

Salisbury Planning Commission
Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Meeting--DRAFT

Members present: Ariell Slater, Morgan Cate, Barrie Bailey, Deb Brighton

Also present: Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Jim Andrews

Ariell opened the meeting with a discussion of the updated map from Katie showing forest blocks and connectors. Katie explained that the map would inform both the natural resources and land use sections of the plan.

Jim and Barrie had drawn arrows on the map, showing wildlife movement. Although the map shows the current situation, much of the conversation was about what we need to do to maintain and improve wildlife corridors. It was generally agreed that the highest priorities were providing for east/west connectors, and Route 7 crossings. It was also noted that significant east-west movement from block to block in Salisbury occurs partially in Leicester. The ACRPC will transform the magic marker map into a somewhat simplified inventory map of current forest blocks and wildlife movement.

Katie briefly explained the next step: to develop goals and policies related to forest blocks and wildlife for both the natural resources and the land use sections of the plan. She handed out samples from other towns. Ariell volunteered to initiate a Google Doc so that members can contribute ideas to be discussed at the July meeting.

Morgan volunteered to tackle the wastewater section of the plan. He would be interested in applying for a grant to do a feasibility study, but he realizes that clear language in the plan is the first step in the process. Katie explained that money for wastewater systems is likely to become available soon, although the eligibility criteria are not clear yet. However, having the plan state the need and rationale would be key to securing funding.

Members discussed ongoing concerns with the digester. The conversation reinforced the earlier recommendation to set up communications between Vanguard and residents so that complaints could be filed, responses could be posted, and changes/events/updates could be announced. Information on monitoring by the ANR and AAFM would also be helpful. Deb will follow up with Lance.

The memo to the select board about infrastructure needs noted in the plan was approved with the addition of support for a trail between the village and the lake.

The next meeting will be Monday July 5.

Minutes of the meeting of May 3 were approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Submitted by Deb Brighton