

Town of Canaan
Bridge/Infrastructure Committee
Special Meeting
April 15, 2026 – 9 AM
Town Hall – 108 Main St., Falls Village, CT
In Person Only

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order at 9:02 AM. Present Committee Chairman Chris Kinsella, First Selectman Dave Barger, Selectman Judy Jacobs, Committee members Tim Downs, Steve Dean. Also present Tim Cermola & Gary Giroux of Cardinal Engineering and Craig Bothroyd, Cobble Road property owner and contractor.

Review the State DOT recommendation to close Cobble Road Bridge over the Hollenbeck River. Bothroyd offered suggestions to keep one lane open by fixing the failing girders. Cardinal would have to analyze Bothroyd's suggestions on the temporary fix and also whether it was cost effective.

Dave Barger had to leave at 9:30 AM.

Cardinal said that the Cobble Road culvert may have to be replaced in order for heavy equipment to get to the Hollenbeck Bridge. Discussion on repairs/replacement on the culvert. Discussion on alternate funding sources; current grant funding which is 50/50 cost sharing. Estimate on replacement when awarded this grant was \$800,000 but has risen significantly since then.

Craig Bothroyd left the meeting around 9:45. Steve Dean left meeting at 10:00.

TRIP grant was discussed for culvert. TRIP grant due by April 27, 2026. Cost sharing is 80/20. Cardinal could do the grant for \$2,000.

Consensus was for Kinsella & Jacobs to meet with Barger on Monday, April 20 at 10 AM to decide on TRIP application and funding.

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 by Kinsella, 2nd by Jacobs.