

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

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING
OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

FRANCINE JACKSON - CHAIR
GERALD McNALLY – CO-CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY/TREASURER
JARED BETHEL

MEMBERS ABSENT

EMILY ARGUETA
NATALIE NAULT
STEPHANIE SANTOS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Francine Jackson called the December 1, 2021 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:02 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Opiekon, Great Rd, Lincoln. Pat stated that there are attorneys representing Stone Creek condominiums fighting against Breakneck Hollow (BH). She stated that will be a meeting held on December 16th with RI SHAB and these attorneys. There are other entities nearby that do not want this complex approved. Pat stated that she has been told that the YMCA is going to allow BH to hook up to their sewer line. Pat asked the LCC to also attend this meeting.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Federal Energy Regulation Commission – Regarding Albion Hydraulic Dam on Cumberland side of river. Project P14634-003. Minor License.

Federal Energy Regulation Commission – Regarding Albion Hydraulic Dam on Cumberland side of river. Project P14633-008 Mussel Survey Plan.

Federal Energy Regulation Commission – Regarding Albion Hydraulic Dam on Cumberland side of river. Project P14663-RI Cofferdam Acceptance and Construction Approval.

Federal Energy Regulation Commission – Regarding Albion Hydraulic Dam on Cumberland side of river. Project P14663-RI Hazard Potential Classification and Inflow Design Flood Study.

Stephanie received an email from Pat Opiekon regarding Breakneck Hollow project. YMCA is allowing Breakneck Hollow to hookup to their sewer line.

Letter from the Friends of the Blackstone – Regarding a Needs Assessment. Actions to improve resilience and water quality in the Blackstone River Watershed Area.

IV. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

Application No. 20-0287. This application affects 1851 Old Louisquisset Pike.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden- Gerald stated that he decorated the garden for Christmas. Gerald is going to send thank you cards to Denise Dolphin and Deb Bethel for the decoration donations.

Shady Brook –No Report.

Historical Cemeteries – Francine stated that The Nature Conservancy made a new path at the Moshassuck River Preserve. While making this path, they found new historical cemeteries.

Town Cleanups – Gerald stated that Smithfield has been cleanup of the debris left from the parade. Stephanie relayed a message to Leslie, asking for the LCC to request the Town put up a fence along Lower Rd. on the pond side.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that the new brush cutting equipment had been ordered. Unfortunately not expected until the spring.

Leslie asked that the LCC members review there respected areas in town to create a list for Adopt-A-Spot areas.

Francine stated that there was a Hazard Mitigation Meeting. A Plan has been draft and the LCC should review the plan for suggestions.

Gerald remind the commission that a lockbox is needed on the BFG electrical box. Leslie will speak to Mike Gagnon.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Francine commented about the Needs Assessment sent from the Friends of the Blackstone. She suggests that the LCC be involved and collaborate on the project. Francine made a motion that the LCC support the Needs Assessment Project. Gerald seconded. Voted Unanimously.

Francine stated that she has been informed by Al Ranaldi that there is State money in an Infrastructure Bank. There is a good possibility that the LCC could get some of this money for our cleanups. Francine made a motion that the LCC support and attend future meetings. Gerald seconded. Voted Unanimously.

Gerald stated that the LCC can sponsor 2 E-Waste cleanups in 2022. Indie cycle has reserved 2 dates. April 30th and October 8th. Leslie will speak to Mike Gagnon about theses dates to use the Town Hall again.

Francine stated the Friends of the Blackstone have invited the LCC to attend their Christmas Party, December 16th, 6pm, at the Village Haven.

IX. BUDGET – No Report

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gerald seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting is January 5th.

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