

# 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 – March 11, 2026 – 5:30pm**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

There was a question as to whether or not a CAC member could speak at any town meeting. Katherine Mustello advised that it is okay as long as the CAC member states they are a member of the CAC and they are speaking as a town resident and not on behalf of the CAC.

**CAC Members:** Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Margaret Pierpont, Nick Sacerdote,

**Town Board Liaison:** Katherine Mustello

**Review and Approve Minutes** – A motion to approve the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 minutes was made by Margaret Pierpont. Nick Sacerdote seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

<b>CAC A8090.4</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
2026 Budget	\$3,400	(\$539.75)	\$2860.25

Minuteman Express: \$53.00 – Norene Coller Nature Trail Map - 2' x3' Printed & Laminated

## **Town Jurisdictional Wetlands 12a Map**

Jeff Newman is looking for an online measurement tool for the map. Katherine reached out to Sean Carroll of DLC and Adrian Beltrani of Nelson Pope Voorhis for help. Katherine will give us a status update when she has it

**Six Senses SEQRA Public Hearing and Comment Period** – February 20, 2026 – March 20, 2026  
CAC was sent notice of the hearing. CAC reviewed the application 2 years ago. The CAC was given the go ahead by Paul Thomas to review the updates to the plans. The CAC had their initial review meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2026 and will meet again on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 12pm.

## **Planning Board – Michael (unable to attend meeting)**

Barbara received an inquiry via Katherine from resident, Judah S. Kraushaar of Meadowland Farm on Schultzville Road, regarding the Milea Clinton Vineyards application. Barbara asked Michael to speak with him. The Planning Board (PB) did not pass the application to the CAC for review, however, Michael did write a letter to the PB after reviewing the documentation on the Laserfiche. The CAC reviewed the letter before it was submitted.

## **Comprehensive Plan Committee – Michael**

Michael contacted Deborah to learn where to find the list of town addresses so the Committee's Town Survey could be mailed to residents.

## **CAC/CSC Website ([www.clintoncac.com](http://www.clintoncac.com)) – Ray and Barbara Mansell**

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, Barbara discussed the "required" change of the domain to [www.cac.clintondcn.gov](http://www.cac.clintondcn.gov) with Fred Shequine, the town's Business Technology Consultant. He notes that there isn't a NYS mandate for a town volunteer organization to follow the same rules as the Town itself. The domain will remain the same.

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Barbara and Ray met with Jenn Brown on March 1, 2026 to learn how to update the website. Additions have been made to the website: **Solid Waste Disposal** was added under “Home & Yard” with links to the **Solid Waste Management Plan** and the **Solid Waste Management Disposal Guide**. Under Events: Updated the front page with a photo of Jean, Deborah and Margaret. Added the Bare Root Seedling Sale and CCD Event. Need a description for Norene Collier Nature Trail Event. Barbara added some photos of birds on the “163 Birds and Counting” page under “Birds, Bees & Wildlife”.

### **Norene Collier Nature Trail Event Preparations – Jean, Margaret, Lynne, Barbara**

Plans are being finalized for the event on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Barbara will lead a bird walk 9:00am, and at 10:15am, the ceremony for renaming of the Nature Trail will be held. Afterwards, a Spring Ephemerals walk will be led by Nick.

### **Clinton Community Library & CAC Partnership for Educational Events on the Nature Trail**

Fourteen people attended the Bird Walk that was held on Saturday, February 28, 2026. The list of birds noted was sent to all participants by Brytanie Killebrew of the library.

### **Annual Roundtable (CAC-CSC-EMC) Event**

Jean, Margaret and Nick attended the meeting. It was organized by Dani White of the Environmental and Sustainability Specialist, Division of Solid Waste Management and Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development. There were presentations on Dutchess County’s Solid Waste Feasibility Study; Energy & Environmental Programs at CCEDC; a re-introduction to HVRC (Hudson Valley Regional Council) and How They Can Assist Municipalities; Wastewater Infrastructure Programs and the Wastewater Information Hub; Climate Resilience in Municipalities (HREP); Village of Rhinebeck’s Path to Silver CSC Certification; Dutchess County State of the Environmental Report (EMC). Dutchess County Planning & Development gave presentations on their available technical advice services and GIS Mapping; NRI and Environmental Mapper; Municipal grant opportunities; Greenway Guide. Dutchess County will release its updated Comprehensive Plan soon. Here is the [link](#) to the presentations. The meeting demonstrated that there are many county and state resources that can support towns in their environmental efforts. Towns can access model laws and suggestions for building sustainability into comprehensive plans, find other towns that have dealt with similar issues, or consult experts with knowledge of the region.

### **Clinton Community Day (June 6, 2026) – Lynne**

Lynne will submit the vendor form for the CAC.

### **Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Seedling Sale**

Barbara posted the sale on the Clinton Community Bulletin FB on February 15, 2026 (well received). Carol emailed via MailChimp on February 24, 2026

### **Climate Smart Communities Task Force – Joe (Unable to attend this meeting)**

Jean noted there are no updates to what was stated at the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 CAC meeting. Jean is continuing her work on Benchmarking. She has been doing this since 2018.

### **Revisit Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards in 2027**

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**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026** – Norene Collier Nature Trail Event

**Saturday, May 9, 2026** – Clinton Community Library Plant and Bake Sale

**Saturday, June 6, 2026** – Clinton Community Day

**Next CAC Meeting:** April 8, 2026 @ 5:30pm

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Mansell