

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

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2007 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

MICHAEL J. ALEXANDER - CHAIRMAN
ANTHONY E. PERROTTI – VICE CHAIRMAN
DORIS BRAIS - TREASURER
ANNETTE BRIAND
DANIEL FLYNN arrived at 7:37
ANNE MCGINN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Alexander called the July 11, 2007 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:35 PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of June 6, 2007 minutes voted unanimous.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Hadley from the Lincoln Land Trust (LLT) stated that the LLT has received a grant from “America the Beautiful Tree Grant”. This is in conjunction with the Tree Council and Division of Forestry. They would like to do a tree inventory on town property. This would include trees within 7 feet from the street curb.

Daniel Flynn arrived.

This project would include the tree type, GPS location and size of the tree. Judy stated that this project would help towards creating a tree ordinance in the town. Judy asked the CC to help the LLT on tagging the trees. Judy stated that she is using a booklet called “What Tree is That”. The LLT has received palm pilots from the state. The grant is for \$3000 for supplies and the LLT has to match that amount. Judy stated that a dollar amount will be put on each hour a volunteer helps. This amount will go towards the matching grant amount. Daniel stated that he can contact someone from URI to help volunteer. Judy stated that there may be times were a tree should be cut down and a new one replanted.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Planning Board Agenda for June 27, 2007

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

Insignificant Alteration – Higginson Avenue 07-0084 dated 4/6/07.

Insignificant Alteration – Foxwood Drive – 05-0544.

Insignificant Alteration – Old Louisquisett Pike – 07-0135.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Daniel stated that there are 4 dog parks within the state and that he would like to talk to the dog officer on making part of Chase Park or another piece of town property a dog park. Daniel will report back next meeting.

Anne made several phone calls to Dave Sale regarding the collection of recycling but has not received any calls back. Mike stated that he spoke to Dave Sale and Dave stated that he and John McQueen are to attend a state meeting at the Solid Waste regarding guidelines and will get back to Anne or Mike after this meeting. Mike will follow through.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Mike stated that he does not have any prices on the CC jackets.

Anne stated that she had invited Judy to the meeting to learn about the Tree Ordinance and Tree Tagging. Anne will follow up with more information.

Mike stated that he asked Frank Geary from Cumberland to attend a meeting regarding the fish ladders.

Tony asked on the status of the pump at the Butterfly Garden. Mike stated that at this point there is no extra money in the budget to replace the pump. Tony asked about the status of the garden. Mike stated that the garden needs some attention. Anne made a motion to place an ad in the Valley Breeze to advertise for volunteers. Seconded by Tony. Voted unanimous. Mike stated that he is going to inquire with the Towns Municipal court on people who need to do some community service. Daniel stated that Master Gardener, Joann Boulett, is interested in getting a project going.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Mike asked if anyone would be interested in working with the LLT on learning to tag trees. Mike will follow up with Judy on a specific date for the training.

Mike stated that the CC cannot hire an outside secretary and that the Charter states that a member has to be secretary. Mike stated that the commission had previously hired a secretary. Mike asked if anyone wants to be the secretary for the CC. Mike stated that he could do the work. Anne nominated Mike to be secretary for the CC. Seconded by Doris. Voted unanimous. Mike stated that he is going to inquire with the Town Council and Town Personnel on the hiring of a secretary.

Anne talked to Mr. Hadley from the Water Commission on the rebate for the rain sensors on an irrigation system. Mike stated that he had inquired to the water department. He found out that you have to have a specific kind of sensor only in order to get the rebate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie B. Alexander
Recording Secretary, Lincoln Conservation Commission