

LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 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	
Leslie Alexander - Treasurer	
Francine Jackson	
Gerald McNally	
Stephanie Santos - Chair	

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Stephanie called the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission to order at 7pm.

II. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. Stepahnie made a motion to approve the previous month's meeting minutes. Gerald seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

III. Public Comment

- A. Bill McManis attended. He explained that in 2017 he presented to the Town Council a plan to improve the appearance of the town (a 4 year plan). He felt he had no support from the town but has done local work through clean ups, etc. In July 2022 he again presented to the Town Council with a full plan and has received no response again.
- B. His neighbor has also reached out to the Town Council via email and rec'd response that the town looks good, and things are moving along nicely.
- C. Bill is going to request a meeting with Phil to review the presentation again and is going to ask if the town can work on a formal plan to address and clean up the town

- D. He asked Bob Turner, Town Moderator, that he would like a resolution - 10 areas that need work, with a \$70k budget and for this to be presented for a vote at Town Council.
- E. About 2 of the 9 locations he identified have been addressed since he brought this to the Town Council.
- F. Stephanie asked how we (LCC) can offer support to Bill with this initiative
 - 1. Options include: Communications: emails, meeting w/ Phil with him, etc.

IV. Correspondence

- A. Email received from Rhonda Lacombe notifying us of the budget board meeting, Leslie will attend
- B. SECoastalNE email about SWIG23 grant application
- C. Email from Donna Kaehler about the Keep BV Beautiful walks: [schedule here](#)
- D. Pilar Coelho reached out to Steph about being part of Butterfly Gardens (with pack 711: 5 yr olds) - Steph will forward email to Leslie

V. Wetland Applications

- A. Notice from RI DEM:
 - 1. Leslie made a motion for Francine to write a letter to DEM to fight this - Gerald seconded motion. Voted unanimously.

VI. Public Outreach

- A. Education
 - 1. Stephanie: Earth Day: Friday, 4/21
 - a) Lincoln Parent Teachers association have Mad Max going to Lonsdale Elementary in the morning that day
 - b) They would like the LCC to show Micro Plastic Madness video
 - (1) Title 1 schools: you have to pay \$100 to view, (the other three elementary schools would be free) then lunch and a clean up following lunch.
 - c) Stephanie made a motion for the LCC to cover this cost of \$200. Gerald seconded the motion. Voted unanimously
 - 2. Gerald wants to speak to the Y to do a similar program
 - 3. Leslie asked if we have updates in response to our FB post, Stephanie responded that the traction hasn't been huge.
 - 4. Leslie said Mike Gagnon didn't respond about the print for the breeze. She will follow up with him again.

- B. General Community Service

- 1. ON HOLD

VII. Mandated Community Service Hours:

- A. Updates

1. ON HOLD

VIII. Projects

A. Butterfly Garden

1. Leslie would like to schedule clean up for 4/15 and will plan with Gerald and they will coordinate with the boy scouts troop
2. Leslie made a motion to approve \$150 to replace the damaged tree. Natalie seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

B. Shady Brook

1. Leslie is asking DPW for more compost so we can plant bulbs and perennials. Leslie made a motion to buy perennials for this area from Dan at butterfly farm for \$150. Natalie seconded the motion. Voted unanimously
2. Leslie made a motion to spend \$20 on flags. Gerald seconded the motion. Voted unanimously

C. Historical Cemeteries

1. No real updates, only a few have been visited. Images at CCRI

D. Cleanups

1. Yellow Bag Day: 4/1/23 in Manville
2. Butterfly Farm: 4/15
3. Earth Day CleanUp: 4/22 Front Street/Lower Rd
 - a) Stephanie will speak to We Roast for sponsorship/coffee
4. E-Waste Event: 5/6 clean up Old River Rd.
 - a) Leslie made a motion to spend \$20 for donuts. Gerland seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.
5. Breakneck Hill Rd: 5/13 - Stephanie will arrange police detail.
 - a) Gerland made a motion to spend \$130 for ice cream. Stephanie seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

E. Grant Projects

1. SWIG23 application due 4/7 - bring ideas next month's meeting
 - a) Handy pond for location
2. State Grant: Up to \$1k for a planned event
3. NBC: Barney's Pond (\$648) *submitted*

IX. Budget Review

A. Receipts

1. No receipts

B. Current Balance

1. \$2343

C. Grants

1. Nothing new
- D. Expenses Approved this meeting: \$1195
 1. Plastics Video: \$200
 2. Tree Replacement: \$150
 3. Perennials: \$150
 4. Flags: \$20
 5. Donuts: \$20
 6. Ice Cream: \$130
 7. Damaged Plant Replacement: \$200
 8. Clippers: \$50
 9. Phlox: \$200
- E. New Balance: \$1148
- F. Total Request for budget meeting: \$4,350 (last year's budget) + \$1,000

X. Calendar Review

- A. LCC Projects
- B. Town Meetings
 1. Budget Meeting 3/7

XI. Commissioner Updates

- A. Steph:
 1. Donna K told stephanie she might be able to get us trash grabbers
 2. Lincoln Department of Human Resources said we don't have to ensure the items, just maintain a list of what's inside = the building itself is covered
 3. Statewide we are at 40,000 nips. Spoke to cynthia at the valley breeze
 4. Going to state house on 3/9 to rally for the bottle bill
- B. Emily:
 1. Not here/No updates sent
- C. Jenn:
 1. Emailed Phil for update on Adopt-A-Spot
- D. Natalie:
 1. Going to work with Emily to get prices on bags, etc.
- E. Leslie:
 1. We need to fix the shed door. The hinges are pulling out of the frame and ramp needs to be fixed, it's rotting - Leslie will speak to DPW
 2. Leslie made a motion to buy a battery operated light. Cost around \$75. Francine seconded motion. Voted unanimously
 3. Leslie made a motion to replace plants at Front Street that were mowed over. Cost would be about \$200. Stephanie seconded motion. Voted unanimously.

4. Leslie made a motion to buy clippers for about \$50. Gerald seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.
5. Leslie made a motion to spend \$200 on creeping phlox for smithfield ave. Natalie seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

F. Gerald:

1. Isn't sure if we received more signs or not for e-waste, he would like to have Emily post on Facebook, etc. Jenn to reach out to school dept as well.
 - a) 21,000 lbs collected last year

G. Francine:

1. Lights: she will speak to Mike again about this

XII. Open Discussion

- A. Nothing new

XIII. Adjourn

- A. Jenn made a motion to adjourn at 9:03pm. Gerald seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.
- B. Next meeting is 4/5/23

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