

Quick recap

The meeting began with participants discussing their summer experiences and sharing information about tick prevention methods before reviewing and approving the May 2025 meeting minutes. Infrastructure and administrative matters were addressed, including concerns about village sidewalk conditions and plans to coordinate with the town grant writer, while the group also explored potential collaboration opportunities with a local cycling event organizer. The conversation ended with discussions about the equity meeting schedule and plans to distribute a walkability survey through local food shelves.

Next steps

- [Chris to reach out to the town Grant writer and copy Ian, packaging up previously approved initiatives for potential grant applications before June 11th.](#)
- [Chris to forward an email from Jess about village concerns to the committee members.](#)
- [Chris to inquire about the status of the sidewalk survey and its implementation.](#)
- [Chris to send a note to Eric Kota and the work crew thanking them for painting the stop lines.](#)
- [Chris to follow up with Ian regarding sidewalk repair priorities and plans.](#)
- [Tanya to email Todd Warnick about potentially volunteering for early morning help at the Grand Fondo bike race on Saturday.](#)
- [Chris to consider cancelling the July meeting and communicate any changes early.](#)
- [Chris to retrieve the draft survey from Local Motion for potential future use.](#)
- [Chris to inquire with Ian about town access to SurveyMonkey and Grant Station accounts.](#)

Summary

Summer Experiences and Tick Prevention

Tanya and Jim discussed their summer experiences, with Tanya mentioning her river activity and appreciation for the cooler weather, while Jim shared his experiences with tick bites and the use of medication. They both noted the increased presence of ticks this year and agreed on the effectiveness of preventive measures.

Natural Pest Control With Nematodes

Tanya discussed using beneficial nematodes as a natural method to control fleas and ticks in her yard. She explained that these microscopic organisms are spread around the yard and can be effective in reducing pest populations. Jim expressed interest in this method, and Tanya

mentioned she plans to use them again to see if they help with tick control. They also briefly discussed Jim's observation that ticks only attack his left side.

[Bike Race Planning Meeting](#)

Tanya and Jim waited for other participants, noting that Chris was absent and Brad did not attend. They discussed the upcoming bike race, which Jim clarified was not in Bristol as initially thought, but in Moncton. Tanya expressed interest in volunteering but mentioned it was challenging due to her busy schedule on Saturdays. Town joined the meeting late, apologizing for missing the reminder, and the group confirmed they were on the correct link for the meeting.

[May Minutes Review and Public Forum](#)

The meeting began with Town and Tanya discussing the review and approval of the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes. Town mentioned finding the link to download Zoom's automatic transcript and explained the process of backing up published meeting minutes with transcripts. They agreed to approve the minutes with a motion from Tanya. The next agenda item was a public forum, where Jim was expected to provide updates, but the transcript ended before he could speak.

[Sidewalk and Infrastructure Maintenance Review](#)

The meeting focused on several infrastructure and administrative matters. Town discussed the deteriorating condition of village sidewalks and streets, noting that many are in worse shape than two years ago, possibly due to recent flooding. Town plans to reach out to the town grant writer by June 11th to package approved initiatives for the select board. They also mentioned that their select board liaison, Jess Teets, has been out of the country but has been forwarding relevant information. Town agreed to follow up on the status of a sidewalk survey and potential repairs, and to thank Eric Kota and the work crew for painting stop lines. Tanya inquired about the legality of private citizens repairing sidewalks, but Town was unsure of the specific regulations.

[Exploring Cycling Event Collaboration](#)

Tanya and Town discussed the possibility of collaborating with Todd Warnick, who runs the Grand Fondo, a cycling event. They realized they had not previously connected with him despite his proximity to Bristol. Tanya planned to email Todd to offer assistance for an upcoming event and explore future partnership opportunities. Town suggested that promoting each other's events could be beneficial for both parties.

Equity Meeting and Survey Planning

The group discussed the status of their equity meeting, agreeing to potentially take July off due to lack of forward movement and summer busy schedules. They explored the idea of distributing a walkability survey at the food shelf, targeting people who walk up to receive food. Town committed to locating a draft survey from Local Motion and checking on SurveyMonkey and Grant Station account access, with Tanya suggesting these tools would be useful for tracking grant opportunities.