



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DELAWARE & HUDSON RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024, 6:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Microsoft Teams meeting

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Meeting ID: 247 529 380 630

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In-Person: 16 Evelyn St. (2nd Floor) Rutland, VT 05701

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

MUNICIPALITY/ORG	REPRESENTATIVE	
Castleton	Matt Brown - Chairperson	X
Poultney Village	-	
Poultney Town	Philip Wattenbarger	
Granville Village	Dwayne Daigle	X
Granville Town	-	
Pawlet	Frank Nelson- Vice Chairperson	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	V
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Nic Stark - Secretary	X

In-Person Guests: Elaine Daigle

Virtual Guests: Susan Grasso (Local Motion), Michael Allen (Regrowth Planning), Bill Gray (VTrans)

Staff:



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MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Brown called the meeting to order at 6 PM

2. LOCAL MOTION (SUSAN GRASSO) – W NEW ENGLAND GREENWAY PRESENTATION

Susan presented on Bicycle Route 7 which makes use of the DHRT: <https://wnegreenway.org/>

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Dwayne Daigle makes a motion to accept the draft minutes, Nic Stark seconds, ayes have it.

4. UPDATES FROM STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND CHAMBER MEMBERS

Castleton: Everything is in good shape.

Pawlet: Lots of usage based on Frank's observations.

Poultney: N/A

Granville: Dwayne Daigle had a meeting with a State Senator and is hoping to meet with them again on the Missing Link issue.

Rupert: Progress on development of Cross Road Parking Lot. Highway crew eager to get started on 6-car 30x60' lot. Jim Henderson got 3 quotes for signage, going with lowest bidder as all were identical.

5. TRAIL USAGE DATA COLLECTION UPDATE

Nic Stark informed the council that due to timings issues the trail usage data wouldn't make sense to begin until the start of the peak season in 2025 to collect a full cycle. The council agreed.

6. MISSING LINK UPDATE

No updates beyond what Dwayne Daigle reported in his municipal update.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Frank Nelson proposed the possibility of lowering the trail where flooding issues were identified, Bill Gray noted that approach had not worked on the LVRT.

Following up on discussion from last month Nic reported that there was no usable flood simulation tool produced by UVM that the council could use.

Nic Stark announced November's meeting will be virtual only.



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8. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Michael Allen announced he is working on a project in Granville that is adjacent to the DHRT and wanted to coordinate in advance of the final report. Nic Stark offered to connect Allen with Dwayne Daigle to coordinate offline.

9. ADJOURNED

Frank Nelson makes a motion to adjourn, Dwayne Daigle seconded, ayes have it.

Respectively submitted by Nic Stark