

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

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2017 MEETING OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

DANIEL FLYNN - CHAIR  
OWEN HELEEN – CO-CHAIR  
LESLIE B ALEXANDER-SECRETARY  
FRANCINE JACKSON  
DORIS BRAIS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

ROBERT MCNALLY-TREASURER

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Dan Flynn called the June 21, 2017 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:08 PM.

**II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

Dan made a motion to approve the May 3, 2017. Seconded by Owen. Voted unanimously.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gladys Lamontagne spoke to the CC regarding the Organic Garden on River Road. Gladys stated that she was the one who initiated the Organic Community garden in Sept/2000. In summary, the purpose of the garden was for individual to grow their own vegetables, but also contribute to growing plots for donations. At this time, the garden is disgraceful. There are approximately 27 plots, 7-9 of those plots belong to one family, ¾ of the garden is not cleaned, there is not water and no plots are for donations. The person is charge of the garden at this time, Andrew Mallon, is trying to form a non-profit organization with the garden. Gladys is asking if the town will be overseeing the garden if it became a non-profit. Gladys states that the original gardeners are gone and the existing ones are not using organic items. Dan Flynn stated that he will set up a meeting with Alan Moreau, director of Parks & Rec. Owen is questioning the liability of the Town, if something happens to someone. Dan suggests bringing back the original rules and establishing new rules.

Bill McManus spoke to the CC regarding the Lincoln 2020 Program. He reiterated that there are sections of the Town that are deteriorating. There is a \$5000.00 budget for mailers to go to home owners and businesses. He is asking the CC to become proficient in stabling problem areas around town and establishing a town portal for people to report problem areas. Owen questioned who was going to oversee this major project. The CC would like to establish an Adopt-A Spot program. Leslie stated that she would speak to the IT department to setup a portal and an CC email. Bill is asking to first start a list of major problem properties.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Gladys Lamontagne regarding Organic Garden.**

**V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None**

**VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:**

Butterfly Garden- No Report.

Shady Brook-No Report.

Historical Cemeteries-No Report.

Organic Garden- Dan stated that he will be contacting Mr. Almond and Allan Moreau to set up a meeting with himself and Gladys Lamontagne to discuss the Organic Gardens status.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

Dan stated his concern again about the alleged parking lot that is supposed to be extended. He will contact Alan Moreau.

Owen stated that due to a poor interest in the cleanup for the previous date, we need to reschedule. The Narragansett Bay Commission requires that the cleanup be performed before August 31, 2017. Dan suggested Carrington St. The cc decided on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The time frame is from 9-12. Leslie will contact the Valley Breeze.

Owen stated that the state has rescheduled the Cullen property meeting.

Leslie stated that Kite Flying Day was just ok. There were 12 kids, with 7 food donations that went to the RI Food Bank. Leslie will try again in the fall.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**IX. BUDGET:** No report.

**X. ELECTION OF OFFICES:**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Owen seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie B Alexander, Secretary  
Lincoln Conservation Commission