

TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 14th, 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, Andy McKane, Jerry Stearns, Mary Beth Poli, and Norm Cohen. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: Laura Curry, Marie Faignant, Barbara Waters, Christa Thomas, Kaitlyn Golden, Will Austin

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Public Hearing: Orin Thomas subdivision application

1. Christa Thomas and Kaitlyn Golden were present to speak to the application.
2. Additional maps were provided to Commission Members.
3. The proposal is to subdivide +/- 2.24 acres from the original 178 +/- acre parcel.
4. Town Lister Marie Faignant commented on the acreage listed on the original parcel. There is a slight discrepancy in the original number presented and what the Listers Office shows. The new parcel size is and will be accurate. The size of the remaining parcel will be reviewed for accuracy.
5. The public hearing closed.

New Business: Action on Orin Thomas subdivision application

1. Reviewed the waiver requests and the reasons for each request. All waivers were granted.
2. There was extensive discussion on the size of the remaining parcel.
3. There were no other questions. Mr. McKane moved to approve the subdivision application. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Peterson abstained from the vote.
4. The mylar is due to be recorded within 120 days.

New Business: New subdivision bylaws

1. The Selectboard has the new bylaws. They had a couple of questions on language which they are seeking clarification on from the Town attorney.
2. They are hoping to have the follow up for the next Board meeting.

Old Business: Pocket Park assignments

1. Discussed the work being done for the new signs.
2. There is printed information available for members working on the content to review.

New Business: Town Plan Enhanced Consultation, Will Austin, RRPC

1. This is a preliminary discussion around the Town Plan which expires in about 18 months.
2. Discussed some of the new projects and plans which could be part of the new plan.
3. Discussed how current updates to land use regulations and other topics could affect the Town plan.
4. The RRPC will also help with the Town enhanced energy plan.

Announcements

1. Reported on the recent Selectboard meeting. The Board met with representatives for the Diamond run mall project.
2. Discussed holding any new subdivision applications until after the new regulations go into effect. There was extensive discussion. The Commission will accept all applications regardless of timing.

Approval of Minutes April 23rd, 2026:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Poli and Mr. McKane abstained.

Adjournment:

Mr. Stearns moved to adjourn. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling
Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair

Date