



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

1. FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Black opened the final public hearing at 7:08 PM for the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan. Bourque provided a presentation on the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan. There was no substantive discussion on the plan or map during the hearing. Commissioner Spencer stated his opposition for the plan, including the public hearing process. Ed Bove offered praise for the plan and the RRPC team. The public hearing closed at 7:39 PM.

2. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Chair Black at 7:40 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF May 19th AGENDA

Motion to approve the May 19th agenda with the addition of the Adoption of the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan by Berner. Seconded by Reed. Approved by voice vote.

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2026 RUTLAND REGIONAL PLAN

Motion to adopt the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan by Reed. Seconded by Berner. Spencer requested a roll-call vote. **Approved by 60% majority of the board.** Results are listed below.

TOWN	NAME	
Benson	Cheryl Murray	Y
Brandon	Jack Schneider	Y
Castleton	Liz Mackay	-
Chittenden	Abigail Bradish	-
Clarendon	Brownson Spencer Daniel Pinkowski (alt)	N
Danby	Andrea Stoddard	Y
Fair Haven	Bob Richards	
Hubbardton	Robert Gibbs	Y
Ira	Bob Kirbach	Y
Killington	Lisa Davis Lewis	-
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	Y

TOWN	NAME	
Rutland City	David Allaire	Y
Rutland Town	Jim Marsh	Y
Shrewsbury	Laura Black	Y
Sudbury	Barbara Somson	Y
Tinmouth	Judy Gilmore	Y
Wallingford	Erika Berner	Y
Wells	Francis Gilman	-
West Haven	Kerry Ellis	-
West Rutland	Leona Minard	Y



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Middletown Springs	Steven Harrington	-			
Mount Holly	Jessica Metcalfe	Y			
Mount Tabor			ACI-Natural Resources	Hilary Solomon	-
Pawlet			Ex-Officio- CEDRR	Sarah Pelkey	-
Pittsford	Ann Reed	Y	(60% = 15 VOTES)	YES	16
Poultney	Paul Donaldson	-		NO	1
Proctor	Richard Horner	Y			

5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 21st MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 21st minutes by Reed. SecondED by Berner. Approved by voice vote.

6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

7. BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Executive Finance Committee recommended a bylaw amendment of Section 804: Terms of Office, to change the term of office of Treasurer from three consecutive one-year terms to six consecutive one-year terms to improve consistency and continuity and align bylaws with other regional planning commissions. **Motion to amend Section 804: Terms of Office to extend the term limit of Treasurer to six consecutive years by Spencer. Seconded by Reed. Approved by voice vote.**

8. FY27 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Stoddard of Danby, volunteered to Chair the FY27 Nominating Committee. Horner of Proctor, Spencer of Clarendon, and Reed of Pittsford agreed to join the committee in advance of the annual meeting in June.

9. EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Black provided the May 11th Executive Finance Committee report. Black highlighted that the Finance Assistant took on more grant billing responsibilities and entries in Quickbooks, including but not limited to invoice preparation and journal entries – all with the Finance Manager’s oversight. Since the current adopted Financial Policy recognizes some of these items as only the Finance Manager’s role, and the



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Financial Policy may not be ready for another update until September 2026, the auditor advised that the Executive Director concur with the delegation of duties and that we notify the full board of the changes at the next meeting. For informational purposes only.

10. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Berner reported that the committee reviewed Two (2) Section 248 petitions. The first, 26-0677-PET, a petition by Vermont Towers, LLC and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC requesting a certificate of public good for the installation of a tower and wireless equipment at 100 Seward Hill Road in East Wallingford.

Berner/Wallingford shared that the town has no objections against the project so the committee agreed to recommend to the full board a letter of support, citing significant regional impact and conformance with the regional plan based on the fact that the tower will extend cellular coverage to East Wallingford and parts of Mount Holly along Route 103. **Motion by Spencer to send a letter of significant regional impact and conformance with the regional plan to the Public Utility Commission for 26-0677-PET. Seconded by Somson. Approved by voice vote.**

The second, 26-0736-PET, a petition by RD1 Solar, LLC requesting a certificate of public good for a 4.975 MW electric generation facility in Fair Haven, Vermont. This project is in proximity to another solar project that was recently approved at the old airfield. This particular project would utilize prime agricultural soils and may also be host to an archaeological site which is currently under consideration. The committee chose to table the discussion of this project until June pending further information.

11. ADJOURN

Chair Black adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Respectively submitted by Karen Hill

A recording of this meeting can be found at:

www.rutlandrpc.org/board-and-committees-meeting-materials/