

Salisbury Pathways Committee

Seventy Second Meeting

Special Meeting

Date and Time: Friday, February 3, 2023, at 2 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom.

Present via Zoom: Rep. Maria Horn, Natalia Smirnova, Kathy Trahan, Pat Hackett, Chris Williams, Gerry Stanton

Minutes:

Call to order – 2:00 p.m.

1. Meeting with Representative Maria Horn, 64th District, to discuss opportunities for funding for completion of the pathway's connection between Lakeville and Salisbury.

Rep. Horn outlined two streams of funding for the operation expenses: investment in infrastructure and bonding. Bond Bill is the vehicle by which the Governor allocates the money to various priorities. Committees work to suggest to the Governor priorities for investments. Connectivity program is an important program of community investments.

Rep. Horn shared with the Committee the Bond Form, which we are to fill out for the Pathways Committee priorities in Salisbury. Maria will support the inclusion of our allocation request into the Bond Bill.

Kathy asked if the Infrastructure Fund at the Federal Level could be tapped in. Maria explained that the Federal Infrastructure Fund is not related to the Bond Bill, but we should explore it since we do have a deficit of infrastructure in NW Corner. When we write a proposal for any grant, we need to be very concrete: clearly identify and justify who will be served and how big will be the impact of that project completion.

Kathy suggested to look at the 6 potential buckets in the Special Transportation Fund which are focused on pedestrian safety. Maria said that she can talk to the Transportation Committee Chair about the importance of funding sidewalks in Salisbury due to safety, environmental, economic development (foot traffic), and health aspects.

Maria will send us the generic Bond Form, which we should fill out for the best of our ability to identify and measure the impact. The Bond Form is attached to these minutes as Maria has sent it while the meeting was in progress.

2. Update on the bids for Lincoln City Road – Brook Street Connectivity Grant project – Chris Williams.

Bids for the Connectivity Grant were opened on 12/20/22 and came in at \$850K-870K on 1/20/23. We have only \$400K from the State. Therefore, we need to cut the expenses or cut the work in pieces and figure out a way to complete the project. There will be trims in some items. American Rescue Act money will need to be used to make up the difference. It seems that

Selectmen's work with Marc Manchini on this is making progress towards the start of the construction in the Spring.

The connection from Meadow to Firehouse is planned to be funded by the [Transportation Rural Improvement Program \(TRIP\)](#) grant. TRIP grant from the State funds sidewalks and must be more than \$300K. Selectmen identified Lenard firm to do this work. We worked with Lenard earlier on projects related to sidewalks. The idea is to plan for several stages of the construction based on Pathways Committee's priorities. The proposed stages are: (1) Meadow to Firehouse; (2) Rt 41 North to Cobble Road and to Sarum Village; (3) Sarum Village to Rt 44 via Cobble Road.

For the first segment (Meadow to Firehouse) – Matt Kiefer did the survey already.

Next meeting, which had to be rescheduled due to President's Day holiday will be on February 27, 2023, at 5 p.m. virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on February 11, 2023.

Instructions:

Submit the completed request form & materials to the House Bonding Chair and Bonding Policy Analyst via email. Please include a detailed budget that accounts for how the funds will be spent, site plans, quotes, pictures and any other information that supports your project request.

HOUSE BOND REQUEST FORM

1. Name of project: _____

2. Address of project: _____

3. Legislator(s) requesting: _____

4. Date submitted: _____ 5. Request also submitted in Senate? YES NO

6. Total amount *requested* for bonding: _____

7. Total cost of project: _____

8. Other sources of other funding and amounts dedicated to this project: (i.e. federal, local, private)

9. Project Description (what are the funds specifically for?):

10. Project Status: (i.e. current phase, permits received, designed, federal or local approval, ready for construction):

11. Project contact person/information (name, title, relation to project, phone number, email address):

12. This project is anticipated to begin upon receiving bond request (check one):

Immediately _____ Within 6 months _____ Within 12 months _____

Notes/Comments: _____

13. Anticipated completion date currently: _____:

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14. Jobs created/retained - **Temporary AND Permanent:** _____

15. Benefits from this project (who does this project impact? serve? how? why is this important?)

16. Any other additional comments: _____
