



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DELAWARE & HUDSON RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, 6:00 PM

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

MUNICIPALITY/ORG	REPRESENTATIVE	
Castleton	Matt Brown - Chairperson	
Poultney Village	-	
Poultney Town	Philip Wattenbarger	V
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 Parke	V
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

Staff:

Virtual Guests:

Public: Elain Daigle

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Frank Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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

3. UPDATES FROM STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND CHAMBER MEMBERS

Castleton: N/A

Granville: No updates.

Pawlet: Parking lot is seeing lots of use.

Poultney: No updates.



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Rupert: Jim Henderson and John LaVecchia are working with the town of Rupert to install some amenities for DHRT users on the village green.

Slate Valley Trails: No updates.

RRPC: Nic Stark gave an update on the Missing Link Plan.

4. TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Nic brought the printed flyers for the Public Input Tool. Jon LaVecchia and Jim Henderson will send Nic their postal addresses to have the flyers mailed.

Nic will send out the Stakeholder List for review to the council members via email.

5. TRAIL RENAMING PROPOSAL DISCUSSION

Nic brought forth a proposal to rename the Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail on the grounds that there's already another Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail in Pennsylvania which is more popular.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of renaming and what some potential names could be.

Dwayne Daigle will reach out to Matt Hicks and Rick Roberts on how the NY side of the trail got the working name "Slate Valley Rail Trail". Discussion to continue next meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

7. ADJOURNED

Philip Wattenbarger made a motion to adjourn, John LaVecchia seconded, and the ayes have it.

Respectively submitted by Nic Stark