

## Salisbury Pathways Committee

### *One Hundred and Seventh Meeting*

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

Location: Hybrid.

Present: In person: Gerry Stanton; Kathy Trahan, Natalia Smirnova, Pat Hackett, Kitty Kiefer.

Online: none

### Minutes:

Call to order: 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes for the meeting on November 17, 2025.  
Approved: yes = 4; abstain = 1
2. Welcoming new member: Katherine Kiefer.
3. **TRIP grant** –progress report:
  - Sarum Village written approval for the “corner” ROW – Pat reported that we should get the written approval vote from the January Meeting of the Affordable Housing. – Pat will follow up.
  - Any engineering project updates – David Battista  
Dave Battista sent the following update via email on 12/5/2025:  
“The Main Street design is complete. Since your last meeting, three or four technical issues have cropped up on the Undermountain Road design. Specifically, the alignment of a crosswalk at Conklin Street, attempts to save some mature trees near the cemetery, and the final route of the sidewalk at Sarum Village. My colleague Rob Colabella reports that he has resolved these conflicts. Our CAD technician is making the final changes to the Undermountain design this week. We will be in a good position to submit the plans to DOT right after the holiday.”
  - The Committee gave an assignment to Kitty to talk to Joe Cleveland to figure out where the \$1.2 million of this grant money is located. Kitty to report at the next meeting.
4. **Connectivity Grant:**  
“Safety and Connectivity: Sharon Road Sidewalk from The Hotchkiss School to Lakeville” - no updates.
  - The Committee gave an assignment to Kathy to talk to Curtis Rand to understand the overall strategy of this public-private partnership, and the Committee’s role in this grant implementation. Kathy to report at the next meeting.
5. **DEEP grant** – progress report on grant preparation. Deadline – December 18  
Natalia reported that the grant is prepared, signed by Curtis, and will be submitted on 12/16/2025.
6. Pathways Committee meeting dates for 2026.  
The meeting dates for 2026 were approved. The document is attached.

7. Citizens Comments – no citizens present.

8. New Business:

Pat and Natalia reported that the IMS student Winter Williams reached out to them and proposed community-focused project that her team of 4 OMS students will be doing in the Spring. Proposed project concerns the Hotchkiss sidewalk. Winter and her team propose a safety improvement study, a presentation of the study results to Hotchkiss and INS students, and then a fundraising event. Natalia agreed to avail the following resources to Winter: (1) The funded grant application; (2) The RSA; (3) The State of CT Crash dataset.

The Committee agreed to be a supportive resource for Winter's team. The project that she will be doing for the IMS is 100% student-driven, and so the students should lead its ideation, research, and completion. The students are welcome to come to our meetings and learn about the progress we are making and share the team's progress. We will always listen to community members' ideas and offer to the students our suggestions and resources.

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on December 16, 2025.*

***Salisbury Pathways Committee***

**Committee members:** Kathy Trahan (Chair), Natalia Smirnova (Secretary), Katherine Kiefer, Gerry Stanton, Pat Hackett.

**Meeting Dates for 2026**

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

January 26

February 13

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 16\*\*\* - if the Town Hall is closed for early voting, conduct the virtual meeting only

November 9

December 14

*Approved at the Salisbury Pathways Committee meeting on December 15, 2025*