

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 – February 11, 2026 – 5:30pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM

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

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello (absent)

Review and Approve Minutes – A motion to approve the January 14th, 2026 minutes was made by Michael Hurd. Jean McAvoy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2026 Budget	\$3,400	(\$486.75)	\$2913.25

FastSigns: \$448.75 Deposit for Norene Coller sign

Minuteman Express: \$38.00 (Replaced bowed Town Jurisdictional Map)

Planning Board: Discussed the CAC's late notice on the Schor Farm review. Michael went over development details for Schor Farm and how he wrote a review of the development using the NRI maps as reference. The East Clinton Firehouse project will likely go through, though the screening is still being debated. A question came up about a second CAC review in addition to the East Clinton Fire Department for CPB items in 2025; Michael later followed up to say that the second review was the Dussault subdivision on Lake Drive.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: First meeting was last week, discussed strategies for engaging the public, including stakeholder meetings, surveys, and public hearings. Second meeting will happen next week.

CAC/CSC Website: No new developments.

Norene Coller Nature Trail Event: Planning will continue to be discussed via email.

Educational Events: Discussed presentations on Invasive Species and Spring Ephemerals, as well as creating a series of regular nature walks, possibly once a month. Spring Ephemerals could be worked into the Norene Coller Nature Trail event or could be a stand-alone event.

Annual Roundtable: Annual Roundtable event will be held on February 25th, 2026 at Dutchess Farm and Home Center (2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY) from 6 PM to 8 PM. Nick and Margaret will be attending, Jean is a maybe.

Clinton Community Day: Lynne was absent from this meeting, no new developments. The next CCD meeting is February 19th, 2026 at the Creek Meeting House in Clinton Corners.

Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Seedling Sale: No new developments, though it was suggested that we follow up with Carol to see if she was able to send an email about the seedling sale to the town.

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Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Joe was absent from meeting. Bids were reviewed and sent to Town Board. The Town of Clinton has agreed to contribute financially (to a small extent). Bids included building airflow reduction, insulating the building envelope, insulated garage doors, and installing double glazed windows. Replacing lighting with efficient LEDs will be done by the town Highway Department.

Local Law Amending Town Code §250-78: Freshwater Wetlands, Watercourses, Lakes, Ponds, and Floodplains: Law was passed on February 10th, 2026. CAC discussed concerns regarding the timing of permit approvals in general and how long wait times could disincentivize people from seeking permits.

Town of Clinton CAC Postcards 2027: No new developments.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Thursday, February 19, 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: March 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 6:40 PM.