

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

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2022 MEETING
OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

EMILY ARGUETA
NATALIE NAULT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Francine Jackson called the February 2, 2022 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:01 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Domain Registry invoice to renew website.

Blackstone Valley Historic Society – Thank you letter for the LCC donation.

Federal Energy Regulation Commission – Regarding Albion Hydraulic Dam on Cumberland side of river. Project P14634-007. Order approving bypass reach flow.

Federal Energy Regulation Commission – Regarding Albion Hydraulic Dam on Cumberland side of river. Project P14633 Application & additional Information request.

Email from John Marsland, Friends of the Blackstone. Regarding Town of Cumberland Resolution in support of Blackstone River Watershed Needs Assessment.

Narragansett Bay Commission Grant.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden- Leslie still planning on meeting with landscapers to rototill the garden. Using the State Grant.

Jared suggests hiring a company to rototill. Leslie to talk to Mike Gagnon about putting a lockbox on the electric box within the Butterfly Garden.

Shady Brook – Leslie spoke to Mike Gagnon. Public Works will get more compost. Advertising for clean fill is not allowed. Don't know what we're getting.

Historical Cemeteries – No report. Jared would like Ken Postle to attend a meeting. Jared likes assisting, but would like the Town to be more involved. Gerald is working on assessments.

Town Cleanups – Stephanie stated that Yellow Bag Day, in Manville, will be Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 12pm-4pm. Stephanie would like each Town Council person to represent their district and have a town wide yellow bag day. Jared suggests to post signs around town when a cleanup is scheduled. Leslie suggests that if each district cannot do April 2, the ask them to schedule another day for each district.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt a spot, Leslie will talk to TC, list areas available, including state areas.

Francine reported that Western Oil in Central Falls, was denied by the State, to expand.

Francine suggests we, the LCC, attend a meeting about the Albion Hydro Dam in Cumberland. This project will affect the fish ladders needed to be installed.

Francine stated that Friend of the Blackstone Needs assessment presentation will be on 2/15 to the Town Council. Leslie stated that Cumberland and Smithfield have so far, passed a resolution.

Gerald confirmed E-Waste Event dates with Indy Cycle. April 30th and Oct 8th. Leslie will confirm with Public Works. Leslie will post in the Valley Breeze.

Leslie received the STIHL Power head with the brush cutter attachment.

Francine has Hazard Mitigation draft for the LCC to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that the 50th anniversary of ZAP the Blackstone River - Aug 27th is the cleanup. Sept 10th is the celebration. Stephanie stated that Donna Kaehler will also be participating.

Leslie suggests using the NBC grant for ZAP. Leslie to talk to John Marsland on what area for the LCC to work on.

For the NBC Grant - Leslie to request money for gloves, bags, pickers, power wheel barrow, vests, etc.

IX. BUDGET :

Leslie stated that there is \$2472 in budget. Gerald suggests LCC polo shirts for non-cleanup events.

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 March 2nd.

Minutes taken by Leslie B. Alexander.

Respectfully submitted by,

Leslie B Alexander, Secretary

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