

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

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 06, 2007 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

MICHAEL J. ALEXANDER - CHAIRMAN
ANTHONY E. PERROTTI – VICE CHAIRMAN
DORIS BRAIS - TREASURER
ANNETTE BRIAND
ANNE MCGINN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

DANIEL FLYNN

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Alexander called the September 06, 2007 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:35 PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of July 11, 2007 minutes, with the following addition, voted unanimous. Addition to Public Comment after Mrs. Hadley's statement that "this project would help towards creating a tree ordinance". Annette Briand asked Mrs. Hadley what is a tree ordinance? There was no response.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Planning Board Agenda for July 25, 2007 and August 22, 2007.
Woodard & Curran – Water Watch – Vol. 8 No. 1
Blackstone River Watershed Council – The Fish Ladder Project
Woodard & Curran – Directions – Vol. 15 No. 2

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

Insignificant Alteration – George Washington Highway, 07-0130 dated 07/12/07.

Doris asked the results of Umbrella Way. Tony stated that he called RIDEM but got no return call. Tony stated that he will follow-up.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Dog Park – no report.

Tony stated that he had recently been to Chase Park and that he notice dogs with no leashes and people picking up after the dogs.

Recycling – Mike stated that he had not received any information from Dave Sale.

Fish Ladders – Mike received a flyer from the Blackstone River Watershed Council regarding the Fish Ladder project. He stated that he has invited Frank Geary to attend a CC meeting. Tony asked in the fish ladders are in Lincoln? Mike stated that they would be in the Pawtucket/Central Falls area of the Lonsdale Marshes.

Butterfly Garden – Mike stated that the pumps to the waterfalls have not been fixed yet.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Mike stated that he has asked the Town Clerk if the Town has a Tree Ordinance. He stated that they do not. Annette asked if a tree ordinance would affect private property. Mike stated that it should affect only those trees on Town property, primarily on the sidewalks.

Anne asked if an article was run in the Valley Breeze asking for Community Service to help with the Butterfly Garden. Mike stated that it has not run yet. Annette stated that she may have contacts for community service. Mike stated that he will ask the Lincoln Municipal court if they could refer people who need to fill an obligation of community service.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Doris asked if there was a project going on at the Gateway Park parking area. Mike stated that the RIDOT is using the space for the Smithfield Avenue project only to park vehicles. Mike stated that the State is installing a 2500 gallon separator near the pond to correct the problem of all the sand going into the pond from runoffs. Anne asked if the RIDEM will then cleanup the pond. Mike stated that he doubted it. Anne stated that the commission should contact the RIDEM and applaud the efforts they are making to correct the sand problem, but to also ask if they have intentions on cleaning up the pond. Anne made a motion that she will compose a letter to the RIDEM. Seconded by Tony. Voted unanimous.

Doris stated that the court house should not be put in the Community College area. Mike stated that it is not in purview of the CC duties since it does affect wetlands.

Annette stated that she lives near Manville Memorial Park and wondered why there is no swimming there any longer. Mike stated that it is a liability issue. The park was owned by Manville Park Association and sold it to the Town of Lincoln. Lincoln has no swimming holes because of the liability and expenses. Mike stated that Lincoln Woods is owned and run by the Department of Interior and the Lincoln Community Pool is run by the YMCA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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