

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

The October 2nd, 2024 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Also present were Kendra Gay, Jose Escobar, Laurie Maw, and Francine Jackson, with Mara Delgado on the phone, plus David Hart.

The minutes were approved.

Public Comment: David Hart, who made a bench which will be placed in the Butterfly Garden in the spring, will make it graffiti proof. He also offered to make other benches if we buy the materials.

Correspondence/Wetland Application: Francine wrote to DEM concerning last month's application for a house which would destroy a significant amount of wetland. She carried it to the DEM office, where it was stamped and sent to the proper officials.

Public Outreach: None

Mandated Community Service Hours: None

Projects:

- Butterfly Garden: We need approval to have the goats come; if not given by November 1st, we will ask Dave Turco for an end-of-year cleanup. There is a cone in a hole in the middle of the walkway.
- Cemeteries: Two more were added to the website. Francine will contact Ken Postle about the dedication of the Handy Pond stone.
- Cleanups: There was a Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful cleanup on Lower River Road in September, with one at Scott Pond the next day. Boy Scouts would like to have one in October. There was an incident at Carrington Street with a man carrying a machete.
- Grant Projects: The DEM is giving money to three rivers. Stephanie, John Marsland, Cumberland Mayor Mutter and Phil Gould explained the necessity of booms on the rivers. A very large, necessary one would cost about \$500,000. NBC offered to give us \$10,000, but not for a boom. A small boom will be coming soon. The question is who is responsible to maintain them. Could URI grads do projects like this?

LCC Projects: Mara's first nature walk will be this Sunday at 6:30 P.M.

- The canal is very dry, as a result of several natural occurrences, including the recent tornado. The water is up in Ashton. There will be a zoom call October 11th concerning this problem.
- Adopt-A-Spot is still on our website, and two people contacted us about it. We had to direct them to the state project.

New Business: Laurie was voted on and welcomed into the Commission.

- Francine asked whether anyone had contacted the Rotary Club concerning their request for a speaker on the schools' recycling project. Mara will call them.
- The recycling/composting project will begin in four elementary schools January 6, with the middle and high schools starting in September.

Old Business: With the tree on Cabot Street, grass is being put down to ward off weeds.

Budget: We have \$6,000. Concerning the grants, \$1,500 went to the Watergoat, and \$750 for water testing. A bill for \$128.39 for Emily will be paid.

The next meeting will be November 6, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson