

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

The November 6th, 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, and Francine Jackson, with Mara Delgado on the phone.

The minutes were approved.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Ethics training at Town Hall November 14th, at 5:00.

Public Outreach: None

Mandated Community Service: None.

Projects:

Butterfly Garden – the goats went very well. Teddy from Weroast keeps bees, and would like to build a platform to keep bees in the garden. He'd put up a fence, and would like to do educational programs. Will Dave do a cleanup? It was decided to wait till spring. We're looking for a place to procure native plants. We will do the small Adopt-a-Spot in the garden, and possibly an Adopt-a-Bee.

Cemeteries: The headstone is now in the Lapham cemetery #36. Ken Postle wasn't sure where it had come from, so he placed it in the vicinity of the others there. There will be an article in the Breeze tomorrow.

Cleanups: Bonnie Taylor wanted a Hallowe'en cleanup. Not sure if it was held. There will be one at the Pratt Dam November 16th. The Boy Scouts never returned Stephanie's call.

Grant Projects: one was submitted for the boom, although it's more than \$100,000. There was one installed by the Friends of the Blackstone meeting house. John and Keith are cleaning it. Perhaps we could try to have URI, CCRI or Roger Williams students do this. Bruce Curliss has a grant to test Scott Pond with Brown – he's testing for everything; the results will be known the end of '24/beginning of 2025.

LCC projects: Mara will hold off on doing walks for awhile. WRT the canal: Stephanie viewed it with a DEM person. Judy Hadley asked about having a roped-off section, for probable cleaning. It will cost about \$1 million to repair. As for the Ashton Dam, they are reapplying, even though it will disturb water coming into Scott Pond.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Kendra will contact the Rotary Club. There is a composting project January 6th. Kendra went to the Moshassuck River Preserve in Little Compton, and as she walked the Whitehead/Dundery ADA boardwalk path, she noted the boards weren't pressure-treated, there were holes, and there didn't seem to have been maintenance done since they were laid. They also were just wide enough for two adults or one wheelchair; also, there were railings along certain points, not everywhere, and there were few turnaround spots. Carrington should be considered a Brownfield. The town needs a land trust; how can this be worked?

Budget: All grants are finished, with \$128.39 for Canva. Right now, there is \$3871.61 left.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson