

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

The March 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, Jose Escobar, Kendra Gay, Mara Delgado (by phone), Laurie Maw and Francine Jackson. Guests were Brenda and Don Hartley, and Paula Carmichael.

The previous minutes were approved.

Public Comment: The Hartleys put in an application for a plot in the Garden.

Correspondence: The Boy Scouts contacted Stephanie, asking about possible cleanups, or work on the trail near the totem pole, or possibly on a plot. There is more correspondence on the Ashton Dam project; she contacted John Marsland about filing a note in opposition.

Wetlands: None

Public Outreach: The Green Team at the High School.

Service Hours: None.

Projects: Butterfly Garden: There are 19 applications for the plots already. They are 2X5 (right now, there are 11 of that size), and 7 4X10. Emily is sending them all information. She cleared out the Garden today, and everything is now cleaned. She spoke about accessibility to all the plots. Dave graveled the path, and will touch it up where needed. Emily found a website where untreated mulch is available, and will look into this further. To make sure all the plants are native, she bought a book about the subject. A motion was made for the LCC to pay her back for it – unanimous. Laurie has offered to help with the work. Dave is coming the 14th. There was discussion as to the former waterfall region, if that could return, and if it possibly could be generated by solar. Emily will go to Conklin for decorative stones. Francine reminded all about the two commemorative trees. Because most of the plantings will be ground cover, it was decided to put them outside the Garden, near the existing memorial tree which is to the left of the Garden.

Cemetery: The weather has not cooperated with looking for some of them. Francine contacted Mary Ann, and John Houghton and Ken Postle sent her a grant request for \$1,000 for cemetery supplies.

Cleanups: As of now there are schedules for March 22 at Front Street, April 5 - Yellow Bag Day, Breakneck Hill on April 12, and Earth Day, April 22. Also, Brown did water testing at Scott Pond.

Grants: Kendra mentioned the \$500 from the state, possibly will be used for Breakneck Hill. She also asked for the state coloring books. NBC is pending – will ask for a wet suit, as it could be dangerous going in with just regular water protection.

New Business: The trails at Handy Pond need work. Whose responsibility is it? Strphanie will ask Leslie.

Old Business: The boom is working, but it's needed to be taken out to unravel the sides. It's hoped to procure another one this year. DarkSky will have a booth at Foster's Conservation Program April 26. The Groundworks trees are still being discussed.

Town meeting: The Budget Board is March 18, at 7:00 P.M. We will ask for \$6,000.00 for this year's allotment, and explain this year's accomplishments, including the amount received by proper recycling. Next year, we may ask for more. As many members as possible are asked to come.

Budget: With no grant money added, we have \$3,871.61. The \$500.00 will be coming soon. We will be looking for more DPW cooperation, thus saving cleanup funds.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson