

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

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2024 MEETING OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Stephanie Santos called the March 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 minutes, seconded by Kendra. Voted unanimously.

III. Leadership Nominations and Elections:

- A. Roles open for election are: Secretary and Treasurer, and someone will need to volunteer to take over as Adopt-A-Spot Coordinator
- B. Kendra was nominated for Treasurer by Jenn, seconded by Stephanie and voted unanimously
- C. Francine was nominated for Secretary by Jenn and seconded by Natalie.
Francine said she would be willing to do this for now but only on a temporary basis until someone else could take it over. Voted unanimously.
- D. Adopt-A-Spot: Stephanie said she is willing take this on and Jenn confirmed that she will provide training

IV. Public Comment

- A. Nothing

V. Correspondence

- A. Email received from Josh, Town Planner about the housing development near Cobble Hill Rd that was previously accepted but now there is a road being re-routed so Francine reached out to the DEM, who confirmed that they denied the wetlands applications

VI. Wetland Applications

- A. Nothing new

VII. Public Outreach

A. HS Civics:

- 1. Stephanie reached out to the Lincoln High School Civics teacher about spring service hours

B. Earth Day:

- 1. Lonsdale School: Earth Day Event is happening on 4/22/24
 - a) Stephanie and Mara from RI Resource Recovery will attend with Mad Maxx to conduct event as well as a clean up on 4/20/2024 at Barney Pond
 - (1) Stephanie made a motion to purchase bulbs for \$50 for Barney Pond planting. Natalie second, voted unanimously
 - (2) Stephanie would like to also paint all the graffiti on the building and will ask the town if they have paint to use for this
 - (3) Kendra will check with Knock on Wood about a discounted bench

VIII. Mandated Community Service Hours

- A. No one has been sent for mandated hours

IX. Current Projects

A. Butterfly Garden

- 1. Stephanie will get quotes from 3 landscapers to handle a major cleanup and hopes to have them all to review before the next meeting

B. Historical Cemeteries

- 1. Francie report that the 1st one at Lincoln Woods is done: photos, and located easements and will provide documents to Emily

C. Cleanups

1. Breakneck Hill: 3/23 tentatively
 - a) Kendra will be late
 - b) Emily will be out of country
 - c) Stephanie made a motion to spend \$100 on either lemonade or coffee/hot chocolate, Jenn seconded, voted unanimously
 - d) Stephanie will get police escorts
 - e) Emily will make flyers
2. Manville Yellow Bag Day is 4/6 at Noon at Navigant
3. Scott Pond/Front Street area: 4/13: Co-Hosted by Boys Scouts
4. 5/11: Spectacle Pond
5. 5/4: Indie Cycle - Eco Waste at the Monastery in Cumberland

D. Grant Projects

1. Stephanie applied for the grant to clean up Spectacle Pond, she will keep everyone updated as to the status

X. Calendar Review

A. Town Meetings

1. Town Budget Meeting: Stephanie will attend

XI. Commissioner Updates

A. Stephanie:

1. Nothing else new

B. Emily:

1. Marketing

- a) Canvas bags: 31.90 each
- b) Car Magnets are 9.50 each
- c) She will look at window clings too

(1) If we can get the price down to \$5 or \$6 each she would like to order 150 of them

(2) Natalie made a motion to spend \$250 to make this purchase. Seconded by Stephanie. Voted unanimously

2. Social Media

- a) No updates

C. Jenn:

1. No additional updates

D. Natalie:

1. Natalie advised that her term is expired and she has requested to not be reappointed due to work commitments being a blocker to being able to attend meetings.

E. Gerald:

1. Gerald advised, via text message, that his term has expired. He has requested to not be reappointed, due to other commitments

F. Francine:

1. Francine advised she will be at URI for the Land and Water Summit
2. Francine mentioned that she signed up for a Civic Ecology Lab at Cornell University - there is a class that starts on 4/1 and is only \$60
3. France attended the premier of Our Town last week. It will be reshown 6 more times and then it will be live streamed
4. France reported she was reappointed to the technical review committee by the planning dept
5. Francine is running 14 library talks about eclipses, the next one is at 4/2/2024 at 6pm

G. Kendra:

1. Nothing new

XII. New Business

- A. Nothing new

XIII. Budget Review

- A. Balance at meeting opening **5,849.13**
- B. Expenses Approved this meeting \$400
- C. New Balance **5499.13**
- D. Grants - nothing new

XIV. Adjourn

- A. Stephanie made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, seconded by Jenn. Voted unanimously.
- B. The next meeting will be on 4/3/24 at 7pm

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