



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(401) 333-1100

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2007 MEETING OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

MICHAEL J. ALEXANDER - CHAIRMAN  
ANTHONY E. PERROTTI - VICE CHAIRMAN  
DORIS BRAIS - TREASURER  
DANIEL FLYNN  
ANNE MCGINN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

ANNETTE BRIAND

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Michael Alexander called the October 3, 2007 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:35 PM

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The approval of September 06, 2007 minutes. Motion by Tony, seconded by Anne, voted unanimous.

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** John Marsland and Frank Geary, Project Coordinator, from the Blackstone River Watershed Council/Friends of the Blackstone, Fish Ladder Project spoke to the CC regarding the project. Mr. Geary explained that the migrating fish has stopped due to the dams built along the Blackstone River. The dams block fish from their native spawning grounds. Mr. Geary stated that the goal is to build fish ladders or remove dams so that the fish will spawn again on the river and then the river will draw people and wildlife to the banks. He stated that the Blackstone River is the largest tributary to the Narragansett Bay. A study is being conducted now and they hope for the start of construction by 2008. The construction would consist of building several 4 foot wide ladders long the river to bring the fish up to the Valley Falls Dam. He stated that several companies have made contributions along with cities and towns. He stated that even though the river is not located in Lincoln, the Lincoln people could benefit from the education, tourism and recreation from the river. He has asked the CC to make a contribution to support the project.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:**

RIDEM, Permit to Alter Freshwater Wetlands – Northeast of the intersection of Spring Green & Meadow Brook Roads, Albion, Assessor's Plat 31, Lot 120 – 04-0430, dated 08/10/2007.

**VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:**

Dog Park – Daniel stated that he spoke to Coleen Klink, the Lincoln dog officer. She stated that there were liability reasons and who's responsibility of the cleanup. Daniel stated that other towns have the parks and would find out about the liabilities and the cleanup.

Recycling – Mike stated that the Town of Cumberland has started a recycling program, where you have to have some recycling or nothing will be picked up. Anne stated that she will inquire to what cities and town have this same program.

Butterfly Garden – Mike stated that he spoke to Sergeant Kelly, from the Municipal Court, regarding people being referred to the CC for community service. Mike states that an article is to run in the Valley Breeze asking for volunteers to help with the Butterfly Garden.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Doris stated that she was given a business card from an attorney who would like to speak the CC regarding the wetlands that the court house is to built on. Mike stated that the CC would be informed when the State applies for an application to build on wetlands. Mike suggested for Doris to invite the attorney to the next meeting for Public Comment. Mike stated that the CC voiced their opinion regarding the new Middle School being built on wetlands and yet the Town didn't listen. Doris stated that a lot of traffic will be all going into that area.

Mike suggested to table the discussion regarding a donation towards the fish ladders until the CC knows what the budget will be spent on.

Mike stated that he would like to add the Smithfield Avenue road project to the CC's commission projects. He stated that a letter has been sent to the RIDOT and that the CC should follow up on the status of the pond.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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