

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

The May 7, 2025 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 6:59 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Present included Emily Rochac Argueta, Jose Escobar, Kendra Gay, and Francine Jackson. Brenda Hartley and Sue Rewey were guests, plus Isaac Reid and Isaac Bearg from the Rhode Island Food Policy Council.

The previous minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Correspondence: Kara Nadeau emailed, asking about native plants to put in her yard.

Reid and Bearg were invited by Kendra to speak on composting, especially as the state landfill, if continued to be used as it is, will be filled by 2046. Therefore, they came to give alternatives, especially with respect to composting, as 100,000 tons of it is added to the RIRRC every year. They showed composting “boxes,” community drop-off hubs, and noted the use of earthworms. Continued composting’s benefits include jobs, added greenspaces, sellable products, and better flowers and lawns. They also hope to encourage businesses to begin composting, and have begun to speak to several. They noted a state Senate bill, SB104, and asked us to contact our legislators.

Wetlands: None

Public Outreach: There are girls who will be looking for service hours. A boy helped with Breakneck Hill.

Projects: Butterfly Garden – Eleven plots have been claimed. Emily met and walked with several who have come, picked their spaces, and tagged them. The Garden Club has claimed all the land outside the garden’s boundary in front of the wall. Waivers have been made and will be distributed to all. The library has bulbdiggers for loan. The water has been turned on, and David cleaned out the “swimming pool.” Leslie has stated that Public Works will clean up the hillside going down from the garden. They have already started. There was talk as to whether we should start a planting subcommittee.

Cemetery – Seven were visited this month, two on Great Road/Smithfield Avenue, and five off Wilbur Road/Lampercock Road. Images have been taken of them, and the write-ups will be edited to better conform to the pictures.

Cleanups – Breakneck Hill was last week; filled 30 bags of trash. Next week will be Front Street at 9:00 A.M. E-waste will take place at town hall Saturday, the 17th.

Grants: The Litterfree is taken care of, and the NBC money, to be used for a wetsuit, is on hold

LCC: The canal under First Street is almost dry, as is much of Scott Pond. The paperwork for the boom has been resubmitted to the DEM. Stephanie will do the water testing workshop at URI May 20th. Should we look into a grant for the Big Belly cans?

New Business: NRI will work on Front Street to make over the planting, and to place a bench in mid-June. A motion was made to pay NRI \$2,000 by Stephanie, seconded by Jose. Unanimous.

Old Business: Kendra and Francine will attend the next Rotary meeting May 19th. The bottle bill is coming up in the legislature – again. The Financial Town Meeting is Monday, May 12th.

Budget: At present, \$2,343.85, of which \$2,000 will go to NRI. The \$800 grant is still on the books, and \$215 of the \$500 grant was spent, leaving \$285.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson