



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September, 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

I. BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

A. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on September 21, 2021 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, with the Council meeting in person and the public may participate by utilizing the web streaming available on www.lincolnri.org.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Keith Macksoud	Council President	Present	
Arthur Russo	Councilman	Present	
Kenneth Pichette	Councilman	Present	
Bruce Ogni	Councilman	Present	
Pamela Azar	Councilwoman	Present	
Anthony DeSisto	Town Solicitor	Present	
Philip Gould	Town Administrator	Present	
Chief Brian Sullivan	Police Chief	Present	

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council President welcomed Administrator Gould and acknowledged Chief Sullivan for all of his hard work being interim Town Administrator. All of the Council members thanked him as well.

Chief Sullivan thanked everyone for their support as well as the town employees and residents.

C. Application for Class BV License

1. License 2021-27

Transfer of Liquor License from Rosita LLC dba Curry Kitchen to Guru Kirpa LLC dba Curry Kitchen

HISTORY:

08/24/21

Town Council

DEFERRED

Next: 09/21/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Hearing - Michael Skenyon of 1 Grant Street spoke on the matter. He stated that he had no objections but just wanted some consideration on the trash, dumpster, and fencing on the property.

Sumar Kahn, Owner was present to answer any questions the Council had.

Motion was to grant the license transfer with the condition that the trash will be picked up on a regular basis.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Curry Kitchen Liquor (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. Motion To: amend previous motion to add waive the fee

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

D. Application for Victualling License

1. License 2021-28

Curry Kitchen - 259 Front Street, Unit 1

HISTORY:

08/24/21 Town Council DEFERRED
Next: 09/21/21

ATTACHMENTS:

- Curry Kitchen Victualling (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Bruce Ogni, Pamela Azar
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

E. Application for Entertainment License

1. License 2021-30

Trattoria Romana

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Sheena Gomes, manager was present to answer any questions the Council may have had.

Motion was to approve and waive fee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Trattoria Romana Entertainment App (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

F. Application for Solicitation

1. License 2021-29

Stephen John Polenski Jr

ATTACHMENTS:

- Polenski Solicitation (PDF)

RESULT: DENIED [2 TO 3]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Kenneth Pichette, Pamela Azar
NAYS: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Bruce Ogni

II. TOWN COUNCIL

A. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on September 21, 2021 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

1. **Motion To:** move item COMM 2021-68 up next on the agenda.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. **Communication 2021-68**

Rhode Island Airport Corporation regarding improving sustainability for North Central State Airport

HISTORY:

08/24/21

Town Council

DEFERRED

Next: 09/21/21

John Goodman will be invited to the next meeting.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

John Goodman was present to answer any questions the Council may have had.

Motion was to forward this item to the Town Planner through the Town Administrator for recommendation for the October work session.

ATTACHMENTS:

- LincolnTownCouncil-RIAC-8-18-21 (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

3. Motion To: move Executive Session to the last item on the agenda

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

B. Consent Agenda

All items listed in this section are considered in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda.

1. Minutes Approval

- Monday, August 23, 2021
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021
- Monday, September 13, 2021

2. Consideration of Montly Bills

a. Report 2021-84

Monthly Bills September 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2021 09 FY22 Accounts Payable (PDF)

- 2021 09 FY22 Library (PDF)
- 2021 09 FY22 Direct Pay (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

3. Reports

a. Town Administrator

1. Report 2021-74

Human Services Report

ATTACHMENTS:

- Senior Center Report (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. Report 2021-75

Monthly Report: Town Clerk

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

3. Report 2021-76

Tax Assessor Monthly Report

ATTACHMENTS:

- August 2021 (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

4. Report 2021-77

Monthly Report - Planning Department

ATTACHMENTS:

- August 2021 Monthly Report (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

5. Report 2021-79

Monthly Activity Report: Public Safety

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

6. Report 2021-80

Monthly Report: DPW August 2021

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

7. Report 2021-81

Monthly Report: Library

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

8. Report 2021-82

August 2021 Monthly Report

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

9. Report 2021-83

Monthly Report - Finance September 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2021 09 monthly council report (PDF)
- 2021 09 Tax Receipts as of August 31 2021 (PDF)
- 2021 09 RevExp Report as of August 31 2021 (PDF)
- Moody's Rating Report 2021 (PDF)
- 2021 09 ARPA special council report (PDF)
- GFOA Revenue Loss Calculation ARPA Funds (PDF)
- 2021 08 31 Water Commission Finance Report(PDF)
- 2021 09 School Finance Report (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

4. Communications**a. State Mandated Financial Reports****1. Report 2021-73**

Albion Fire District Q3 Report

ATTACHMENTS:

- Albion Q3 Report (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

b. Communication 2021-69

Bristol Proclamation declaring October Dysautonomia Awareness Month

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bristol Proclamation (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

5. Tax Abatements**a. Report 2021-78**

September 2021 Tax Assessor Abatements

ATTACHMENTS:

- September 2021 (PDF)

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

C. Public Comment

Phillip Gould spoke about the 150th Parade. It will be October 30, 2021 at 10 a.m. There is more information available on the facebook page or by contacting Scott Winslow at swinslow@lincolnri.org or (401) 333-8416.

D. Appointments

1. Appointment 2021-11

Planning Board Appointment - District 1

HISTORY:

07/20/21	Town Council	DEFERRED
Next: 08/24/21		
08/24/21	Town Council	DEFERRED
Next: 09/21/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was to appoint Thomas Tuytschevers to Planning Board.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. Appointment 2021-12

Budget Board - District 2

HISTORY:

07/20/21	Town Council	DEFERRED
Next: 08/24/21		
08/24/21	Town Council	DEFERRED
Next: 09/21/21		

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/19/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Bruce Ogni, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Kenneth Pichette, Councilman	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

3. Appointment 2021-13

Budget Board - District 3

HISTORY:

07/20/21	Town Council	DEFERRED
Next: 08/24/21		
08/24/21	Town Council	DEFERRED
Next: 09/21/21		

RESULT:	DEFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/19/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Arthur Russo, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Kenneth Pichette, Pamela Azar	
AYES:	Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar	

E. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance Committee Report

a. Resolution 2021-24

Resolution Mandating Audiovisual Recordings of all official Town Meetings with Access to Recordings via the Town Website

HISTORY:

08/24/21	Town Council	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 09/21/21		
09/20/21	Ordinance Committee	DEFERRED IN COMMITTEE
Next: 10/18/21		

Councilor Azar was present as the sponsor of the Resolution and spoke on the matter.

Council President Macksoud spoke on the matter.

Al Rinaldi, Town Planner, spoke on behalf of the Planning Board meetings.

RESULT:	DEFERRED IN COMMITTEE	Next: 10/19/2021 7:00 PM
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b. Ordinance 2021-9

Municipal Affordable Housing Fund

HISTORY:

07/20/21	Town Council	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 08/24/21		

08/23/21 Ordinance Committee

Al Rinaldi, Town Planner spoke on the matter.

Keith Macksoud, Town Council President also spoke on the matter.

08/24/21 Town Council DEFERRED IN COMMITTEE
Next: 09/21/21

09/20/21 Ordinance Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

- Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Ord (DOCX)

RESULT:	DEFERRED IN COMMITTEE	Next: 10/19/2021 7:00 PM
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c. Ordinance 2021-11

Amending Ch 260, Zoning, Article VI Signs permitted in all districts, Sections 260-34 and 260-35

HISTORY:

07/20/21 Town Council REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 08/24/21

Motion was to send to Planning Board for recommendation and to Ordinance Committee.

08/23/21 Ordinance Committee
08/24/21 Town Council DEFERRED IN COMMITTEE
Next: 09/21/21
09/20/21 Ordinance Committee

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Public Hearing

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amended TOL Zoning Ordinance VI-260-34 and 260-40 (PDF)
- Zoning Ord PB Recommendation (PDF)

RESULT:	DEFERRED IN COMMITTEE	Next: 10/19/2021 7:00 PM
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d. Ordinance 2021-12

Salary Ordinance FY 2022

HISTORY:

08/24/21 Town Council REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 09/21/21
09/20/21 Ordinance Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

- Salary Ordinance FY-2021-2022 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Keith Macksoud, Kenneth Pichette
SECONDER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Kenneth Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pamela Azar
ABSTAIN: Arthur Russo

2. *Purchasing Committee Report*

a. Bid 2021-10

Request to bypass bidding - Sewer & Drainage Improvements September 2021

HISTORY:

09/21/21 Purchasing Committee

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Bid was awarded to Boyle & Fogarty and using the Woonsocket contract.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2021 Bid Waiver - Sewer and Drainage Improvements (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

3. *Capital Improvement Committee Report*

F. New Business

1. *Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee*

a. Motion To: immediate consideration

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

b. Resolution 2021-26

RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO 200-RICR-20-05-4.9.2 A 2 (a) & (b), THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS AND SECTION C5-8 (6) OF THE LINCOLN TOWN CHARTER

RESULT: TABLED [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 9/27/2021 5:30 PM**
MOVER: Keith Macksoud, Kenneth Pichette
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

c. Motion To: immediate consideration

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

d. Resolution 2021-27

RESOLUTION: CHARGE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX AS PART OF THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
SECONDER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

e. Motion To: immediate consideration

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

f. Resolution 2021-28

Authorize Cancellation of Certain Taxes September 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2021 September Abatements (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

G. Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Motion To: adjourn into Executive Session to discuss below

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vote was taken by roll call.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

2. Communication 2021-72

Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2), Discussion regarding Lincoln Police Department Staffing

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was for Solicitor to act as directed in Executive Session.

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER: Arthur Russo, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

H. Entertain a motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 45-46-7(c)

1. Motion To: seal the minutes of Executive Session pursuant to above

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER: Pamela Azar, Councilwoman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar

I. Vote on matters from Executive Session

J. Adjourn

1. Motion To: adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There was additional public comment from Carl Brunetti regarding the comments for the Budget Board agenda on September 30, 2021.

Councilor Pichette wished his wife a Happy 33rd Anniversary.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bruce Ogni, Councilman
SECONDER: Kenneth Pichette, Councilman
AYES: Macksoud, Russo, Pichette, Ogni, Azar