

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

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**Meeting Location: Top floor of Masonic Hall at the Town Complex,
1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY**

Agenda – September 10, 2025 – 5:30pm

Review and Approve Minutes – August 13, 2025 Minutes taken by Margaret Pierpont.

Present: Barbara Mandell, Michael Hurd, Jenn Brown, Jean McAvoy, Lynn Morrell, Deborah Valchar

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2025 Budget	\$2,050	\$1,308.13	\$741.87

Comprehensive Plan Committee - Discussion about the town board looking for a CAC volunteer to participate in the Comprehensive Plan update. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-term plan that guides a community's development. This plan serves as a guide for future development and ensures that future growth is aligned with community values. The Comprehensive Plan provides the overall foundation for all land use regulations in the Town of Clinton. Deborah and Michael, if you are still interested, please contact **Eliot Werner** - deputysupervisor@townofclinton.com

"Exploring and Understanding Clinton's Water Resources" - Dutchess Land Conservancy will be presenting on Saturday, September 13, 2025 in the Town Hall.

- Carol Mackin has sent the flyer via MailChimp. I will Carol to send again.
- The event has been posted on the Clinton Community Bulletin Board FB page.
- Barbara posted flyers in Stewart's, Jeanie Bean & Family Delicatessen and Salt Point PO.
- A standalone sign has been placed at the entrance to the Town Complex.
- The event is going to be streamed on the town's YouTube channel.
- Jenn and Deborah to arrive at 10am on Saturday for setup.

CAC/CSC Website (www.clintoncac.com) - Jenn

Invasive Plant Species - Jean forwarded links to Barbara of the most recent review of invasive from Hudsonia. Charles Canham also sent information from his writings on the effect of invasive on forests.

- No updates to be made to website now
- Jean suggested we consider making some handouts in the spring for the library for the spotted lanternfly, see the handouts Lynn used for Community Day

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards – Deborah

- Barbara received permission from Mike Whitton that the town will cover the extra cost ~\$500 for the mailing and gave Deborah the go ahead.
- Deborah is continuing to work with Carol on the mailing list for outstanding residents

Norene Collier Nature Trail – Barbara, Jean, and Margaret

- The Town Board approved the name change of the Clinton Nature Trail to The Norene Collier Nature Trail on 9/9/25.
- The trail was cleaned up by Roberta who is assigned the ToC Supervisor's Office.

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- Minuteman Press is unable to provide a sign. Barbara is getting quotes FastSigns and Timely Signs to know how much should be included in the CAC 2026 Budget.
 - Barbara hasn't heard back from Timely Signs, Katherine knows them and will follow up.
- There was a suggestion to invite the Rec Department to help plan the dedication for the trail in May.
- We will need to change the paper map. Barbara will reach out to Sean Carroll to see if he can help with creating a new GIS map.

Climate Smart Resiliency for the Town of Clinton with CCEDC

- Does the town have an Evacuation Plan and/or Emergency Response Planning? Yes, see the Disaster Preparedness page on the town's website
- Next Zoom meeting Wednesday, September 24, 2025 @ 1:30pm

Planning Board – Michael H

- Michael H asks if all building permits could be online in the LaserFiche portal. Michael will write a letter to Michael Whitton to pursue.

CSC Update

- Joe sent updates to Barbara. General update: several things are in process.

Wetlands Law – Katherine Mustello

- Revision to the local wetlands law might be ready to be introduced in October.
- The big change is if the DEC has jurisdiction in the wetland area, then the planning board defers to that rule. There is some language change around how water is referred to.

Misc.

- Carol Bancroft from the library will be here next month to talk about programming opportunities through the library.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 13, 2025 - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Event, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6596 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 8am – 12:30pm. (online registration opens August 13th at 8am) Registration and \$10 Prepayment Required. More details:

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Solid-Waste-Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Electronics-Event.htm>

Saturday, September 13, 2025 – "Exploring and Understanding Clinton's Water Resources" with Julie Hart of the Dutchess Land Conservancy in the Town of Clinton Town Hall at 11am.

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - 6pm Home Composting Workshop, Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. For more information call (845) 463-6020 or email:

solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov

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Saturday, October 6, 2025 – Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Event, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY (online registration opens September 18th) Registration and \$10 Prepayment Required. More details: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Solid-Waste-Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Electronics-Event.htm>

Next CAC Meeting: October 8, 2025 @ 5:30pm

2025 Meetings: November 12; December 10.