



Town of Lincoln

Town Council Meeting

January 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Lincoln Town Hall

MINUTES

Board of License Commissioners

A. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 21, 2025 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, with the Council meeting in person and the public may participate in person or by utilizing the web streaming available on www.lincolnri.org, and emailing comments to meeting@lincolnri.gov.

Members Present:

Keith Macksoud, President
Arthur Russo, Jr
Kenneth Pichette
Bruce Ogni
Pamela Azar
Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor
Philip Gould, Town Administrator
John Cimino, Finance Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Application for a Special Event Class F Liquor License (Beer and Wine Only)

1. P&EE Consulting Inc d/b/a PVD Food Truck Events for Food Truck Friday North at 100 Higginson Avenue on the following dates:
Every Friday from Memorial Day through Labor Day

ACTION:

Motion to defer by Arthur Russo second by Ken Pichette and Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES:

Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

D. Show Cause Hearings - Failure to complete renewal applications by deadline of December 1, 2024

1. Target Corporation d/b/a Target Store T-2073 located at 620 George Washington Highway
Kyle Defusco, Property Manager, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to extend the pending license to february 25 for another show cause hearing by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Chaudhery Inc d/b/a 7 Eleven #40271 located at 634 George Washington Highway
No action taken. License was completed before Show Cause Hearing.
3. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill #3268 located at 622 George Washington Highway
No action taken. License was completed before Show Cause Hearing.
4. Harry's Lincoln Burger, LLC d/b/a Oz Tacos & Tequila located at 200 Front Street
No action taken. License was complete before Show Cause Hearing.
5. Asia Restaurants, Inc d/b/a Asia Grille located at 622 George Washington Highway
Charles Chin, Owner and applicant, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to extend the pending license to february 25 for another show cause hearing by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Cinemaworld of Florida, Inc d/b/a CW Lanes and Games located at 622 George Washington Highway

ACTION: Motion to extend the pending license to february 25 for another show cause hearing by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Cinemaworld of Florida, Inc d/b/a CW Lanes and Games (Liquor) located at 622 George Washington Highway
Item was taken with above.

Town Council

E. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 21, 2025 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

F. Consent Agenda

All items listed in this section are considered in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor so requests, in which event item will be removed from the consent agenda.

ACTION: Motion to accept by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

1. Minutes Approval

- a. Minutes of December 16, 2024

- b. Minutes of December 17, 2024 - Special Meeting

c. Minutes of December 17, 2024

2. Consideration of Monthly Bills

3. Town Administrator Reports

a. Parks and Recreation Dec. 2024

b. Senior Center Report

c. Tax Assessor Monthly December 2024 Report

d. Building Department Monthly Report

e. Public Safety

ACTION: Motion to accept by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

f. December 2024 Planning Dept Report

g. Human Resources Department Report

h. Library Report December 2024

i. Finance Department Monthly Reports

ACTION: Motion to accept by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Communications

- a. Resolution from Charlestown in support of full funding of categorical transportation aid as outlined in RIGL 16-7.2-6

5. State Mandated Reports

- a. Lincoln Fire Commissioners and Management Reports

6. Pole Placements

- a. Install pole on Chase Lane

G. Public Comment

Cameron Deutsch of 67 Rockridge Road spoke in favor of Resolution 2025-2.

There was no one else wishing to speak during Public Comment.

ACTION: Motion to suspend the order of the agenda and take item j.3. next by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to suspend the order of the agenda and take item j.1.b. next by Pam Azar second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

H. Appointments

- 1. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 2 - for a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 3 - with a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 5 - with a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Appointment to the Zoning Board - District 2 - term to expire in 2028

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Appointment to Zoning Board - District 4 - term to expire in 2025

ACTION: Motion to defer by Pam Azar second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. Reappointment to the Juvenile Hearing Board - Alternate - term to expire in 2027

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Appointment of Tree Warden

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. Appointment of Town Solicitor

ACTION: Motion to appoint anthony desisto as the town solicitor by Ken Pichette second by all;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. Appointment of Municipal Court Judge

ACTION: Motion to appoint louis grande as municipal court judge by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

10. Appointment of Associate Municipal Court Judge

ACTION: Motion to appoint stephen miller as associate municipal court judge by Bruce Ogni second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

11. Appointment of Probate Judge
Councilor Azar recused herself.

ACTION: Motion to appoint stephen miller as probate judge by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

12. Appointment of EMS Director

ACTION: Motion to appoint sean thompson as ems director by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

13. Appointment of Town Sergeant

ACTION: Motion to appoint robert fereoli as town sergeant by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

I. Unfinished Business

1. Purchasing Sub Committee Report

- a. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for Lincoln Middle School Fields
History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
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01/21/2025

Purchasing Sub
Committee

Recommendation

Leslie Quish, Town Engineer, spoke on the matter.

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to field turf usa in the amount of \$1,597,338 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar; Motion passed with a 4:1

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Pam Azar

NOES: Bruce Ogni

ABSTAIN: None

b. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for Police Vehicle

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
1/21/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to central dodge in the amount of \$41,633 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar; Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

c. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for 2025 Mack Rubbish Truck

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
1/21/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to ballard truck center in the amount of \$310,652 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar; Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Capital Improvement Committee Report
Councilor Pichette and Administrator Gould gave updates on their respective Committees.

J. New Business

1. Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee

a. **2025-1**

Resolution regarding payment of construction fees for Lincoln Centralized Rescue and Learning Center

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Pam Azar second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

b. **2025-2**

Resolution adopting a Vision Zero Policy
Stephanie Davies, Town Planner, was present to answer any questions the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Pam Azar second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Pam Azar second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

c. **2025-3**

Authorizing Signatories pursuant to Section C13-6 of the Town Charter in connection with the issuance of Water System Revenue Bonds and Notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 by the Lincoln Water Commission

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

d. **2025-4**

Authorize Cancellation of Certain Taxes - January 2025

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Ordinances for Introduction for Referral to Committee

a. **2025-1**

Amendment to Chapter 147 Housing, Article II Comprehensive Permits for Low and Moderate-Income Housing, Sections 5-9

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee and set public hearing for february 25 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

b. **2025-2**

Amendment to Chapter 260 Zoning, Article IX Nonconformance, Section 55 and 57

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee and set public hearing for february 25 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

c. **2025-3**

Amendment to Chapter 260 Zoning, Article X Variances, Sections 60-65

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee and set public hearing for february 25 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

d. **2025-4**

Amendment to Chapter 260 Zoning, Article XV Administration and Enforcement, Sections 79 & 80

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee and set public hearing for february 25 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- e. **2025-5**
Amendment to Chapter 260 Zoning, Article XVII Adoption and Amendment, Section 92

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee and set public hearing for february 25 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- f. **2025-6**
Mapped Street Ordinance Amendment: Stone Way

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- g. **2025-7**
Amendment to Ch 260, Zoning, Article III Use Regulations, Section J

ACTION: Motion to refer to committee by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Discussion and/or action on proposed change order to the Lincoln High School HVAC contract
Paul Demelo of Downes Construction was present and answered any questions the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to authorize the expenditure out of the revolving fund conditional to having a meeting with the lincoln school building committee and having the amount that we pay for this be reimbursed through the school capital funds by Ken Pichette second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Discussion and/or action for the approval of the Co-Stewardship Agreement with the Friends of Hearthside is sufficient for the Town to enter into this agreement

ACTION: Motion to discuss by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to approve by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

K. Adjourn

Council President Macksoud announced that the February Town Council meetings will be on February 24 & 25.

Councilor Ogni wished the new President and Administration good luck on their new term.

Councilor Russo acknowledged Administrator Gould in his efforts for Dorothy and her mission to attend the 2025 Inauguration.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Ogni second by Ken Pichette;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None