



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2019
RRPC CONFERENCE ROOM – THE OPERA HOUSE, RUTLAND, VT

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

COMMUNITY	NAME	
Benson	Doug Jesseman	X
Brandon	Michael Shank	X
Castleton	Janet Currie	
Chittenden	Preston Rich	X
Clarendon		
Danby	Annette Smith	X
Fair Haven	Ashley Bride	
Hubbardton	Robert Gibbs	X
Ira	Larry Taggart	
Killington	Andrew Salamon	X
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	X
Middletown Spr.	Tom Hurcomb	
Mount Holly	Carrie Dougherty, Alt	
Mount Tabor		
Pawlet	Eric Mach	X
Pittsford	David Soulia, Alt	X
Poultney	Terry Williams	X
Proctor	Benjamin Curtis	
Rutland City	David Allaire	X

COMMUNITY	NAME	
Rutland Town	Russ Marsan	
Shrewsbury	Mark Goodwin	X
Sudbury	Karen Sommerlad	X
Tinmouth	Robert Lloyd	
Wallingford	Erika Berner	
Wells	William Chmielewski Carole Duquette, Alt	
West Haven	Christopher Hoyt	X
West Rutland	Denis Lincoln	
ACI-Libraries		
ACI-Poultney Mettowee NRCD	Hilary Solomon	X
ACI-Education	Chris Etori	
Ex-Officio-REDC	Tyler Richardson	X
Ex-Officio-RRCC	Mary Cohen	
Ex-Officio-RRTAC		
Ex-Officio-WIB	Lynn Bondurant	

OTHERS PRESENT

Ed Bove, RRPC Staff
Mary Kay Skaza, RRPC Staff
Barbara Noyes Pulling, RRPC Staff
Hilary Solomon, Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD)
Alan Saltis, RRMC
Mathew Reveal
Matt Whitcomb
Kaleb Merrill

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allaire motioned to approve the agenda, as amended (order of RRPC Staff presentations); seconded by Commissioner Mills. Approved by voice vote.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Barbara Noyes Pulling, RRPC Staff, RRPC Clean Water Advisory Committee

Noyes Pulling provided an overview of the CWAC - RRPC's new ad hoc water quality committee. Tactical basin planning in Vermont and the region was discussed, specifically the community engagement process. The CWAC will begin meeting in March – Let Barbara know if you are interested in joining.

Ed Bove, RRPC Staff, Report of the Commission on Act 250

Bove provided background on the report produced by the Commission on Act 250, noting that the presentation was an overview of the report and recommendations provided by the Commission on Act 250. The presentation discussed five areas of significance for Rutland Region Municipalities: development patterns, natural resources, earth extraction, jurisdiction and permitting. Bove discussed current development trends, tax value per acre, positive relationship between walkability and property values, differing development pattern costs to municipalities, street widths, special flood hazard areas and downtown development, recommendations for slate operations, and the Act 250 Commission's sentiment toward ANR permits.

4. REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. **November 20, 2018 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes** – Commissioner Allaire motioned to approve the 11/20/18 Board of Commissioner meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Williams. Approved by voice vote (Mills abstained).

- b. **Executive/Finance Committee Report (1/8/19)**

Chair Mach reported on the 1/8/19 Executive/Finance Committee meeting. Topics included the January 2019 Board Meeting, RRPC Programs and budget and the Regional Marketing Initiative.

- c. **Treasurer's Report – Approval of Operating Statements (October and November 2018)**

Treasurer Allaire reported on the RRPC P&L, revenues, expenses, accounts receivable and the Key Bank account that was opened in December - \$100,000.00 has been moved from Heritage Family Credit Union to Key Bank to avoid going above the \$250,000 FDIC threshold.

- d. **Regional Committee Report – Approval of Committee Recommendations** – Commissioner Smith reported on four Section 248 and one Act 250 application. The Aegis Renewable Energy, Inc; MHG Solar, LLC; VELCO; and Pamal Broadcasting, Ltd. applications were recommended for letters with language stating significant regional impact and conformance with Rutland Regional Plan. Commissioner Mills motioned to approve the committee's recommendation; seconded by Commissioner Sommerlad. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

- e. **Community Committee Report** – Commissioner Gibbs reported on the role the Community Committee will be playing in the certification of enhanced municipal energy plans.

- f. **Ex-Officio Members** – Tyler Richardson (REDC) discussed the Regional Marketing Initiative. Tyler and Mary Cohen (Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce) will be visiting towns in the coming weeks.
- g. **Area-Wide Citizens Report** – Hilary Solomon (PMNRCD) discussed plans for the coming months including invasive species management, assistance for farmers to address water quality, and tactical basin planning implementation.

4. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

The following town updates were provided:

- Killington – Commissioner Salamon thanked the RRPC for the two river maps produced for the elementary school.
- Brandon – Commissioner Shank reported that the Brandon Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for their enhanced energy plan. Barbara Noyes Pulling was thanked for her efforts assisting the town.
- Shrewsbury – No report.
- Danby – Commissioner Smith discussed the town office and garage renovation efforts and the river corridor work the Danby Planning Commission is working on with RRPC Staff.
- Mendon – Commissioner Courcelle reported that the Mendon Planning Commission is working on the town plan.
- Sudbury – Commissioner Sommerlad discussed grid capacity in the town and effects on solar projects; the Unified Development Ordinance being worked on by the Sudbury Planning Commission; and the cleanup of a junkyard on VT Route 30.
- Benson – Commissioner Jesseman reported on the town budget and excitement for the upcoming cell service, which will be provided by the AT&T project discussed earlier.
- West Haven – Commissioner Hoyt reported that the West Haven Town Plan is heading to the Selectboard for adoption.
- Hubbardton – Commissioner Gibbs noted that things were quiet in town.
- Poultney – Commissioner Williams discussed bylaw revisions and the Development Review Board.
- Pittsford – Commissioner Mills reported on upcoming local energy plan work and the 2nd public hearing for the zoning bylaw revisions.
- Rutland City – Commissioner Allaire reported on the Sign Ordinance.
- Middletown Springs – AWC Solomon stated the MS Planning Commission is looking for members.
- Pawlet – Chair Mach reported on economic development efforts and the Pawlet Town Plan.

5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Alan Saltis introduced himself and his role on the RRMCC's Community Health Team. He will be assisting municipalities with town planning and implementing health and wellness policies into municipal plans. A model town plan health chapter was distributed. At Chair Mach's request, Alan agreed to serve as an Area Wide Citizen to the RRPC Board. He was welcomed to the group.

6. ADJOURN - Adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:15PM EST.

For the Commission,
Ed Bove, RRPC Staff