



Town of Lincoln

Town Council Meeting

April 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Lincoln Town Hall

MINUTES

Town Council

A. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 21, 2025 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

Members Present:

Keith Macksoud, President
Arthur Russo, Jr.
Kenneth Pichette
Bruce Ogni
Pamela Azar
Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor
Philip Gould, Town Administrator
Stephanie Davies, Town Planner

State Delegation Present:

Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith
Representative Gregory Costantino
Senator Thomas Paolino
Senator Ryan Pearson

Town Administrator Gould stated that Representative Mia Ackerman and Senator David Tikoian could not attend the meeting due to previous engagements but sent their regards.

Council President Macksoud started the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of the Pope and Senate President Dominick Ruggerio.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Joint Meeting with Lincoln Delegation in regards to current proposed legislation priorities

Administrator Gould began by discussing the Bill regarding the Access to Public Records Request Act. He stated how burdensome the requests already are and with this bill they could be even worse.

Planner Davies gave her recommendations on the following bills;

H5794 - Zoning & Subdivision Act Amendments
H5796 - Higher Density Development in Urban Services Areas
H5797 - Co-housing
H5798 - Attached Single-family Homes
H5799 - Infill and Oversized Lots
H5802 - State-owned Vacant Properties

When discussing the bills, the difficulties discussed were education, fire, police and rescue, infrastructure (especially water). Representative Constatino stated that if infrastructure is an issue, the Town could request a moratorium. Council President Macksoud responded that if the Town did that, they would have to include a plan to correct it.

Senator Ryan stated that the good side of the coin is that people want to live in Lincoln and the bad side is people who grew up here and want to continue to live here are being priced out.

Administrator Gould spoke about the limited public transportation in Lincoln and could use more funding; Representative Constatino stated that RIPTA is operating in a deficit now.

A discussion of the State budget ensued.

Representative Shallcross Smith stated that this meeting was a great idea and should happen more often. Senator Pearson suggested the Town Council call their delegation more. Representatives Constantino & Shallcross Smith stated that calling the Speaker of the House is the best option as well. All of the delegation loved the list provided from the Town Administrator because they see thousands of bills and this helps them focus on the ones that matter to the Town.

Board of License Commissioners

D. Call to Order

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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, and emailing comments to meeting@lincolnri.org.

E. Application for a Private Detective License

1. Application from Scott Robillard

ACTION: Motion to grant the license 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

F. Adjourn

ACTION:	Motion to adjourn the meeting 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