

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 – January 14, 2026 – 5:30pm**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm

CAC Members: Michael Hurd, Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Nick Sacerdote (New Member), Deborah Valchar

Town Board Liaison – Katherine Mustello

Member of the Public: Claire Greenburger, Reporter from the Daily Catch

Review and Approve Minutes – A motion to approve the November 12, 2025 minutes was made by Joe Phelan. Jean McAvoy seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve minutes.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2026 Budget	\$3,400	0	\$3,400

Planning Board – No applications reviewed.

Mud Pond/Silver Lake issue – Michael met Rich Veith who had documentation that may be of interest to the town regarding this issue. Michael felt that it would be up to the town to follow up for correcting the issue.

Comprehensive Plan Committee – Michael has been appointed to the committee. Katherine Mustello and Eliot Werner will be representing the Town Board. The first meeting is in February. Their first action will be to develop a town survey that will be sent to residents.

CAC/CSC Website (www.clintoncac.com) – Ray and Barbara Mansell will attempt to maintain the website.

Norene Coller Nature Trail Event Preparations – Barbara, Jean, Lynne, Margaret
Barbara will order the new “Norene Coller Nature Trail” sign from FastSigns. Margaret gathered planning ideas for the event from the group and will develop a To-Do List for the team.

Clinton Community Library&CAC Partnership for Educational Events on the Nature Trail
A Bird Walk will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 9am - 10:30am. Nick suggested two programs on native Spring Ephemerals and Invasive Plant Species that he could organize for the spring and summer.

Climate Smart Communities Task Force - Climate Smart Resiliency Recommendations presentation to the Town of Clinton with CCEDC was held on December 9, 2025. More information about the project can be found on the Town’s Laserfiche [HERE](#). The Task Force did not meet in December. Joe discussed the latest updates with the group. Details about the Clean Energy Communities Grant Funding and the Government Operations Climate Action Plan (GOCAP) Report can be found on the October 28, 2025 Agenda [HERE](#) and the November 18, 2025 CSC Minutes [HERE](#) both located on the town website.

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Town Board - Katherine mentioned that they are working on two initiatives. The Scenic & Historic Roads Advisory Committee (SHRAC) would like to see the Town Transfer Station be reactivated in order to reduce unsightly garbage and recycle bins along the town roads. Members reacted positively as this would be good way to introduce Composting to the town. Also, the town is planning an Ewaste Day where residents would be able to bring their old TVs, computers and cables to the Town for recycling.

Local Law Amending Town Code §250-78: Freshwater Wetlands, Watercourses, Lakes, Ponds, and Floodplains – A public hearing was held at the Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Town Board meeting. A final vote has been delayed until the February 10, 2026 Town Board meeting. There are two wetlands maps, Clinton Map 12 Wetlands, and the Clinton Map 12a – Town Jurisdictional Wetlands, on the town Laserfiche under the Natural Resources Inventory page [HERE](#). The proposed updated local law refers to Clinton Map 12a – Town Jurisdictional Wetlands, and the concern is how best to direct residents to that map when planning projects on their property. Nick suggested that Dutchess Parcel Access could possibly be updated with more recent GIS maps of the town.

Fran Mark Park – Barbara and Nick met with Dan Harkenrider, Todd Martin and Brian Scoralick on Friday, 11/14/25. The location of where to plant the native seeds along the road was decided. Nick said that the company from which the seeds will be purchased is reputable.

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards 2027 – Deborah

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Clinton Community Day Meeting at the Creek Meeting House, Clinton Corners at 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – Annual Roundtable (CAC-CSC-EMC) Event at Dutchess County Farm and Home Center (2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY) from 6pm-8pm

Saturday, February 28, 2026 – A Clinton Community Library&CAC Event – Bird Walk in the Clinton Nature Trail from 9am-10:30am.

Saturday, May 2, 2026 – Norene Coller Nature Trail Event

Saturday, June 6, 2026 – Clinton Community Day

Next CAC Meeting: February 11, 2026 @ 5:30pm

2026 Meetings: March 11; April 8; May 13; June 10; July 8; August 12; September 9; October 14; November 11 (Veteran's Day); December 9.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm