

TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 25th, 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, Norm Cohen. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Review Selectboard changes to Subdivision Bylaws definition

1. A change was made to the definition of subdivision after the Selectboard reviewed it.
2. The new language came from the Town attorney.
3. There is a sentence preceding the new sentence which conflicts.
4. After discussion, Mr. Peterson moved to remove the sentence which begins with “a subdivision of land shall also be deemed to have taken place...” and ends with "area of greater than 10 square miles”. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. There were no further comments.

Old Business: Update on the Pocket Park Design

1. Otter Creek Engineering is still working on the final design.
2. Bat habitats were addressed.
3. Flood plain impacts are being researched. A hydraulic study may be needed.
4. Discussed what signs could be placed in addition to the kiosk.
5. Reviewed some historical pictures provided to the group from the Rutland Historical Society.
6. After discussion, Mr. Peterson moved to have the Chair present to the Selectboard a request from the Planning Commission a request to purchase a number of signs to be posted in the pocket park at a variety of locations. They would include in kiosk and a series of signs at the overlook and requesting \$5000 to be able to pay for the signs. Ms. Poli seconded the motion. There was extensive discussion after which the motion was withdrawn without objection.
7. It was agreed that a subcommittee is needed to help steer the project and keep it moving. It should include The Selectboard and Planning Commission Chairs, the Town Rec Director and Road Commissioner, and other Planning Commission members who are willing to help.

Old Business: Schedule meeting of pocket park signage committee

1. Reviewed dates participating members could meet.
2. After discussion, July 6th at 6PM was chosen.

Announcements

Some notices from Act 250 were received on a few properties in Town. No action by this group is needed.

Samesun Solar submitted their application for a certificate of public good for the proposed solar array on US Route 4 East.

Approval of Minutes June 4th, 2026:

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

Adjournment:

Mr. Stearns moved to adjourn. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair