

MEETING SUMMARY

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

Attendees:

Advisory Committee – Josh Berry, Steve Kearns, Arthur Russo, Jr, Phil Gould, Ken Bostic, Jennifer Nault, Rosaliz Gaitan, Teddy Sullivan, Michael Reilly

Absent members –Keith Macksoud

Consultant – Susan Mara

Members of the public – Bonnie Taylor, Eric Harrison, Frank Spezanno

Opening of Meeting/Review of Minutes

The Advisory Committee opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. The meeting minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Vision Working Draft – Lonsdale and Industrial Corridor

Ms. Mara provided the Lonsdale and Industrial Corridor vision statement from the 2003 plan for comment. The advisory committee provided direction on which parts of the vision are still relevant. Josh and Sue discussed how to approach the vision and determined that structuring it by village is the most appropriate approach.

Public Engagement Plan

April Workshop- Dates should avoid Council and Planning Board meeting nights. Decide on a date in January, with consideration of the Planning Board and Town Council meeting dates.

Survey Closure -The survey will close at the end of the year. Josh to coordinate with the school department to publicize survey.

Other - Josh has connected with the school superintendent about connecting with teachers at the High School for civic engagement including a potential photo contest.

Historic and Cultural Resources –

The committee noted that the plan should recommend continued and expanded protection of the Town's historic resources. Another comment was to expand the information available for archaeological resources. Ms. Nault noted that the Conservation Commission is working with the state historic cemetery group. She thought there were more than the 45 historic cemeteries listed. The plan should identify both Friends of Hearthside and Preserve RI as assisting with local preservation efforts.

Transportation and Circulation

The Committee and members of the public had several comments requesting clarification on the information provided and suggestions for goals and actions.

- This chapter should include the projects listed on the state TIP and identify which roadways are state vs. locally maintained.
- Pedestrian and bike safety is a priority issue. Some specific places were identified including the road in front of Davies.
- Reach out to DPW to get the pavement assessment and information related to sidewalks.
- Include information on the alternatives to automobiles that commuters used (page 11-2).
- RIPTA does have on-demand transit in Lincoln, and the #75 is the most used route in Lincoln (Lonsdale Avenue and Front Street).
- The GIS map shows a different number of stops than listed in the text.
- Is the information on the Ridership report representative of statewide?
- Potential action items
 - Address the RIPTA stops in Lincoln, they are not well-marked.
 - Explore the opportunity to connect the high school to the Bikeway/Greenway.
 - Assess safe routes to school Town-wide.
 - Discuss maintenance responsibility on state roads with RIDOT.
- Potential Goals
 - Improved pedestrian safety, including sidewalks where appropriate.
 - Provide safe connections to the Blackstone Valley Bikeway from the villages. For example, there is a connection from Manville, but parts are not safe. The connection from Lonsdale works well. The Lonsdale Elementary School is safe and accessible to bike to.