



**TUESDAY, September 23, 2025, 11:00 AM**

## **MEETING DETAILS**

In-Person at Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport, 1002 Airport Rd, North Clarendon, VT and Microsoft TEAMS

Committee Present: Jim Marsh, Mike Klopchin, Terry Williams, Dave Weeks, Lyle Jeppsen, Stephen Molly, Dave Bosch, Brian Collamore, Bob Knudsen, Peter Fuchs, Charlie Rockwell

Others Present: Paul Carroccio, Jr., Chris Beitzel, Nicoletta Salvatore

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING START**

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 AM. Approval of August Meeting Minutes by Brian Collamore and Peter Fuchs.

### **AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT**

Committee discussed applying for NBRC grants to help get the infrastructure work completed for interested developers at Rutland Airport. There are limitations on who can apply for the grants since VTrans has the Coventry Terminal project and CEDR has the water line to the airport industrial park. The airport committee is eligible to apply for the grant but will be competing against other projects within the geographic area of the airport.

### **CARROCCIO EXPERIENCE DEVELOPING AT STATE AIRPORTS**

Carroccio shared his experience of working with VTrans to develop hangars at Rutland Airport. He is in the process of finalizing a lease to build four 60 x 80 hangars on the westside of the airfield. Challenges he has encountered in this process include the lack of infrastructure on the airfield for new development, i.e. water needs, sewer pump, fire suppression system. He is looking into getting water from the industrial park water line to avoid drilling a well on the airport which could potentially have PFAS contamination. He will work on obtaining permits from the Town of Clarendon, Fire and Safety, Sewer and Water, FAA 7460, and revise Act 250. Carroccio is building hangars in other States and plans to bring best practices and recommendations to Vermont. He stressed how building hangars is an economic driver for the Rutland region. Aircraft hangars will be in demand with the construction of Killington Village, bringing the potential increase of jet traffic and need to base or overnight aircraft at Rutland Airport.



The Airport is limited on the capacity of jets it can accommodate due to the lack of hangar space and ramp size. Building adequately sized hangars will serve as an economic boost to on-airfield businesses and the community.

#### AIR ROUTE DEVELOPMENT AND TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION

The committee's goal is to attract another scheduled air carrier to Rutland to service the ski resorts. The committee plans to approach Killington or Okemo to fund guaranteed minimums on chartered service and construct a new terminal building to accommodate aircraft with 60 seats. Marsh is looking into the cost of a feasibility study to construct a new terminal building. Some challenges to accomplishing this goal are funding and the lack of space to expand on the airfield without land acquisition.

#### SUBCOMMITTEES AND STATEWIDE COMMITTEE

Marsh suggested forming subcommittees/working groups which would meet twice a month to tackle specific issues. Committee discussed having a group to tackle Act 250 and one to help VTTrans with economic development. The committee also discussed creating a Statewide airport committee coalition to address State-wide issues together.

#### NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS

The Rutland Delegation is meeting with Vermont State Treasurer, Mike Pieciak, and will discuss Rutland Airport. This meeting will hopefully create an opportunity to invite the Treasurer to Rutland Airport. The committee discussed reaching out to the Rutland Herald to inform the public about the new committee and the airport. Fuchs is working on language to repeal the aircraft sales tax in Vermont with the Rutland delegation.

#### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:22pm by Klopchin and Knudsen.