



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DELAWARE & HUDSON RAIL TRAIL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024, 6:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: Microsoft Teams meeting

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In-Person: 16 Evelyn St. (2nd Floor) Rutland, VT 05701

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

MUNICIPALITY/ORG	REPRESENTATIVE	
Castleton	Matt Brown - Chairperson	
Poultney Village	-	
Poultney Town	Philip Wattenbarger	X
Granville Village	Dwayne Daigle	
Granville Town	-	
Pawlet	Frank Nelson- Vice Chairperson	V
Rupert	John LaVecchia	V
Salem	-	
Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce	-	
Lakes Region Area Chamber of Commerce	Greg	
Granville Area Chamber of Commerce	-	
Chamber of Economic Development of the Rutland Region	-	
Slate Valley Trails (Ex-Officio)	Dylan Daigle	V
Vermont Association of Snow Travelers	-	
Bennington County Regional Planning Commission	Jim Henderson	V
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Nic Stark - Secretary	X

In-Person Guests: Tom Clark (Salem)

Virtual Guests:



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MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Frank Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM

2. APPROVAL OF JULY 10 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Jim Henderson makes a motion to accept the draft minutes, Philip Wattenbarger seconds, ayes have it.

3. UPDATES FROM STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND CHAMBER MEMBERS

Castleton: No member present.

Pawlet: Seeing heavy trail usage, mainly bikers.

Poultney: Sarah Pelkey asked for the issue of dog waste and trash between Church and Main Street to be brought up. Nic to bring up to RPC Rail Trails Group to ask for ideas and see how other trails deal with the issue.

Granville: No member present.

Rupert: John La Vecchia met with Jackie Cassino, Bill Gray, Jim Henderson, and Tom Wilson about Rupert Parking Lot. Jim Henderson provided a quote for the construction parking lot from 2 years ago that he believes will serve as a good ballpark figure. Nic Stark, Jim Henderson and Jessica Van Oort to meet Friday to discuss the VOREC grant budget for the parking lot and W. Pawlet Amenities.

4. TRAIL USAGE DATA COLLECTION DISCUSSION

Nic shared his work on the proposal, awaiting approval from the RRPC Transportation Program lead and announced the RRPC had received access to Strava Metro data that will assist in this effort.

5. MISSING LINK UPDATE

Nic Stark shared updates to the DHRT Timeline document he produced.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Clark brought up that he had documents that showed Vermont may not have legally railbanked the rail line. He also expressed concerns related to the original design of the railway and it's



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propensity for flooding as it did in 1977. Frank Nelson provided clarification on the scope of the DHRT Council as an advisory body.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dylan Daigle asked for clarification on which bridge was being studied with the BRIC grant in Poultney. Nic Stark relayed that it was the beam bridge on the rail trail just south of Bentley Ave. in Poultney.

8. ADJOURNED

Philip Wattenbarger makes a motion to adjourn John La Vecchia seconded. Ayes have it.

Respectively submitted by Nic Stark