

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 – July 8, 2026 – 5:00pm**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.

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

Review and Approve Minutes – June 10, 2026 Minutes were taken by Barbara Mansell. A motion to approve them was made by Nick Sacerdote. Jean McAvoy 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

Planning Board Update There weren't any applications that needed to be reviewed.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Update – Michael reported that there have been 194 online responses to the survey so far. The mailing of the survey postcard to residents will happen soon. The deadline for responses to be received has been extended to the end of August.

Clinton Community Library (CCL)&CAC Partnership for Educational Events on the Norene Collier Nature Trail - Six folks including Lynne participated in the Summer Walk Series: Bird Walk led by Barbara on Saturday, June 20th, 2026. Nick will be leading an Invasive Plant Walk on Saturday, July 18th. Nick suggests a possible "What to do before winter" program in October.

CAC/CSC Website (www.clintoncac.com) – A new tab and webpage for the Norene Collier Nature Trail has been added to the website. CSC information needs to be updated. Nick and Barbara met on June 16th to discuss adding a "Supporting Pollinators" page on website. Nick will work on introductory paragraph. Nick suggests deleting "Emerald Ash Borer", "Spongy Moth" and "Spotted Lanternfly" off "Bird, Bees & Wildlife" page. **SquareSpace is very difficult to work with.**

Dutchess County Materials Management Information with Recycle Coach – Email sent by Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development. The Recycle Coach aims to avoid confusion about recycling and encourage responsible materials management. It can be accessed via computer or by downloading a free application to your smartphone, making the information easily accessible to County residents. Barbara will forward the email to the group after the meeting. Should this information be sent out to the town?

Town Website - CAC and CSC Agendas and Minutes updated as well as on the Laserfiche.

Clinton Summer Camp at Fran Mark Park – Barbara and Jean

We contacted Camp Director, Alaina Dampf, to offer programs. Week July 6 - 10 - Barbara will play Bird Bingo; Week July 13 - 17 – Jean; Week August 3 - 7 – Jean; Week August 10 – 14 – Barbara

Climate Smart Communities Task Force – Joe

Still awaiting news regarding the RIT Grant that could provide a Composting Workshop for the town. The Hudson Valley Regional Council will look GOCAP (Government Organization Climate Action

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Plan). The Climate Vulnerability Assessment survey has been distributed via Mail Chimp, front page of the Town Website, Clinton Community Bulletin FB and Town of Clinton FB. Library and Town Hall. Margaret and Jean took the survey and found it a bit unclear as to the goal of the survey. Deadline to receive the survey input is in August. Barbara attached the 2026-05-26-CSC-Minutes and 2026-06-23-CSC-Agenda to the emailed CAC meeting notice.

Revisit Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council Postcards in 2027 – Deborah

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 18, 2026 - CCL&CAC Partnership - Summer Walk Series: Invasive Plant Walk with Nick

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

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

Next CAC Meeting: August 12, 2026 @ 5:00pm

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell