

LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865**

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2023 MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

I. Call to Order

- A. Stephanie Santos called the August meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission to order at 7:01pm

II. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. Stephanie made a motion to approve the previous month's meeting minutes. Francine requested we correct the spelling of her name and then seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

III. Public Comment

- A. Two members of the community were in attendance:
1. Joe
 2. David Heart from the budget board
- B. No comments, just observing

IV. Correspondence

- A. N/A

V. Wetland Applications

- A. The letter Francine sent voicing concern about the Cobble Hill Rd development was received and the project was rejected.

VI. Public Outreach

- A. Updates & New Business

1. When will we be planting trees at the HS
 - a) Can check with the school to see if there are volunteers
2. Dan reached out to Steph about starting bird habitats in town/with the commission
 - a) Invite him to the next meeting to review - Steph will extend invite
3. Save the Bay reached out to Steph
 - a) They would like to know if we can do a September clean up - not as a sponsor but to coordinate with us. Can we coordinate w/ the church group (100 ppl) to make it an even bigger event? Steph will reach out to ask about their availability.
4. Pack 711 reached out to see if there will be any more cleanups they can help with - we will get back to them with our fall schedule
5. Gerald: Just past Lonsdale there is a new house being built (Pascale Drive) - there are a lot of deer and he would like to know if we can install a deer crossing sign - Steph will send an email to DPW to request this
6. Gerald: compost donation by chipotle - gerald will reach out to the community garden to see if they can use this

VII. Mandated Community Service Hours

- A. Updates & New Business
 1. No one has reached out

VIII. Projects

- A. Butterfly Garden: ON HOLD
 1. Gerald hasn't been up there lately but he will be visiting more frequently
 2. We previously voted to replace Doris's and Carol's trees - Jenn will check on past purchases to confirm if the trees were every purchased or not
- B. Shady Brook
 1. ON HOLD: Working with the town - we could potentially work with the town on this
- C. Historical Cemeteries
 1. Francine is waiting on info for signage form John H.
- D. Cleanups
 1. Nothing planned at this time.
 - a) Potential Date: Sunday, Sept 17th: coordinate w/ Save the Bay
 - (1) Steph will coordinate this

2. Hazardous Waste Event: Leslie sent something to Francine in regards to an application. Francine will look for the application from the Resource Recovery Center. Gerald will own that communication.

E. Grant Projects

1. Barney Pond: \$600 grant.
 - a) 8/21/23 at 5pm we will meet at Barney Pond to walk the space, take measurements and start to make a plan.
2. \$1k Grant: Jenn to ask Leslie if there is a specific location / requirement

IX. New Business

A. Election of Treasurer

1. Steph made a motion to nominate Jenn to take on the additional role of treasurer - Francine seconded. Voted unanimously
2. Jenn accepted and requested that the group think through projects they would like to do and come prepared to discuss and review and allocate funds.
3. Jenn will reach out to the town to confirm our previous years closing statement and the opening balance

X. Calendar Review

A. LCC Projects

1. None at this time; all are in planning phase

B. Town Meetings

1. N/A

XI. Commissioner Updates

A. Steph:

1. Nothing new

B. Emily:

1. Marketing
 - a) Emily will start to get quotes together for a variety of swag orders
2. Social Media

C. Jenn:

1. Adopt-A-Spot Update:
 - a) Program Launch: 8/14
 - b) Jenn and Emily will activate everything on the site so we can start to accept applications

- c) Jenn made a motion to spend \$300 for flyers, mailers, etc. Steph seconded. Vote unanimously

D. Natalie:

- 1. Commissioner Apparel
 - a) N/A
- 2. The Town of Attleboro is paying \$50 for every 5 gallon drum of nips that is returned to a liquor store:
 - a) She will reach out to Washington Liquors, Manville Liquors, Smithfield Liquor to see if there is any interest

E. Gerald:

- 1. Nothing new

F. Francine:

- 1. Francine stated she spoke to Mike about the park across the street from the High School and the situation with the trails being overgrown
 - a) We will ask Washington Hill Liquors, if they take Evans Park as an adopt-a-spot, can they tackle the trails?
- 2. Francine is part of the Ladd Observatory and learned there will be 2 eclipses coming. One in October and one in April
- 3. Sept 13th talk at NorthGate
- 4. Star Gazing event Aug 23rd at Chase Farm

XII. Open Discussion

A. Shed:

- 1. Needs a new lock: Jenn made a motion to purchase for \$30, Natalie seconded vote unanimously.
- 2. Gerald stated that the inventory is in the shed

XIII. Budget Review

- A. Balance at meeting opening: Jenn to confirm our budget with the town
- B. Expenses Approved this meeting - \$0
- C. New Balance: Pending confirmation from the town on our budget
- D. Grants \$1,600
 - 1. Received:
 - a) \$600
(1) Funds to be used at Barney Pond
 - b) \$1k

(1) Pending review of application info

XIV. Adjourn

- A. Steph made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm. Vote unanimously
- B. Next meeting will be September 6, 2023 at 7pm

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