**RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION** 



# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023, 5:30 PM

## **MEETING DETAILS**

Virtual: <u>Teams Meeting</u>, ID: 226 664 661 864, Pass: qCPd89 I Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 485 980 535# 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		TOWN	NAME	
Benson	Cheryl Murray	V	Pawlet	John Sabotka	V
Brandon	Tracy Wyman		Pittsford	David Atherton	
Castleton	Michael Jones	V	Poultney	Sarah Pelkey	
Chittenden	Jan Sotirakis	V	Proctor	Bruce Baccei	
Clarendon	Dave Potter		Rutland City	Kiana McClure	
Danby	John Mykleburst		Rutland Town	Dave Sears	
Fair Haven			Shrewsbury	Marc Cimonetti	
Hubbardton	Janet Morey		Sudbury		
Ira	Larry Tagart	V	Tinmouth	Sherry Johson	V
Killington	Young Namkung		Wallingford	Bruce Dobbins	
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	V	Wells		
Middletown	William Reed		West Haven	John Garrison	
Springs					
Mount Holly	Clinton Wooley		West Rutland	Sean Barrows	

**Guests:** Otis Munroe (VTrans) **Staff:** Ethan Pepin

## **MEETING MINUTES**

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS Introductions were made.
- 2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26TH AGENDA Motion by Sotirakis to approve the agenda. Second by Pelkey. Approved by voice vote.

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- 3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29TH MINUTES Motion by Sotirakis to approve the minutes. Second by Pelkey. Approved by voice vote.
- 4. OPEN TO PUBLIC No public comments.

## 5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Munroe explained that projects identified as a priority in the plan were eligible for streamlining applications for PROTECT grants. Munroe then explained the overall goals for the Resilience Improvement Plan were to increase coordination to reduce risk to transportation systems. Munroe then explained the methodology behind the GIS analysis tools that were used to identify priority projects. Munroe then showed off the current plan, which is not a written document, but a ArcGIS storymap. Munroe talked about how this planning work is already helping to fastrack projects currently in capital planning. Then Munroe showed off the Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool, a GIS based webtool for identifying resiliency of infrastructure. Johnson asked if the analysis was primarily looking at vulnerability through river corridors. Munroe said that it was

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pepin announced that there would be a training for the Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Pepin then gave an update on sidewalk inventorying efforts; discussion was had about the use of the tool for capital planning and issues with maintenance. Pepin then explained the currently open grant programs, including Transportation Alternatives and Urban Community Forestry.

## 7. TOWN UDATES

Sotirakis discussed recent culvert projects. Sotirakis asked if Grants and Aid covered chip sealing. Jones noted that chip sealing worked very well. Sotirakis also asked about other road maintenance plans. Sabotka discussed recent VTrans projects. Johnson talked about efforts to educate public about speed limits. Jones highlighted large sidewalk grants received for Main Street projects and other grants. Pelkey went over recent projects in Poultney, including the conclusion of the Towns to Trails project. Courcelle explained the recent meeting held for the US4 scoping study.

## 8. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin