

Salisbury Pathways Committee

Seventy First Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, December 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom.

Present via Zoom: Natalia Smirnova, Kathy Trahan, Pat Hackett, Chris Williams, Gerry Stanton

Minutes:

Call to order -- 5:32 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of November 14, 2022.
Approved unanimously.
2. Status of the Connectivity Grant.
The bid for the work will open on December 20, 2022, at noon via Town Hall.
3. Promotion of the Library to Salmon Kill Road Sidewalk.
Gerry and Kathy have a draft of the editorial to be placed in The Lakeville Journal in January. It should be run as “thank you” to Loch and Leena Johnson, who placed a nice article about the sidewalk in The Lakeville Journal several weeks ago.
4. Progress of funding opportunities research: Gerry and Kathy.
Kathy has sent the letter to Maria Horn on December 7, 2022. The copy of the email is attached. So far, we have not heard from Maria Horn. Kathy will follow-up in the new year.
5. Final connection between Salisbury and Lakeville – discussion of next steps.
Curtis is working on TRIP grant. Natalia is to update Committee’s priorities document to include phases that are already completed. The updated document is attached.
6. Meeting Dates for 2023 – discussion and approval.
Meetings dates approved unanimously. The schedule is attached.
7. Citizens comments – no citizens were present.
8. New Business:
Positive feedback was received regarding Library to the Meadows sidewalk. Need to start working on the second priority – “Triangle with Horns”. Sarum Village connection to town will increase safety of all pedestrians as they walk to Town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on December 15, 2022.



Natalia Smirnova <2014nataliasmirnova@gmail.com>

Infrastructure Funds Availability

1 message

Kathryn Trahan <ktbox495@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at 10:13 AM

To: maria.horn@cga.ct.gov

Cc: Chris Williams <cwilliams@salisburyct.us>, Gerry Stanton <geraldstanton423@gmail.com>, Pat Hackett <prh@prhackett.com>, "Cc: Natalia Smirnova" <2014nataliasmirnova@gmail.com>

Dear Maria,

A belated congratulations on your re-election last month! Your support of important issues for our communities in the Northwest corner has been much appreciated.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we wanted to ask your help in identifying the proper channels in Hartford, either offices or persons, for accessing infrastructure funds that might be available to the town of Salisbury. We are the Salisbury Pathways Committee. We hope you are aware of our work to provide safe sidewalks both in town and connecting Salisbury and Lakeville.

The committee, which was formed in 2014, successfully applied for and received funds under the state's Connectivity program in 2016. These funds are being used to create a sidewalk from the Salisbury Central School on Lincoln City Road to the Lakeville Hose Company firehouse, the emergency evacuation site for the school. Work is scheduled to begin on this project in early 2023. In the meantime, working with the town this fall, we extended the existing sidewalk in Salisbury from the Scoville Library to the Salisbury Association-owned Vincent Preserve on route 44/41.

Continuing the work that was envisioned when the committee was formed, we would like to move forward with plans to first, complete the sidewalk from the Vincent Preserve to the firehouse, creating a safe, walkable route from Salisbury to Lakeville; followed by installing sidewalks on route 41 from the White Hart Inn to Cobble Road, allowing better access to town from Sarum Village and Noble Horizons. A similar project would extend sidewalks on route 44 to the Lion's Head condominiums and the Appalachian Trail crossing. Other priorities include providing a safe walkway between Lakeville and The Hotchkiss School.

Of course all these projects require funding.

Referring to Chris Murphy's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Resource Guide, it would appear that our sidewalk projects might qualify under one or more of the programs available. Hence, the question---where do we begin? Is there a person or persons who would be able to provide information and guidance on how to access these funds and/or who might serve as our liaison with Hartford? Are there channels in place or will this be clarified in the new year?

Any help you can provide in directing our efforts would be greatly appreciated! Our committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 pm, currently via Zoom. We would be pleased to have you join one of our meetings if you would like more information on our work.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

The Salisbury Pathways Committee
Chris Williams, Pat Hackett, Natalia Smirnova, Jerry Stanton, Kathy Trahan

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Updated Priorities

(set on September 15, 2014, updated on December 12, 2022)

1. **"The Connector"** – connect existing sidewalks of the villages of Salisbury and Lakeville.
 - **Phase 1**: Scoville Memorial Library to Salisbury Association Meadow – **completed December 2022.**
 - **Phase 2**: Lincoln City Road – Brook Street – Fire House – **documentation work completed November 2022. Going for bid 12/20/22.**
 - **Phase 3**: Connect phase 1 and phase 2 – **in planning stage.**

2. **"Triangle with Horns"** -triangle that is comprised by Rt. 41 North, Cobble Road, and Rt. 44 South with "horns" extended to Appalachian Trail parking lot on Rt. 41 and Lion's Head community on Rt. 44.
 - **Phase 1**: Rt. 41 – from Salisbury Ambulance to Sarum Village (definitely) and to Appalachian Trail entrance (possibly).
 - **Phase 2**: Rt. 44 – from Salisbury Village to Lion's Head (definitely) and to Appalachian Trail entrance (possibly).
 - **Phase 3**: Cobble Road – connection to Nobel Horizons.

3. The Hotchkiss School **connection to Lakeville Village.**

4. **Belgo Road.**

5. **Around the Lake.**

6. **Lime Rock.**

Committee decided to have a Global Approach whereas the plan will be developed to make all these pathways possible. However, the implementation stages will be separate for each section as per funds availability and other circumstances.

Notes:

- 1) These priorities were set during the second meeting of the Pathways Committee on September 15, 2014.
- 2) These priorities were revisited several times since 2014, and the Committee continues to work towards achieving these connectivity goals.
- 3) These priorities were updated with work completed by December 12, 2022.

Salisbury Pathways Committee

Committee members: Chris Williams (Chair), Natalia Smirnova (Secretary), Kathy Trahan, Gerry Stanton, Pat Hackett.

Meeting Dates for 2023

Salisbury Pathways Committee is to meet on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 16*** - third Monday due to the conflict on Columbus Day
November 13
December 11

Approved at the Salisbury Pathways Committee meeting on December 12, 2022