

**Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meetin Location: Top floor of the Masonic Hall at the Town Complex**  
**1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY**  
**September 14, 2022 Minutes**

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

**CAC Members:** Al Bacon, Marilyn Donahue-Schiller, Barbara Mansell, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Marian Thompson

**Town Board Liaison:** Katherine Mustello

<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
CAC A8090.4	\$2,100.00*	\$518.51	\$1,581.49

\*Travel. .411 \$100

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2022, was made by Marian and seconded by Lynne Morrell. The minutes were accepted by members present.

**2023 Budget** – The CAC and CSC Climate Smart budget was submitted to Michael Whitton, Town Supervisor on August 31, 2022 requesting \$2,200 for the following: Green Fair in May 2023 - \$1,000; Creation of a CAC/Pollinator Pathway/Climate Smart Communities independent website - \$700; Three CCEDC Master Gardener Programs TBA \$200; Hands-on workshops for educating residents \$100; Continue creating a pollinator garden at the town complex outside the Clinton Community Library \$200. Al and Marilyn expressed their interest in the website creation. Barbara suggested meeting to begin discussion.

**Planning Board Applications** – Al, Barbara, and Jean reviewed the Connell and Weber Steep Slopes Permit and Erosion & Sediment Control Permit application on August 29, 2022. A letter of review was sent to the planning board with positive comments.

Barbara, Jean, Margaret, Marian, and Marilyn attended the CCEDC’s Online Mapping Tools for Local Conservation Planning training that was held on Sept. 10, 2022. It was a very informative session. Barbara shared the list of online mapping tools with the Planning Board as well as the CAC for easy access.

**Pollinator Pathway (PP)** – Margaret arranged a visit to Casperkill Game Club on August 31, 2022 to view a planted field consisting of native species. The CAC is interested in finding out how and why this meadow came to be planted. In addition to commonly known native plants such as Golden Rod and New York Asters, we discovered Narrowleaf Mountainmint, Flat-topped Golden Rod, Partridge Pea, and White Snakeroot. There were many Monarchs visiting the area as they made their way south to their wintering grounds in Mexico.

**Education Outreach – Clinton Community Day** – Lynne Morrell organized the CAC/CSC Task Force table with Pollinator Pathway information and organized volunteers. Margaret created a handout called Autumn Advice on what to do in the yard in the fall to promote more pollinators in the spring. Lynne purchased the native plant, Joe Pye Weed, for a free raffle. Lynne and Margaret prepared a poster with pictures of late summer native plants found in the town. Margaret and Lynne submitted receipts to Barbara for reimbursement of expenses incurred from the CAC budget. Culvert Public Outreach survey flyers were provided by the CCEDC. It was suggested for future CAC/CSC Task Force events that a banner be created with the name of our organization. Purchase easels for displays.

**CSC Task Force** – Joe reported that investigation into updating the Natural Resource Inventory for Clinton could cost as much as \$30,000. Since watersheds and soils take a very long time to change, the need is not urgent. At the CCEDC's Online Mapping Tools for Local Conservation Planning training course, Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia confirmed that the Biodiversity maps created for Clinton are suitable for use for at least 25 years. Hudson Valley Regional Council will help the CSC Task Force team with Climate Action Plan headed up by Richard Marshall. The first action is taking a Greenhouse Inventory. On Sept 19, 2022, there will be Climate Resiliency Review with the CCEDC.

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

### **Clinton Nature Trail**

No news regarding the Eagle Project by Liam Stark of Boy Scout Troop 128 for the installation of benches. The Stream Loop has been closed due to dangerous dead trees.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Sat., Sept 17, 2022** – Clinton Democrats Social, Fran Mark Park, 1pm-4pm
- **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 – Need to Register on the CCL's website via the calendar

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm, The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 5:30pm.

Meetings for the remainder of 2022: No meeting in November, December 14.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell