

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex
1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY
September 15, 2021 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm 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
Member of the Town Board: Michael Whitton

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

Barbara welcomed Margaret Pierpont who has been appointed as a member of CAC.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2021, was made by Joe Phelan and seconded by Margaret Pierpont. All members voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Thank you, Lynne Morrell and Joe Phelan, for representing the CAC and showing the Pollinator Pathway (PP) and Climate Smart Task Force projects at the Democratic Committee Social that was held on September 4, 2021. Thank you, Marian Thompson, for setting up the CAC display. Jean suggested a history of what the CAC has done for the town be added for future events. Pleasant Valley is interested in partnering with Clinton on Pollinator Pathway Projects. Jean McAvoy suggested the CAC look for the most valuable corridors to be on the Clinton pathway. Margaret Pierpont said she would contact Omega to see if they are interested. Barbara Mansell suggested talking to neighbors about the PP.

Barbara Mansell reported that she and Jean McAvoy reviewed a Planning Board application for Maplebrook Farm LLC Wetlands Permit for a Driveway on 93 Ruskey Lane that crossed a Federal Wetland. The response was submitted on September 15, 2021.

Mike Whitton reported Budget discussion will occur in October.

Joe Phelan, Climate Smart Task Force chair, reported that the committee met on August 31, 2021. The highlights of the meeting included Highway Department's Todd Martin and Melissa Karchmer discussing the possibility of future purchase of electric vehicles. Raw road material is crushed and recycled for reuse on town roads. The highway department has been replacing culverts with larger ones which satisfies one of the Climate Smart Action items. A greenhouse gas inventory will be done.

Jean McAvoy reported she will enter the 2020 data into the portal and plans to enlist Jake Straus' help to generate its report.

Barbara Mansell suggested purchasing a doggie waste station for the Nature Trail. She will follow up with Todd Martin of the Highway Department.

Friends of the Library Welcome Totes – Barbara Mansell reported that she attended the August 13, 2021, meeting. The CAC is contributing town and environmental information for the totes. The next meeting is September 21, 2021, at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting is on October 13, 2021, at 5:30pm.
Respectfully submitted, Barbara Mansell