

TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 2nd, 2026

LOCATION: Town Hall and a publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chair Barbara Pulling, Dana Peterson, Howard Burgess, Sherman Hunter, Jerry Stearns, Mary Beth Poli, and Norm Cohen.

Members of the Public Present: Barbara Giffin, Tom Giffin, Jim Rowe, Barry Griffith, Dale Christie, Tom Hughes

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Discussion with local historians regarding Pocket Park signage

1. Individuals representing different organizations including the Crown Point Road Association and Rutland Historical Society were present.
2. Discussed locations of where the Crown Point Road ran, where forts were located, and where the watering trough was originally.
3. Discussed how the watering trough can be positioned in the park, its history and how it could be protected.

Old Business: Review best practices for pocket park historical sign

1. Short narratives are better than long to keep readers engaged.
2. Discussed other signs in the area.
3. Links to videos and other information can be better to keep it up to date.
4. Discussed how to get content from the groups in a timely fashion.
5. The main focus should be on getting the kiosk information ready.

Old Business: Subdivision Bylaw amendment

1. There have been no major changes to the draft since the changes given to us by our Town attorney were incorporated.
2. Discussed some other details included in the final draft.
3. A hearing is planned for the April 23rd meeting.
4. After discussion, Mr. Peterson moved to warn a hearing on the bylaws for the April 23rd meeting. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

The members up for reappointment were all reappointed by the Selectboard.

A new subdivision application was received. This will go on the April 23rd agenda.

A notice was received from SameSun solar for a 50kw installation on US Route 4 East by Bellevue Lane.

Approval of Minutes March 12th, 2026:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling
Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair

Date