

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

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2016 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

DANIEL FLYNN - CHAIR
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY
DORIS BRAIS
FRANCINE JACKSON
ROBERT MCNALLY

MEMBERS ABSENT

CAROL ROWLEY – CO-CHAIR
JARED BETHEL

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dan Flynn called the March 10, 2016 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:11 PM

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

February 3, 2016 minutes approved. Voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Houghton from the Blackstone River Historical Society came to discuss the historical cemeteries in Lincoln. He first stated that the BVHS is on Facebook for those who want to follow the progression of the cemetery restorations. He has proposed a regulation to the Town Planning Board regulations to reinforce the State law regarding the excavation of historical cemeteries. This would give the Town the ability to make exceptions. The regulation would have the Town follow up on an excavation by a contractor and if there were in fact the siting of a historical cemetery, the town would have an archeologist review the borders of the property being dug and stop the building on the property if necessary. If the Tow Planner does not incorporate the regulation, then John will approach the Town Council for an ordinance change. John stated that he is to ask the Town Council to proclaim April 16th is Historical Cemetery Restoration Day. A cleanup has been organized by the BVHS to continue cleaning the Lampercock Road Cemetery. Robert stated that he will post a notice at the high school for students needing to fulfill civic hours.

Leslie made a motion for the CC to participate in the cleanup and advertise for volunteers in the Valley Breeze. Francine seconded. Voted unanimously.

Leslie made a motion to purchase pizza, water, napkins, not exceed \$125.00, for the volunteers at the cleanup. Doris seconded. Voted unanimously.

John has asked the CC to send a letter of support, for the regulation, to the Town Planning Board. Leslie made a motion to send a letter of support. Dan seconded. Voted unanimously.

John stated that there would be a meeting of the BVHS, on March 30th, and Ken Postle, who has lead the restoration project, will be the guest speaker.

John has asked the CC, to have the Planning Board, notify the CC about any potential historical cemeteries effected by new construction. The BVHS has located and recorded 60 of the 82 historical cemeteries record by Mr. Arnold in 1890. John stated that he will be asking the Town to included historical cemeteries on the Town's plat maps.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE: None

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Butterfly Garden – Robert stated that the garden is looking good. Dan stated he will follow up on ordering the rhododendron bushes. Leslie stated she will follow up with the Cumberland Quarry for rocks for the path outline.

Mussey Brook – Leslie stated that it is very scarce of plants. Leslie made a motion to purchase \$457.00 on bushes, plants for the Butterfly Garden and the Shady brook site. Robert seconded. Voted unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that John Good has replaced Dave Sale as the Town’s facility manager, but not Recycling Coordinator. Leslie stated that she would like to call RI Resource Recovery for a tour of the Recycling Facility to teach the CC members the rights and wrongs of recycling, so that we can teach others in the community.

Francine stated that she contacted the Audubon Society and they state the lighting problem is not bad. She also stated that there will be a meeting on March 31st with the Rhode Island Environmental Educational Association, RIEEA. There will be a discussion about lighting. Francine stated that there needed to be more scientific people involved.

Dan stated that the Cullen property proposal has decrease in buildings from 200 to 170. Dan will email Al Rinaldi on any new changes. Leslie stated that this will be good revenue for the Town, since most of the owners will 55 years and old.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Dan will email Al Rinaldi on the development of the Dunkin Donuts.

IX. BUDGET: No report

X. ELECTION OF OFFICES: No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Francine seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie B Alexander, Secretary
Lincoln Conservation Commission