

TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 16th, 2026

LOCATION: Town Hall and a publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chair Barbara Pulling, Howard Burgess, Sherman Hunter, Andy McKane, Norm Cohen, and Demetrio Gagnon. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: Marie Faignant

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Cohen moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. A discussion on the update to the subdivision bylaws was added. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gagnon abstained.

Public Comment

Town Head Lister was present and discussed our subdivision process. The parcel sizes on the applications typically say +/- and lot sizes sometimes have not been accurate to town records. Future applications will be brought to the Listers office to verify lot sizes.

Old Business: Update to the subdivision bylaw

1. The Selectboard will be reviewing the new bylaw including the recent change to the definition at their public hearings.
2. They have 2 public hearings warned. One on July 28th and the other on August 11th.

Old Business: Update on Pocket park signage

1. Reviewed the designs given to us by Otter Creek Engineering including the path options, sign placements, parking areas and guard rail changes.
2. The tribes providing information for the area may not be able to be on the same sign structure due to State and Federal regulations.
3. Discussed having the public weigh in on naming the park. This could be done by asking for names at the Town Community Day in August. Input into the new Town plan will also be requested there. It is Sunday August 16th from 10AM to 2PM

Announcements

Reviewed the town MS4 project off Carmel Place and the renovations underway at the Cortina Inn.

There is an annual meeting for the Vt Council on Rural Development. One person from the Town can go for free. Ms. Pulling will be given the nomination to attend.

Approval of Minutes June 25th, 2026:

Mr. McKane moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Hunter abstained.

Adjournment:

Mr. Burgess moved to adjourn. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair