

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
100 OLD RIVER ROAD LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND 02865

REGULAR MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER 7:32 P.M.

Members Present: Commissioner Brais
Commissioner Goldman
Commissioner Hassett
Commissioner McMahon
Commissioner Perrotti

Members Absent:

General Announcements:

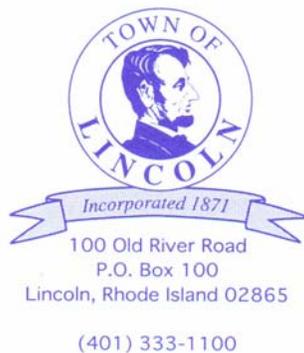
1. Chairman Goldman welcomed new Commissioner John Hassett and introduced him to the group
2. Chairman Goldman presented a high level overview of the Commission mission: Past; Present; Future

Consent Agenda:

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes-Regular Meeting of February 2, 2005.
**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PEROTTI, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER BRAIS AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO
APPROVE.**

Communications:

1. Chairman Goldman presented the Commission with correspondence gathered since the last meeting.
 - a. Insignificant Alteration – Permit



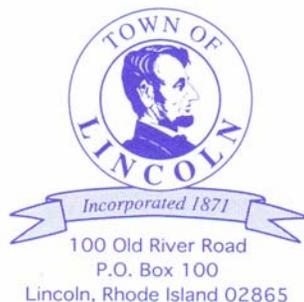
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- i. Application No. 04-0564
 1. The Commission did not review or comment on the substance of the Insignificant Alteration Permit.
- b. Announcement of Availability of Draft 2004 303(d) List of Impaired Waters
- c. Agenda from Lincoln Planning Board for 23 February 2005
- d. 2004 Annual Report Southern Rhode Island Conservation District
- e. Flyer 10th Annual Conference RI Natural History Survey
- f. Newsletter Coastal Resources Management Council

Old Business:

New Business:

1. **Guest Speaker:** Chairman Goldman introduced Bob Ryan, Chairman of the Barrington Conservation Commission.
 - Mr. Ryan addressed the Commission concerning the structure, responsibilities and business model of the Barrington Conservation Commission.
 - The Barrington Conservation Commission acts as an advisory committee to the Barrington Zoning Board
 - Regarding the Lincoln Conservation Commission's responsibility of creating and maintaining an index of open space, Mr. Ryan suggested we approach the Lincoln Tax Assessor and ask for a listing of all parcels classified as 13, 14 and 33. We could also ask for those properties classified as 07 – Brownfields [abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.]
 - Mr. Ryan also mentioned the importance of GIS in the fulfillment of this mission.
 - Barrington currently has a wetlands setback requirement of 100 feet vs. the DEM minimum of 50 feet. This may be something Lincoln might want to consider in the future.



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- The Barrington Conservation Commission has a liaison to the Planning Board. Mr. Ryan suggested that we do the same. The liaisons in Barrington get together informally to discuss the business of both groups and how they can work together most effectively. [Secretary's note: The liaison position may already be written into the Town Ordinances. See footnote below¹]
 - Barrington's Conservation Commission developed a Public Relations campaign to let townspeople know who they were and what their role was. They asked the local papers to cover their meetings, started letter writing campaigns, etc. Perhaps a website may also be a good idea.
 - Mr. Ryan suggested that the Lincoln Conservation Commission read and understand the Lincoln zoning laws.
 - Chairman Goldman thanked Mr. Ryan for his presentation and Mr. Ryan departed the meeting.
2. Extending invitation to Lincoln Town Planner to address Conservation Commission about the town's GIS mapping project at the April meeting.
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERROTTI AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE.
 3. Chairman Goldman asked Commissioner Brais (Treasurer) to prepare a financial brief for monies spend over the past year. Treasurer's report is to be presented at the April meeting.
 4. Commissioner Perrotti volunteered to review Lincoln's Zoning Laws
 5. Commissioner McMahan will attempt to get copy of Barrington's Code of Ordinances – sections that pertain to the Conservation Commission.

¹ See **Lincoln Code of Ordinances: § 260-34 Section B. APC Area of Planning Concern.**

B. The Area of Planning Concern Review Committee shall consist of seven members: the Chairman of the Planning Board; a representative, other than the Chairman, of the Planning Board, appointed by a vote of the Planning Board; the President of the Town Council, or the President's designee; the Zoning Enforcement Officer; a designee of the Town Engineer; the Town Administrator, or designee; the **Chairman of the Conservation Commission.**



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Public Comments:

Adjournment:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERROTTI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HASSETT AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy E. McMahon, Commissioner
Secretary
Lincoln Conservation Commission