

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: November 2, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Lincoln Senior Center 150 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincon, RI 02865

Attendees:

Advisory Committee – Josh Berry, Steve Kearns, Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Jr, Phil Gould, Ken Bostic

Absent members –Jennifer Nault, Rosaliz Gaitan, Teddy Sullivan, Michael Reilly,

Consultant – Susan Mara

Members of the public – No members of the public were present.

Opening of Meeting/Review of Minutes

The Advisory Committee opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. The meeting minutes were approved, with Josh's edits.

Vision Working Draft

Ms. Mara noted that the document provided is a draft, for review and comment. Mr. Berry suggested that the format include context, how growth is anticipated, and the vision for each of the villages. The draft will be revised to include these for the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Public Engagement Plan

The next workshop is scheduled for April. Weston & Sampson will continue to work with Josh to reach out to stakeholders before April and will propose additional ways to reach out to interested community members, including monthly emails and engaging with students.

Existing Conditions

Public Services and Facilities –

- The recreation department has summer programs, which should be included. The library section needs to be expanded. Josh will reach out to the librarian.
- A goal/policy/action is to increase the efficiency of the fire districts – more collaboration.
- Where did “Community Health Lincoln” come from?
- The Town provides dispatch services for all the fire districts. They are all separate with their own taxing authority. They are village-based, but some are merging. Saylesville has absorbed Fairlawn and Lonsdale.
- Include photos of the new school facilities.
- Table 8-3 – Fairlawn Elementary School was sold to Blackstone Valley Prep, which is a charter school.
- The Town spent \$30 million on a new middle school. The high school and new physical education center were renovated, and the project cost was \$8.2 million.
- Do we have a copy of the Facility Condition Assessment from the school?
- On page 8-9 – revise the first sentence in the second paragraph. They did not renovate the middle school, they built a new one.
- Trash is a municipal function, but the Town has hired a private company, since 2015 for recycling.
- The sewer system maintenance is also privatized. There is no more City maintained wastewater.
- Stormwater – there are issues with localized street flooding. The Town is working to identify funding in some specific areas around Town – the Highlands, Lonsdale and Oakwood.
- There was a \$4 million police department renovation. Animal control is regionalized – Lincoln works with Cumberland.
- Page 8-11 there have been recent upgrades to the pump station. All of the equipment – town-wide – has been standardized.

Natural Hazards and Climate Change –

- Integrate climate change for Lincoln more specifically in the chapter.

Other

- Lincoln has a homestead exemption for owner-occupied residences, this includes up to 4-unit structures.
- The road in front of Davies does not have safe pedestrian infrastructure.