

Salisbury Pathways Committee

Ninety Fifth Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, November 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Location: **Hybrid:** in-person in Town Hall, 1st floor, Fox Room, and on Zoom (link below).

Present: *in-person:* Chris Williams, Natalia Smirnova; *virtually:* Pat Hackett, Kathy Trahan.

Minutes:

Call to order – 5:32 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting on October 28, 2024.
Minutes were not approved since we discussed “New Business” during the Special Meeting.
2. TRIP grant – letter to abutters and progress report. .
 - Letter to abutters is still with Curtis. Chris is to ask Curtis to give us back the letter, so we can edit it more.
 - No other updates.
3. DEEP grant –letter to supporters, DEEP follow up, survey and engineering.
 - Letter to supporters – Gerry and Kathy worked on it. It is circulated among Committee Members. Letter is attached. Chris is to send it to Curtis for approval.
 - DEEP feedback – Natalia was unsuccessful in reaching out to DEEP for the feedback via several emails. The committee advised Natalia to call the DEEP.
4. Citizens comments – no citizens present.
5. New Business:
 - Agenda for December 9:
 - TRIP – Curtis and Chris – letter to abutters, and progress report.
 - DEEP –
 - Chris to get approval from Curtis to send a follow up letter to supporters.
 - Natalia – call DEEP for follow up.
 - Pat – survey and engineering

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalia V. Smirnova, Secretary, on November 25, 2024.

Dear X

Your support for the Salisbury Trails grant application to construct the elevated walkway and bridge over Moore Brook alongside Route 44 was greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Unfortunately, Salisbury was not awarded a grant in this round, however it is not unusual for a grant to be refused upon its first application. We will be reviewing our application, and it will be resubmitted in 2025.

The Town of Salisbury and Salisbury Pathways Committee remain committed to this project, both as it promotes use of our recreational trails, and as a public safety issue. Crossing the narrow, heavily trafficked Route 44 bridge over Moore Brook is dangerous and intimidating for many, both local residents and hikers.

The re-application for the grant in 2025 is a Pathways Committee priority.

Your continued support is appreciated.
Thank you.