

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 – May 13, 2026 – 5:00pm**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

Attendees: CAC Members: Michael Hurd, Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Nick Sacerdote. **Town Board Liaison:** Katherine Mustello. **Member of the Public:** Bard Fettler (Norene Collier’s son)

Review and Approve Minutes – A motion to approve the April 16, 2026 minutes was made by Jean McAvoy. Michael Hurd seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2026 Budget	\$3,400	(\$575.55)	\$ 2824.45

4/29/26 – Lamination of materials for the Norene Collier Nature Trail kiosk - \$35.80

Governor Hochul’s SEQRA Proposed Changes – Michael Whitton added his name to the list of local towns on Riverkeeper’s “Local Official Sign-on Letter” opposing the changes.

Six Senses – The town received the Six Senses’ response to the CAC’s April 2, 2026 letter submitted to the Planning Board. The response was emailed to the group.

Proposed Resolution No. 2026086 – Dutchess County Single-Use Foodware Reduction Law – Jean constructed a letter of support of the law on behalf of the CAC team. It was emailed to the legislature on May 7, 2026. The resolution was approved.

Town Jurisdictional Wetlands 12a Map Measurement Tool – Katherine reports that Adrian Beltrani and Dillon Tuttle of Nelson Pope Voorhis are working with Jeff Newman.

E Waste Day and Bulk Disposal Day – June 13, 2026. Organized by Mike Whitton and Eliot Werner.

Comprehensive Plan Committee – Committee will have a table at the Clinton Community Library Plant and Bake Sale and at Clinton Community Day. The Comprehensive Plan survey postcard will be mailed to town residents.

Clinton Community Library (CCL)&CAC Partnership for Educational Events - Margaret and Brytanie, CCL Programming & Outreach Coordinator, have organized future events that will take place on the Norene Collier Nature Trail. The list is under “Upcoming Events” on the CAC website.

CAC/CSC Website (www.clintoncac.com) – Nick would like to see the website updated with trusted sources for area of interests such as native pollinators.

Clinton Summer Camp at Fran Mark Park – Jean discussed the possibility of the CAC doing a couple of education programs with the campers. Barbara and Jean have done this in the past. The Camp is open to children ages 5-10. This year’s dates are July 6th-10th and 13th-17th; August 3rd-7th and 10th-14th.

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Norene Coller Nature Trail Event – The sign was installed by FastSigns on April 27, 2026. The dedication was held on May 2, 2026. Despite the dismal weather, the event was well attended. Norene’s family, Bard Fettler, Bard’s sister and her husband and daughter including Norene’s friends were present.

Clinton Community Library Plant and Bake Sale – May 9, 2026. Lynne set up a table for the CAC in the town hall. Nick and Barbara were able to attend. Thank you, Lynne and Nick.

Clinton Community Day (June 6, 2026) – Lynne is organizing the CAC booth. She discussed some ideas for the table. A poster of the Norene Coller Nature Trail is being developed by the group.

Climate Smart Communities Task Force – Work is continuing on the Highway garage upgrades. Last fall, CSC working with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County, completed the Climate Smart Resiliency Tool. The next stage is completing a Climate Vulnerable Assessment which will help identify climate related vulnerabilities, assess potential impacts to local assets and systems, and outline recommendations for future planning efforts for the town. Joe and Barbara will be attending the introduction to this on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 with the CCEDC.

Revisit Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards in 2027

Social Media Policy

Barbara forwarded the email received from Carol Mackin on the town’s Social Media Policy.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Saturday, June 6, 2026 – Clinton Community Day

Saturday, June 20, 2026 – CCL&CAC Partnership - Summer Walk Series: Bird Walk

Saturday, July 11, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - Summer Walk Series: Invasive Plant Walk

Saturday, August 15, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - Summer Walk Series: Butterfly Walk

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - Summer Walk Series: Meditative Nature Walk

Next CAC Meeting: June 10, 2026 @ 5:30pm

2026 Meetings: July 8; August 12; September 9; October 14; November 11 (Veteran’s Day)?; December 9.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell