



# RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## RRPC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, 7:00 PM

### MEETING DETAILS

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

In-Person: The Opera House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 67 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701

### ATTENDANCE

(X = in person) (V = virtual attendance)

TOWN	NAME	
Benson	Cheryl Murray	
Brandon	Jack Schneider	X
Castleton	Liz MacKay	X
Chittenden	Gary Congdon	
Clarendon	Brownson Spencer	
Danby	Michelle Bushee	X
Fair Haven	Bob Richards	
Hubbardton	Robert Gibbs	X
Ira	Bob Kirbach	V
Killington	Andrew Salamon	X
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	X
Middletown Springs	Steven Harrington	
Mount Holly	Jessica Metcalfe	V
Mount Tabor		
Pawlet	John Sabotka	V
Pittsford	Donna Wilson	X
Poultney	Sarah Pelkey	X
Proctor	Judy Frazier	V

TOWN	NAME	
Rutland City	Michael Doenges	V
Rutland Town	Fred Nicholson	X
Shrewsbury	Laura Black	
Sudbury	Barbara Somson	V
Tinmouth	Robert Lloyd	V
Wallingford	Erika Berner	X
Wells	Don Preuss	
West Haven	Rod Ethier	
West Rutland	Leona Minard	X
ACI-Natural Resources	Hilary Solomon	
Ex-Officio- CEDRR	Lyle Jepson	X
Ex-Officio- CEDRR	Tyler Richardson	
Ex-Officio- TAC		
Ex-Officio- RRWIB		

**Guests:** Alicia Malay, Pittsford

**Staff:** Devon Neary, Mary Kay Skaza, Karen Hill, Ethan Pepin (V)

### MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Berner called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Introductions were made, and new Commissioners Judy Frazier, Town Manager (Proctor) and Barbara Somson (Sudbury) were welcomed.



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## 2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17th AGENDA

Motion by Nicholson to approve the agenda with changes to include the review of August 2023 financials and an addition to the Treasurer's report regarding a vote to approve the RRPC town dues rate for Fiscal Year 2025. Second by Courcelle. Approved by voice vote.

## 3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19th MINUTES

Motion by Lloyd to approve the minutes. Second by Nicholson. Approved by voice vote.

## 4. OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public Comments

## 5. TREASURERS REPORT

Mary Kay Skaza reviewed the August 2023 Financials. Report for informational purposes only. Motion by Lloyd to approve the FY25 Town RRPC dues rate at \$1000.00 per town. Second by Gibbs. Approved by voice vote.

## 6. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Regional Plan Committee Update – Neary shared that the Executive Committee had elected to take on the role of the Ad Hoc Regional Plan Committee and will utilize the entire Board for full draft review and public engagement assistance. The RRPC will need significant help from all board members to complete the planned public engagement activities from November 2023 to March 2024.

Approve Updated FY24 Budget - Motion by Lloyd to approve the updated FY24 Budget. Second by Minard. Approved by voice vote.

Approve Updated RRPC Bylaws - Motion by Nicholson to approve the updated RRPC Bylaws. Second by Lloyd. Approved by voice vote.

## 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Future Land Use Mapping Project – Neary shared that the Legislature is requiring planning commissions around the state to standardize definitions and symbology of Future Land use Mapping. The legislative report is due by the end of 2023. Commissioners expressed concern over retaining local control. Neary explained that the FLU map would not change substantially and the local control will depend on legislative changes around ACT 250. Commissioner Pelkey had concerns over Transitional Areas that should not densify where growth should be encouraged in nearby downtowns/village centers. Pelkey also stated that trails should be considered for the Resource-Based Recreation Area and that Rural definition should be refined since some of the sub-area options are conflicting as working lands can and often are conserved lands.

Approve Vermont State University at Castleton Letter – Neary shared the proposed Optimization 2.0 at Vermont State University, Castleton, will eliminate programs that bring the RRPC high quality intern talent on which the RRPC depends. The Executive Committee have drafted a letter of



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objection that the RRPC would like to send to the University with board approval. CEDRR's board voted to support a similar letter. Motion by Lloyd to approve the Vermont State University at Castleton Letter. Second by Courcelle. Approved by voice vote.

## 8. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Nicholson provided a committee report from the October 17th, Regional Committee Meeting. No action was taken.

## 9. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REPORT

Pepin shared that TAC had the opportunity to meet with Representative Butch Shaw at their last meeting and received a legislative update. Included was a discussion regarding a shared-use agreement for equipment assets around the State.

## 10. AREA WIDE CITIZENS

None present.

## 11. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Jepson thanked the RRPC for collaborative efforts that continue to allow Rutland to keep moving forward economically. He invited the Board to attend their Annual Meeting held at the MINT Makers Space on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

## 12. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Board President Berner shared that we will be piloting a new meeting procedure for Commissioner Updates. She asked that Commissioners only share topics and/or happenings that the board might offer support toward, collaborate on, or might enrich other towns within the district.

## 13. ADJOURN

Motion by Nicholson to adjourn. Second by Gibbs. Approved by voice vote. Adjourned at 8:23 PM.

*Respectively submitted by Karen Hill*