

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

The February 5th, 2025 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Also present were Emily Rochac Argueta, Kendra Gay, Mara Delgado, Laurie Maw and Francine Jackson,

The previous minutes were approved.

Public Comment: none

Correspondent: none of note

Wetlands: none

Public Outreach: Two people contacted us about public service during the Christmas season. They were referred to Blackstone Watershed.

Service Hours: none

Butterfly Garden: There have been applications for the advertised Adopt-A-Spot, both live and by email. We are looking for applicants who will be supplying approved plants. Emily will be making a spreadsheet of those to be planted, as she knows someone who is aware of the types we're looking for. If someone's plants are good, that person will have one of the upfront spots. Emily will ask Conklin for stones, that will be placed in the form of a butterfly. The goats will come back, also possibly they will be able to eat through the land on the down slope. There is a person willing to bring a bee hive. In addition, the former pond will have to be cleaned out, and hopefully there will be some kind of waterfall placed back there. A motion was made to apply and pay for a QR code for the project. Seconded, and voted unanimously. Also, Francine noted the stone with Mr. Alexander's tribute has fallen/been pushed. It's too heavy to just push back up. Stephanie will ask Leslie Quish to have someone place it back.

Cemeteries: The weather was too cold, and the ground too slippery, to look for the one in the Nature Conservancy, and there seemed to at one time be one on Lampercock Drive, but it wasn't obvious driving there. Francine will contact Ken for assistance.

Cleanups: There have been none scheduled, but a possible May 10 or a to be determined with the Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful organization, potentially April

12th on Breakneck Hill, and Front Street March 22nd. There are no other known local cleanups.

Grants: The Narragansett Bay Commission one is due February 14. Possibilities for it include Pratt Dam, and Barney Pond.

LCC: The Pratt Dam permit was submitted today. The booms have been cleaned, the rope holding it has been tangled, and it will be taken out of the water to repair it. There is talk of doing planting at a school. The school recycles are going very well. Mara noted the town recycles also are going very well. There is talk of a future facility tour. There will be an e-waste recycling in the Town Hall parking lot May 17. Groundworks is willing to give the town trees – looking for locations.

New Business: Emily and Kendra are working on a grant from the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society.

Old Business: Kendra and Francine will be guests at the Rotary Club May 19. Dave will do a cleanup in March.

Budget: The balance is still \$4,100.00.

The next meeting will be March 5, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson