

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

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2009 MEETING OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

MICHAEL J. ALEXANDER - CHAIRMAN  
DORIS BRAIS – TREASURER  
DANIEL FLYNN  
MICHAEL GRAVIER  
MICHAEL MARSEGLIA  
ANNE MCGINN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

ANTHONY E. PERROTTI – VICE CHAIRMAN

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Michael Alexander called the April 1, 2009 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:33 PM

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The approval of the March 4, 2009 minutes with a spelling change in Public Comment, contacted to contractor. Motion by Anne, seconded by Doris. Voted to approve.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron McKenna, Town Councilman from Manville and Dave Sale, Senior Center Planning, is here to speak about the new Senior Center (SC). The SC is proposed to be built to the left of the new middle school. Mr. McKenna stated that he understands that there is a concern from the CC regarding the wetlands in the area in which the new SC is to be built. Mr. McKenna showed the rough copy of the plans. He explained that there is an existing dirt road that will be expanded 5' on each side for a driveway to the SC. Dave Sale explained that the Town went to the DEM with a potential plan, in the same area, for a ball field, the DEM stated that there would be too much infringement on the wetlands. The plan would have been denied. Mr. McKenna explained that the SC would not take up as much space. The SC will be to the left of the middle school with access from Jenckes Hill Road on 4 acres of Town owned property. The plan showed the site in a Y shape with the driveway leading to a circle area for the building. Dan Flynn stated that if this project is approved, the water runoff will go into the wetlands. Mr. Sale stated that the neighbors have been notified and have no problems. Mr. McKenna stated that engineer made corrections and that the Town is cautious of the layout. Mr. McKenna stated that there will be a public information meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. The groundbreaking is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Mr. Sale stated that the money for this project was approved 5 years ago at the Financial Town Meeting and could only be used for this project. Mr. Sale stated that the town wants to make the building LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, as much as possible, with solar panels, etc. The plan is similar to the SC in South Kingston. Mr. Sale stated the operating cost should only include a custodian, bus driver, director and 2 1/2 employees. There would be no increase in employees from the existing SC. Anne questioned the outside area. Mr. Sale stated that there could be a community garden, possible greenhouse, bocce court, game room, etc. Dan asked if there was federal money being used. Mr. Sale stated that there was no federal money. There will also be no pool. There are too many in the surrounding area.

Mr. George Defond, retired Manville Pack 1 Cub Master, is here being presented with a plaque and key to the Lincoln Butterfly Garden. Mr. Defond has been acknowledged for 8 years of service and coordinating the Cub Scouts, to assist at the annual Butterfly Garden cleanup. Mr. Defond stated that the scouts have learned the value of community service, the value of natural resources and the Boy Scout World Conservation Award.

Dave Sale, Recycling Coordinator, is here for an update, to the CC, on the future recycling plan. Mr. Sale has invited the CC to attend a tour of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the recycling plant in Johnston RI. Mr. Sale stated that there will be banners made reading “No Bin, No Barrel” “Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>”. Mr. Sale stated that the flyer to be mailed to the residence of Lincoln has had some changes made and due to be mailed in June. Mr. Sales stated that he would speak to the Valley Breeze about running an ad to make the new announcement. There will be a day scheduled for residence to buy a recycling bin. Mr. Sale stated that the RIRRC float was not available and if the CC could possibly put one together.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Northern RI Conservation District-2009 Seedling Sale

V. **WETLAND APPLICATIONS:** None

VI. **COMMISSION PROJECTS:**

Butterfly Garden: Mike A. stated that there were 3 areas of the water line that needed fixing before the pond could be cleaned and fixed. The bird bath filler pipe, the end of the water line was broken and the middle of the line had burst. Anne made a motion to allow Mike A. to purchase the materials needed to fix the water line problems. Mike G. seconded. Voted unanimous. Dan stated that he would be picking up the memorial tree in time for the cleanup. Mike A. stated that the annual BFG cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. Mike A. stated that the materials for the cleanup needed to be ordered. The mulch, food for the volunteers, and the preen weed killer. Anne made a motion to allow Mike A. to order these materials. Mike M. seconded. Voted unanimous.

Open Space – no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Anne stated that she and Mike G. attend the RI Land and Water Conservation Summit. See the attachment on their summary of the summit.

Dan asked if the CC should create a grassroots group to obtain government grants. Mike A. stated that a private group could be formed but the CC could not form a group. Mike G. stated that there is a group in Smithfield for historical preservation. The group is the Innovation to the Future of Open Space Conservation.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Doris stated that there is a 70 unit condo project to be started on Breakneck Hill Road. She is concerned about the traffic that this development will create. She stated that the YMCA will also be expanding. Mike A. stated that there has been no concern brought to the CC regarding the project. The only reason the CC would be concerned is if there were wetland problems. Mike A. suggested to have Doris call Al Rinaldi and ask of the status of the project.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike G. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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