

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

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2010 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

ANTHONY E. PERROTTI – VICE CHAIRMAN
DORIS BRAIS - TREASURER
DANIEL FLYNN
MICHAEL GRAVIER
MICHAEL MARSEGLIA
ANNE MCGINN

MEMBERS ABSENT

JOSEPH DeCOTIS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Anthony Perrotti called the October 6, 2010 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:36 PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Tony asked for the approval of the September 1, 2010 minutes. A motion by Anne, seconded by Mike M. Voted to approve.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Attending: Mr. Joseph Almond, Town Administrator. Mr. Arthur Russo, Town Councilman, Janet Butler, Land Trust.

Mr. Almond first wanted to discuss the CC budget. There are still 3 open purchase orders (PO). Any requisition/PO's over \$500.00 are subject to a public bid. Requisitions/PO under \$500.00 should be sent to the Town Administrator (TA) for a review and approval.

Mr. Almond, Mr. Russo and Ms. Butler are here regarding Open Space Funds.

- Mr. Almond stated that Open Space Funds are for the purchase and maintenance of open space property.
- The town is interested in the Fillippi property (Ballard's Farm). At this time the family members own the frontage property.
- The town is interested in the Jergenson property (Albion Rd). The town owns the abutting 100 acres. Mr. Jergenson gave up the request to develop the property.
- The town is interested in the Lepore property that abuts the Camp Meehan property. This would allow access to the camp area. The town and owner cannot agree on an appraisal. The Camp Meehan property is considered to be half recreation and half restricted property. There are 15 acres of unrestricted area.
- Doris asked about putting in soccer fields. The TA stated that the town has just rebuilt Manville Park including the soccer fields. There are new restrooms, playground, building and turn around.
- The town has \$614,000 in the open space fund and the TA added \$600,000 from the towns surplus.
- The town just purchased the abutting land to Lonsdale Park, Laparto property.
- The town is in the process of reconstructing the Manton Dam. The town owns the dam and DEM sighted the town to take the dam down or replace it. The land surrounding the dam is owned by the Preservation.
- The town lost the bid to purchase the property on Breakneck Hill Rd. The town denied the sewer plans and now the town is being sued by the owner.
- The TA is asking the CC to update the inventory of the towns holdings.
- The town would like to put nature trails from Chase Park to Lonsdale Park. The town applied for a grant to maintain the walking paths but the grant was denied.
- The TA has asked the CC to find out what is needed to sell the 3 lots on Ballou Avenue.
- The Counoyer junk yard property on Cobble Hill Road, the owners still has intentions to build.
- Anne asked about Barney's Pond dam. The TA stated that will cost approximately \$400,000 to fix. The dam at Handy and Butterfly farm need to be maintained before they are considered to be a violation.

- The town has cleared out some of the trees on the sidewalks and replaced them in the yards. The town has had liability issues with the trees on the sidewalks.
- Mr. Russo stated that the Butterfly dam has been strengthened with a coffer dam. The Dam had also sighted this dam for repair.
- The TA stated that the town spends \$50,000 a year on the maintenance of the Hearthside property.
- The TA stated that people would like to make Chase Park a dog park, so he is asking the CC to help to advise him on the potential maintenance, cleanup and policing of the park if this was to be considered. Dan Flynn asked why a dog park/area could be placed within Chase Park. He stated that in other towns the people help maintain the area. The TA stated that he would not really like to give up a nice piece of property to the dogs. Doris asked if the Gateway Park could be a dog park. The TA stated that it is deed restricted.
- The TA stated that the Lincoln Almond field is polluted. From the previous dump, the pollution has risen to the top. The TA stated that it could cost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$300,000 to excavate and recap the property.
- The TA stated that the Cullen property was never negotiated with the Town. It has been in court for seven years since the Town has blocked construction.
- The TA has asked the CC and the Land Trust to work together on the existing open space list and future properties.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:** State of Rhode Island Senate Legislative Grant Application for 2011.
RI Community Food Bank – letter regarding donations from the Organic Garden.

V. **WETLAND APPLICATIONS:** RIDEM Application #10-0070 September, 1, 2010. Tony stated that he will follow up with RIDEM.

VI. **COMMISSION PROJECTS:**
Organic Community Garden- According to the letter from RI Food Bank, produce has been donated.

Rain Garden- Mike M stated that the grant for the rain garden was denied. Apparently it was for the wrong watershed area. The rain garden was installed by the contractor. No work is needed from the CC. Grand opening of The Center is November 3rd.

Shady Brook – Dan will contact Dave Sale regarding the plants wanted.

Open Space – Anne stated that she went with Ocean State Printers. The brochure is in the working.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
Tony needs to obtain some information regarding Mike Alexander’s years of service.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
Mike G. stated that there is lawn fertilizer going into Scott Pond. He has a water quality brochure and would like to follow up with the Blackstone River Coalition to zap the Blackstone. Anne suggested inviting a representation to the CC meeting.

IX. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**
Secretary – no requested for appointment. Mike M. made a motion to continue having Leslie Alexander as recording secretary. Doris seconded. Voted unanimous.
Treasurer – no appointment. Recording secretary is presently keeping track of the budget, requisitions and PO’s.
Vice Chairman – Anne made a motion to continue having Tony as the vice chair. Mike M. seconded. Voted unanimous.
Chairman – Dan made a motion to have Mike M. take over as chairman. Tony seconded. Voted unanimous.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Alexander, Recording Secretary
Lincoln Conservation Commission