
comment for POCD draft

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Retail commercial establishments are vital to the future of Salisbury.

The POCD's description of Salisbury and Lakeville (pg. 33 et seq.) as appearing "stagnant" only to some people, badly understates the dimension of the problem of commercial retail establishments other than restaurants in our town centers. Very few such businesses remain, and foot traffic to them has drastically diminished, making the remaining retailers less viable.

While the draft POD recommends some zoning changes, and the implementation of past recommendations on connecting pathways, and increasing parking, it does not adequately address the serious nature of the problem.

Here is a proposed addition to the recommendations:

"To prevent further stagnation and loss of commercial retail entities in our villages, and to encourage and support existing and future walk-in retail establishments, the Town of Salisbury should explore changes to the tax code, incentives, subsidies, and other remedies to remedy the development and viability of retail stores."

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