

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 – June 10, 2026 – 5:00pm**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

Attendees: CAC Members: Michael Hurd, Barbara Mansell, Jean McAvoy, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont, Nick Sacerdote. **Town Board Liaison:** Katherine Mustello.

Review and Approve Minutes – After clarifications were made to the May 13, 2026 minutes, a motion to approve them was made by Joe Phelan. Michael Hurd seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

CAC A8090.4	Amount	Spent	Remaining
2026 Budget	\$3,400	\$1171.60	\$ 2228.40

5/28/26 – CSC Accomplishments Poster for CCD- \$41.80

6/3/26 – Balance for Norene Collier Nature Trail Sign - \$448. 75

6/3/26 – Norene Collier Nature Trail “Poster” for CCD - \$105.50

Six Senses – The CAC was on copy for documents received by the town from KARC who represents CECNY Land Holdings, LLC confirming that they received confirmation of the Issuance of Positive Declaration by the Planning Board. They included a notice of intent on what they will cover in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Comprehensive Plan Committee – Members of the committee had a table at Clinton Community Day to engage residents in responding to their survey. The survey postcards will be mailed to residents.

Clinton Community Day – Lynne organized the booth and stayed for the entire event. Margaret and Nick volunteered to help. A Norene Collier Nature Trail poster was created for the event. Lynne said the poster drew interest by passersby. Handouts from the Library that listed walks on the trail by the members of the CAC were available. She said the event was well organized and family oriented. The CAC looks forward to next year’s event which will be on June 5, 2027.

Clinton Community Library (CCL)&CAC Partnership for Educational Events on the Norene Collier Nature Trail - See the list on “Upcoming Events” on the CAC website.

CAC/CSC Website (www.clintoncac.com) – Barbara changed the name of Clinton Nature Trail to Norene Collier Nature Trail on the town’s website as well as on the CAC website. Her updates included photos of the sign and kiosk. Nick has photos of plants that he has seen on the Norene Collier Nature Trail that could be added. Margaret and Nick would like a section added to the website that would guide residents to online sources to understand the importance planting native species. The information would include the reasons why the use of pesticides is detrimental to native insects. Two good website are the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and Pollinator Pathway. Nick has photos of plants that he has seen on the Norene Collier Nature Trail that could be added.

Clinton Summer Camp at Fran Mark Park – Jean would like to organize a couple of educational programs for the summer campers. Jean emailed Dan Harkenrider, the Recreation Director, to learn the name and contact details of the Summer Camp director.

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History of CAC Education Outreach Calendar – Jean has begun keeping a list of events that the CAC has participated in as well as their own organized programs.

Climate Smart Communities Task Force – Barbara and Joe met with Tayo Tyler and Scott Kleinberg to discuss Vulnerability Assessment- Climate Resilience on May 20&27, 2026. Another meeting will be held to continue discussion on the community survey. Jean continues updating Benchmarking for the CSC. Joe continues to work with NYSERDA to finalize required documents to receive grant money to be used for energy efficient upgrades to the Highway Department. Richard Marshall of the CSC is developing a Government Organization Climate Action Plan (GOCAP) for the Town of Clinton Board's consideration. The GOCAP document would outline how the Town of Clinton could reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal buildings and highway department vehicles.

Revisit Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards in 2027

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 13, 2026 - E Waste Day and Bulk Disposal Day, 9AM-1PM

Saturday, June 20, 2026 – CCL&CAC Partnership - [Summer Walk Series: Bird Walk](#), 9AM-10:30AM

Saturday, July 18, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - [Summer Walk Series: Invasive Plant Walk](#), 9AM-10:30AM

Saturday, August 15, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - [Summer Walk Series: Butterfly Walk](#), 9AM-10:30AM

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - [Summer Walk Series: Meditative Nature Walk](#), 9AM-10AM

Next CAC Meeting: July 8, 2026 @ 5:30pm

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell