



**RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 31, 2019

5:30PM

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOWN</b>
Phil Douglas	Mendon	Janet More	Hubbardton
David Rosenblum	Killington	John Haverstock	Pittsford
Robert Bixby	Clarendon	Richard Baker	Brandon
Bruce Baccei	Proctor	James Hall	Rutland Town
David Allaire	Rutland	Eric Mach	Pawlet
Sean Barrows	West Rutland (Chair)	Amy Bell	VTrans (Guest)
Devon Neary	RRPC	Byron Hathaway	Rutland Town (Guest)

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33PM by Chair Barrows.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Baker to approve Agenda. Second by Baccei. Approved by voice vote.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bixby to approve October 18, 2018 minutes. Second by Morey. Approved by voice vote.

4) INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting attendants introduced themselves. Devon Neary – new transportation planner from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission introduced himself and gave a brief background.

5) PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Amy Bell from VTrans gave a brief overview of project prioritization and discussed legislative history. Neary gave a presentation on the project prioritization process and discussed: statutory requirements, VTrans ranking process, RPC ranking process, FY21 capital program project list, FY21 bridge pre-candidate list, RRTC ranking criteria, and RRTC project prioritization committee.

6) DISTRICT PAVING

Neary announced there would be no district paving projects to be prioritized.

7) PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA AND COMMITTEE

Allaire, Barrows, Baker, Mach, and Rosenblum volunteered for the project prioritization committee. Potter stated interest prior to meeting. Neary will send committee invite to RRTC not present at meeting. Committee to meet February 11 at 4:30PM.

8) UPDATES AND ANNOUCEMENTS

a. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP/FOCUS IN 2019

Barrows discussed council membership and attendance. Neary will reach out to towns with absent members to see about status. Barrows asked members to offer suggested agenda items for future meetings.

b. GRANTS

Neary discussed current grant applications. Rutland City and Castleton recently submitted applications to Better Connections Grant Program. Neary announced the Downtown Transportation Fund is now available.

c. PUBLIC TRANSIT

No public transit representatives attended the meeting. No updates.

d. OTHER BUSINESS

Byron Hathaway, Road Commissioner from Rutland Town, came to discuss the decision by VTrans to remove the slip lane onto East Pittsford Road from Route 7 North in Rutland Town. Hathaway informed the RRTC that Rutland Town had written letter to VTrans to voice opposition to slip lane removal due to safety concerns. Hathaway requested a letter of support from the RRTC. Motion by Allaire to approve letter of support. Second by Baker. Approved by voice vote.

Barrows, RRTC Chair and West Rutland Select Board member, discussed growing safety concerns over twin bridges on U.S. Route 4 in West Rutland. Barrows stated that West Rutland sent a letter to Secretary Flynn (copy supplied to RRTC) requesting a safety audit and mitigation. Barrows requested a letter of support from the RRTC, to be signed by either Devon Neary or Ed Bove (RRPC Executive Director). Motion by Haverstock to approve letter of support. Second by Baker. Approved by voice vote.

Rosenblum – Killington – town seeking new planning and zoning administrator.

Haverstock – Pittsford – Inquired about centerline rumble strip on Route 7. Seeking more money for salt shed. Project paving in Florence – Whipple Hollow to OMYA.

Baccai – Proctor – Status of bridge 1? Failing condition. Neary to provide information.

Morey – Hubbarton – no updates.

Bixby – Clarendon – Issues with covered bridge. Safety concerns of intersection of Route 7 & North Shrewsbury Road. Neary to provide information.

Douglas – Mendon – Speed issues on U.S. Route 4.

Mach – Pawlet – Flooding closed Route 133 after rain.

Allaire – Rutland – Updates on court hearing over VTrans Rail and master license agreement.

Barrows – West Rutland – Updates on summer projects: Route 4, Clarendon Avenue, and North Street.

9) FUTURE AGENDA & NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2019 at 5:30PM. Location TBD.

10) ADJOURN

Motion by Allaire to adjourn meeting. Second by Bixby. Approved by voice vote.