

Town of Lincoln

Lincoln Conservation Commission
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

Minutes: May 1, 2024

Present: Emily Rochac Argueta, Kendra Gay, Mara Delgado, Francine Jackson

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Emily Rochac Argueta at 6:59 P.M.

The minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: A letter came from RIDEM concerning wetlands near North Central Airport.

Wetlands: See above

Public Outreach: There were inquiries about high school students cleaning Spectacle Pond. Mara reported on Earth Day: needed gloves and shovels. MadMax came to Lonsdale Elementary School.

Community Service: No report.

Projects:

Butterfly Garden: NRI started cleaning up, regraveled, opened the path. Emily showed images of it from her phone. How shall we plant in it? Do we have any right now? Are there any farmer's market dates scheduled at Chase Park. If so, should we have a tent set up? Also should we ask RI Recycling to be a part? Emily suggested we have exhibits set up in the Garden, such as artists, photographers. In addition, we should have informational walks, such as plant/tree identification, designed for all age levels. We could even use the Garden as a backdrop for art classes.

We'll ask Stephanie whether there are any cleanups scheduled.

Cemeteries: There is a walk at the Friends' cemetery this weekend. Also, now that Stephanie has picked up the Lapham headstone, we should schedule a burial for it in the Handy Pond cemetery, although it will look a bit different, as all other stones are just several inches high.

Cleanups:

Monday, kids did Earth Day, and will do planting on the 18th.

The 750 grant will be used mainly for advertising materials, e.g., bags, stickers.
On Front Street, there is a new restaurant, WeRoast.

Calendar Review:

ewaste at Town Hall Saturday, May 4.

New Business:

Mara would like to do nature walks along some of the town's walkways once a month, possibly on the last Sunday afternoon. It was suggested she advertise, have a limited number, and have those interested register. Emily offered to do one on medicinal plants.

Francine will be in the Memorial Day parade with the Friends of the Blackstone

Old Business:

There will be a darksky meeting in the next couple weeks. Francine will continue to report on its progress.

The Adopt-A-Spot signs were picked up.

Francine asked the Central Falls Council president about the new trash cans, and went to see them. They are only trash cans, not recycling bins, with the option to open it either by hand or with your foot.

Emily reported on her neighborhood dinner with Mario Correno concerning a compost program for all the town's schools. She wrote a letter to the town council members about this.

She also updated the wildflower garden at Barney Pond.

Budget:

Kendra reported we have \$1,126.16.

Francine reminded all about the May 13th Financial Town Meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5th, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson