

## **Little Compton Conservation Commission Agenda:**

**Meeting July 25th, 2012 at 7:30PM, to be held in the Town Council Chambers**

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### **1) Water Gauge Installation Project**

#### **a) RIDOT approval needed**

**i) Nancy Ricci, Legal Services AA (401) 222-6510**

**ii) Dave Fish, Bridge Engineer (401) 222-2053, ext 4022**

**iii) Carol Stravado, Bridge Engineering AA (401) 222-2053, ext 4066**

#### **b) Quantifying the water: calculating the data**

**i) Commissioner Richard Castenson: Updates**

**ii) Determining reliable methods**

**iii) Assigning commissioners to record data**

### **2) Public Access to Land Publication:**

**a) To be published and mailed to town residents (as with other Town newsletters)**

**i) Logistics of printing and postage?**

**ii) Publish hardcopy only**

**b) Research and composition: delegating duties**

**i) Research delegation**

**ii) Composition delegation: writing a brief description of each plat's physical and legal qualities**

**iii) Small stipend from the town for a legal research intern?**

**3) Webpage for the Conservation Commission through the Town's website?**

**a) To allow the public to: (1) stay informed of the Commission's work; (2) report game sightings, and (3) inform the Commission of conservation issues that are important to the public.**

**b) To aid compliance with R.I. Open Meetings laws**

**4) Working with R.I. D.E.M:**

**a) Brian Tefft, Principal Wildlife Biologist of Division of Fish and Wildlife**

**i) (401) 789-7481**

**b) Assessing the stock of New England Cottontail**

**i) New England's only native rabbit species**

**ii) Distinct from the invasive Eastern Cottontail**

**iii) Nearly impossible to distinguish through sightings**

**iv) Winter Project: collecting fecal pellets for DNA analysis by R.I. D.E.M.**

**c) Workshop: Establishing an effective game management plan for Little Compton**

**i) Streamline the reporting of game sightings via the Town's website:**

**1) Hens and broods**

**- Abundant stocks**

**- Inaccurate data leading to poor management plan**

**2) Buck(s), Doe(s), and Fawn**

**3) Game Cameras: relatively inexpensive and can provide invaluable data if utilized appropriately – funding from town to purchase 2 cameras?**

**ii) Assemble a group of landowners for game management education and to discuss and implement an effective game management plan (i.e. to encourage landowners to allow approved individuals to engage in well regulated hunting)**

**- Workshop with Guest Speaker Brian Tefft, Chief Biologist R.I. D.E.M.**

**5) Little Compton Conservation Commission's New Gmail Account:**

**a) LCConservationCommission@gmail.com**

**i) Allows the public to keep in touch**

**ii) Facilitate information exchange among Commissioners**

**iii) Password will be distributed to the Commissioners**