

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

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 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 April 6, 2022 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Leslie made a motion to approve the February 6, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously.

Leslie made a motion to approve the March 6, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Treanor - Resident, Kirkbrae Apartments. Inquiring more information about the Butterfly Garden. She saw the project on the LCC Notice posted at the Lincoln Library. She is interested in helping.

Donna Kaehler - Representative from Blackstone River Tourism Council and Keep America Beautiful. Donna showed a short video of the Blackstone River ZAP (Zap Away Pollution). ZAP cleanup will be held on Saturday, August 27th. 50th Anniversary Celebration, September 10th, Old Slater Mill. Donna is asking the LCC with help to gather as many volunteers as possible to attend the ZAP cleanup. The BRTC goal is 10,000 volunteers. Donna stated that the biggest litter problem is cigarettes. Cigarette butts are now made of plastic and do not disintegrate. A survey taken regarding trash in the streets is from 52% motorists, 22% walkers and 10% trash haulers. Donna stated that Earth Day is technically April 22nd, with a cleanup day of April 23rd. Blackstone River is a Class C Fishing, Catch and release, no eating the fish or swimming. The ultimate goal of BRTC is to make the river fishable and eatable.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Leslie stated that the invoice received from Domain Registry was not valid. It was only need if the LCC wanted to change to another domain name.

Email from Robert Maresca - Asking if there will be a cleanup on Cobble Hill Rd.

Invite from the Town Administrator - Asking if the LCC is interested in participating in the Memorial Day Parade, May 30, 2022.

Blackstone Historical Society - Asking for a donation of \$660.00 to help with the cemeteries

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden

Leslie stated that after discussing to rototill the BFG, it was advised not to in the spring. This will cause more weeds to spread. Leslie would like to revert back to the weed pulling bids submitted to Stephanie in October. P & R bid for \$1500.00 was the best offer. A spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Ask Parks & Rec to have the large divot fixed. Leslie made a motion to spend \$100.00 on gas for the power equipment. Gerald seconded. Voted unanimously. Leslie will ask the Town for mulch.

Shady Brook

Leslie made a motion to purchase black mulch. A maximum of \$100.00. Gerald seconded. Voted Unanimously. Leslie made a motion to spend \$25.00 on flags to be placed at the flowers. Gerald seconded. Voted unanimously. Leslie will be doing some weed wacking and plantings. The town will be getting more compost for the area, so wild flowers can be planted.

Historical Cemeteries

Gerald will be working on the graveyard easements.

Town Cleanups

Saturday, April 9th, 9-12, Cleanup on Front St, Carrington St, Lower Rd. Stephanie made a motion to purchase a maximum of \$100.00 worth of ice cream from Palagi's Ice cream truck, for the volunteers. Gerald seconded. Voted Unanimously.

Saturday, April 16th, 9-1, Cleanup on Great Rd and Breakneck Hill Road. Leslie made a motion to purchase a maximum of \$100.00 worth of ice cream from PAL'S ice cream truck, for the volunteers. Francine seconded. Voted unanimously. Francine stated that the Blackstone River Watershed Council, Friends of the Blackstone will be holding a cleanup, also on the 16th, at the Lonsdale Drive-in.

A Cobble Hill Rd resident inquired about a cleanup on Cobble Hill Rd. Stephanie stated that Councilman TJ Russo was possibly coordinating a cleanup.

Washington Liquors, of George Washington Highway, will sponsor a cleanup on Rt116. Date to be further announced.

Leslie made a motion to purchase gloves, trash bags, leaf bags and pickers for the future cleanups. The maximum to spend is \$300.00. Gerald seconded. Vote Unanimously.

VII.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt a spot - no report.

E-Waste Event - Saturday, April 30th, 9-12, Town Hall. Gerald to get signs early to post around town.

Leslie stated that she has submitted the Narragansett Bay Commission grant for \$750.00 to be used for a cleanup on Walker St. This date is to be determined. She will not find out until April 15th, on the exact amount approved.

Francine stated that the Blackstone Watershed Committee is asking for volunteers to test areas of the Blackstone, from April through October. They give you a water test kit, to test on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Gerald made a motion to spend \$500.00 on polo shirts for the LCC commissioners. Leslie seconded. Voted Unanimously. To be used at professional functions.

VIII.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that she spoke with Representative Maryanne Shallcross and that there is a 2022 \$700.00 grant available. The commission agreed to use the grant at the BFG. Unless another project is presented.

Leslie stated that she was informed that Washington Trust Bank is sponsoring a cleanup, Saturday, April 17th, 9-12. At Fairlawn Park and the surrounding area. Cecile St.

Francine stated that the Friends of the Blackstone will be showing a movie about the Blackstone River- Kittacuck Speaks. A view of the river during all seasons. Friday, April 22nd, 7pm, at the Blackstone River Theater, 549 Broad St, Cumberland.

Gerald stated that the LCC was invited to have an educational table at the YMCA, for Healthy Kids Day. Saturday, April 30th. 10-2pm. Gerald volunteered to represent the LCC.

IX.

BUDGET:

Leslie stated that with all the costs voted for at this meeting, the balance of the budget, at this time, is approximately \$900.00.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gerald seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is May 4th.

Minutes taken by Leslie B Alexander.

Respectfully submitted by,

Leslie B Alexander, Secretary

Lincoln Conservation Commission