

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

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

JARED BETHAL – CHAIRMAN
DORIS BRAIS
ROBERT MCNALLY
FRANCINE JACKSON

MEMBERS ABSENT

CAROL ROWLEY – CO-CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY
DANIEL FLYNN

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Jared Bethel called the December 9, 2015 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 PM

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Deferred to next month.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Houghton - gave hand out on some info, says the town needs change, town has not been negligent but there has been a lot of leeway given. He has been in contact with town Council and Joe Almond about making a 25 foot rule around the grave yards. He has found yards missing and highly neglected. 82 grave yards are in need of repair. In Albion in a town owned land cemetery. He has covered 15 stones that were buried off the cliff. Behind 29-31 briarwood road. A temp sign has been posted. First step is to recover lost and buried stones. The BVHS vice president was hoping that the town would oversee this by working with the towns engineers.

Ken Postle - The state has set up towns to enforce the cemeteries. The town needs to adopt these rules and laws. He suggest that the town have the Conservation Commission check off on these lands before being built. He asked that the CC be conservators for the yards. Jared said he would check into that. Ken says his efforts he calls the 4 R's Recover, Record, Restore and Research.

Paul Rosseli - VP of RIACC - said that the RIACC is active in statewide wetlands bills, open space projects and workshops that would help benefit the CC of Lincoln. He mentioned improving the quality of life. Also said that his group was proactive in the Cumberland Monastery Land that was protected. Paul said that this would help educate and increase networking.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: None

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Jared stated that there will be a cleanup again on November 14th. Robert made a motion to purchase pizza for a maximum of \$50.00 for the volunteers. Dan seconded. Voted unanimously. Robert stated that he will post flyers at the high school.

Jared - Motion \$450 Michael Healy designs BFG brass plaque 15x8 inch solid brass dark brown back ground. 2nd by Doris. Voted Unanimous.

Shady Brook –All set for winter.

Open Space –no report

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Jared made a motion, seconded by Doris to write to the Town Council about combining the Land Trust and the Conservation Commission. Voted unanimously. Robert said this would raise the quality of the town and strengthen the community.

Francine talked to Al Rinaldi and said that there was no lighting ordinance but it was implied to be conservative.

Francine talked about the solar farm that is going up in the industrial park. Was told by Al Rinaldi that they would be raised up, no employees, fenced in, quiet, off at night, no glare, mowed bi yearly. No complaints. Fran asked about the Cullen property. She said she had not heard anything. Jared said that there was no new updates until January meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Jared made a motion, seconded by Robert to ask Town Hall about the CC becoming conservators. Voted unanimously.

Jared made a motion of \$100 to join RIACC (Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions). Seconded by Doris. Voted unanimously.

Jared made a motion of a \$600 donation to Blackstone Valley Historical Society to help maintain the historical cemeteries. Seconded by Doris. Voted unanimously. Jared asked that the BVHS to use these funds on Lincoln owned yards only and to the direct purchase of materials for volunteers. Ken Postle and the BVHS has been extremely frugal and hard working for our town

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Jared made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doris seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie B Alexander, Secretary
Recorded by Jared Bethel
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