

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

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2022 MEETING
OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

NATALIE NAULT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Francine Jackson called the May 4, 2022 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lincoln Dark, 4 Briarwood Dr, Lincoln. Lincoln works for the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. He is in charge of the Eastern Bluebird Monitoring Program. He was here to observe and offer any help possible.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Kristina Guadagni, emailed the LCC in regards to property on Morgan Ct. She was concerned that a neighbor was encroaching and or dumping on this property. She asked if the property was a National Forest. Francine inquired with Al Ranaldi and he replied that it is private property.

Pat Opikium, Great Rd. Inquired as to the trees being cut down at 700 Great Rd. Francine to inquire with RIDEM.

Gerald received a request from YMCA. Asking the LCC to participate in their Healthy Kids Day, again in 2023.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden

Leslie stated she has called P&R, but no response. Leslie stated that she would ask the town to have mulch delivered. Gerald also asked for stone dust.

Shady Brook

Leslie stated that she has cleaned up the area. She also had help from a student need to fulfill community service hours.

Historical Cemeteries

Leslie stated that she notice that the historical cemetery on Sayles Hill Rd was not on the Lincoln GIS map. She has emailed the Historical Cemetery contact but has receive no reply. Lincoln Dark offered his assistance.

Town Cleanups

Stephanie stated that 70 bags of trash were collected at the Breakneck Hill cleanup.

Stephanie stated that 40 bags of trash were collected at the Lower Rd/Carrington St cleanup. It was brought to Stephanie's attention during the cleanup, that there were oils and gas leaking into Scott's Pond from the cars parking along the side of the road. Stephanie spoke to one of the business owners. She has since report the issue to the Town Administrator and RIDEM. The Blackstone River watershed has also filed a report with DEM. The cars on the street are unregistered vehicles. Stephanie took pictures of lots of trash between the cars along with car parts in the water. Jared stated a concern about the trees cut at the corner of Front St and Carrington St. Stephanie stated that the Town Administrator told her that cameras were supposed to go up on Carrington St, to catch the people dropping large amounts of trash.

Leslie stated that we received the Narragansett Bay Commission Grant for \$550.00. This grant will sponsor the Walker St cleanup. Stephanie suggested May 22nd for the cleanup. Leslie made a motion to spend a maximum of \$125.00 for an Ice Cream truck and water for the volunteers. Gerald seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Gerald suggested a cleanup along at River Rd and Lower River Rd. He walks that area and has noticed a lot of trash. Possibly June 4th.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Jared stated that the E-Waste Event went very well. A 27 foot box truck was entirely filled with left overs put in a pickup truck. Leslie estimated at least 150 cars came through. Leslie made a motion to be reimbursed for the donuts she donated to the workers, for \$12.00. Gerald seconded. Voted unanimously.

Francine stated that she has participated in her first water testing. It is not very difficult. She asked if anyone else was interested. It is on the seconded Saturday of the month.

Stephanie relayed a message from Natalie regarding the polo shirts. We need to order shirts only.

Leslie stated that the Kittacuck movie about the Blackstone River was wonderful. It was filmed by a drow, showing the river during the 4 seasons. There was a great turnout.

Gerald stated that the YMCA Healthy Kids day went very well and the YMCA would like the LCC to participate next year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Emily inquired as to if the LCC could have bumper stickers, bags, magnets, etc. made and sell them for. This could add money to our budget. Leslie will inquire.

Gerald stated that Stop and Shop has a program to sell their reusable bags and donate the proceeds to the LCC. Leslie will inquire.

Francine stated that the Breakneck Hollow Project had a meeting with SHAB. The concerns were regarding wetlands, traffic, the sewer line and 16 variances by the Town. No public comment was allowed. There is another meeting with SHAB on June 9th, 2:30.

Leslie stated that the Town asked the LCC to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. At this time, no one has time.

Francine stated that Lincoln was awarded Infrastructure Bank Funds. Al Ranaldi has asked the LCC for ideas to utilize the funds.

Leslie stated that Doris Brais, an LCC commissioner for 16 years, had passed and would like to purchase a tree in her memory, for the Butterfly Garden. Leslie asked to spend a maximum of \$200.00. Gerald seconded. Voted unanimously.

Leslie asked if the LCC should participate at Chase Park after the Memorial Day Parade. Leslie stated she would.

Stephanie made a motion to purchase \$100.00 worth of flowering bulbs for the fall, to be placed in front of the stone-walls along Breakneck Hill Rd. Gerald seconded. Voted Unanimously.

IX. BUDGET :

Leslie stated that with all the costs voted for at this meeting, the balance of the budget, at this time, is approximately \$450.00.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next meeting is June 1st.

Minutes taken by Leslie B Alexander.

Respectfully submitted by,

Leslie B Alexander, Secretary

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