



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DELAWARE & HUDSON RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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	
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
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Ethan Pepin	

Staff:

Virtual Guests:

Public:

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Nic Stark called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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



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3. UPDATES FROM STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND CHAMBER MEMBERS

Castleton: N/A

Granville: Meeting with Village Board went well. Dwayne will reach out to Granville Town Supervisor and Granville Chamber of Commerce to engage with about the Trail Management Plan.

Pawlet: West Pawlet Fire Department took down a building they weren't using and put some picnic tables on the foundation slab that remained.

Poultney: Nothing to report.

Rupert: Jim Henderson meeting w/ Rupert town green committee tomorrow week to solidify amenities for VOREC grant spending.

Slate Valley Trails: N/A

4. TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Trail Management Plan Public Input Session tentatively scheduled for 7/17 at VSU – Castleton. More details and promotional materials for distribution to follow.

5. TRAIL RENAMING PROPOSAL DISCUSSION

Nic reporting on his meeting with Northeast Pennsylvania DHRT. Council agreed to further discuss the trail renaming topic as a part of the public engagement of the Trail Management Plan.

6. DHRT BROCHURES REVIEW

Nic presented the DHRT brochures previously distributed to council members for feedback and walked through the suggested edits.

7. MUNICIPAL BOARD REPORTING

No reps have had the chance to meet with their Municipal Boards to tell them about the Trail Management Plan.

8. MISSING LINK UPDATE

Nic shared the efforts between the RRPC, VTTrans, and the Lake George Lake Champlain Regional Planning Commission.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Frank and Nic gave recaps of the First Statewide (Virtual) Rail Trail Meet Up which both found productive.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None



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11. ADJOURNED

Jim Henderson made a motion to adjourn, Philip Wattenbarger seconded, and the ayes have it.

Respectively submitted by Nic Stark