



# Town of Lincoln

## Town Council Meeting

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April 15, 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 April 15, 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.gov](http://www.lincolnri.gov), and emailing comments to [meeting@lincolnri.org](mailto:meeting@lincolnri.org).

##### 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 Mobile Food Establishment

1. Tiffany Mayo d/b/a as T's Grazing Table Charcuterie  
Timothy Mayo, owner, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

**ACTION:** Motion to grant the license 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

2. Mobile Food Establishments for the PVD Truck events at both 100 Higginson and Chase Farm  
Eric Weiner, owner of PVD Food Trucks, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

**ACTION:** Motion to grant the licenses listed in the packet 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

## Town Council

### D. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 15, 2025 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

**ACTION:** Motion to amend the order of agenda and take municipal affordable housing fund next 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

### E. 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 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

1. Minutes Approval

- a. Minutes of March 17, 2025
  - b. Minutes of March 18, 2025
  - c. Minutes of March 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
  - d. Minutes of March 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Consideration of Monthly Bills
3. Town Administrator Reports
- a. Tax Assessor Monthly Report
  - b. Town Clerk's Report
  - c. Senior Center
  - d. Parks and Rec monthly
  - e. March 2025 Planning Department Report
  - f. Public Safety
  - g. Building Department Monthly Report
  - h. Library Report
  - i. Finance Department Monthly Reports
4. Communications

- a. Resolution from the Town of Charlestown in support of an amendment to the general laws allowing the Towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notice of their official actions in any newspaper or other designated platform of greater reach
- b. Resolution from the Town of Middletown in support of the RI League of Cities and Towns 2025 Legislative Priorities
- c. Resolution from the Town of Middletown regarding the restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns
- d. Resolution of the Town of Westerly regarding the restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns
- e. Resolution from the Town of Narragansett regarding the restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns
- f. Resolution from the City of Woonsocket regarding the restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns
- g. Resolution from the Town of Burrillville opposing the 2025 Gun Control Legislation
- h. Resolution from the Burrillville School District regarding transportation of private school students
- i. Resolution from the North Smithfield School Committee regarding transportation for private schools
- j. Resolution from the North Kingstown School Department regarding funding private school transportation
- k. Resolution from the Town of Portsmouth regarding School Transportation
- l. Resolution from the Town of Charlestown in support of H5957 regarding Low and Moderate Income Housing

- m. Resolution from the Town of Hopkinton regarding Opposition to RI 2025 Gun Control Legislation
- n. Resolution from the Town of Hopkinton regarding the restoration of General Revenue Sharing to RI Cities & Towns
- o. Resolution from the Town of Exeter regarding opposition to RI 2025 Gun Control Legislation
- p. Resolution from the Town of Exeter regarding the restoration of General Revenue Sharing to the Cities & Towns
- q. Resolution from the Town of Narragansett regarding the maintenance of sidewalks
- r. Resolution from the Town of Burrillville defending affordable prescription drug costs act

#### **F. Public Comment**

Cameron Deutsch of 67 Rockridge Road spoke on the annual Financial Town Meeting.

Janet Gabriel of 544 Angell Road spoke on taxing of mini splits.

Peter Gabirel of 544 Angell Road spoke on taxing of mini splits.

**ACTION:** Motion to amend the agenda and take resolution 2025-10 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

#### **G. 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 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

3. 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

4. Appointment to the Juvenile Hearing Board - Alternate - term to expire in 2027

**ACTION:** Motion to appoint lynda clark as an alternate to the juvenile hearing board 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

## **H. Unfinished Business**

1. Ordinance Sub Committee Report

a. **2025-8**

Amendment to Chapter 161, Mobile Food Establishments, Section 14 Expiration of licenses; renewals

**History:**

| Date      | Meeting Body            | Action                |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3/18/2025 | Town Council            | Referred to Committee |
| 4/14/2025 | Ordinance Sub Committee | Recommendation        |

**ACTION:** Motion to adopt as amended by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;  
Motion passed with a 5:0 by a roll call vote

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

2. Purchasing Sub Committee Report

a. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for Police Ammunition

**History:**

| Date       | Meeting Body             | Action         |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 04/14/2025 | Purchasing Sub Committee | Recommendation |

**ACTION:** Motion to award the bid to aaa police supply in the amount of \$11,500 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. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for AED's and All-Weather Enclosures

**History:**

| Date       | Meeting Body             | Action         |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 04/14/2025 | Purchasing Sub Committee | Recommendation |

**ACTION:** Motion to award the bid to zoll medical corp & aed team in the amount of \$9,231 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. Capital Improvement Committee Report  
Councilor Pichette & Administrator Gould gave an update.
4. General Assembly Legislative Update  
Administrator Gould gave an update and announced the special Town Coouncil meeting with the Lincoln delegation on Monday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m.

## **I. New Business**

1. Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee

a. **2025-9**

Resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000

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

b. **2025-10**

Resolution authorizing the issuance of water system revenue bonds and notes for improvements to the water system, including the Saylesville Water Main Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 by the Lincoln Water Commission  
Peter DiLorenzo, Water Superintendent, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

**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 Arthur Russo 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. **2025-11**  
Resolution in support of House Bill H5957 regarding Low and Moderate Income Housing

**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

**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

- a. **2025-9**  
Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance, Use Regulations, Sec 260-19 Manufacturing Uses
- b. **2025-10**  
Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Chapter 260, Article II and Use Regulations, Sec 260-9 Residential Uses

3. Municipal Affordable Housing Fund

- a. Seminole Development LLC - Cobble Hill Crossing, Old Louisquisset Pike, AP 19, Lot 34  
The applicant was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.  
Stephanie Davies, Town Planner, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

**ACTION:** Motion to award seminole development llc \$100,000 as requested in the town planners recommendation 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

- i. Public Hearing  
There was no one wishing to speak during the Public Hearing.

**ACTION:** Motion to amend the agenda and take the drainage easement next 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. Discussion and/or action on drainage easement on Manchester Farm Road  
Joseph Brennan, attorney for the petitioner, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

**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

**J. Adjourn**

Councilor Pichette apologized for losing his cool during Public Comment.  
Councilor Ogni stated that he was referring to the revaluation company and not the employees during Public Comment.  
Councilor Azar wished everyone a peaceful and happy Passover and Easter.  
Council President Macksoud wished the same and announced the special meeting on Monday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. and the Financial Town Meeting on Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.  
Administrator Gould commended and thanked Councilor Pichette for this year's Yellow Bag Day.

**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