



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RRPC REGIONAL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025, 6:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Teams Meeting, ID: 224 634 587 902, Pass: dBEdSy | Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 641 278 173#

In-Person: 16 Evelyn Street, Second Floor, Rutland, VT 05701

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members: Laura Black, Jack Schneider, Leona Minard, Linda Lynton, Frank Johnson, Sarah Pelkey, Ann Reed, Larry Courcelle, Robert Gibbs, James Marsh, Judy Gilmore, David Allaire, and Erika Berner.

Other: Devon Neary (RRPC) and Karen Hill (RRPC)

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Minard. Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF May 20TH AGENDA

Motion to approve the May 20th agenda by Allaire. Second by Berner. Approved by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF April 15TH MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 15th minutes by Schneider. Second by Gilmore. Approved by voice vote.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

5. SECTION 248

The committee reviewed three projects:

[25-0518-PET](#) – a petition by Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, authorizing the installation of telecommunications equipment at 342 Ballard Farm Road in Wells, Vermont. Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems petitioned to add additional equipment onto an existing cellular tower at this address. The RRPC did not receive the written notice until April 15th and the deadline for comments was April 21st so the discussion was for informational purposes only. No issues with the project were noted.

[25-0675-AN](#) – a 60-day advance submission of Vertex Towers, LLC, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a(e), proposing to request a certificate of public good authorizing the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 1484 Route 4A West in Castleton, Vermont. The proposed project includes the construction of a 140 -foot lattice style tower with a 135-foot fenced perimeter at the base. The intent of the installation is to increase cellular coverage at the South end of Lake Bomoseen and in the hamlet of Hydeville. A site visit and balloon test was completed on April 28th. In reviewing mapping, the committee agreed the tower proposal was well sited, ensuring little to no visual impact on adjoining properties. The application was



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comprehensive and sourced both the Castleton Town Plan and the Rutland Regional Plan to ensure compliance. The committee members agreed that the project would have a significant regional impact, due to impacts on two towns, Fair Haven and Castleton. The project does conform with the 2018 Rutland Regional Plan. Motion by Pelkey to recommend to the full board approving a letter of significant regional impact and conformance with the Regional Plan. Second by Reed. Approved by voice vote.

[25-0754-AN](#) – a 60-day advance submission of T-Mobile Northeast, LLC, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a(e), proposing to request a certificate of public good authorizing the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 581 Stewart Road South in Mount Holly, Vermont. The project will add equipment to an existing tower at this site, increasing the tower height by 10 feet. The Town has met to discuss the project and has issued a letter of support with the following requirements: The tower must stay below the maximum height requiring an illuminated (red) caution light. The new tower section must utilize the current branch-style system with no increase in width. The new tower section must match the existing color scheme. Motion by Allaire to recommend to the full board approving a letter of no significant regional impact and conformance with the Regional Plan. Second by Reed. Approved by voice vote.

6. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 6:27 PM.