
Answer to Dr. Klemens - Pathways Strategic Plan

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Approved Salisbury Pathways Committee minutes of October 20, 2014.pdf; Strategic Plan 2023-28 - approved on May 8-2023.pdf;

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Subject: Answer to Dr. Klemens - Pathways Strategic Plan

Dear Dr. Klemens,

In addition to the correspondence from Chris Williams and in response to your inquiry, I am attaching the Pathway Committee Minutes from October 20, 2014, where the Pathways Committee aligned our strategy with the POCD 2012 and outlined our Priorities.

Since we were the newly-formed Committee, we did not announce this work as a Strategic Plan per se, but we have focused on these Priorities ever since, and as you know, we did approve the formal Strategic Plan in 2022 and updated it in 2023.

Attachments:

- 1) Minutes from October 20, 2014 meeting setting up our first strategic priorities.
- 2) Pathways Committee Strategic Plan for 2023-2028 (Approved May 8, 2023).

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely, Natalia, Secretary

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On Fri, Sep 27, 2024 at 1:53 PM Emily Egan <eegan@salisburyct.us> wrote:

See Attached memo

Regards,

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Salisbury Pathways Committee

Third Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, October 20, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Salisbury Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, first floor.

Present: Katherine Kiefer, Frank Shinneman, Natalia Smirnova, Chris Williams, Pat Hackett

Minutes:

5:37 p.m. – call to order.

1. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2014 meeting.

Minutes of September 15, 2014 meeting were available online from September 22, and were available in print during the meeting.

Minutes approved as amended – unanimous.

2. Discussion of priorities of this committee that coincide with PZC priorities identified in the POCD brochure.

POCD brochure was available in print and online during the meeting.

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From the POCD, Pg. 28:

Internal Connectivity – Internal connections and pathways for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles are important to the overall function and appearance of a village. To the extent possible, streets and adequate parking areas should interconnect to facilitate circulation and parking efficiency. Future pedestrian connections could include:

- sidewalks in all areas,
- secondary walkways within sites, and
- in Salisbury village, a pedestrian promenade linking Main Street with the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) field.

Exterior Connectivity – While state highways provide the most visible means of access to the village centers, other means of access should also be provided and enhanced. For example, the pedestrian/bike path connecting the villages of Salisbury and Lakeville could be extended to surroundings areas (such as the Town Grove).

Provide For Pedestrians, Bicycles, and Wildlife

Salisbury should develop strategies to accommodate increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic throughout Salisbury and provide for wildlife passages. We should consider developing additional sidewalks, bicycle lanes and under-

and-over-passes, as well as implementing speed-control measures and widening town roads to provide adequate shoulder space for pedestrians and safe crossings for wildlife.

From the POCD, Pg. 40

STRATEGIES – Pedestrians & Bicycles

- A. Promote pedestrian improvements in the village centers of Salisbury, Lakeville, and Lime Rock.
- B. Encourage improvement of the bike path connection between Salisbury village center and Lakeville village center.
- C. Seek to establish bike path connections to other areas such as to Millerton, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, and the Housatonic River Bike Path.
- D. Consider connecting the Town Grove to Salisbury village via the bike path.

TASKS – Pedestrians & Bicycles

- 1. Develop an overall plan for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.
 - 2. Consider placing wildlife crossing warning signs, where appropriate.
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Discussion:

Chris suggests asking DOT for wide “bike” lane as an alternative to some sidewalks other than the connection between Salisbury & Lakeville. Natalia will ask AEA whether there are any general standards or DOT requirements for a bike lane or minimum lane size. Pat will check his contacts. Kitty will ask Curtis for DOT contact. This will also address speed control by narrowing lanes.

Premise is to encourage safe walking between villages in town.

Rail Trail is not sufficient for home errands, Salisbury School and Hotchkiss.

3. Discussion of presentation to Planning and Zoning Commission at their planning meeting on November 18, 2014.

Kitty volunteered to attend and present. Kitty will present the following points:

- A. We want to work in conjunction with P&Z to improve pedestrian access between towns;
- B. We are thinking to approach the pathways as an overarching long-term plan with priorities established as follows:
 - 1. **“The Connector”** between the villages of Lakeville and Salisbury – classic sidewalk as per DOT regulations;
 - 2. **“The Triangle with Horns”** – Route 41, Cobble Road, Route 41 with extensions to AT on 41 and Lion’s head community on 44 – narrowing of the highway (to help with

speed control) and widening the shoulder to accommodate bicycle/pedestrian traffic;

3. **"Around the Lake Wononscopomuc"** area – see attached schema, helping Hotchkiss students and faculty to walk to town, responding to Belgo road residents' concerns, and route 112.
4. **Lime Rock** village.

Kitty will prepare her presentation in more detail and give us an update at the next meeting, which is November 17th.

4. Discussion of key issues on the "connector" and the "triangle" that will determine feasibility.

Priorities of the first step: the Connector.

Initially focus on the extension of the existing sidewalk from Meadow Road to Firehouse. This part is crucial to establish the safety of school children since this is part of the Emergency Evacuation Route.

Chris believes that an extension of the culvert would allow a sidewalk to be easily placed on top.

Natalia will contact Salisbury Central School administration to get their opinion on the value of this small addition.

Natalia will contact AEA to find out if the drop of grade in this area is acceptable for the wheelchair accessibility requirement.

Kitty will contact Jocelynn Ayre, Regional Planning.

When all of these are secured, the Committee will ask the Town to perform the feasibility study for this small part. After that study we can project the costs for the connector as a whole.

5. Preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which is Monday, November 17, 2014.

- a) Report the progress on all of the above assignments.
- b) Re-schedule January 19 and February 16 meetings due to conflicts with federal holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on October 27, 2014.

Minutes approved as amended on November 17, 2014.

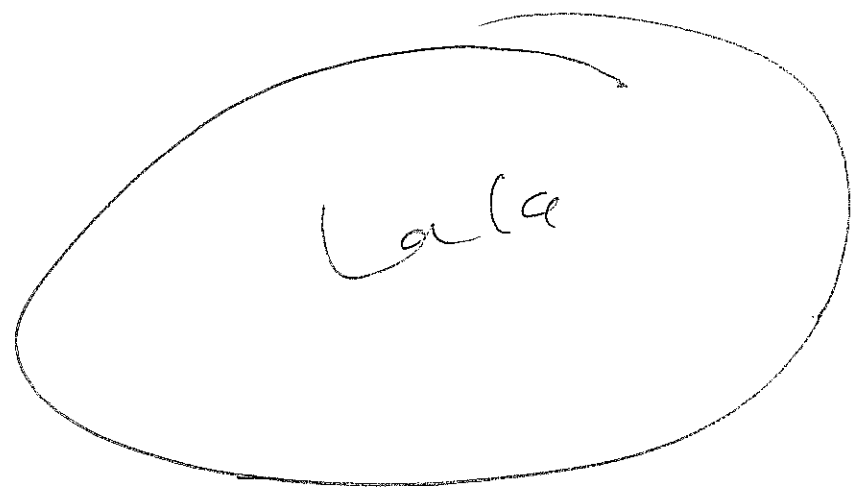
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Salisbury Pathways Committee

Strategic Plan

2023-2028

Preamble

As the Salisbury Pathways Committee looks to the next five years, we remain focused on our original purpose to provide “walking access within and among the village centers.” In outlining our strategic plan, we are committed to realizing the priorities established in 2014. The following slides present our priorities, our accomplishments to date, and our next steps. It is our firm belief that these projects will enhance the Town of Salisbury by supporting the Town’s stated goals of accessibility, connectivity, and economic development.

Priorities (Set in 2014; updated in 2022.)

1. "The Connector" -- connect existing sidewalks of the villages of Salisbury and Lakeville.
2. "Triangle with Horns" -triangle that is comprised by Rt. 41 North, Cobble Road, and Rt. 44 South with "horns extended to Appalachian Trail parking lot on Rt. 41 and Lion’s Head community on Rt. 44.
3. The Hotchkiss School connection to Lakeville Village.
4. Belgo Road.
5. Around the Lake.
6. Lime Rock.

Accomplishments

1. "The Connector" -- connect existing sidewalks of the villages of Salisbury and Lakeville
 - Library to Meadows sidewalk -- completed in November 2022
 - Lincoln City Road to the Firehouse – shovel ready in September 2023
2. "Triangle with Horns" - triangle that is comprised by Rt. 41 North, Cobble Road, and Rt. 44 South with "horns" extended to Appalachian Trail parking lot on Rt. 41 and Lion’s Head on Rt. 44.
 - TRIP grant application submitted to CT DOT with the 3-phases plan - April 2023

Strategic Plan Steps

"The Connector":

- Final phase: The connection from the Meadow to Firehouse – proposed as Phase 1 in the TRIP application.
- Work on establishing partnerships with P&Z, Economic Development Committee, etc.

"Triangle with Horns":

- Step 1: Create a topographical plan/drawing for the proposed sidewalk.
- Step 2: Prepare the letter to abutters, start talking with abutters.
- Step 3: Develop partnerships with organizations along the “triangle”:
Cemeteries, Sarum Village, Lion’s Head, and all appropriate Town Committees.

Conclusion

The newly completed Library to Meadows section of The Connector is frequently used. The enthusiastic reception of this section by the public motivates the Pathways Committee to complete “The Connector” and help start the construction of the “Triangle with Horns” as soon as possible.