



Town of Lincoln

Town Council Meeting

September 9, 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 September 9, 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
Steven Antanucci, Assistant Town Solicitor
Philip Gould, Town Administrator
John Cimino, Finance Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Macksoud wished Phil Gould, Town Administrator, a Happy Birthday.

C. Application for a Special Event Class F Liquor License (Beer and Wine Only)

1. Butterfly Farms Burger Bash on September 19, 2025 at 679 Great Road Daniel Flynn, owner of Butterfly Farms and applicant, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION:

Motion to grant the license item C.1. 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

D. Application for a Special Event License

1. Bike to the Beach New England event on September 13, 2025

ACTION: Motion to grant the license and waive the fee 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

E. Application for a Mobile Food Establishment

1. Happy Lemons Mobile Food Establishment
Felicity Abreu, owner and applicant, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to grant the license 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

F. Application for a Solicitor's Permit

1. Trinity Solar Solicitation Permit
Brittany Gomes, applicant, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to deny the license 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

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H. Safe Streets Presentation

Dr. Quinn Molloy from Safe Streets 4 All was present, gave the presentation, and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

I. Discussion and/or action on Lincoln Public Schools' Stage II Necessity of School Construction Application

Mario Carreno, School Committee member, was present, gave the presentation, and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to approve 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 amend previous motion to approve submitting the stage ii application 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

J. 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;
Motion passed with a 5:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

1. Minutes Approval
 - a. Minutes of August 18, 2025
 - b. Minutes of August 19, 2025
2. Consideration of Monthly Bills
3. Town Administrator's Reports
 - a. Senior Center Report
 - b. Town Clerk's Report
 - c. Tax Assessor Monthly Report
 - d. Library Report August 2025
 - e. Public Safety
 - f. August 2025 Planning Dept Report
 - g. Parks & Recreation Report
 - h. Building Department Monthly Report
 - i. HR Report September 2025
 - j. Finance Director Reports
4. Communications

- a. Resolution from the Town of Portsmouth in support of increased funding for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
- b. Resolution from the Town of Warren in regards to RIPTA Service
- c. Resolution from the Town of Westerly opposing Rhode Island Public Transit Authority service cuts
- d. Resolution from the Town of Westerly in opposition to the State Firearms Legislation
- e. Letter from Michael J Speidel regarding Bandit Sign Ordinance

ACTION: Motion to accept the communication 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. DEM Notice for a Freshwater Wetlands Program Application for AP 45, Lot 356

ACTION: Motion to accept the communication and send it to the director of public works for review and/or comment by Arthur Russo second by Ken Pichette and Pam Azar;
Motion with a 5:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Tax Abatements

- a. Tax Assessor Abatements

K. Public Comment

Cameron Deutsch of 67 Rockridge Road spoke on Safe Streets.

There was no one else wishing to speak during Public Comment.

L. 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 and Pam Azar;
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 Bruce Ogni;
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 Juvenile Hearing Board - Alternate with a term to expire in 2028

ACTION: Motion to defer 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

5. Appointment to the Planning Board - District 2 - to fill a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Ken Pichette and Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

M. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance Sub Committee Report

a. 2025-13

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Section 260-32 - Additional Residential Requirements & Access Easement Deed and Agreement

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
08/19/2025	Town Council	Referral to Committee
09/08/2025	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

Councilor Russo stated that the matter was deferred in Committee.

b. 2025-14

FY 26 Salary Ordinance

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
08/19/2025	Town Council	Referral to Committee
09/08/2025	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

2. Purchasing Sub Committee Report

- a. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for a Sandblast and Paint on Rubbish Truck Body for DPW

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/09/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to inter-city contracting in the amount of \$23,700 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 Sidewalk Repair

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/09/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to hartford paving in the amount of \$16,191.72 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. **RFP 2026-01**

Award of Bid for Lincoln Rescue Station Roof Replacement

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/09/2025	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to m barboza & sons in an amount not to exceed \$44,325 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
Administrator Gould gave an update.

N. Adjourn

Administrator Gould and Councilor Azar congratulated Sharon Hartley on her 37 years of service and her retirement.

Councilors Russo and Pichette and Administrator Gould applauded everyone for their work on the Chase Farm concert series.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting 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