



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DELAWARE & HUDSON RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024, 6:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Microsoft Teams meeting

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In-Person: The Opera House, 3rd Floor, 67 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701

ATTENDANCE (X = in person) (V = virtual attendance)

MUNICIPALITY/ORG	REPRESENTATIVE	
Castleton	Matt Brown	V
Poultney Village	-	
Poultney Town	Philip Wattenbarger	X
Granville Village	Dwayne Daigle	
Granville Town	-	
Pawlet	Frank Nelson	X
Rupert	John LaVecchia	V
Salem	-	
Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce	-	
Lakes Region Area Chamber of Commerce	Greg	
Granville Area Chamber of Commerce	-	
Chamber of Economic Development of the Rutland Region	-	
Slate Valley Trails (Ex-Officio)	Dylan Daigle	V
Vermont Association of Snow Travelers	-	
Bennington County Regional Planning Commission	Jim Henderson	X
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Nic Stark	X

Guests: Tom Sexton (Rail-to-Trails Conservancy), Elaine Daigle (Granville)

Staff: Ethan Pepin (Rutland Regional Planning Commission)



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MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Nic Stark called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF UPDATED BYLAWS

Following discussion of new Open Meeting Law Amendment Council was named explicitly as an advisory council. Motion Made by Frank Nelson, seconded by Dwayne Daigle, none opposed. Motion passed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Matt Brown elected as Chairperson, nominated by Frank Nelson.

Frank Nelson elected as Vice-Chairperson, nominated by Jim Henderson.

Nic Stark elected as Secretary, nominated by Frank Nelson.

4. UPDATES FROM STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND CHAMBER MEMBERS

Granville: Dwayne met with lawyer for snowmobile association, they will set up a lawyer with NYS Parks and Rec, and local representatives to discuss alternative routes for the missing link.

Castleton: Gravel donated by Hadeka Stone to trailhead area by Castleton University, more will be needed before new kiosk is installed.

Pawlet: Work continues determining use of remaining funds in Pawlet/Rupert VOREC grant funds, Jim Henderson will continue with development of a new parking area in Rupert.

Rupert:.

Poultney: No updates.

5. MISSING LINK

Nic offers to produce a timeline of the development of the rail trail for the benefit of the Council. The timeline will include any and all items related to the legal complications concerning the missing link.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Henderson brings up that the mile markers along the rail trail are incorrectly placed. It is agreed that this will be an item to revisit at the next meeting and during the development of the management plan. There is also the southern most section of the trail that crosses over into NYS that appear to be unmaintained

Nic will be compiling a preliminary list of businesses that could apply for the Trail-Friendly Business Program for review by the Council.

Nic shares the tool he is building for collecting the points of interest across the municipalities for the new interactive map that will live on the rail trail website. It is agreed that for the first iteration of the



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POI submission we should focus on essential assets that are within close proximity of the rail trail with the idea of expanding outward in future updates.

Nic lets the Council know that the meeting next month will take place at the new Rutland Regional Planning Office, details will be included in the invitation.

7. ADJOURNED

Frank Nelson makes a motion to adjourn, Philip Wattenbarger seconded. All in favor.

Respectively submitted by Nic Stark