



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

OLDER ADULTS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025, 1:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS

Virtual: [Teams Meeting](#), ID: 239 820 319 213, Pass: CpxDkJ Call: 1-802-440-1368, ID: 598 674 540#

In-Person: Rutland Regional Planning Commission Offices, 2nd Floor, 16 Evelyn St, Rutland, VT 05701

ATTENDANCE

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

| ORGANIZATION | NAME | |
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| Advocacy Resources Community Rutland Area (ARC) | Diane Drake | V |
| Bridges & Beyond (B&B) | Meredith Drude | V |
| | Betty Spooner | V |
| Castleton Community Seniors (CCS) | Jo Ann Riley | V |
| Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD) | Jade McClallen | V |
| | Jennifer Ellis | V |
| | Sarah LaBrecque | V |
| | Kristy Bloomer | V |
| One-2-One/RSVP (O-2-O/RSVP) | Maryesa White | V |
| | Tammy Brown | X |
| Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) | Courtney Anderson | |
| Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) | Dan Currier | V |

RRPC Staff: Devon Neary, Executive Director & Ethan Pepin, Transportation Planner - Rutland Regional Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM. Introductions were made.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31st AGENDA

Motion by Brown to approve the agenda. Second by Drake. Approved by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11TH MINUTES

Motion by Butterfield to approve the minutes. Second by Drake. Approved by voice vote.



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4. OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public present.

5. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Pepin gave some opening remarks about the recent budget issues and the need to improve efficiency for the program to better serve riders. McClallen explained that starting March 1st, MVRTD would be expecting all rides that are not medical in nature to halt in order to preserve the budget. She noted that there were exceptions, but they should be done carefully. She hoped the program could open back up before the end of the year but would be budget dependent. Discussion was had between partners and MVRTD staff about projecting budgets, issues with billing rates and other administrative concerns around the program. Partners raised concerns about not getting updated monthly budget numbers. Neary stated that in addition to his role at RRPC, he was also Chair of the MVRTD Board of Commissioners. Neary explained that the OA&D program has been having significant cost overruns, and lacks efficiency due to the amount of money that is spent on administrative costs rather than providing rides. Neary stated that beginning July 1, MVRTD would be bringing the program in house in order to streamline the administration and maximize rides provided to clients. Neary also provided context that MVRTD is being asked by the State to reduce its budget and could no longer afford to provide excess infusions of funds to top off the OA&D program budget, as it has in previous years. Concerns were raised by partners about these changes and the quick nature of the announcement. McClallen stated that the overall transition plan was not set in stone, and MVRTD hoped to discuss this more with partners over the coming months. Pepin stated that the OA&D Committee should return to monthly meetings for the transition, and announced the date of the next meeting would be February 12th.

6. PARTNER UPDATES

No partner updates.

7. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Respectively submitted by Ethan Pepin