

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council  
Minutes – September 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Barbara Mansell, Chair.

**CAC Members present:** Norene Coller (Emeritus), Jean McAvoy, Barbara Mansell, Maya Goer-Palenzuela, Merida Welles

**Town Board member present:** Mike Whitton

**Member of the Public:** Dick Coller

**Public Comment:** Much of the meeting was spent learning about Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) from Hannah Karp of Hudson Valley Energy. The CCA is a state enabled program that gives control to local municipalities to choose where its electricity comes from. The town has approved that Clinton residents will be receiving all of their electricity through Hudson Valley Community Power from clean energy resources located in New York State at a fixed rate for 2 years. The cost should be comparable to the current Central Hudson Kw rate. Residents do have the option to leave the program by a specified deadline. Two informational sessions will be planned to inform Clinton residents of this program.

**Minutes:** July 11, 2019 minutes were approved.

**Communications:** No communications were received from the Town.

**Finances:**

2019 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500

**Climate Smart Program:**

A Climate Smart Program informational page has been added to the town's website:

<http://www.townofclinton.com/community/climate-smart-program/>

Barbara and Merida met to work on its content.

**Education and Outreach:**

Marian shared information about where our water comes from and Jean shared some of her collection of animal skulls with the summer campers on two afternoons at the Clinton Summer Camp. Next year, the CAC will be welcomed to provide more programs of this nature.

Maya attended a Habitat Workshop at Norrie Educational Center on 9/7/19. She described the importance for conservation of trees along the Wappinger Creek. There are grants on offer for plantings along riparian zones for erosion protection.

**Other:**

Barbara posted the last day of the year's Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Event – Saturday, October 8, 2019 on the town's website as well as to the Clinton Community FB page.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell