

Town of Lincoln
Lincoln Conservation Commission
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

The June 5th, 2024 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:17 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Also present were Kendra Gay, Jose Escobar and Francine Jackson, with Emily Rochac Argueta joining by phone.

Jose Escobar was introduced as our newest member.

The minutes were approved as read.

Publications: None

Correspondence: None

Wetlands: None

Public Outreach: Lincoln High School students need to finish their hours. They will supply all needed equipment. They will alert Stephanie when they will work, and will track their own hours.

Community Service Hours: None

Projects:

- Butterfly Garden: David Turco sent invoices for his work. He will also continue cleaning the Garden in the summer and fall. No one from the local garden club seems interested in working there. Could we find some other group or person interested? Perhaps we could put an ad in the Valley Breeze. We will ask Dave to determine the type of commemorative trees that would be hardy; we are looking to spend about \$100.00 each. Mr. Hart's bench is ready, and will be installed there.

- Barney Pond: The plants aren't taking there – we need to weedwhack, and have the town mow the lawn. In the fall, we will enrich with compost, hopefully to create better soil.

- Cemeteries: We will wait until early July to dedicate the headstone in Handy Pond. The Providence Journal noted that two of the town's cemeteries are between the north- and southbound lanes of Interstate 295. Francine will ask the DOT whether she can get to them.

- Cleanups: Will we think about Front Street soon?
- Grant Projects: The Litter Free RI grant was received. Emily will use it for promotional products, such as T-shirts, hoodies, etc.

Calendar Review: The ewaste was a success.

New Business: Mara is working on doing nature walks, possibly later this summer. To help, we will buy supplies for her. Francine walked the Memorial Day parade. Emily and Mara presented Emily's letter to the Lincoln School Committee. Town schools will be getting solar panels on their roofs. Ten duplexes are planned on Louisquisset Pike, at the corner of Cobble Hill Road.

Old Business: The darksky project is possibly very close to approval. Adopt-a-Spot signs are needed for Front Street and Evens Field. Perhaps there could be one at Spec's Pond and Bill McManus's spot. Kendra and Francine walked the Nature Conservancy property with members and their architects. They want to make the land handicap accessible. Stephanie emailed Phil about Front Street plaza. The bottle bill was discussed today at the State House, but it will probably not go anywhere. There is a fence at Carrington Street.

Good of the Organization: Stephanie spoke at a recent Friends of the Blackstone meeting on the possibility of adding booms on the River. She met representatives of the company, and will look to find funds to pay for them. When asked how these are cleaned, it appears each city/town public works will be responsible. We will be looking for grants from such as the EPA, NOAA, Clean Water, and related organizations. Greg Gerritt did a recent water report, and the results weren't looking very good.

Budget: At present, we have \$1,126.00. We will send a check to the Blackstone Valley Historical Society for \$500.00 for cemetery projects, and will encumber \$2,000.00.

The next meeting will be August 7th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson

