

LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

I. **Call to order**

- A. Stephanie Santos called the September meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission to order at 7:00pm

II. **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

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

III. **Public Comment**

- A. Paula Carmichael is in attendance and asking questions related to Adopt A Spot costs, will put in contact with Jenn Nault for further details
- B. Jacqueline jacqbetty@gmail.com @ 26 Kennedy boulevard, concern for dumping behind home, significant amount of trash, shady river conservation behind rock wall owned by town; called town, DEM, parks/rec, minimal response
1. Stephanie will put Jacqueline in contact with correct Councilman
 2. LCC to contact DPW as well
 - a) Concern for microplastics, chipped paint, lead paint, toxic chemicals

IV. **Correspondence**

- A. Email forwarded from Greg Garret regarding trails by Fairlawn golf course, Nature Conservancy wants improved public access, meeting at 9/21/23 at 6pm in person vs zoom

V. **Wetland Applications**

A. Nothing new

VI. **Public outreach**

A. Update

1. Trees: Steph reached out to the head of Groundworks to get volunteers from the high school. They will be planting 350 trees at Lincoln High School and are planning on a Monday in October. Steph will reach out to high school to coordinate, perhaps government classes if they need any volunteers
2. Deer crossing sign to be continued
3. Bird habitats: we are all on board, awaiting response from Dan at Butterfly farm
4. Save the bay, July Lewis head of STB
 - a) International coastal cleanup, record what we're finding on paper/apps clean swell for state-wide tally
 - b) September through November 2023 (watershed areas included, not only beach front)
5. Church group with 100 volunteers, away from desk, awaiting response for availability

VII. **Mandated Community Service Hours**

- A.** One person reached out to Steph private email, forwarded to Jenn to go through proper channels of communication
- B.** Francine asks if we have talked to the judge, Stephanie said not yet, it's been discussed with Phil

VIII. **Current Projects**

A. BFG: Gerald hopes to go up this weekend

1. Doris and Carol's trees: were these actually ever purchased?
 - a) Jenn via text message, finance is sorting their things and reviewing to see if it was purchased, requested closing statement, new person started, will provide in time to us
2. Shady Brook: on hold as Steph says town will do something with this section, no additional updates planned
 - a) Francine asks about town's plans, steph believes they want to roll out adopt a spot first to see if anyone can take the large project

B. Historical Cemeteries

1. Francine plans to discuss directly with Ken Postle

C. Cleanups

1. Scott Pond, like a local Lincoln Zap : October 14th
 - a) Pack 711 wants to work with us, dates offered and they accepted Oct 14th
 - b) Steph identified 4 entrance points to Scott pond, Front Street Plaza, behind fire station, behind Blais Financial, behind Lower Road (dance factory)
 - c) Discussed with blackstone group, bring their canoes and go in around autobody section, John Marsland, Keith – Francine will get a head count
 - d) Greg Garret to see if his group will do the section they did last year: Walker Street, Bleachery and the mill along Smithfield Ave (about 10 people already committed)
 - e) Gerald will reach out to fire chief to see if they would like to participate
 - f) Steph will confirm parking areas
 - g) Carrington/Lonsdale areas are also options for future cleanups
 - h) Emily to make waiver on website

D. Barney Pond

1. Review of planning:
 - a) Plan for flower planting around wooden barrier
 - b) Natalie to reach out to highschool, then knock on wood via kendra connection
 - c) Trash/recycle covered containers
 - d) No mow signs
 - e) Dates? PLANNING FOR SPRING 2024 planting; commitments for benches over the fall
 - f) URI master gardener for pollinators, butterfly
 - g) Agree that LCC will purchase plaque
 - h) Emily to work on mock-up from photos

IX. New Business

A. Adopt a Spot

1. Barney pond- Scott at Parks and Rec had some questions
2. We have received 21 applications

3. Francine asks about Historical Society would like Louisquisett and Wilbur road where they have been doing upkeep on island x many years
4. Emily will make a list of locations to divide up in the group and take BEFORE photos

X. **Calendar Review**

- A.** Emily discussed sitting in on some area commission meetings, land grant: plan for winter

XI. **Commissioner Updates**

A. Steph

1. \$300 for fliers not needed at this time, will set aside for any unforeseen Adopt A Spot expenses
2. Reached out to Donna Kaehler, awaiting response regarding state giving out bags/pickers again
3. Steph makes a motion to spend \$100 for ice cream/Dells truck for October 14th, Natalie seconded, Voted unanimously.
4. Lock on shed is working now
5. Scott Pond
 - a) Steph reached out to Leslie Kisch, town engineer, waiting to hear if water can be tested on schedule given kids swim, canoes, kayaking

B. Emily

1. Website
2. Blast emails
3. Merchandise
4. Waiver for October cleanup
5. Calendar plan for the year
6. Barney Pond mock up
7. Natalie will get prices from Heavy Press regarding designs of bags/stickers
8. I will be rolling out an incentive program for adopt a spot and frequent participants

C. Jenn

1. not in attendance

D. Natalie

1. New printing company for hoodie, tshirts, commissioner polo for Kendra, Gerald needs a polo; Natalie will have prices for next meeting to discuss

E. Gerald

1. no updates

F. Francine

1. Will send hazardous waste email to Steph
2. Nasa sent notes regarding "moon trees": seeds that were brought to the moon and back being given away. Francine put in a request to get some, but the request was denied.
3. There is different lighting at Front Street, Josh was unable to clarify the type of lights
4. Next Wednesday she will be at Northgate at 7pm to discuss eclipses, otherwise check the libraries

G. Kendra

1. no updates

XII. **Open Discussion**

XIII. **Budget Review**

XIV. **Adjourn**

- A. Francine made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm, Gerland seconded, voted unanimously
- B. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7pm