



Town of Lincoln

Town Council Meeting

May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Lincoln Town Hall

MINUTES

Board of License Commissioners

A. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 21, 2024 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, with the Council meeting in person and the public may participate in person or by utilizing the web streaming available on www.lincolnri.org, and emailing comments to meeting@lincolnri.gov.

Members Present:

Keith Macksoud, President
Arthur Russo, Jr.
Kenneth Pichette
Bruce Ogni
Pamela Azar
Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor
Philip Gould, Town Administrator

B. Pledge of Allegiance

ACTION:	Motion to amend the agenda to take the ordinance sub committee report first by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar; Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES:	Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

C. Application for a Class BV Liquor License

1. We Roast Coffee Company, LLC d/b/a We Roast Coffee Co. at 210 Front Street

Edward Sullivan was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to grant but not issue until all approvals are met by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

a. Public Hearing

There was no one wishing to speak during the Public Hearing

D. Application for a Victualling License

1. We Roast Coffee Company, LLC d/b/a We Roast Coffee Co. at 210 Front Street

ACTION: Motion to grant but not issue until all approvals are met by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

E. Application for an Entertainment License

1. We Roast Coffee Company, LLC d/b/a We Roast Coffee Co. at 210 Front Street

ACTION: Motion to grant the license but not issue until all approvals are met by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

F. Application for a Private Detective License

1. Renewal for Michael J. Payne of Viper Investigations

ACTION:	Motion to grant the license by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni; Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES:	Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Town Council

G. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 21, 2024 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

H. Consent Agenda

All items listed in this section are considered in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor so requests, in which event item will be removed from the consent agenda.

ACTION:	Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar; Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES:	Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

1. Minutes Approval
 - a. Minutes from April 15, 2024
 - b. Minutes of April 30, 2024
 - c. Minutes of May 7, 2024
2. Consideration of Monthly Bills
3. Claims for Referral to Committee

- a. Sisto Claim

4. Town Administrator Reports

- a. April 2024 Tax Assessor Monthly Report
- b. Senior Center
- c. Parks and Recreation April
- d. Town Clerk's Office Monthly Report
- e. Human Resource Department - April 2024
- f. Library Report April 2024
- g. Public Safety
- h. Building Department Monthly Report
- i. Finance Director Reports

5. Communications

- a. Resolution from Burrillville in support of Senate Bill S 2016 an act relating to Towns and Cities - Low and Moderate Income Housing
- b. Resolution from Burrillville in opposition to legislation regarding Housing and Land Use
- c. Resolution from Burrillville opposing House Bill H 7978 legislation relating to subdivision of land
- d. Resolution from Burrillville opposing House Bill H 7382 legislation relating to Towns and Cities - Zoning Ordinances

- e. Resolution from Burrillville opposing House Bill H 7324 legislation relating to Towns and Cities - Zoning Ordinances
- f. Resolution from Burrillville in support of Senate Bill S 2008 relating to education - The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act
- g. Resolution from Burrillville regarding the funding formula
- h. Resolution from the Burrillville School Committee regarding the Funding Formula
- i. Resolution from Westerly to support allocating funding for permanent safety barriers on RI's bridges over Narragansett Bay
- j. Letter from the Office of the Governor regarding the Municipal Support for Litter-Free Rhode Island

ACTION: Motion to accept by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

- k. Resolution from Burrillville opposing House Bill H 8109 legislation relating to taxation - Statewide Tangible Property Tax Exempt
- l. DEM Notice for proposed project located at 300 Jenckes Hill Road
- m. Resolution from Bristol urging the RI State Legislature to support allocating funds for permanent safety barriers on RI Bridges over Narragansett Bay
- n. Disposition of Surplus State Land, Condemnation Plat 361, a Portion of parcel 34 and Condemnation Plat 749, a portion of parcel 14, location: Fronting 0 and 10 Amica Way

ACTION: Motion to accept by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- o. Resolution from Barrington urging the RI State Legislature to support allocating funding of permanent safety barriers on RI Bridge's over Narragansett Bay
- p. Resolution from Exeter in opposition to H 7983
- q. Resolution from Exeter in opposition to any revival of the Old Saybrook to Kenyon Bypass
- r. Resolution from Exeter in support of fully funding state aid to libraries to the full 25% level
- s. Resolution from Exeter in opposition to H 7763 and S 2679 relating to Public Records - Access to Public Records Act
- t. Resolution from Hopkinton urging the RI State Legislature to support allocating funding for permanent safety barriers on RI Bridges over Narragansett Bay
- u. Resolution from Charlestown in support of amendments relating to Waters and Navagation Harbors and Harborlines (Senate Bill)
- v. Resolution from Charlestown in support of amendments relating to Waters and Navagation Harbors and Haborlines (House Bill)

I. Discussion with Peter and Janet Gabriel regarding town ordinance addressing taxation on mini-split HVAC units

ACTION: Motion to recommend the town council make the evaluation company aware of looking for ac units by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to amend the agenda and take item 3 under new business next by Arthur Russo second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

J. Public Comment

Cameron Deutsch of 67 Rockridge Road spoke in favor of Ordinance 2024-4.
Michael Ricard of 155 Church Street spoke in regard for the need for members for the Board of Tenant Affairs.

K. Appointments

1. Two Appointments to the Conservation Commission for terms to expire in 2025 and 2026

ACTION: Motion to appoint jose escobar for the term to end in 2026 item K.1. by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 0:0

AYES: None
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to defer appointment to expire in 2025 item K.1. by Keith Macksoud second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees - District 3 - with a term to expire in 2024

ACTION: Motion to defer item K.2. by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 3 - with a term to expire in 2024

4. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 4 - with a term to expire in 2024

ACTION: Motion to appoint andrew goldstein by Pam Azar second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 5 - with a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Appointment to the Zoning Board - District 2 - term to expire in 2028

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. Appointment to Zoning Board - District 4 - term to expire in 2025

ACTION: Motion to defer by Pam Azar second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

8. Appointment to the Board of Tenant Affairs - District 5 - term to expire in 2026
Duplicate agenda item. No action taken.

9. Appointment to the Board of Canvassers with a term to expire in 2028

ACTION: Motion to defer by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

10. Appointment to the Zoning Board - District 1 - term to expire in 2025

ACTION: Motion to defer by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

L. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance Sub Committee Report

a. **2024-1**

An Ordinance establishing a Resident-Only Parking Permit Program

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
01/23/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee
02/27/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
03/18/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
04/15/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee

05/21/2024

Ordinance Sub
Committee

Recommendation

This matter was deferred in Committee.

b. **2024-2**

Amendment to Section 70-78 raising number of BV licenses

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
04/16/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee
05/20/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION:

Motion to adopt by Arthur Russo second by Ken
Pichette;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES:

Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

2. Claims Sub Committee Report

a. Hiram Barber Claim

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
1/24/2023	Town Council	Referred to Trust
12/19/2023	Claims Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
01/23/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
02/27/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
03/19/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
04/16/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
05/21/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION:

Motion to add additional wording to the final
agreement by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 4:1

AYES:

Keith Macksoud, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam
Azar

NOES:

Arthur Russo

ABSTAIN:

None

b. Dennis Claim

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
03/19/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee
04/16/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
05/21/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION:

Motion to combine this claim with the baptista claim and deny them and send them to the interlocal trust by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES:

Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

c. Baptista Claim

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
03/19/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee
04/16/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Deferred in Committee
05/21/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION:

Motion to combine this claim with the baptista claim and deny them and send them to the interlocal trust by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES:

Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

d. St. Jean Claim

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
05/21/2024	Claims Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the claim in the amount of \$2,089.39 by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Purchasing Sub Committee Report

a. **RFP 2024-17**

Award a bid for Design-Builder Lincoln Centralized Rescue and Learning Center

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
05/21/2024	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to ahlborg construction in the amount of \$15,670,000 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

b. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for Ticketing and Workflow Program

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
05/21/2024	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to civicplus in the amount of \$14,097.78 by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Capital Improvement Committee Report
Administrator Gould and Councilor Pichette gave updates.
5. General Assembly Legislative Update
Administrator Gould gave an update.

M. New Business

1. Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee

a. **2024-15**

Resolution authorizing the financing of the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvements, furnishing and equipping of and/or additions to Lincoln Elementary Schools in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Arthur Russo and Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

b. **2024-16**

Resolution approving the financing of the development and construction of a new town-wide centralizing Rescue Station and the furnishing and equipping thereof and all costs related thereto in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

c. **2027-17**

Authorize Cancellation of Certain Taxes May 2024

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

d. **2024-18**

Resolution Authorizing the use of ARPA funds for emergency sewer repairs on Cross Street

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Ordinances for Introduction for Referral to Committee

a. **2024-3**

Amendment to Chapter 70, Articles I & II of the Lincoln Town Code

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

b. **2024-4**

Ordinance for Short-Term Residential Rentals

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Road Abandonments

a. North Star Foundation, Inc. to abandon portion of N Crow Point Road

Inna Razmadze and her assistant were present and spoke on the matter. Director of Public Works, Michael Gagnon, was also present and spoke on the matter.

ACTION: Motion to abandon the portion of north crow point road by Arthur Russo second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

i. Public Hearing

There was no one wishing to speak during the Public Hearing.

- b. Maurice Omar to abandon portion of Douglas Avenue
The applicant was not present but a letter was read into the record. Director of Public Works, Michael Gagnon, was also present and answered any questions.

ACTION: Motion to deny the road abandonment by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni and Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

i. Public Hearing

Antone Macedo of 237 High Street spoke against the road abandonment.
George Omar of 233 High Street spoke against the road abandonment.
Diane Omar Pariseau of 225 High Street spoke against the road abandonment.
Michael Dennen, President of the Manville Rod & Gun Club spoke against the road abandonment.
Kerri Gagnon of 221 High Street spoke against the road abandonment.
George Stefan of 210 High Street spoke against the road abandonment.
Daniel Dufault of 220 Highland Corporate Drive, Cumberland spoke against the road abandonment on behalf of his grandparents.

N. Adjourn

Administrator Gould informed everyone of the events for Memorial Day weekend.
Council President Macksoud announced that the June meetings will be on June 10 & 11. He also wished his daughter a happy birthday and congratulations on graduation.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None