

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

The August 7th, 2024 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Also present were Jose Escobar and Francine Jackson, and guests Gerald McNally, Laurie Maw, Paula Carmichael, and Julia Kaplin.

The minutes were accepted.

Public Comment: None at this time, but comments were made during several items.

Correspondence: None.

Wetlands Applications: None.

Public Outreach: Students needing service hours were monitored, and their hours noted.

Mandated Community Service Hours: None.

Projects:

Butterfly Garden: David's work will come under the new budget.

Cemeteries: None at this time.

Cleanups: There are none scheduled.

The Pratt Dam – We will not do anything else there at this time.

In the Blackstone River – There are a lot of trees. The Friends of the Blackstone is working to pick up as many as possible. This also brought up the discussion of a Boom, which would cost close to ¼ million dollars. Julia, representing Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful (KBVB) suggested looking into a smaller one to be used as an example; however, the company believes it would be too small for the size of the river. She did mention she might know of someone who could possibly donate to this. Stephanie mentioned the Woonasquatucket organization did purchase a small boom.

With the large number of trees getting stuck in the river, pulling them out could cause much of the trash upriver to then flow down. Perhaps the DPW and DEM could help. We will try to contact them in September to hopefully help.

Scott Pond: A cleanup is tentative for September 21st. The pond is not considered swimmable, and at present is not being tested. The DEM is looking into doing so. There is a training that will be offered by URI. Bruce Curliss (Friends of the Blackstone) is testing the soils around it, and along the river.

Front Street: Stephanie is attempting to have the plaza owner put up a fence to divide his property with that of the town's.

The International Coastal Cleanup was mentioned, but it appears no one uses them.

Grants: We must learn where those received in previous fiscal year are now listed.

The t-shirts and other cleanup supplies have arrived.

Calendar Review: None.

New Business: There is talk that the fire station on Walker Street could be turned into a parking lot, as apparently the land belongs to a private owner.

Old Business: The duplexes on Louisquisset Pike have been approved.

Work, including possible housing units on the Walker Street factory, is on hold.

Mara will be starting the school programs soon.

There is a new Adopt-A-Spot on Smithfield Avenue, on the corner of Woodland.

Good of the Organization: The benches are still waiting to be installed.

Budget: NRI will be paid soon.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Note: As there was not a quorum, no motions were made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson