

LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

<u>Members In Attendance</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
Jennifer Nault - Secretary	Emily Argueta - Co-Chair
Natalie Nault	Stephanie Santos - Chair
Leslie Alexander - Treasurer	
Francine Jackson	
Gerald McNally	

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Francine called the February 1, 2023 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission to order at 6:47PM

II. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. Gerald, Leslie and Jenn noted there were minor updates needed:
 - 1. Section X: Change zZoom to Zoom
 - 2. Section VIII: Change to: Stephanie received several calls for community service. She advised that this is on hold until Spring and redirected them back to the court clerk. The court clerk is aware that the LCC is holding on all clean ups until Spring is assigning court ordered service hours to other departments in the town.
 - 3. Section XIII: Leslie to re-write this section per the groups discussion
- B. Gerald made a motion to approve as corrected. Leslie seconded motion. Voted unanimously.

III. Public Comment

- A. None

IV. Correspondence

- A. Jenn received an email from a Lincoln High School student inquiring about community service hours. She replied that cleanups are on hold until Spring.

- B. Leslie received a text about community service from Mazzenga about needing to do more service hours, she replied nothing is planned and will loop back at a later time.

V. Wetland Applications

- A. None

VI. Public Outreach

A. Education

- 1. Recycling: Leslie said last month we discussed the issues around recycling and needing to re-educate the town. Leslie stated that Emily and Stephanie made some Facebook posts about this topic. Leslie has a print out from RI Recovery Resources - she is going to send it to the School Department to see if they can include that in an email blast to all of the schools. Also, Leslie got a price from Valley Breeze for a print: 1/8 size (4.68" x 3") \$166/wk in color or x 5.4" 259/wk - Should we run this by Mike G. to see if the town is doing anything in print? Leslie will call him to find out and will loop back to the group.
- 2. Per Gerald, the state of RI is banning plastic bags in December 2023

B. General Community Service:

- 1. Still on hold until April 1
- 2. Per Leslie, she got an email from someone in town looking to do more hours - Jenn asked her to please hold until we get clarity from the town around waivers, requirements for supervision, etc.

VII. Court Ordered Community Service Hours:

- A. On hold until Spring 2023

VIII. Projects

A. Butterfly Garden

- 1. Gerald stated he hasn't been able to go lately but Francine said Doris's tree was broken and there is a large stone missing at the bottom of the wall. Leslie stated that we can fix that in the Spring. Gerald said he is hoping to make it there this month to check on the garden and do a little cleaning.

B. Shady Brook

- 1. Nothing

C. Historical Cemeteries

- 1. Francine stated she got a letter signed by the President of the Historical Society that she can present to property owners to gain access to their properties in order to check for easements and take photographs in order to categorize. Leslie made a motion to allow Francine to approach homeowners for this purpose. Natalie seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

D. Cleanups

1. On Hold - Martin Luther King Day cleanup was canceled due to snow

IX. Budget Review

A. Previous Balance

1. \$2,407 - less 3 boxes of trash bags (\$42.50 x 3 boxes) and less string for weed wacker

B. Receipts

1. Donation received from the Municipal Court for \$100

C. New Balance

1. \$2,343.64

D. Grants

1. Leslie received application for:
 - Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC): has to be to clean up and/or to restore green spaces, local rivers, streams, lakes and or ponds within NBC district. Application is due by 2/15/23 - Leslie stated the Grant was discussed last month and her idea is to restore the area near Barneys Pond, she would like to buy flowering bulbs to plant in an empty lot area near the new bridge and also Butterfly Pond off Great Rd. Jenn suggested for Barney Pond: we can clean up the whole area and plant a wildflower field and maybe some kind of small tree that flowers and maybe a decorative item too such as a bench, etc. Will discuss further at next month's meeting.
 - State Grant/Legislative grant - no deadline - for discussion next month

X. Calendar Review

A. LCC Projects

1. Nothing

B. Town Meetings

1. Nothing

XI. Commissioner Updates

A. Steph:

1. Not here (sick) no updates sent

B. Emily:

1. Marketing - nothing sent
2. Social Media - nothing sent

C. Jenn:

1. Adopt-A-Spot: Still waiting on Solicitor for Adopt A Spot update and town for rules on clean ups and waivers

D. Natalie:

1. Commissioner Apparel
 - a) Would like to look into bumper stickers/bags, etc. She will sync w/ Emily on ideas and prices

E. Leslie:

1. Leslie picked up seeds from URI, about 300 (250 veg + 50 flowers) and asked for ideas of what we can do with them:
 - a) Natalie asked if we can donate to community garden - they grow onsite and have to donate 50% of the vegetables grown - Leslie will check w/ Tom Rossi about this
 - b) Natalie suggested a contest on Facebook
 - c) Leslie suggested a donation to the Share Shed in Manville
 - d) Jenn suggested donating to High School. Leslie will ask if they still have the greenhouse or if Special Education Department could use for Occupational Therapy
2. Leslie has emailed twice to ask about insurance for the items in the shed but hasn't heard back yet.

F. Gerald:

1. Nothing

G. Francine:

1. Francine stated that she attended the Department of Environmental Management meeting via Zoom, however there is nothing pertaining to the LCC to report.
2. No update on new street lights but she will reach out to someone about it

XII. Open Discussion:

- A. Nothing

XIII. Adjournment:

- A. Gerald made a motion to adjourn at 7:51PM. Natalie seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.
- B. Next meeting is March 1st.

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