



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August, 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on August 23, 2021 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, with the Council meeting in person and the public may participate in person or by utilizing the web streaming available on www.lincolnri.org, and emailing comments to meeting@lincolnri.org.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Keith Macksoud	Council President	Present	
Arthur Russo	Councilman	Present	
Kenneth Pichette	Councilman	Present	
Bruce Ogni	Councilman	Present	
Pamela Azar	Councilwoman	Present	
Chief Brian Sullivan	Police Chief/ Acting Town Administrator	Present	
Anthony DeSisto	Town Solicitor	Present	
John Ward	Finance Director	Present	

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Discussion of the Athletic Complex

People who spoke on the matter:

John Picozzi, School Committee Member

Mario Carvalho, School Committee Member

Dr. Lawrence Filippelli, Superintendent

Greg O'Connor, Athletic Director

John McNamee, School Business Manager

Robert Turner, Town Moderator

Carl Brunetti, Budget Board Chair

1. **Motion To:** amend the agenda and take Public Comment next

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Babbit, Budget Board member, stated that he would like to see more of the School Committee involved in this process. RIDEs number of children entering the school is higher than expected and the Town should be more concerned over having classrooms for the number of children over an athletic center. The design of the building should be done by the LHS Building Committee and the School Committee should only be deciding the location.

Joseph Goho, Chair of the School Committee defended the School Committee's involvement. He added that most did not attend the Johnston facility visit due to vacations or the fact that some had already seen the building.

John Picozzi spoke and stated that he had been to the Johnston facility before and that he and other school committee members are doing their due diligence.

Carl Brunetti of 3 Shady Brook Circle spoke about his concern on RES 2021-24 regarding the audiovisual recordings for all Town meetings.

John Picozzi came back and stated that the School Department and School Committee work together.

V. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion regarding potential litigation, pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

Update regarding the communication from the Coast Guard billing for the Town cleanup of the old Lonsdale Bleachery

1. **Motion To:** recess into Executive Session regarding potential litigation pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vote was taken by roll call.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

- B. Entertain a motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 45-46-7(c)

1. **Motion To:** adjourn Executive Session

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vote was taken by roll call.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER:	Arthur Russo, Councilman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. **Motion To:** seal the minutes of Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 45-46-7(c)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vote was by roll call.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

- C. Vote on Matters from Executive Session

1. **Motion To:** for Town Solicitor to act as directed in Executive Session

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

VI. **UPDATE ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021 during the Town Council Work Session.

VII. REVIEW AGENDA

- A. Agenda for August 17, 2021

VIII. ADJOURN

1. **Motion To:** adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER:	Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar