



Town of Lincoln

Town Council Meeting

May 20, 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 May 20, 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, and emailing comments to 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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Application for a Mobile Food Establishment

1. Vanessa Rojas d/b/a Mami's Delights

ACTION:	Motion to grant but not issue until all approvals are met 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 reconsider previous motion 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

ACTION: Motion to add condition that they are only to sell at PVD events 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 grant but not issue until all approvals are met 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. WBM Factory Alimentary d/b/a Gonzalez Food Truck

ACTION: Motion to grant but not issue until all approvals are met 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 reconsider previous motion 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

ACTION: Motion to add condition to only sell at PVD events 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 grant but not issue until all approvals are met 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

D. Application for a Special Event License

1. Vintage Pet Rescue - A Special Day for Special Dogs to be held on October 18, 2025 at Chase Farm
Heather Kramer, applicant, was present and spoke on the event.

ACTION: Motion to grant and waive the fee for the event on october 19 pending approval of parks & rec director by Ken Pichette second by Arthur Russo, Bruce Ogni and Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

E. Renewal of Mobile Food Establishment License

1. Maria Maria LLC d/b/a Maria Maria Coffee Bar to expire February 2026

ACTION: Motion to grant but not issue until all approvals are met 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

F. Show Cause Hearings - Serving alcohol without a valid license

1. La Perra Inc d/b/a El Oasis Taqueria located at 80 Higginson Avenue

ACTION: Motion to give a formal warning and instruct the applicant to abide by the inspections that he needs in order to reopen and get certificate from the division of taxation by Bruce Ogni 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

G. Application for a Transfer of a Class BV Liquor License

1. Transfer from Lucky Chen's Corp d/b/a Dragon Villa to Glory Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Dragon Villa Restaurant located at 609 Smithfield Avenue

- a. Schedule a Public Hearing

ACTION: Motion to schedule the public hearing for the regular june meeting 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

Town Council

H. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 20, 2025 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

I. 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 Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;

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

1. Minutes Approval
 - a. Minutes of April 14, 2025
 - b. Minutes of April 15, 2025 at 6:30
 - c. Minutes of April 15, 2025 at 7:00
 - d. Minutes of April 21, 2025
 - e. Minutes of May 1, 2025
2. Consideration of Monthly Bills
3. Town Administrator's Reports
 - a. Parks and Rec monthly report
 - b. Tax Assessor Monthly Report 2025
 - c. Senior Center Report
 - d. Planning Department - April 2025
 - e. Town Clerk's Report
 - f. Library April 2025
 - g. Building Department Monthly Report

- h. Human Resources April - May 2025
- i. Public Safety
- j. Finance Department Monthly Reports

4. Communications

- a. Letter from Paul Vanasse regarding the March 18, 2025 Assault Weapons Ban Resolution

ACTION: Motion to accept the communication 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

- b. Resolution from the Town of Tiverton in opposition to 2025 Gun Control Legislation
- c. Resolution from the Town of Barrington regarding the restoration of general revenue sharing to cities and towns
- d. Resolution from the Town of Barrington in support of RI League of Cities and Towns 2025 Legislative priorities
- e. Resolution declaring the Town of Barrington a sanctuary town for transgender people, and all members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community and their allies
- f. Proclamation from the Town of Barrington recognizing National Public Works Week
- g. Resolution from the Town of Barrington in support of legislation regarding the maintenance of sidewalks

- h. Resolution from the Town of Barrington supporting the 2025 Composting and Organ Waste Diversion Act
- i. Resolution from the Town of Exeter in support of amendments regarding funding of student transportation
- j. Resolution from the Town of Hopkinton relating to the education equity and property tax relief act
- k. Resolution from the Town of Hopkinton relating to education transportation of school pupils beyond city and town limits
- l. Resolution from the Town of Hopkinton opposing specific land use legislation proposed
- m. Resolution from the Town of Hopkinton relating to tourism and development
- n. Resolution from the Town of Hopkinton relating to holidays and special observance holiday (Victory Day)
- o. Resolution from the Town of New Shorham opposing a Statewide nonowner occupied property tax

ACTION: Motion to accept the communication 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

- p. Resolution from the Town of North Smithfield School Committee regarding school transportation
- q. Resolution from the Town of Scituate School Department regarding funding for private school transportation
- r. Resolution from the Town of Warren requesting full funding of private school transportation

- s. Resolution from the Town of Warren regarding the duties of public utilities

5. Pole Placements

- a. Installation of new pole on Division Street

J. Public Comment

ACTION: Motion to take item m.3 next on the agenda 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

There was no one wishing to speak during Public Comment.

K. 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 Ken Pichette;

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 Lincoln Housing Authority - At Large to fill a term to expire in 2025

ACTION: Motion to defer by Arthur Russo 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

L. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance Sub Committee Report

a. **2025-9**

Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance, Use Regulations, Sec 260-19 Manufacturing Uses

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
04/15/2025	Town Council	Referred to Committee
05/19/2025	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;

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

i. Public Hearing

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

b. **2025-10**

Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Chapter 260, Article II and Use Regulations, Sec 260-9 Residential Uses

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
04/15/2025	Town Council	Referred to Committee
05/19/2025	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;

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

i. Public Hearing

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

2. Purchasing Sub Committee Report

a. Contract Extension with Pawtucket Hot Mix Asphalt from RFP 2025-01

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
05/20/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to approve the contract extension with pawtucket hot mix asphalt 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 Animal Shelter Compressor

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
05/20/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to automatic temperature controls inc in the amount of \$6,856 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

- c. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for IT Email Protection Platform
History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
05/20/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to shi international in the amount of \$11,837 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 gave an update.
4. General Assembly Legislative Update
Administrator Gould gave an update.

M. New Business

1. Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee

- a. **2025-12**
Resolution in support of Senate & House Bills regarding the maintenance of sidewalks

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni and 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 Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

- b. **2025-13**
Resolution opposing specific land use legislation proposed in the RI General Assembly

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 Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

- c. **2025-14**
Resolution regarding the Charter Review

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Pam Azar 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

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. **2025-11**
Mapped Street Ordinance Amendment: Valentine Court

b. **2025-12**
Mapped Street Ordinance Amendment: Whitman Way

3. Discussion and/or action on Change Orders

ACTION: Motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$158,575 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

N. Request for an Executive Session

1. Motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) discussion of job performance (employee has been notified)

ACTION: Motion to adjourn into executive session by Bruce Ogni 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. Entertain a motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-7(c)

ACTION: Motion to seal the minute from executive session by Bruce Ogni second by Ken Pichette;
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

3. Vote on matters from Executive Session
There was no action taken.

O. Adjourn

Administrator Gould spoke on the Memorial Day events this weekend. He wished Robert Gray a Happy Belated 100th Birthday. Councilor Russo wished Councilor Azar a Happy Belated Birthday and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Paige Moreau and James Brice. Council President Macksoud announced that there will be a special meeting to go over the audit on a date TBA.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting in the memory of paige moreau & james brice 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