

Salisbury Pathways Committee

One Hundred and Fourth Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, September 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Location: **Hybrid**: in-person in Town Hall, 1st floor, Fox Room, and on Zoom (link below).

Present: **In-person**: Chris Williams, Gerry Stanton; Kathy Trahan, Natalia Smirnova, Pat Hackett.

Virtually: nobody.

Minutes:

Call to order: 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes for the meeting on July 21, 2025.
Approved: 3 yes, 2 abstain.
2. Sharon Road Sidewalk: from The Hotchkiss School to Lakeville.
Natalia reported that she contacted DOT and has received the following reply from William Champagne, Transportation Planner, Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Strategic Planning & Projects, Phone: 860-594-2149, William.Champagne@ct.gov on September 8, 2025: “We have finished our preliminary review of applications and are working through our interagency review to identify any overlap or conflicts with projects. We hope to announce awards by the end of the month.”
Cris reported that Curtis said that he had not heard anything.
3. TRIP grant –progress report:
 - Survey by Matt Kiefer for the Final Design work by Battista- report by Chris or Pat
Chris did not have any more information. Pat did not have any more information. Natalia had an early summer communication with David Battista’s who indicated that the survey by Matt Kiefer is needed to move the work forward.
Natalia suggested contacting any other local surveyor in order to move the work forward.
Natalia will contact Curtis about that.
 - Meeting with Sarum Village regarding the “corner” ROW – Pat
Pat reported that Sarum Village is OK for “cutting the corner”. We need to obtain written consent (maybe the minutes from their Board meeting approving this project).
 - Any engineering project updates – David Battista – not present. No report. But waiting for the surveys from Matt Kiefer.
4. Road Safety Audit (RSA) – if the DOT report came in - discuss.
RSA Draft came in. Overall, the recommendations are positive. The Committee is to communicate to Curtis if anything needs to be clarified or adjusted.
5. Citizens Comments: no citizens were present.
6. New Business:
Kathy reported on our DEEP proposal analysis for the purpose of improving it for the next submission. We got low scores on “distressed community”, land type, maintenance plan, innovation, and prior participation. With the Rail Trail Survey DEEP grant received, we can now claim the points in the “prior participation” section. We need o improve the “innovation” and “maintenance” sections.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on September 21, 2025.