

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

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2021 MEETING
OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

FRANCINE JACKSON - CHAIR
GERALD McNALLY – CO-CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY/TREASURER
EMILY ARGUETA
JARED BETHEL
NATALIE NAULT
STEPHANIE SANTOS

MEMBERS ABSENT

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Francine Jackson called the October 6, 2021 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:15 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Francine made a motion to approve the May 5, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously.

Francine made a motion to approve the June 2, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Jared. Voted unanimously.

Francine made a motion to approve the August 4, 2021 minutes with corrections. Natalie was present at the meeting. Seconded by Stephanie. Voted unanimously.

Francine made a motion to approve the September 1, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Jared. Voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Burrville Land Trust - Asking the LCC for a donation to help purchase Open Space Property. Leslie stated not to take money from our budget for their open space. All agreed.

Phyllis Dobbins – Sent an email inquiring about the next LCC cleanup.

Anne Dooley – Sent an email asking about the future plans of Shady Brook property. Leslie informed her that there is more planting to come.

SNEP – Watershed Grant.

Allyson Cole – sent an email asking for more volunteer opportunities.

Deborah Vine-Smith – sent an email regarding homemade weed killers.

Parks and Recreation – sent an email asking for the LCC to participate in the 150th Parade,

Tim Mooney – sent an email regarding The Nature Conservancy purchasing the property adjacent to the Fairlawn Golf Course. Calling it Moshassuck River Preserve.

IV. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden- Gerald stated that he would like to schedule a cleanup on October 2. Gerald suggested that we purchase some mulch for the front of the garden, so it would look good for the 150th Anniversary Event. Leslie stated that the minimum to be delivered was 5 yards and would be too much and at this time, would be unnecessary.

Stephanie stated that she receive 2 quotes to clean up the garden. Green Rooster is \$1000.00 for the front and \$1000.00 for the back. P& R quote is \$1500.00 per section. Stating there would be 3 sections. Leslie stated we hold up on a professional landscaper until the spring.

Shady Brook – Leslie stated that she did some cleanup. Leslie would like to get more soil. Natalie suggested posted a sign for clean fill. Leslie will speak to the town, see if allowed.

Historical Cemeteries – Gerald has no report on gathering easement information.

Town Cleanups – Gerald stated that Walker Ave need work. Stephanie stated that at the Town Council Meeting that area was addressed. She noticed that the Public Works Dept did weed wacked the street, but also weed wacked the trash. They did not pick up the trash first. Stephanie stated that she did file a complaint, with the Town, about Front Street Plaza. Leslie spoke to Councilman Bruce Ogni. He had not spoken to the Owner just yet. Stephanie stated that she filed a complaint, with RIDEM, about Lower Rd, about the cars parked too close to the pond and trash going into the pond. Stephanie stated that she dropped off a letter to Lincoln Liquors about the nip problem and asking them to

consider a take back on nips. Jared stated that a big problem is that many of the dumpsters are open in back of Lincoln Plaza and that the Elderly Housing is not helping the trash problem in the area.

Leslie made a motion to purchase \$75.00 worth of litter pickers. Francine seconded. Voted unanimously.

Stephanie stated what a mess Scott's Pond is. Suggesting getting DEM to install a litter boom under the Front Street bridge. Leslie stated that she left a message with Bob Gaudette, about his tenant and the trash around the building. Stephanie scheduled a cleanup on Sunday, October 24th, 9am-12pm.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Stephanie stated that she received 3 quotes for the Front St/Lower Rd project. All quotes are for plants, tulips, daffodils. P & R quote is for \$1700.00. Perrieas is for \$1300.00. Green Rooster is for \$1000.00. Gerald and Jared have bulbs to donate. Stephanie made a motion to hire Green Rooster. Leslie seconded. Voted unanimously.

Francine stated that the project on Boulevard Ave is on hold. This project consists of 4 houses, 1400 sq ft each.

Francine stated that Butterfly Farm, Twin Silos, Gofundme was up to \$25,655. Francine made a motion for the LCC to donate \$500.00. Discussion: Leslie stated that she thought that the town might contribute some money and that the LCC should not take it out of our budget. Francine withdrew her motion and discuss in April, if needed.

Leslie stated that the LCC was asked to participate in the 150th anniversary parade. Leslie suggested something simple, like renting a cargo trailer that Jared can pull. Posting signs on the trailer about the LCC projects. Jared said he would upfront the money for the trailer. Leslie made a motion to reimburse Jared the expense of approximately \$40.00. Natalie seconded. Voted unanimously.

Leslie made a motion to purchase 12 tri-fold cardboard and paint to cover the trailer. Leslie revised he motion to \$100.00 to allow for purchasing non residue tape. Natalie seconded. Voted unanimously.

Leslie stated that at the Town Council meeting, the TC suggested starting Adopt A Spot program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that inquired to better equipment for the LCC. Specifically a better weed wacker, Leslie stated that a company has a power motor that allows for several attachments like a brush cutter. Natalie thinks the power head they suggest is too small, only 28.3 cc. Leslie will inquire to something stronger.

VIII. BUDGET:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gerald seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting is November 3rd.

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