



Town of Lincoln

Town Council Meeting

February 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Lincoln Town Hall

MINUTES

Board of License Commissioners

A. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on February 14, 2023 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 in person or by utilizing the web streaming available on www.lincolnri.org, and emailing comments to meeting@lincolnri.org.

Members Present:

Keith Macksoud, Council President
Arthur Russo
Bruce Ogni
Ken Pichette
Pam Azar
Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor
Philip Gould, Town Administrator

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Application for a Class F Liquor License

1. Lincoln High School PACT Event at Lincoln Senior Center on March 18, 2023

Sharon Fischer was present on behalf of the PACT committee and answered any questions that the Council had.

ACTION: Motion to grant the license and waive the application fee by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

D. Application for a Special Event License

1. BeWitched & BeDazzled Event at Chase Farm on September 30, 2023 by Friends of Hearthside, Inc.

Kathy Hartley of Friends of Hearthside, Inc. was present and answered any questions the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to grant the license and waive the fee by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Annual Walk MS event on May 13, 2023 at Lincoln Woods

ACTION: Motion to defer the license application to the next meeting by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

E. Application for a Transfer of a Class BV Liquor License

1. STAS Inc. d/b/a Brooksies Pub to ARJK, Inc. d/b/a Maria's Breakfast and Lunch at 616 Smithfield Avenue

- a. Schedule a Public Hearing

ACTION: Motion to schedule the public hearing for march 21, 2023 by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to amend the agenda and take item k.3
next by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni and Pam
Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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G. 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 item will be removed from the consent agenda.

ACTION: Motion to accept the consent agenda by Ken Pichette
second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni,
Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

1. Minutes Approval

- a. January 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- b. January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- c. January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- d. January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

2. Consideration of Monthly Bills Monthly Bills

- a. February 2023
- 3. Claims for Referral to Committee
 - a. Levasseur Claim
- 4. Town Administrator's Reports
 - a. Town Clerk's January 2023 Report
 - b. January 2023 Tax Assessor Monthly Report
 - c. Human Resource Department Report- January-2023
 - d. Library January 2023
 - e. Building Department Report
 - f. PUBLIC SAFETY
 - g. Lincoln Senior Center
 - h. Finance Reports
- 5. Communications
 - a. Resolution from Richmond recognizing Juneteenth
 - b. Letter from Robinson & Cole regarding Updates to Proposed Pole Locations

- c. Resolution from Foster urging rejection of changes to the RI Enabling Act as proposed by the RI House of Representatives Land Use Commission
- ACTION:** Motion to accept the communication by Arthur Russo second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0
- AYES:** Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
- d. Resolution from Tiverton seeking General Assembly Authority to license Short-term rental by municipalities
- e. Resolution from C-PACE to designate Town of Lincoln as a Pace Municipality and to approve the C-PACE Agreement

H. Public Comment

Cameron Deutsche of 67 Rockridge Road asked the Council to consider appointing Bonnie Taylor to the Capital Improvement Revolving Fund Committee and spoke regarding Affordable Housing in Lincoln.

I. Appointments

1. Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission - Quinville Seat - term to expire in 2028
- ACTION:** Motion to reappoint william goho to the parks & recreation commission, quinville seat, with a term to expire in 2028 by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
- AYES:** Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None
2. Appointment to Lincoln Housing Authority - District 1 - term to expire in 2028
- ACTION:** Motion to reappoint grace nadeau to the lincoln housing authority with a term to expire in 2028 by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
- AYES:** Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
- NOES:** None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Town Council appointment to the Capital Improvement Revolving Fund Committee

ACTION: Motion to appoint nathan kocan to the capital improvement revolving fund committee by Ken Pichette second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 4:1

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni

NOES: Pam Azar

ABSTAIN: None

Councilor Azar wanted to appoint Bonnie Taylor.

Council President Macksoud announced that Councilor Pichette will be on the committee as the Town Council representative.

J. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance Sub Committee Report

a. **2022-8**

Amendment to Trash Ordinance:
217-21 Apartments and condominiums

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
11/15/2022	Town Council	Referral to Committee
12/19/2022	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation to Town Council
12/20/2022	Town Council	Amendment deferred back to Committee
1/23/2023	Ordinance Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
2/13/2023	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

Councilor Russo stated that the matter was deferred in committee until next month.

b. **2022-9**

Salary Ordinance Amendment

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
12/20/2022	Town Council	Referred to Committee

1/23/2023	Ordinance Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
2/13/2023	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to adopt the salary ordinance by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0 by a roll call vote

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Claims Sub Committee Report

a. Kristin Andrew Claim

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
1/24/2023	Town Council	Referral to Committee
2/14/2023	Claims Sub Committee	Recommendation

Councilor Ogni stated that the matter was deferred in committee until next month.

3. Purchasing Sub Committee Report

a. Award of Bid for Grant Writer

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
02/14/2023	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to rosewood consulting in the amount of \$4,800 per month by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Capital Improvement Committee Report

Administrator Gould gave an update on the committee.

K. New Business

1. Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee

a. **2023-1**

Resolution in Support of Housing Development & Land Use

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Bruce Ogni
second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt as amended by Ken Pichette second
by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to amend the resolution and put it into form of
normal Town of Lincoln resolution and add to send
the resolution to the General Assembly and Lincoln
delegation by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni
and Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

b. **2023-2**

Resolution to Authorize the Extension of the Constellation Electricity
Supply Contract to Dec 2025

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Arthur Russo
second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Arthur Russo and Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Walker Lofts Tax Stabilization Agreement

a. Public Hearing

Joshua Berry, Town Planner, was present and answered any questions that the Council had.

Joelle Rocha, attorney for the applicant, gave a presentation and answered any questions that the Council had.

Philip Alderston, manager of Walker Lofts was present and answered any questions that the Council had.

Patrice Charnley of 1130 Great Road spoke of her disapproval of the company asking for the TSA.

b. Discussion and action

ACTION: Motion to continue the public hearing to march 21st and have the agreement on the agenda as a communication by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar and Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Discussion and action on Whipple-Cullen development drainage

Ken Boch of Old River Road Development was present and answered any questions that the Council had.

Leslie Quish, Town Engineer, was present and answered any questions that the Council had.

James Seymore of 10 Avenue D spoke on the matter.

Zachary Fenner of 9 Avenue E spoke on the matter.

ACTION: Motion to refer to the Town Administrator to arrange a meeting with DEM Director Terrance Gray and our legislative delegation to discuss 1. Stormwater runoff with silk in it that has not stopped and 2. depositing of silk on their property and DEM will not allow them to be fixed and have Councilor Ogni be present

during these discussions by Bruce Ogni second by Ken Pichette and Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to amend the agenda and take item k.2 next by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Municipal Affordable Housing Fund - Scheduling the Public Hearings

ACTION: Motion to set the public hearing for march 20th by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

a. Lonsdale Memorial Holdngs, LLC - Lonsdale Memorial School Development, 1624 Lonsdale Avenue

b. Dakota Partners - The Villages at Manville, 33 Division Street

L. Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of the victims impacted by the earthquake in syria and turkey by Pam Azar second by Ken Pichette;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None