

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

The June 4, 2025 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Also present were Kendra Gay, Jose Escobar, Laurie Maw, and Francine Jackson. Guests included Bill McManus, Scott Bacon, Arthur Russo, Katie Atstupenas, Jack Lyle, and Linda Sliney.

The previous minutes were approved.

Public Comment: Bill McManus brought a PowerPoint handout to improve the town, including certain places where beautification is needed. Many places are also owned by RIDOT, which we aren't able to improve, but, with the new head of the DPW, Leslie, Bill is anticipating more and better action will be forthcoming. Included was discussion on certain developments being built and being introduced around Lincoln, included the feeling that it is becoming more of a city than a town.

Correspondence: There was information on Scott Pond, and John Cullen's spilling sediments and cutting trees on his property, and that on the 116 side there is a septic dump.

Wetlands: None

Outreach: A woman needing 15 hours contacted Stephanie.

Projects: Butterfly Garden – All plots have been taken. The town cleared the brush on the downslope, and the goats will return later in the year.

Cemetery - #28, behind the church on the corner of Lonsdale Avenue and Front Street is known to have close to 600 burials – but only about 200 stones – most of whom were employees of the nearby factories.

Cleanups - Breakneck Hill filled 30 bags, and Front Street added over 20 bags. Indecyde was Saturday, May 13. Boy Scouts are looking to work with us June 28th, at a place to be determined.

Grants – The litter free grant is finished, but we are waiting for the NBC for work on the boom.

LCC Projects: Stephanie took the URI class, and will do weekly testing at Scott Pond.

New Business: The Front Street beautification project isn't exactly as Stephanie pictured it. She will talk to Dave as to whether he can change it a bit. Francine saw a note in the Call about a talk concerning Living with Coyotes at the library, but Kendra saw on Facebook it was already canceled.

Old Business: Kendra spoke on her and Francine's Rotary Club meeting. There weren't many members present, but another guest, a Cumberland Conservation Commission member, mentioned he would be willing to work with us on related projects. There was a question on work being done with composting in the Town. Kendra confirmed the students in all the schools she and Mara had spoken to were continuing the practice. With each new grade, it is hoped the students will continue, both in school and at home.

Budget: We have about \$400.00 left. Whatever isn't spent by June 30th will be donated to the Blackstone Valley Historical Society, for Ken Postle's work on local cemeteries. Our new budget is the \$6,000.00 that we had asked for at the Budget Board Meeting.

The next meeting will be July 9, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson