

Salisbury Pathways Committee

One Hundred and Eighth Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, January 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom due to snowstorm

Present: Kathy Trahan, Natalia Smirnova, Pat Hackett, Kitty Kiefer, Robert Colabella, Michael Best, David Battista

Minutes:

Call to order: 5:31 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes for the meeting on December 15, 2025.
Approved unanimously.
2. **TRIP grant** –progress report:
 - Sarum Village written approval for the “corner” ROW – Pat reported that Sarum Village “changed their mind” about the design of the sidewalk within their property. They asked us to re-do some portions and will look at this again. Robert will re-do and coordinate with Pat about what needs to be re-done. Pat is a point person with them to get their approval with the written statement to that effect.
 - Any engineering project updates – Robert Colabella reported that
 - Undermountain Road section of the project received 18 minor comments from DOT, which he addressed. One point about encroachment by the Cemetery is being discussed with Ron Ferris from DOT. Robert is waiting for the DOT directive.
 - The Main Street section of the project is still under review, and no comments have been received yet.
 - A licensed arborist must be present during construction around any trees.
 - When both sections are approved by DOT, then submit to the ADA compliance.
 - Robert estimates that all work before submission to ADA will take one month.
 - Next step is to get on Wetlands Commission schedule to present the Main Street section.
 - Any other updates – Kitty reported that she had a phone conversation with Joe Cleveland on 12/16/2025.
 - #1 the Tripp Grant, \$1.2 million is still in the state Treasury. It will be used to reimburse the money the Town will have spent. Joe needs to be kept informed precisely of the timing of our project works because we, the Town, need to have the cash on hand to pay, and then we get reimbursed. Joe needs the timing
 - #2. Connectivity grant -- Hotchkiss to Lakeville -- same thing \$800K
 - #3 DEEP rail trail to AT trailhead re 44 -- if we are awarded it, same thing.
 - #4 The money for the work from Lincoln City Rd to the new fire house was the exception to the norm -- for some unknown or unpredictable reason the money came to the Town BEFORE the work was done.

- #5 David Batista is a consultant for the Town; his firm is Haley Ward. Currently Curtis Rand is the point person for dealing with David and lining out the work for David B.
- #6 so we need to speak with/get on the agenda for Inland Wetland Commission -- timing
- Timing is everything

3. **Connectivity Grant:**

“Safety and Connectivity: Sharon Road Sidewalk from The Hotchkiss School to Lakeville” - any updates

- David Battista reported that they are waiting for the contract from Hotchkiss to start the Final Design
- Curtis needs to talk with Hotchkiss regarding who is paying for what. – Kathy is to talk to Curtis to find out where we stand.

4. **DEEP grant** – submission report – the Town submitted the proposal for DEEP grant in December. – Kathy is to find out the timeline for the feedback/award decision.

5. Citizens Comments: Michael Best asked about the essence of the Hotchkiss sidewalk. He was provided with the links to the actual grant proposal and preliminary design plan, which are on the [Town's website](#).

6. New Business: no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on January 27, 2026.