

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

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2022 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

FRANCINE JACKSON - CHAIR
GERALD McNALLY – CO-CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY
EMILY ARGUETA
JENNIFER NAULT
NATALIE NAULT
STEPHANIE SANTOS

MEMBERS ABSENT

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Francine Jackson called the August 3, 2022 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:10 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Leslie made a motion to approve the July 6, 2022 minutes, with changes to attendance. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Hanley, from the Friends of the Blackstone(FOB). Keith stated that FOB would not be participating in the ZAP 50 cleanup. They will be at Heritage Park, Cumberland and Central Falls landing. Keith stated that at the Sycamore Landing, Cumberland could use some cleaning of trash and the invasive plants.

Bill McManus, 57 Rockridge Rd, Lincoln. Bill stated that he attended the Town Council Meeting last week. Bill reported to the TC the status of several areas around town, town streets and sidewalks. He present an improvement plan to the LCC, that he also presented to the TC. He stated that according to the Town Charter, the town is responsible for the sidewalks on state roads. Showing many that are deplorable. They have holes, overgrowth. Bill made many suggestions to the TC and asked the LCC to help. Bill feels that the Public Works Dept is not working on these areas of concern. Bill compared the Town of Lincoln to Barrington, where Barrington has so many nicer areas. See pamphlet for more information.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Blackstone River Historical Society(BRHS) sent a thank you letter for our donation.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

Application #21-0046. Hunters road. Contractor looking to disturb 12,092 sq ft of wetlands.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden- No report.

Shady Brook - Leslie has been maintaining the area and planted flowers are growing.

Historical Cemeteries –Francine report that John Houghton will be working on the easements near cemeteries.

Town Cleanups – Francine reported that the BRHS will be showing a documentary movie on the ZAP cleanup 50 years ago. Sunday, August 14th at 2:30pm.

Stephanie is working on the flyer for the ZAP 50 cleanup. Discussion on what areas to include are Front St, School St and bike path, Albion, and Manville at Navigant Credit Union. Stephanie made a motion to use the flyer that she created. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously. Leslie made a motion to spend a maximum of \$200.00 on color copies of the finalized flyer, for distribution. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously. Leslie made a maximum of \$100.00 on water for the ZAP 50 volunteers. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously. Leslie made a motion to spend a maximum of \$200.00 on safety cones. To be used for street cleanups. Seconded by Gerald. Voted unanimously. Stephanie made a motion to spend a maximum of \$150.00 for an Ice Cream truck for the volunteers at Front St. ZAP 50 cleanup. Leslie seconded. Voted unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that she postponed the dedication of the Doris Brais tree, in the BFG due to weather being to hot.

Francine stated that Breakneck Hollow decision from the State Housing Appeal Board has been appealed by the Town.

Francine stated that has been no more information regarding the Town installing LED lights in Town.

Jenn had no report regarding the Adopt-A-Spot project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Stephanie stated that she submitted water samples from 5 areas of Scotts Pond, for testing. The tests came back negative for SM37 fw Enterolert. The water is healthy, but no recommended for swimming. Stephanie is going to inquire with the status of The Narrows, on Lonsdale Avenue. Leslie stated that it is a state superfund site.

Leslie stated that the LCC should write a letter to the Town Council and Town Administrator regarding the recycling program and the problem with wrong items being put in the bins.

Gerald stated that there was an event at the Lincoln YMCA where Maxman taught the children about recycling. Gerald is also working on getting the YMCS to recycle better.

Leslie suggested writing a letter to the Town Council and Town Administrator regarding the community service being given to the recent dumping offenders. Asking that they complete their community service in Lincoln only.

Leslie suggests writing a letter to the Town Council and Town Administered is support of Bill McManus's report and efforts to improve Lincoln.

IX. BUDGET:

Leslie stated that the LCC received the State Grant check for \$700.00.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gerald seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Next Meeting is September 7th.

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