Jean McAvoy and seconded by Joe Phelan. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes.

**CSC Task Force**

Joe Phelan, CSC Task Force chair, reported plans will be made to have a Green Fair in the spring in our town. As an example, at New Paltz's Green Fair, owners of electric cars were asked to participate to chat with the public. Some completed CSC items have been submitted to NYSERDA to start tallying points to reach Bronze. Greenhouse Emissions Inventory is ongoing.

Benchmarking the town's energy consumption for the past 3 years is a difficult task considering the setup of the meters in several buildings in the town complex. This makes entering data into NYSERDA's portal a difficult task. Jean McAvoy will be meeting with Charles Canham and Richard Marshall in hopes their input will enable the reports to be completed. She feels analysis of the data year to year can be taken one step further by comparing the weather temperatures.

**Pollinator Pathway (PP)**

The town now has a page called *Town of Clinton of Dutchess County* on the Pollinator Pathway website at <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/clinton>. Barbara Mansell has included Fran Mark Recreation Park on the page, and will also add the park to the site's map. Many thanks go to Maya Goer-Palenzuela for planting native plants from her garden, as well as some she purchased, in the park a few years ago. Maya had emailed the list of plants. Margaret Pierpont volunteered to expand the description of the plants from Maya's information for the webpage.

Maya Goer-Palenzuela gave a pollinator presentation at the CAC meeting in March 2021, where she described the various pollinators that are around us, as well as how we can easily provide food for them. Another presentation in the early spring would be timely for the next planting season. She also suggested posting signs that have QR codes leading to descriptions of the plants at Fran Mark Park.

Margaret Pierpont suggested CAC members begin talking to neighbors to encourage them to join the PP on the website. Lynne Morrell mentioned encouraging Adriance Farm to sign up. Margaret plans to speak with the Omega Institute.

An online presentation called *What's the Buzz: Creating Pollinator Friendly Communities*, by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County Environment & Energy, will take place on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Barbara Mansell will ask Carol Mackin to send a town-wide email to residents on October 25, 2021.

## **History of Clinton's CAC Accomplishments**

In preparation for the table at the Democratic Committee Social held last September, Jean McAvoy wondered if there was information available to be given out describing the CAC's accomplishments. She also thought the information should include the efforts the town has carried out to reinforce these accomplishments. Lynn Morrell volunteered to investigate the documents listed on the town's website. Thank you.

### **Documents:**

(1) "Community" drop down tab found on the front page of the town website. [Open Space, Farmland Protection, Biodiversity Project, Participation in the Comprehensive Plan]

(2) Section 250-78 Freshwater wetlands, watercourses, lakes, ponds, and floodplains in the town's zoning code - <https://ecode360.com/11845618>

Todd Martin of the Highway Department agreed to install of a Doggie Waste Station installation at the Clinton Nature Trail.

Friends of the Library Welcome Totes – are nearing completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. Next meeting is on November 10, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell