



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024, 5:30 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 226 664 661 864, Pass: qCPd89 | Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 485 980 535#

ATTENDANCE

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

TOWN	NAME		TOWN	NAME	
Benson	Cheryl Murray	V	Pawlet	John Sabotka	V
Brandon			Pittsford	David Atherton Alicia Malay	X
Castleton	Jeff Davidson Michael Jones		Poultney	Sarah Pelkey	V
Chittenden	Jan Sotirakis		Proctor	Bruce Baccei	
Clarendon	Dave Potter		Rutland City	Kiana McClure	
Danby	John Mykleburst		Rutland Town	Dave Sears	
Fair Haven			Shrewsbury	Marc Cimonetti	
Hubbardton	Janet Morey		Sudbury		
Ira	Larry Tagart		Tinmouth	Judy Gilmore	V
Killington	Abby Sherman		Wallingford	Bruce Dobbins	
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	X	Wells		
Middletown Springs	William Reed		West Haven	John Garrison	
Mount Holly	Clinton Wooley		West Rutland	Sean Barrows	V

Guests: Faith Dall (VTrans)

Staff: Ethan Pepin

MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 27TH AGENDA

Motion made by Sabotka. Second by Atherton. Approved by voice vote.



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3. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27TH MINUTES

Motion by Jones to approve the minutes. Second by Sabotka. Approved by voice vote.

4. OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public comments.

5. RUTLAND REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE – ETHAN PEPIN - RRPC

Pepin presented on the current draft policies for the Rutland Regional Plan 2026 Rewrite effort. Pepin covered policies from the Land Use, Housing, Economic Development and Transportation chapters. Pepin emphasized that the whole plan is interlinked, with separate chapters reinforcing the overall goal. Pepin highlighted the ways in which concentrating housing, economic opportunity and safe multi-modal streets all work together to create vibrant efficient places. Pepin then asked the Committee for feedback on the draft plan and noted that one aspect he has been thinking about that did not make it into the plan is capital planning regarding ensuring infrastructure is well maintained. Courcelle stated that the Executive Committee of the RRPC Board has been reviewing the full chapters in depth and would be looking at transportation next. Pelkey stated that she was interesting in discussing capital planning more, as it is something Poultney is starting to look into. Pelkey also commented that the language around the Airport Airspace policy was worded such that it could potentially be activated in a section 248 hearing. Pepin stated that this wasn't the initial intention, but given the importance of protecting the airspace, ensuring the policy would be applicable in section 248 hearing would be worthwhile. Barrows asked about a map of the airspace that needed to be protected. Pepin said the airport had one. Barrows stated that he felt there should be a policy about the RRPC working collaboratively with towns and VTrans around capital planning.

6. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Pepin announced that there is an AARP winter placemaking grant which could pay for a transportation project if it involved placemaking. Pepin listed the example of Fair Haven which used this grant to activate an underutilized parking lot into a community space.

Pepin announced that there was a federal grant for Scenic Byways that could pay for bike/ped upgrades, enhanced shoulders, improvements to recreation facilities located along byways, marketing and more.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pepin announced that the next TAC meeting would be on the VTrans Rail Plan update process and the first steps on the Corridor ID rail planning process. Pepin noted that the standard TAC meeting time would fall on Halloween night and asked if any TAC members had issue with holding the meeting on the Thursday before Halloween. It was agreed to move the next meeting date to October 24th. Pepin also announced that the November TAC meeting would be a joint meeting with the Addison County TAC and would be held on a Wednesday: November 20th. The joint TAC meeting will feature presentations by two VTrans project managers who are overseeing major improvements to 22A.



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8. TOWN UPDATES

Sabotka noted that Pawlet was still processing and mourning the traffic death of one of their Select Board members and their family. Atherton stated that Pittsford was continuing to develop sidewalks along US-7 ahead of the major reconstruction project and that they were prepping for a large culvert replacement project on Whipple Hollow Road ahead of repaving. Barrows said that the Marble Village housing project in West Rutland had gotten underway and was progressing nicely. Sidewalks were also replaced on Elm St, with several other projects in the works. Murray stated that Benson received a paving grant which will allow them to convert a dirt section of Stage Road to asphalt so it will be continuously paved throughout the segment. Benson also received a grant to help with the restoration of their village store. Murray also spoke with the project manager for the Benson 22A project who said that they were hoping to develop a truck pull off for inspection, but ran into a snag when they land they were looking at was put up for sale. Pelkey said that Poultney was doing a lot of work to comply with MRGP standards through road projects. She also stated that Poultney was going to be looking into analyzing sidewalk gaps. Courcelle said that Mendon had recently wrapped up its scoping study looking at improving US-4 through town for bicycle and pedestrian safety and it was sent to the Select Board to take action on.

9. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin