



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, 5:30 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 226 664 661 864, Pass: qCPd89 | Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 485 980 535#

In-Person: The Opera House, 3rd 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	X	Pittsford	David Atherton	X
Castleton	Michael Jones		Poultney	Sarah Pelkey	
Chittenden	Jan Sotirakis	V	Proctor	Bruce Baccei	X
Clarendon	Dave Potter	X	Rutland City	Kiana McClure	X
Danby	John Mykleburst		Rutland Town	Dave Sears	
Fair Haven			Shrewsbury	Marc Cimonetti	
Hubbardton	Janet Morey		Sudbury		
Ira	Larry Tagart		Tinmouth	Sherry Johson	V
Killington	Young Namkung		Wallingford	Bruce Dobbins	
Mendon	Larry Courcelle	X	Wells		
Middletown Springs	William Reed		West Haven	John Garrison	
Mount Holly	Clinton Wooley		West Rutland	Sean Barrows	X

Guests: Charles “Butch” Shaw (Legislative Representative Rutland District 8), Amanda Holland (VTrans).

Staff: Ethan Pepin, Nic Stark.

MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28TH AGENDA

Motion by Atherton to approve the agenda. Second by Wyman. Approved by voice vote.



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3. APPROVAL OF JUNE 29TH MINUTES

Motion by Wyman to approve the minutes. Second by Atherton. Approved by voice vote.

4. OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public comments.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Representative Shaw introduced himself, and his role co-chairing the House Transportation Committee. Shaw showed off the Transportation Bill and explained that there is a spending component and a policy component. Shaw explained that the total bill is around \$880 million. Shaw then went into the details of funding by program. Shaw then discussed the statewide efforts to promote EV usage, including incentives and planning for consistent charging infrastructure. Shaw and Pepin discussed details of the fare free program for public transit. Shaw talked about ongoing efforts to reform e-Bike subsidy programs in order to ensure bikes purchased are used primarily for transportation. Shaw went over legislative efforts levy taxes on EVs to supplement lost gas tax revenue. Discussion was had by members of the committee on the best way to track mileage for EVs and incentivize EV sales. An overview of the new Complete Streets program was given. Shaw then explained that in addition to the T-Bill there is a separate DMV Bill where laws regarding motor vehicles are set. As part of that bill, a statewide 35 MPH Limit has been set for all gravel backroads. Shaw then gave details about upcoming funded projects, and historical funding levels.

6. MEETING TIME

Pepin explained that Sarah Pelkey had asked about potentially changing the meeting time since she is municipal staff and attends many night meetings already. Pepin then asked the Committee about their thoughts on the idea. Discussion was had, and all attendees who spoke agreed that they would prefer the meeting time to remain the same.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pepin announced that there would be a training for the Transportation Resiliency Planning Tool on October 17th. 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.

8. TOWN UPDATES

Atherton gave an update on Pittsford's efforts to establish a 25 MPH speed limit through the Village Center, which was successful. Baccei noted concerns with the rail bridge over the falls and requested an inspection be made.

9. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin