

**SPECIAL**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MACKINNON COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**MONDAY – March 30, 2009 – 6:30 PM**

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A special meeting of the Southbridge Council and University of Massachusetts, Amherst was held on Monday March 30, 2009, in the Robert MacKinnon Council Chambers.

Chairwoman Nikolla called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Chairwoman Nikolla led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call-** Councilors present: LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, NIKOLLA, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA. Late: KING at 6:55pm. Excused: LAZO
3. **Southbridge Greenway Planning presentation by Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning, College of Natural Resources & Environment, University of Massachusetts Amherst-**Professors Peter Cumble and Robert Ryan opened the discussion and explanation that twenty seniors in the Department of Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning had elected the Town of Southbridge as their semester Greenway project. This was mentioned as a continuum from a presentation made last year by the same department. A Greenway was simply defined as a path or route used to avoid major roads. A select number of students reported on their focal points of the project with the use of PowerPoint presentations.

At the end of the presentation Councilors Livengood, Nikolla and Vecchia all thanked and applauded the students for their work, research and presentation. Councilor Livengood mentioned it was appreciated that Southbridge was selected as a town with potential to grow. Councilor Logan also mentioned he was looking from this as an economic benefit for the town.

4. **Citizen’s Forum-**No citizens had comments, questions or concerns.
5. **Adjournment-**A motion was made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor Logan. **VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Williams MASc Recording Clerk