

## 2024 Salisbury POCD

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>>> To: The Land Use Office, Salisbury, CT

>>> Please submit the following comments on the September 3 draft POCD to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their consideration at the September 30 Public Review Meeting. Thank You.

>>> Dr. Klemens and members of the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission:

>>> Thank you for the opportunity submit comments regarding the 2024 draft Salisbury POCD:

>>> The draft POCD, citing the rail trail among other village recreational and natural assets, states on page 29 "that the potential of municipal recreational areas remains unrealized. These are missed opportunities to encourage people to spend time in our village(s)." Yet in multiple places elsewhere in the draft POCD, there are references to establishing a multimodal vehicular pathway on various sections of the rail trail. These two elements of the draft COPD seem to be clearly at cross purposes.

>>> Specifically, under Strategies on p. 37 of the draft POCD there is a recommendation to "improve the Rail Trail pathway in our village centers to facilitate accessible, safe, and defined multimodal use." Further, on p .67, it is recommended that the Town "explore multimodal transportation options in the villages of Lakeville and Salisbury including dual usage of the rail trail".

>>> The rail trail is a unique, highly appreciated, and highly used Town asset. It clearly contributes to the vitality of the Village of Salisbury. Converting sections of it to a multimodal vehicular pathway would greatly change its character and diminish its attraction, and that of the Village, to residents and visitors alike. Other approaches to providing improved access to, and village integration of, much needed expanded affordable housing should be thoroughly pursued. I respectfully suggest that the Planning and Zoning Commission not put forward any plans in the POCD with regards to converting portions of the rail trail to accommodate multimodal vehicular traffic.

>>> Thank you for your consideration.

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