



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RRPC EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024, 5:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

LOCATION

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), Call in: 1-802-440-1368, Meeting ID: 382 346 158#

In-Person: 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, VT 05701

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Erika Berner, Bob Gibbs, Laura Black, and Larry Courcelle

Other: Devon Neary

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Berner at 5:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12TH AGENDA

Motion by Black to approve the November 12th Agenda. Second by Courcelle. Approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15TH MINUTES

Motion by Courcelle to approve the October 15th Minutes. Second by Black. Approved by voice vote.

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None present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

1. The RRPC has hired a new Senior Planner, Karimah Edwards, and she will be starting on November 18th. Karimah will be taking over the DOL WORC6 grant as well as helping with town planning, public engagement, and the regional plan.
2. The RRPC submitted all audit materials and completed the virtual audit. The RRPC will expect audit results in time for the board meeting/holiday party on December 9th.
3. Several new grant opportunities have been recently announced:
 - a. Better Roads Grant Program – category B, C, and D applications due 12/27/24. Contact Ethan Pepin for assistance.



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- b. Transportation Alternatives Program – planning and construction applications due 12/31/24. Contact Ethan Pepin for assistance.
 - c. Municipal Highway & Stormwater Mitigation Program – transportation stormwater project applications due 12/31/24. Contact Ethan Pepin for assistance.
 - d. Recreational Trails Program – pre-application due 12/6/24.
 - e. Land and Water Conservation Fund – pre-application due 12/13/24.
 - f. FEMA Swift Current Program – elevation and floodproofing project applications due mid-January, 2025.
4. MERP awards have been announced. Congratulations to the towns of Benson, Brandon, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Mt. Tabor, Pawlet, Poultney (Town and Village), and West Haven. Jeremy will be working with your towns to ensure grant agreements are returned by 12/16/24.
 5. Future Land Use Map Update - Starting in January 2025, the RRPC will begin updating its Regional Future Land Use Map as part of the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan and in alignment with Act 181. This process will involve collaborating with towns throughout the region to apply new standards and identify key areas for growth, ensuring the map supports future business and housing development. This map will also be needed to determine how to achieve the regional housing target as part of the HOME Act.

NOVEMBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Neary requested that the November agenda concentrate on education around the regional plan. The staff updated the plan development process with new requirements from Act 181, which has pushed up the timeline by about 75 days due to a new review period by the LURB. Following the regional plan policy review session with the board last month, Neary stated that there is more education needed by the board on the state planning goals, regional plan elements, and regional plan purpose. Neary will prepare a presentation on the required elements to ensure the board fully understands which parts of the plan must be included. Neary also reviewed the September 2024 financials. For informational purposes only.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Wallingford: town voted to approve zoning regulations at November election.

Shrewsbury: no updates.

Mendon: speed feedback sign, borrowed from State Police, was installed in Mendon on US-4.

Hubbardton: selectboard is beginning work on the annual budget.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectively submitted by Devon Neary