

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Minutes - October 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Merida Welles, in Barbara Mansell's absence.

CAC members present: Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Jean McAvoy, Merida Welles

Town Board members present: Eliot Werner, Michael Whitton

Minutes: September 11, 2019 minutes approved.

Communications: The town informed Barbara that a SEQRA review of Devereu- Dewitts Bed and Breakfast at 18 Hollow Road is underway. Since no details were available at this time, the matter will be discussed at the 11/13 meeting.

Finances: 2019 Budget: **Amount:** \$500 **Spent:** 0 **Remaining:** \$500

Climate Smart Program:

- **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA):** There are 2 upcoming informational events regarding the CCA plan for the Town of Clinton: Saturday 10/12/2019, 11:30am-1:00pm at Clinton Town Hall, and Tuesday 10/22/2019, 7:00-8:30pm at West Clinton Firehouse.
 - Maya presented the draft of a flyer she designed to highlight the events. The committee is grateful for her efforts. Changes were proposed to simplify text and make the flyer more easily understood at a glance. Maya agreed to revise the flyer and explore costs for printing the flyer and a sign to post outside each event site.
 - Merida reported that Barbara confirmed that the presentation will be recorded and aired on the local TV station, as requested by Supervisor Ray Oberly.
- **Town of Clinton webpage:** Merida noted that both Barbara and Jean had helped her create a Climate Smart/Clean Energy page for the town's website. She requested further input to finalize the page. Michael Whitton suggested asking Europa McGovern of the Hudson Valley Regional Council for her review and comments. Merida will contact Europa.

Education and Outreach: The committee discussed offering environmental programs for the town's summer recreation program again next year. Jean expressed a willingness to volunteer again and hopes to strengthen collaboration with the recreation staff.

Nature Trail Subcommittee: No news, in Barbara Mansell's absence.

Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council (WIC): Merida attended the WIC Nine Element Public Hearing on 10/08/2019 and reported to the committee. She noted that attendance by members of the general public was low and that it would be beneficial if information on 'best management practices' for waterbody and aquifer protection could be disseminated to landowners, to educate them about simple measures they can take to protect water resources. Michael Whitton noted that 'best management practices' for septic system maintenance would also be useful, since high levels of fecal coliform in monthly water samples taken by WIC from the Wappingers Creek near Salt Point suggest that the Town of Clinton has problems with inadequately operating septic systems.

Other:

- **Aquifer and Stream Corridor Protection-Planning Strategies for Local Water Conservation on 10/10/2019:** Jean will attend and report to the council at next month's meeting.
- **Climate Action Speaker Bureau:** Discussion tabled until next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. Respectfully submitted, Jean McAvoy