

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

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2008 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 April 2, 2008 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:33 PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of February 6, 2008 minutes. Motion by Anne, seconded by Tony, voted unanimous.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Karen Langlais – Lincoln Organic Community Garden representative. The letter was regarding the status of the garden and the change of stewardship. Mike stated that he would follow through with Karen and resolve the issues at hand.

Lincoln Public Library – Becky Boragine. Becky asked the CC if the library could donate a bench or something to be placed in the Butterfly Garden. Mike stated that he would follow up with Becky.

RIDEM- Announcement of a public workshop, March 4th, regarding the List of Impaired Waters.

Lincoln Budget Board, March 14, 2008 – Invitation to discuss the CC Budget.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

RIDEM – February 6, 2008, Insignificant Alteration Permit – Application No 07-0405, 150 feet south of Paddock Drive and 250 west of Paddock Drive and Grandstand Drive, Assessor's Plat 42, Lots 234 and 235.

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Organic Community Garden- Mike stated again that he would contact Karen Langlais regarding the state of the garden and get a clarification on how the garden is going to be run. Anne stated that she would hope that the garden remain the same in regards to the community plots. Mike stated that this would actually change the usage of the land to residential use and not open space.

Mike stated that the BFG cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday , April 12th, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Mike stated that the CC would need to perchance mulch, preen-weed killer, cement, and food for the volunteers. Anne made a motion to allow Mike to spend \$1000.00 on those items, for the BFG cleanup. Mike stated that he would also ask for donations. Dan suggested using newspaper under the mulch as a weed preventative instead of the preen chemical. Mike said that they would try a good portion of the garden to see if it work out. Mike asked Dan if he could inquire to different company on the expense to replace the pump in the BFG pond and to clean the pond.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Mike stated that he did attend the meeting. The Budget Board was prepared to cut the CC budget by \$1000.00., due to the lack of spending. Mike explained to the board that the CC spends a majority of the money in the spring of the following year. Mike also explained to the BB that they needed to increase the secretary line item to allow for the yearly rate increase that the Town allows. The budget board said that they would consider keeping the existing budget and not reducing it.

Mike stated that the trash at the Gateway Park parking lot in the remnants from State's construction on Smithfield Avenue.

Anne stated that there was work being performed on Smithfield Avenue near the pond. She stated that the State was working on the pond side of the road. Mike stated that he was playing phone tag with the gentleman from that state regarding the letter that the CC had sent.

Tony stated that he had talked to Joe Casey from the RIDEM. Mr. Casey stated that Tony could look through the state records regarding any of the wetland permits that the Town of Lincoln receives. Sue Morin Casey is in charge of the records.

Dan stated that he spoke to someone at URI regarding the invasive plants in the BFG garden and other areas of the Town. He said he would invite him to the next meeting. Mike stated that if this person is available, the CC should set up a meeting for the public to attend, to teach them about invasive plants

Mike stated that he would try to contact Dave Sale to attend the next meeting regarding the recycling within the Town.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Annette seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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