



## Town of Clinton Monthly Democratic Committee Meeting 3/19/22

11am

### ATTENDEES

**Marion Auspitz**

**Jane Brien**

**Judy Canham**

Ian Shrank

Risa Cross

**Charlie Dykas**

Chris Johnson

Brennan Kearney (Dutchess County  
Legislature)

Whitton ( Town Supervisor)

Pam Lovinger

Joyce Morse

Richard Morse

**Sam Moyer**

Zach Snow

Greg Steven

**Eliot Werner (Town Board)**

Mike

### **BOLD=Town of Clinton Democratic Committee members**

**Judy Canham** (for Sam Moyer on Zoom) - Welcome

Canham opened the meeting with welcome and introductions.

**Judy Canham** - Petitioning

Canham highlighted the ongoing work of the committee on one of our primary responsibilities, to collect signatures to get candidates on the ballot, and to designate convention delegates and town committee members.

The Town of Clinton Democratic Committee members are collecting signatures of residents in the 3 districts of the Town of Clinton.

**Judy Canham** - Redistricting

Canham gave a brief overview of the candidates that the committee is petitioning for and the changes in candidates due to redistricting. She suggested the committee members refer to the Town of Clinton Democrat website for more information.

[Townofclintondemocrats.org](http://Townofclintondemocrats.org)

Candidates on petition:



- [Sean Patrick Maloney](#) is running for re-election to Congress in District 18. His (Formerly Town of Clinton was in District 19, represented by Antonio Delgado)
- [Jamie Cheney](#) is running for State Senate against Sue Serino in District 43. (Formerly Town of Clinton was in district 41)
- [Didi Barrett](#) - is running for reelection to the New York State Assembly in Assembly District 106. Minor changes were made to this district, i.e. it no longer includes Amenia and Millbrook was added.
- [Jillian Hanlon](#) is running for Dutchess County Sheriff against ACTING sheriff Kirk Imperati. She is a retired Deputy Sheriff originally from Columbia County.
- Petitioning to allow local Dutchess Democratic leaders to be delegates at judicial convention and Democratic Committee convention.
- Town of Clinton Democratic Committee membership

### **Mike Whitton, Town Supervisor - Report from the Town Board**

Whitton reported ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding came in which allows various projects in the town to finally get done, such as renovations and repairs on town buildings.

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) was given for ADA compliance, FranM ark park improvements were included but Whitton noted that construction costs have gone up since grant was submitted

The Town of Clinton Library is still debating the issue of the lease and whether the library will have to pay to use the building. The conclusion of this issue is expected when the final decision is made by the Town Board

Town Board member Elliot Werner mentioned that the zoning workshops are continuing and going well.

### **Brennan Kearney Dutchess County Legislature Report**

Current legislative issues include:

What to do with Sales Tax revenue?

Discussion and press coverage of the Republican lead Dutchess County Legislature using federal pandemic relief aid to renovate Dutchess Stadium when Poughkeepsie has so many unhoused people and abandoned buildings.



The story was covered by the [New York Times](#) on March 11th, 2022 which had resulted in pressure on the Republicans.

Dutchess Voice Newsletter - continues to get good feedback from local Democrats. Kearney encouraged everyone to sign up. She is working with colleagues to set the agenda for what can be accomplished in the legislature while in the minority.

### **Marion Auspitz - Social events**

The annual Town of Clinton Democrats' Social will be held in the summer at a date after the June primary. The usual committee will work together, they will not pick Labor Day Weekend.

It was noted that Labor Day is also Clinton Community Day

Jane Brien offered to host a smaller event in the spring. Brien and Chris Johnson discussed a possible event on Sunday May 15th, 3-5.

Judy Canham mentioned May 22nd is the date for Spring Brunch hosted by the Dutchess County Dem Committee at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie

### **Charlie Dykas - Fundraising**

Dykas said the Committee will send out a new letter in the next 30 days asking people for contributions.

### **Elliot Werner - Volunteer recruitment**

Werner mentioned how the Town of Clinton Democrats are looking for volunteers to help with:

Voter registration

Lawn sign management

Website updates

Postcard writing campaign

### **Judy Canham - New Business**



Mike Whitton stated that he is formally resigning as treasurer for the Town of Clinton Democratic Committee as of April 1st.

Elliot Werner motioned to accept the resignation, Judy Canham seconded.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

Werner then motioned to accept the nomination of Greg Steven as the new treasurer, Judy Canham seconded and the motion was passed.

As of April 1st, 2022, Greg Stephen is the new treasurer of the Town of Clinton Democrats.

### Open Discussion

Discussion of building a new Fire House in East Clinton. The issue will be on the ECFD ballot in November and there will be public hearings.

Whitton expressed support for the project and thinks it is necessary.

Richard Morse mentioned that Fire District votes are often poorly publicized, resulting in low voter turnout.

The need for volunteers for firefighters was discussed. Local people have had to wait for a long time to get ambulances in our area.

Meeting was adjourned at 12PM