

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

The July 9th, 2025 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Also present were Emily Rochac Argueta, Kendra Gay, Scott Bacon, and Francine Jackson, plus guest David Hart.

The previous minutes were approved.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Wetlands: None

Outreach: A man needed hours for dumping trash. Did not return calls.

Projects: Butterfly Garden – There are 11 active plots. All poison ivy has been pulled and cleared. Emily has arranged a meet-and-greet. All plants will be mapped, to assure they are all native and noninvasive. Birdhouses are being made. Emily registered the Garden with the Monarch Way Station, and several other organizations, all of which she has received certificates. Kendra volunteered to laminate the one that needs to be done, A motion was made to pay \$130.00 for signs she made for each plot. She is planning another group meet to help clean the walkways. She also made a “No Dogs” sign for the Garden. The goats will return September 12 – 14. The DPW has cleared the hill going down. Francine asked whether a walkway could be made at the top, to create an overlook. Emily is looking into plants to be placed on the hill. A scout group asked whether bat boxes could be put into the Garden.

Cemetery – No report.

Cleanups – Keep Blackstone Valley Beautiful is planning one this Saturday. No others have been planned for July or August, but a tentative one at Scott Pond will be September 27.

Grants – NBC’s \$800.00 hasn’t been spent as yet, as we are still waiting to hear from DEM; if not soon, Stephanie will buy waders and other equipment for use with the booms.

LCC Projects: no new information

Town meetings: None

New Business: Conservation members from other communities have asked to meet with us. We will ask them to come to our next meeting.

Old Business: Kendra noted that in South Kingstown and Narragansett, each have four Black Earth Compost bins at the transfer station, where residents can drop off scraps for free. It costs \$4368.00 per year for the bins to be serviced weekly there. Each bin is 48 gallons, and the two towns are splitting the cost. Black Earth also services dozens of customers for curbside pickup, but that is paid by the residents. Kendra is also working with South Kingstown's Sustainability Committee to form a pilot program for in-town community composting. Essentially, a site would host a composting system run by volunteers, resulting in very little cost for the town, just their donating a small part of town land. She is also looking into a grant from RIRRC for compost bins for residents to increase backyard composting. The canal right now is very dry. There is no solution as yet. Stephanie has started her URI testing.

Budget: We've received \$6,000.00, just like last year. Our remaining \$325.00 was sent to the Blackstone Valley Historical Society for cemetery cleanup work.

The next meeting will be September 3rd, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson