



# Town of Rutland, Vermont

## Meeting Room Use Policy

### Adopted 3/25/2025

The Town of Rutland has usable meeting room space in the Center Rutland Fire Station, Town Hall in Center Rutland, and the Public Safety Building, with certain limitations.

#### **Facilities available:**

Town Hall has various meeting spaces. These spaces may be available for public use during town office business hours or scheduled at a time when an approved town employee can be present throughout the meeting. Scheduling will be done through the Town Administrator or their designee.

The Public Safety Building at 272 McKinley Avenue has meeting space, but parking is limited. RTFD members answering emergency calls need to have access to the parking lot. A member of the fire department or other approved town employee will be present during the meeting room use. Scheduling the meeting room space is to be done through the Fire Chief or their designee.

The Center Rutland Fire Station at 619 Business Route 4 has excellent meeting space, but parking is limited. No more than 10 vehicles may be on site and must park in the *farthest spaces* from the door. RTFD members answering emergency calls need to have access to the closest spaces. Johnson Energy does not allow overflow parking. A member of the fire department or other approved town employee will be present during the meeting room use. Scheduling the meeting room space is to be done through the Fire Chief or their designee.

#### **Cost:**

During Regular Business Hours – Town Hall has regular business hours, available on the town website. Meeting time requested during these times will have no personnel cost associated with use of the space. The Center Rutland Fire Station and the Public Safety Building have no regular business hours.

Outside Regular Business Hours – Meeting times requested which begin and / or end outside of regular business hours require an approved town employee to be present. There will be no charge for the space however a reimbursement rate of \$25 per hour for each town employee (minimum 1 hour) payable by check to the **Town of Rutland** would be due at or before the meeting. If the meeting is cancelled before the close of business of the meeting day, no reimbursement would be required.

Any waivers of reimbursement fee require Selectboard approval.

**Rules for Use:**

1. Meeting room space may be reserved by town or regional government groups or to nonprofit groups with a local connection. All events must be open to the public and no admission fee may be charged except to cover the actual costs of materials or supplies used during the meeting or workshop.
2. Meeting room space may be available to any one group only once per month and not on a consecutive scheduled basis.
3. The access to and use of meeting room facilities for public use does not constitute Town of Rutland endorsement of the beliefs or ideas expressed by organizations or individuals using the space.
4. Groups are responsible for setting up the room in advance of the meeting and returning furniture and furnishings to their initial places at the end of the meeting.
5. Groups to deposit trash in the receptacles provided and take away everything else.
6. Refreshments are permitted. No alcohol and no smoking permitted anywhere on town property, inside or outside the building.
7. Damage to meeting room space must be reported to the Town Administrator by the next business day and is subject to possible repair costs by the group using the space.
8. No animals except service animals are allowed.
9. The Town of Rutland Selectboard reserves the right to refuse future use to any group that does not abide by any of the above regulations.
10. Every effort will be made to grant the specified date and time requests. Once granted, a meeting time would only need to be cancelled if town business deemed it necessary.

For scheduling at Town Hall please complete the online request form or call the Town Administrator at 802-773-2528 with at least 2 weeks' notice preferred.

For scheduling at the Center Rutland Fire Station please call Fire Chief Chris Clark at 802-558-2740.

The foregoing policy is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Rutland Vermont, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 and is effective as of this date until amended, modified, or repealed by a subsequent Board.

The Town of Rutland Selectboard

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