

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

The February 4th, 2026 meeting of the Lincoln Conservation Commission was called to order at 6:58 P.M. by Chair Stephanie Santos. Also present were Kendra Gay, Brenda Hartley, Scott Bacon, and Francine Jackson, plus guest David Hart.

The previous minutes were approved.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: A high school senior, Jack Manion, is interested in planting a pollinator garden for the community, and has asked us for possible sites. Stephanie or Emily will reach out to him.

Wetlands: None

Outreach: None.

Service Hours: None.

Butterfly Garden: Although there is no activity happening at this time, Stephanie mentioned she wants to plant pollinator seeds on the hill. There was a discussion as to the best flowers that might be used.

Cemetery: No activity at this time.

Cleanups: None

Grants: With respect to the NBC grant, which is due February 6, John Marsland is looking into getting a Dumpster for Sycamore Landing. As the cost is more than the grant funding, he asked whether we might want to partner with him.

Composting: Dan Flynn suggested possibly having a spot in Chase Park's parking lot. There is a compost conference March 11th, plus a virtual "Lunch and Learn" Thursday, February 19th, at noon. Several schools are still recycling, and Kendra is going to other schools to get them into it. The middle school principal seems to be slowly becoming interested.

LCC: There are still problems with the canal, as there is no water flow. There is a study concerning the river being performed. Stephanie will meet with the company next week.

New Business: The web site is being updated. There is no date yet for next year's Budget Board. Emily is preparing a PowerPoint, similar to last year's. John Cullen wants to build a house in Quinnville on a narrow lot off the canal close to the RIDOT construction on the Route 116 bridge. Stephanie created an AI of Bill's Adopt-a-Spot on Smithfield Avenue.

Old Business: None.

LCC/Friends of the Blackstone collaborations: The Manville hydroelectric project is being withdrawn from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by New England Hydro. Also (per John Marsland), New England Hydro has to start from square one in Ashton because they did not submit the proper permits. They would like FERC to override DEM's permit issue; however, they also need to reapply for an easement in Ashton with both the DEM and RIDOT. The boom is out of the river until spring.

Budget: At present, we have \$3,021.77.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francine Jackson