

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
Minutes – October 8, 2025 – 5:30pm**

Attendees: Barbara Mandell, Michael Hurd, Jenn Brown, Jean McAvoy, Deborah Valchar, Carol Bancroft (director of library), Katherine Mustello (Town Board Liaison)

Review and Approve Minutes – September 10, 2025 minutes kept by Jenn Brown.

- Done by text after the meeting

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2025 Budget	\$2,050	\$2,050+	\$0

Comprehensive Plan Committee - The town board is 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

Wetland/Aquifer Maps and Wetland Law

- Michael brought up the question of whether we need to be consulting the aquifer map when looking at applications to the planning board. Tabling for future discussion.
- **Barbara** to add the Jurisdictional Wetlands map to the NRA maps in the LaserFiche under the NRI maps. Right now it's in a different folder and the file is named 12a even though the map itself isn't labeled 12a.
- Katherine mentioned the new wetland law and we noted the map numbers referenced in the law might not be accurate. She will follow up.

Library of Local:

- Carol Bancroft, the director of the Clinton Community Library, updated us about the Library of Local, a partnership between libraries, the Mid-Hudson Library System, and Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley.
- Described kiosk that is in the library that has resources and a seed library. Looking to rebuild interest in the seeds in 2026
- They've hosted a number of environmentally themed workshops and have two nature backpacks that can be checked out.
- The library did a water display and flyer related to our water talk last month to help promote it.
- Offered any help to the CAC in the future - look for programs where we could collaborate
- Barbara asked if we could do an invasive species event in the spring
- Library has more success with adult programs than kids; integrating into story time is the way to reach kids.
- We could add the Library of Local logo to our events and post relevant library events on the CAC website.

"Exploring and Understanding Clinton's Water Resources"

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- Talk by Julie Hart of the Dutchess Land Conservancy on Saturday, September 13, 2025, was a success. Eighteen attended. The recording ran into glitches, so there is only a 17-minute YouTube recording.

Town's Workplace Violence Prevention Program

- Reminder to get your signed form to Barbara or Carol

School Environmental Clubs

- Jean was asking if the local schools have environmental clubs; Katherine said Rhinebeck middle and high schools do and she can provide an introduction if we wish.

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards – Deborah

- Postcards Mailed
- Next Mailing in 2027

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

- Jenn added a link to Jurisdictional Wetlands map to the NRI page - **Barbara**, if you relocate the map in the Laserfiche, let Jenn know so she can change the link on the NRI page.
- New domain name (\$0) - cac.clintondcnny.gov - **Jenn** and Fred will be changing it over on Squarespace by the end of this week.
- We should keep the clintoncac.com URL when it expires on April 9, 2026 for one more year. (\$25) Let the URL go in 2027.

Jenn is stepping down from her position on the committee effective 12/31/25

Norene Collier Nature Trail

- May 2 - trail renaming and dedication
- Barbara could lead a bird walk before the dedication ceremony
- Sean will create a new map for us with the new trail name on it.
- Jean suggested adding any details to the back page of the map as opposed to interpretive signage.
- Quote from Fast Signs is about \$1,000. Order early in 2026 to make sure it is ready in time.
- Discussed reaching out to the Rec committee to talk about collaboration; will discuss again.
- Discussed the possibility of moving the kiosk to be near the new sign.

Invasives—the Big Picture and Your Backyard – Margaret

- Possible presentation Spring 2026
- Hudsonia is offering an [invasives walk and training](#) in conjunction with Hudson Valley Seed Co. - perhaps we could connect with them for a spring program?

Climate Smart Resiliency for the Town of Clinton with CCEDC

- Barbara has been attending some of the meetings that Joe can't get to
- Trying to get it finished by the end of October

Planning Board – Michael

- Michael H. emailed Michael W. about putting planning board applications on Laserfiche.

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- Next planning board meeting is a public hearing in Town Hall on October 27 with two big discussions - Shore property cluster housing and Six Senses. Discussions and presentations only.

Next CAC Meeting: November 12, 2025 @ 5:30pm

2025 Meetings: December 12.