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The Town of Clifton Park recently lost one of its most valuable and dedicated citizens – Clark Wilson. Clark passed away after a year-long illness. Friends of Clifton Park Open Space, of which Clark was an original steering committee member, would like to take this time and space to pay tribute to a man of persistence, patience and participation.

Clark was the definition of a model citizen. The list of organizations to which he contributed included: The Rexford Historical Society, The Rexford Civic Association, The Fire Board of Commissioners, The Rexford Water Committee as well as Friends of Clifton Park Open Space. His contributions to these groups were truly meaningful and valuable.

He was often a spokesperson for FCPOS at Town public meetings. His long experience with the Town of Clifton Park and its history lent authority to his arguments and more validity to our contributions.

For FCPOS, he was a source of knowledge and information - our “library”, if you will. He was able to set our current priorities in perspective and helped us distill the pros and cons during our discussions on various positions. As noted earlier, he knew the town and its history. He could recount specifics about parcels of land all across town with a level of detail that added accuracy to our project to develop a baseline map of the town’s natural resources.

He helped us get it right and articulated our directives more often than we can count. We will miss his patient and reasoned comments, his low-keyed humor and his consistent devotion to improving those things he deemed important which, for FCPOS thankfully, included the balance between development and preservation in Clifton Park.

We, the members of the Friends of Clifton Park Open Space, will miss Clark Wilson, and the Town of Clifton Park has lost one of its most valuable citizens. We can only hope that there are other citizens who are prepared to pick up the banner that Clark carried for so long.

We extend our condolences to his family and commend his life’s contributions to our town.

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