



**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026, 2:00 PM**

## **MEETING DETAILS**

In-Person: Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport, 1002 Airport Rd, North Clarendon, VT  
Virtual: Microsoft Teams

## **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Michael Doenges, Mike Klopchin, Terry Williams, David Weeks, Paul Carroccio, Jim Marsh, Chris Keyser, Chris Beitzel, Bob Knudsen, Charlie Rockwell, Nicoletta Salvatore, Devon Neary (V), Victor Rivas (V), Kerah Book (V), Brian Collamore (V).

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### INTRODUCTIONS AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marsh at 2:05 PM.

### APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 26, 2026 AGENDA

Motion by Carroccio to approve the January 26, 2026 agenda. Seconded by Klopchin.  
Approved by voice vote.

### APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 25, 2025 MINUTES

Motion by Carroccio to approve the November 25, 2025 minutes with the corrected date.  
Seconded by Rockwell. Approved by voice vote.

### OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public present.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion to change the meeting location to the RRPC offices with a possible quarterly in-person meeting at the Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport by Carroccio. Seconded by Knudsen.

### TERMINAL BUILDING FEASIBILITY STUDY

The committee discussed possible strategies to complete a terminal building feasibility study. The Timber for Transit program from Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) could provide up to \$1 million for feasibility study and up to \$5 million for implementation. There were questions as to who the lead applicant would be, the Town of Clarendon or State



of Vermont. In addition, the committee discussed the need to seek approval and support from VTrans leadership. Marsh will discuss other funding opportunities with Commissioner Jepson. More information is needed from NBRC and Committee before approaching the Town of Clarendon. Beitzel will discuss the feasibility study with VTrans. Carroccio will discuss the feasibility study with Town of Clarendon.

#### HANGAR DEVELOPMENT

Carroccio discussed the challenges relating to hangar development and potential feasibility study relating to the shared utilities for hangars. There have also been discussions with the Town of Clarendon, such as potential Tax Increment Financing (TIF). More discussion is needed to determine the best strategy.

#### REGIONAL COORDINATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Motion to approve applying for funding such as Congressional Directed Spending, Northern Borders Regional Commission, and other state and federal funding sources for hangar development by Doenges. Seconded by Rockwell. Approved by voice vote.

The committee also discussed the Essential Air Service (EAS) process to select a provider. The Mayor of Rutland has a significant vote in the process. The committee discussed the pros and cons of Cape Air versus a new provider and how to increase enplanements, especially from tourism.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The committee discussed the need to present on the Airport and Committee's work to State Legislators during a Rutland Delegation meeting, transportation committee meeting, or by reserving the Card Room. Knudsen is preparing a draft presentation for review.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Klopchin to adjourn. Second by Rockwell. Approved by voice vote. Adjourned at 3:24 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Devon Neary, RRPC.*