

TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 4th, 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, and Norm Cohen. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: None

The Pocket Park Committee meeting did not take place.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Update on the Municipal Impact Questionnaire for Walmart.

1. Reviewed the recent Selectboard meeting.
2. The Fire and Police Chiefs both reviewed the project and made requests.
3. The Police Department is asking for \$125,000 for 5 years and the Fire Department is asking for \$30,000 for some new equipment. Both were agreed to by the developer. The fees for the Police would begin 6 months after the permit becomes final and binding.
4. Discussed if this project conforms to the Town Plan. After discussion, Mr. Peterson moved to approve the Walmart is in compliance with the Town Plan and to send this decision to the Selectboard. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Rutland Town Community Events

1. There is an event on July 3rd at Northwood Park in collaboration with the City of Rutland to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the country. There are no fireworks at this event.
2. The Rutland Town Community Day event is Sunday August 16th at Northwood Park as in years past. The Commission will plan to have a table there.

Old Business: SameSun/ Bellevue Lane solar project

1. They have not submitted their full application yet.

Announcements

1. Discussed the Act 250 notice from GE Aerospace on Windcrest Road,. This is a minor application.
2. Discussed the Act 250 notice regarding a developer abandoning a project / permit at the corner of US 7S and US 4W.

Approval of Minutes May 14th, 2026:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. There was an addition made to the draft. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair