# Salisbury Pathways Committee

**Eighty Fourth Meeting** 

Date and Time: Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Hybrid: Salisbury Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room (1st floor) and via Zoom.

Present:

<u>In-person</u>: Chris Williams, Jerry Stanton, Pat Hackett. <u>Virtually</u>: Kathy Trahan, Natalia Smirnova, Lester Riley.

#### Minutes:

Call to order – 5:30 p.m.

1. DEEP Recreational Trails Grant application for 2024.

#### 1.1. Conversation with Lion's Head Condominiums.

Gerry has met with Mr. Charles Vail – President; Ms. Carolyn Brady, Secretary, and Mr. Berel Held, Treasurer. Overall, it was a positive discussion. They are willing to produce a Letter of Support for the project provided that the elevated walkway will be on their side of Rt.41.

Conceptual design was shared with the group. The attraction of the project is the support of walkers. The data exists on the average intensity of hikers' flow through the Town during the summer months: 1000 hikers on average come through.

# 1.2. Conversation with the Appalachian Trail Community and Salisbury Economic Development Commitee.

Kathy met with Kitty Kieffer and Tom Shachtman, who are working on obtaining the" Appalachian Trail Community" designation for the Town of Salisbury. Tom Shachtman is a member of the Economic Development Committee and will obtain the letter of support for our project from them.

#### 1.3. Conversation with the Connecticut Committee for Appalachian Trail.

Gerry met with Mr. David Boon, who is on the Connecticut Committee for the Appalachian Trail (AT). The AT people are concerned about the safety of the hikers. This project will enhance safety on this part of the AT. David is behind this project 100% and will produce the letter of support.

# 1.4. Conversation with Salisbury Central School Board of Education.

Natalia has spoken with Mr. David Valcin, President of the SCS Board of Education. The educational value of this project stems from the availability of natural environment observation by community members. The elementary school children could visit the area, conduct scientific observation, and learn about the wetlands and various species living within it. Many creative projects could be undertaken by the students in higher grades preparing them for future studies and instilling in them the love for the natural environment and the passion for its protection.

Mr. Valcin was supportive of the project and promised to reach out to the SCS Principal and the SCS Science teacher to garnish their ideas and gain their support. He will produce the letter of support as per the deadline.

# 1.5. Conversation with the Millerton Rail Trail group

Natalia reached out to the Northeast, NY, town supervisor, Mr. Kennan to gain insights of their successful completion of the elevated pathway over wetlands within the Rail Trail system North of Millerton. She was connected with Mr. Matt Dutcavich, Director of Engineering, Dutchess County Dept. of Public Works - Engineering Division. Natalia is to arrange a meeting with Mr. Dutcavich to learn the process, the pitfalls, and other nuances pertaining to their successful completion of the project.

# Deadline for the letters of support is 2/20.

Pat is to disseminate to the Committee members the Preliminary Conceptual Design drawings for sharing with our supporting organizations. Two concept designs – straight and curved – are attached.

#### 1.6. Assignments for Committee Members:

- Natalia and Kathy Project Description (Part III, Section 1) prepare first draft.
- 2. Pat graphics (Part III, Section 2)
- 3. Pat site suitability (Part III, Section 4)
- 4. Pat who owns the land?
- 5. Natalia, Kathy, and Pat meeting with Millerton Rail Trail people.

#### Next meetings:

02/12 - Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m. over Zoom (Town Hall is closed) - agenda: TRIP and DEEP.

02/26 – Special Metting – 5:30 p.m. – agenda – DEEP grant draft completed to give to Curtis.

03/11 - Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - agenda - submission of DEEP grant and TRIP.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on February 5, 2024.

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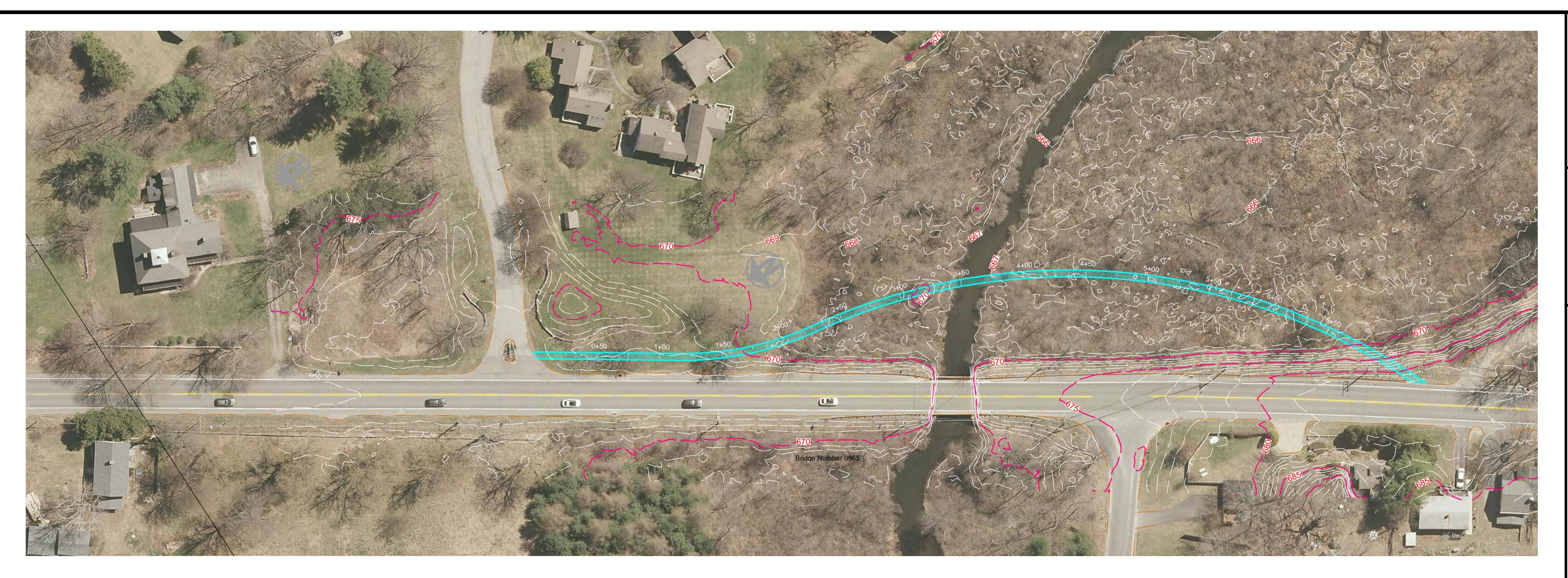
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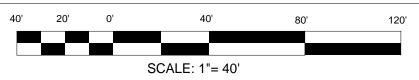
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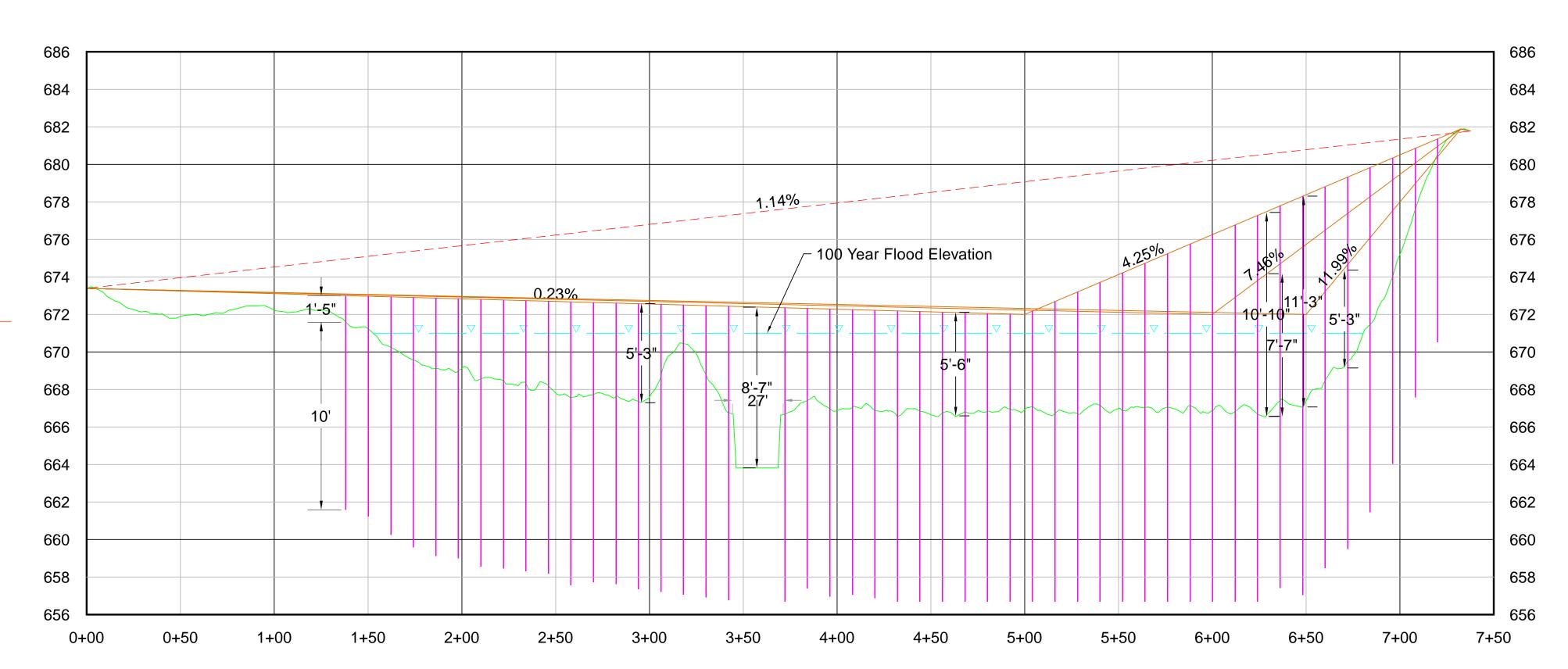
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Patrick R. Hackett, P.E.



# PLAN: CONCEPT TWO - CURVE





PROFILE: CONCEPT TWO - CURVE

SCALE: 1" = 40' HORIZONTAL, 1" - 4' VERTICAL

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Date: JANUARY 2024

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