

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2021 MEETING
OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

FRANCINE JACKSON - CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY/TREASURER
EMILY ARGUETA
STEPHANIE SANTOS

MEMBERS ABSENT

GERALD McNALLY – CO-CHAIR
JARED BETHEL
NATALIE NAULT

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Francine Jackson called the March 3, 2021 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:07 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Francine made a motion to approve the February 3, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Leslie. Voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Keep Blackstone Beautiful – Email regarding a tree grant available.
Martin Luther King (MLK) – Email regarding a Corridor Community Improvement grant available to those areas about Martin Luther King.
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – 6 mailings regarding different stages regarding the Albion Dam Hydroelectric Project. On the Cumberland side of the Albion Dam.
Zebra Technologies – Email offering to help the CC with any Earth Day cleanup.
Al Ranaldi, Town Planner – Email regarding historical cemeteries on Town GIS map.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden- Leslie scheduled a spring cleanup for Saturday, April 24th, from 9am to 1pm.

Shady Brook- Leslie stated that she would like to utilize some of the Keep Blackstone Beautiful grant, to plant some shrubs in this area.

Historical Cemeteries- Francine stated that she had received an email from Al Ranadi, stating that is was only going to cost the Town \$100.00 to add the Historical Cemeteries to the Town Web GIS map. The information will be coming from the RIGIS: Rhode Island Geographic Information System.

Stephanie stated that she received an email from Judy Hadley. She stated that she would like to get involved with cleaning up historical graveyards. Judy stated that she thought April 10th was a dedicated day for historical graveyards. Judy was asking for help in Cumberland. Stephanie stated that drove around Lincoln to see some historical cemeteries. She thought that St. James Cemetery needed some trash pickup.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that the Narragansett Bay Commission grant was submitted. This is to financially assist with the cleanup of Laporte Pond. Stephanie stated that she went by Laporte pond and there wasn't much for trash. Leslie stated that Parks & Rec thought it needed help. Leslie stated if there really isn't much to cleanup, then I am sure we can change plans.

Francine asked if anyone had reviewed her email including some mission statements from other communities. Asked for suggestions for our own mission statement.

Francine stated that the Breakneck Hollow Project is still possible. They submitted an appeal to the State Appeals Board.

Francine stated that the LCC has a meeting with the Budget Board on March 10th. Zoom meeting at 7pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Emily stated that she and Stephanie were discussing a way to consolidate group and committees on their efforts on cleaning up the Blackstone area. A way to map projects, advertising the group hosting the cleanup, and contact information. Emily stated that she would like to create a web page, to list on the Town website, under the LCC section. The website could consolidate, help coordinate, with other groups like Friends of the Blackstone, Keep Blackstone Beautiful. This would be better than Facebook. Leslie made a motion to spend a maximum of \$1000.00 on the creation of this website. Francine seconded. Voted unanimously.

Stephanie stated that John Marsland, Friend of the Blackstone, is having a cleanup of the Lincoln and Cumberland section of the bike path on Saturday, April 17th, from 9am – 1pm.

Stephanie stated that Councilman Ken Pichette is in charge of the Annual Yellow Bag Day cleanup in Manville. This cleanup will be Saturday, April 10th, from 12pm – 4pm. Navigant Credit Union is hosting. Leslie suggested that we help on Old River Road. Leslie stated that will contact Zebra Technologies to see if they are interested in helping.

Stephanie stated that she has spoken with Bill McManus and his past proposal to cleanup Lincoln. Stephanie suggested fixing up the corner of Front St and Lower Rd. The corner where the stone wall is.

Leslie made a motion to purchase more trash pickers and caution vests for the LCC group. She asked for a maximum of \$200.00. Francine seconded. Voted unanimously.

Leslie stated that will contact the school department to advertise these cleanups.

IX. BUDGET:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Next meeting April 7th.

Minutes taken by Leslie B Alexander.
Respectfully submitted by,
Leslie B Alexander, Secretary
Lincoln Conservation Commission