



# RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## DELAWARE & HUDSON RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, 6:00 PM

### MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Microsoft Teams meeting

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

MUNICIPALITY/ORG	REPRESENTATIVE	
Castleton	Matt Brown - Chairperson	V
Poultney Village	-	
Poultney Town	Philip Wattenbarger	V
Granville Village	Dwayne Daigle	
Granville Town	-	
Pawlet	Frank Nelson- Vice Chairperson	V
Rupert	John LaVecchia	V
Salem	-	
Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce	-	
Lakes Region Area Chamber of Commerce	Greg Parke	
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	V

**Staff:** Ethan Pepin (RRPC)

**Virtual Guests:** Elisabeth Sundberg (VHB), Karen Sentoff (VHB), Jackie Cassino (VTrans)



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## MEETING

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Brown called the meeting to order at 6 PM

### 2. TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN KICKOFF (KAREN SENTOFF | VHB)

Karen Sentoff presented on the State of the Rail Trail Program and how the Management Plan would be developed and prompted discussion on input from the Council.

Council Members and the public are encourage to make their input and feedback know via the DHRT Public Input Tool:

<https://vhb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/reporter/index.html?appid=dc3c1692e12a4b8bbac87e5e80153ec4>

### 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Frank Nelson makes a motion to accept the draft minutes, Philip Wattenbarger seconds, ayes have it.

### 4. UPDATES FROM STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND CHAMBER MEMBERS

**Castleton:** Everything is looking good, no updates.

**Pawlet:** Pawlet seeing heavy trail usage. Parking lots have been full. Nic Stark offered to draft a letter for the Council to review in order to let new representative Chris Pritchard (Rupert) know about the Council. Nic Stark reported that he and Jessica Van Oort have continued to source amenities for the West Pawlet Trailhead/Park.

**Poultney:** No updates.

**Granville:** N/A

**Rupert:** Jim Henderson has purchased road signs that will be installed by Bill Gray. Jim Henderson met with the select board in Rupert to discuss the lease agreement for the new parking lot on Cross Road. John LaVecchia reported the select board was generally favorable to the maintenance agreement and were appreciative of the timeline of the VOREC grant funds.

**VTrans:** Jackie Cassino is looking at comprehensive roadway signage around the trailheads. Jackie spoke of how other trail systems have entered into agreements with RPC's to manage lease agreements.

### 5. MISSING LINK UPDATE

No updates.



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6. OTHER BUSINESS

Frank proposes hosting a satellite Council meeting at the Pawlet Public Library, will look into logistics with teleconferencing.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

8.

9. ADJOURNED

Jim Henderson makes a motion to adjourn, Frank Nelson seconded, ayes have it.

*Respectively submitted by Nic Stark*