



# RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## DELAWARE & HUDSON RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025, 6:00 PM

**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 La Vecchia	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	Olivia Bucksbaum	
Slate Valley Trails (Ex-Officio)	Dylan Daigle	V
Vermont Association of Snow Travelers	-	
Bennington County Regional Planning Commission	Jim Henderson	
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Nic Stark - Secretary	V
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Ethan Pepin	

**Staff:**

**Virtual Guests:**

**Public:**

### MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Brown called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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

3. UPDATES FROM STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND CHAMBER MEMBERS

Castleton: No issues observed.

Poultney: Lots of use, seems to be up from last year. Some unallowed motorized use noted.

Slate Valley Trails: Nothing to report.



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Granville: Good traffic and e-bikers observed. Slate Valley Museum is giving bi-monthly trail walks on the trail.

Pawlet: N/A

Rupert: Good trail usage with various user types represented. Jim Henderson is making progress gathering amenities from VOREC.

## 4. TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Event posters have arrived at the RRPC office, ready for pick up by council members. Work is being done to promote the upcoming Trail Management Plan Public Input meeting (7/17).

Posters for the meeting will be posted on the kiosks by VTrans.

Trail user intercept surveys are being rolled out: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025DHRT>

## 5. MISSING LINK UPDATE

Nic shared a report on a recent meeting with NYS stakeholders, where a map was produced that includes color-coded parcels to reflect the locations of contested parcels along the historic corridor.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Jackie Cassino announced that the permanent counters have been installed on the trail.

Some supplementary mowing will take place throughout the remainder of July.

New kiosks and signs are coming for install by the end of summer.

Nic Stark gave a report on the VOREC/VT Dept of Tourism Outdoor Rec Economy pilot program in which Poultney was selected as a pilot community and the DHRT was identified as a key asset.

Nic floated a concept of harvesting old rail line that's been discarded along the trail to be reused as material for new bike racks.

Brochures for the trail have been delivered to the RRPC offices and are ready for pick up by council reps for distribution.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None

## 8. ADJOURNED

Frank Nelson made a motion to adjourn, Philip Wattenbarger seconded, and the ayes have it.

*Respectively submitted by Nic Stark*