

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

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

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

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Stephanie Santos called the December meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission to order at 6:59pm
- II. **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - A. Stephnie made a motion to approve the previous month's meeting minutes. Seconded by Francine Jackson with a clarifying addition of the note about the new housing legislation, the "neighborhood rule" which was reduced to 14 calendar days to file a complaint. Voted unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment**
 - A. Jose Escobar is in attendance.
- IV. **Correspondence**
 - A. Nothing new received
- V. **Wetland Applications**
 - A. Nothing new received
- VI. **Public Outreach**
 - A. Nothing new
- VII. **Mandated Community Service Hours**
 - A. Nothing new reported
 - B. Donna Kaehler organized a clean up around the Higgenson Ave area
- VIII. **Current Projects**

A. Butterfly Garden

1. Stephanie spoke to Kathy from the Community Garden and they chatted about the group possibly helping with the garden, but they didn't get back to her yet.

B. Historical Cemeteries

1. Francine stated she hasn't had the chance to do much but will attempt to spotlight one cemetery per month, starting in January

C. Cleanups

1. Stephanie reached out to John Marsland in regards to Pratt Dam because there is a lot of floating trash in the area. The High School students who volunteered went down and pulled out 6 or 7 bags already.
2. We Nothing else new planned: on hold through winter season

D. Grant Projects

1. Nothing new

IX. Calendar Review

A. LCC Projects

1. Nothing new

B. Town Meetings

1. Nothing new

X. Commissioner Updates

A. Steph:

1. Francine asked about surface water maps. Stephanie sent an email to Greg Garret about this.

B. Emily:

1. No updates: Not present

C. Jenn:

1. Adopt-A-Spot: The state is taking back ownership of the program for all street owned spots/locations. Anyone who has put in an application through the town program for a state location will have to reapply through the state.
2. Updates: We only have 3 active locations. Those who submitted an initial application have become unresponsive to emails.

D. Natalie:

1. Commissioner Apparel: if we order from Sew-Rite the whole group would have to order. She will go out to bid with other companies.

E. Gerald:

1. Nothing new

F. Francine:

1. Breakneck Hill Rd: at the top where the bridge is - they are putting up two new stop lights and another at Wilbur Rd. She reached out to Josh to see if he was aware but hasn't heard back yet.
2. There is another eclipse coming in April and she will be doing a session at the library next Thursday at 10:00am.
3. Grace Gervais will be on her radio show next week to talk about the town ornaments

G. Kendra:

1. Met Mara from RI Resource Recovery while doing volunteer work and she would like to invite her to a meeting so they can do a presentation about recycling and how we can improve recycling in the town of Lincoln. The group agreed this is a great idea. Kendra will coordinate with Mara about their availability in January or February.

XI. New Business

- A. Nothing new

XII. Budget Review

- A. Balance at meeting opening: \$5,675.13
- B. Expenses Approved this meeting: we did not spend the \$100 we voted on in September for the cleanup so we can return this to the budget.
- C. New Balance: \$5,775.13
- D. Grants

XIII. Adjourn

- A. Francine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm, seconded by Jenn.
- B. Next meeting will be January 3, 2024 at 7pm

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