

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

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2008 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Alexander called the February 6, 2008 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:40 PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of October 3, 2007 minutes. Motion by Anne, seconded by Tony, voted unanimous.

Doris arrived at 7:50 pm.

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Langlais and Amy Shores attended as representatives from the Lincoln Community Organic Garden on River Road. Karen stated that she had written a letter to the CC and the Town Administrator asking to extended the garden. She stated that the extension was no longer needed. She stated that the plan was to grow vegetables for one self and then the excess would be given away. She stated there were more members who were interested in planting that there was land. Mike stated that the garden was created with having planting plots for the members and then separate plots for the donations (common) and the members would help maintain the common plots. Karen said not to extend the area but to convert part of the common plots to member plots because there was not enough space for the vegetables that the members want to grow. Anne asked where the produce was being donated and if the members had a say in where the produce went. Karen said that Gladys Lamontagne, the previous representative, had the say. Karen said she has brought food to the food bank, but people have to then buy it from the food bank. Anne asked if this garden was also use in teaching the kids. Karen stated that it had been offered to Principal Carvalho, Lonsdale, for learning. Mike stated that the members would discuss the matter and get back to Karen.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

RIDEM- Division of Forest Environment, America the Beautiful Grant Program, January 2, 2008 – Grants for trees
Coastal Recourses Management Council – Volume 14 Issue 4, Fall/Winter 2008

Woodard & Curran – Volume 15 No3, Winter 2007 Issue

RI Land Trust Council, Land & Water Conservation Summit

RIDEM – A follow-up letter stating that there was an attempt to contact Mike to discuss Smithfield Avenue runoff, but the Town Clerks office had no idea how to do so. Mike will follow up.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

RIDEM – December 3, 2007, Revised Permit – Application No 04-0199, 861 Lower River Road, Assessor's plat 29 lots 85, 133 and 134.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Organic Garden – Mike explained that the garden was created by Gladys, Jessica Peipock and himself. They took a 40 hour class to obtain a grant to start the garden. The garden was promoted mainly for the common plots. Mike stated that he doesn't think that Karen is working mainly for the common plots, but that is the purpose of using town property. Mike said it sounds like the Town Administrator will let Karen do whatever she wants. Mike stated that maybe the CC should wipe their hands of the project. Annette stated that if that is done, then the CC will not have a say to make them change the process. Annette made a motion to write a letter to Karen asking of their intension and stating what the gardens purpose truly is. Seconded by Anne. Voted unanimous.

Butterfly Garden – Mike stated that there are plans to have another cleanup in April. Tony asked if a new pump would be purchased for the pond. Mike stated that the CC would have to review to budget balance before making a purchase. Mike asked for ideas on how to make the white butterfly permanent. The kids are constantly changing the stones around and forming letters. Mike stated that another advertisement will be place within the Valley Breeze regarding helping out with the cleanup.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Annette stated that Ron McKenna called her regarding an Eagle Scout that needed a project and if the CC could give him one. Mike suggests inviting him to the next meeting.

Daniel asked if the CC knew what the Town does with the Christmas trees and if they are chipped. No one knew so he will inquire.

Daniel asked if the CC could start a Going Green Project. For example placing an ad in the paper and making suggestions to the town's people and local businesses on what they could do to help preserve the environment, like better recycling. Mike said he would call Dave Sale for the report that the college student was suppose to have done.

Daniel asked what was going on at the Gateway Park. It looks like a dumping ground with trash all around. Mike stated that he thought that it was all the state's stuff.

Daniel said he would like to look into the tree grant and also see that no invasive trees were being planted. He said he would follow up with Judy Hadley.

Mike state that Frank Geary from The Blackstone River Watershed Council inquired on if the CC could make a donation towards the fish ladders. Mike stated that again they would have to evaluate the budget.

Daniel made a motion to have all the CC members attend the RI Land Trust Council, Land & Water Conservation Summit. Seconded by Tony. Votes unanimous.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Annette seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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