

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: September 7, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Lincoln Senior Center 150 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincoln, RI 02865

Attendees:

Advisory Committee – Josh Berry, Steve Kearns, Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Jr., Ken Bostic, Michael Reilly, Phil Gould, and Teddy Sullivan

Absent members – Jennifer Nault and Rosaliz Gaitan

Consultant – Susan Mara

Members of the public – Frank Spezzano

Opening of Meeting/Review of Minutes

The Advisory Committee opened the meeting at 6:30. There were no comments on the meeting minutes.

Public Survey

Ms. Mara noted that questions 11 and 12 had been removed and the survey had been moved to a more prominent location on the website. The survey will be published in advance of the public workshop.

Comprehensive Plan Name/Website Address

The Advisory Committee decided on Envision Lincoln.

Comprehensive Plan Update – comments on existing plan

The Advisory Committee discussed the legislative changes and their impact on the Comprehensive Plan. The Committee decided to move ahead with the plan, rather than moving ahead with a parallel “lite” version to be approved by March.

The Committee noted that there are some concerns with water service that may impact future development.

Vision Discussion

Ms. Mara provided the vision statement from 2003 for the Town, and also for the different villages. The Committee reviewed these and will provide comments.

Project Schedule

Ms. Mara provided a schedule for the review of the chapters. The Committee will review Agriculture and Natural Resources in October.

Public Engagement Plan

The format of public workshops was discussed. The Public Workshop will be September 25 at the Senior Center at 6:30pm. The meeting will include a formal presentation and introduction followed by breakout groups to discuss the Town's vision.

Ms. Mara will provide postcards and posters to the Town, with information about the workshop and a QR code for the survey. These can be placed in Town Hall, the Senior Center, local restaurants, etc.

The Committee stated a preference to have breakout groups during the workshop to be organized by village.

Plan Outline

Ms. Mara explained that the new plan would be based upon the old plan, but that it needs to be structured to conform with new state guidelines.

Next Steps

The Advisory Committee will meet on October 12, 2023.