

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

MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2023 MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Stephanie Santos called the May meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission to order at 7:02pm

II. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

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

III. Public Comment

- A. Patty from the American horticultural society was in attendance. She wanted to alert us to free webinars being hosted by Doug Tallemey on May 10th to help flora and fauna by using our land and planting more natives.
 - 1. America's Great Gardeners series at 7pm, available via Zoom
- B. Joe, a resident of Lincoln was in attendance to listen

IV. Correspondence

- A. Gerald spoke to Suzanne at the YMCA about Max Man and the plastics video as they are interested in showing it at the YMCA.

- B. Francine sent an email about Wilbur Rd on 4/7, it was acknowledged on Tuesday, no response as of yet.

V. Wetland Applications

- A. Received an application for the development of Assessor's Plat 18, Lot Nos 55 through 85 & 95 through 121 in the Cobble Hill area of Lincoln
 - 1. Francine offered to send a letter against the proposal
 - 2. Leslie made a motion to have Francine send the letter, Stephanie seconded the motion. Voted unanimously

VI. Public Outreach

- A. Education
 - 1. Per Gerald, the event at the YMCA went really well for healthy kids day
 - 2. Lonsdale Elementary School did an Earth Day event with max man, plastics video + a clean up
- B. General Community Service:
 - 1. No outreach this past month
 - 2. Leslie asked Valley Breeze to include articles on recycling

VII. Mandated Community Service Hours:

- A. No outreach was made in the last month

VIII. Projects

- A. Butterfly Garden
 - 1. Cleanup went really well. Scouts were there, parents helped out. DPW delivered compost & mulch
 - 2. Leslie made a motion to reimburse \$39.35 for pizza. Francine seconded the motion. Voted unanimously
- B. Shady Brook
 - 1. Nothing new to report other than compost was delivered.
- C. Historical Cemeteries
 - 1. John Houghton has several cemetery signs so francine will get with him about finding some more
- D. Cleanups
 - 1. Earth Day CleanUp:
 - a) 15 volunteers showed up
 - b) Most trash was alcohol related, needles, etc.

- c) Stepahnie emailed DPW, Phil & Bruce about the needles they found
 - 2. E-Waste/CleanUp: May 6th, Gerald is participating in E-Waste
 - a) Cleanup on River Rd.
 - (1) Cleanup is 9-12 / trash and leaf/debris removal
 - 3. Breakneck Hill Rd: 5/13:
 - a) Police arrangements were already made by Stephanie 9am Chase Farm meeting place. Del's is coming. Will need the tent, etc. Leslie motioned to buy water Stephanie seconded the motion. Voted Unanimously
 - 4. Stephanie would like to do Walker Street in conjunction with DPW, she will email Phil and Mike Gagnon for additional details
- E. Grant Projects
- 1. NBC Grant: \$600 was awarded: Barney's Pond
 - a) Schedule: Possibly June 3rd
 - b) Trash CleanUp and flower garden planting
 - (1) Received check - Leslie will deposit and buy plants
 - (2) Leslie made a motion to spend \$20 on water, Gerald seconded the motion. Voted Unanimously

IX. New Business

- A. Regarding the wall on Old River Rd, across from Town Hall: Stephanie stated that the development owner is fixing the wall. Bill McManus has been talking to John Cullen about trying to beautify the rest of the wall area - RI DOT came out to assess who is responsible for what - Bill would like to do more but we want to wait and see what the area looks like after the developer and our clean up - we will hold for now.

X. Calendar Review

- A. LCC Projects
 - 1. E-Waste: Phyllis has an august date for another event but we will pass
 - 2. Can we do a hazardous waste drop off event - Gerald will look into this for us.
 - 3. Emily would like to look into a shredding event
- B. Town Meetings
 - 1. Budget Meeting is Monday, May 8th

- a) 100 ppl are needed in attendance

XI. Commissioner Updates

A. Steph:

- 1. No new updates

B. Emily:

- 1. Social: reviewed all website costs. Requesting to reimburse \$144.20 for domain and 179.76 Steph made a motion to approve, Gerald seconded, Vote Unanimously

C. Jenn:

- 1. Adopt A Spot: We need a list of all local businesses and their mailing addresses for potential flyers to go out.
 - a) Leslie said she can get a list together

D. Natalie:

- 1. Commissioner Apparel
 - a) N/A
- 2. Updates
 - a) N/A

E. Leslie:

- 1. Updates
 - a) N/A

F. Gerald:

- 1. N/A

G. Francine:

- 1. Updates
 - a) Ground Works will be planting some trees at the park across from the LHS
 - b) She attended Land & water summit
 - c) Stephanie will reach out to scott to see if we can assist with train maintenance

XII. Open Discussion

A. N/A

XIII. Budget Review

A. Year to Date Budget vs Actuals Review

B. Remaining Balance

1. \$1023.58

C. Expenses approved this meeting

1. Pizza Reimbursement: \$39.35
2. Del's for Breakneck Hill: cost pending
3. Water for Breakneck Hill: cost pending
4. \$20 for water for Barney Pond Clean Up
5. Emily reimbursement for website: \$179.76 and \$144.20

D. Grants

1. N/A

XIV. Adjourn

- A. Stephanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, Jenn seconded the motion. Vote unanimously
- B. Next meeting is June 7, 2023 at 7pm.

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