

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

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2021 MEETING
OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

FRANCINE JACKSON - CHAIR
GERALD McNALLY – CO-CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY/TREASURER
JARED BETHEL
NATALIE NAULT
STEPHANIE SANTOS, arrived at 7:22

MEMBERS ABSENT

EMILY ARGUETA

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Francine Jackson called the June 2, 2021 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:01 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

No minutes to approve.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Leslie stated that the LCC received free flower seeds from Park Seed Co.

IV. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

Wetlands App No 21-0029, Clark Road, off Whipple Road.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden- Leslie stated that she had the Town buy new larger stone dust. Alan Moreau, P&R Director, told Leslie he had a landscaper interested in helping maintain the BFG.
Gerald made a motion to purchase 2 scuffle hoes. Used to clean the pathway. Leslie seconded. Voted Unanimously.
Gerald stated that he would like to schedule a cleanup for June 19th. Leslie made a motion to purchase water for the volunteers. Francine seconded. Voted unanimously.

Shady Brook – Leslie stated that she and Jared got together and weed wacked a good portion of the area. Leslie donated 4 black-eyed susan plants. Leslie's mom donated 10 bags of black mulch. Leslie stated that the compost from Rhode Island Resource Recovery ended up being free.

Stephanie arrived at 7:22pm.

Historical Cemeteries – Jared stated that Ken Postle was notified of a fire pit built within the 25 foot allowance to a historical cemetery. This pit is on Sables Way. Leslie stated that she will inquire with the Town.
Francine stated that Ken Postle will be giving a speech regarding Historical Graveyards at the Annual Blackstone River Historical Preservation Meeting. Sunday, June 27th, at 2:00pm.

Town Cleanups – Stephanie stated that there were about 33 people who volunteered. On only 1.4 miles of road, from the beginning of Great Road through the first bend of Breakneck Hill road, we collected 68 bags of trash. We enjoyed the ice cream truck.

Stephanie stated that at the Walker Street cleanup, there were about 33 volunteers. We picked up 38 bags of trash and 33 bags of leaf and street debris. Leslie stated that the NBC grant was very useful.

Stephanie stated that there will be a cleanup on June 14th, hosted by the Blackstone Valley Heritage Society, for National River Day. On the Blackstone River.

Stephanie stated that there would be an after work cleanup, on Rt 116, June 14th, starting at Panera Bread. This was posted on Facebook.

Stephanie stated that she would like to schedule a cleanup on Bleachery Pond, along Smithfield Avenue, June 26th, from 9am-12pm. Leslie made a motion to purchase water for the volunteers. Gerald seconded. Voted unanimously.

Stephanie stated that Cobble Hill Road is a mess, along with Lower Road again.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Francine stated that the Town cannot assist with fixing the Twin Silos at Butterfly Farm. This is private property.

Leslie reminded all that the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Tour will be Saturday, August 4, at 9:30am.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Francine stated that she is still working with the Town regarding the LED lights. She stated that LED lights are bad. Lower voltage but still affects the sky, birds, plant life. Francine suggests less lights and dimming them.

Stephanie stated that Nick, from the Friends of the Blackstone, is going to sample Scotts Pond, from the Lower Road side.

Leslie stated that she spoke to Russ Hervew, from Code Enforcement. He states that the Town does not drive around town looking for bad trash areas. He only acts on complaints from the public. So the LCC needs to file complaints.

Francine stated that she and Stephanie have a meeting with the Town regarding problems.

Leslie stated that there is a State Grant that the LCC could get for \$700.00. Stephanie made a motion to hire a landscaper for the Butterfly Garden. Natalie seconded. Voted Unanimously.

Stephanie stated that Emily found out from the City of Attleboro, that they are pursuing the single use plastic bags.

IX. BUDGET:

Stephanie made a motion to spend a maximum of \$150.00, on a pop up tent. Leslie seconded. Voted unanimously.

Leslie made a motion to spend the balance of the budget, on another contribution to the Blackstone River Historical Society, for supplies to maintain the historical cemeteries. Francine seconded. Voted unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Francine seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Next meeting is July 7th.

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