

RUTLAND TOWN SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 21st, 2026

The Highway Committee of the Rutland Town Selectboard met at 9:00 AM on Tuesday July 21st, 2026, at the Municipal Town Hall. Present were Selectboard Clerk Joe Denardo, Selectboard Member Kurt Hathaway, Town Road Commissioner Dave Sears, Town Administrator Bill Sweet. Also attending the meeting were Selectboard Chair Mary Ashcroft, Planning Commission Chair Barbara Pulling, Howard Smith, Jared Ellis and Craig Jewett from MSK engineering.

Discussed the work underway across from the Town school to possibly create a new development.

- MSK Engineering has been retained to help develop plans.
- They are planning to develop between 17 and 19 lots.
- The existing curb cut will be used. 1 additional one will be needed.
- They plan to connect to municipal water and sewer in the area. Discussed the possible use of the State CHIP program.
- Some plan and information related to water and sewer in the area will be given to MSK.
- The effect on the existing water system is not known without additional study.
- When the developers need additional help they will come back.

Discussed the Northwood Park Shared Use Path project with Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering

- Discussed the options to correct some of the issues found after construction.
- Reviewed the letter from the engineer.
- The stormwater retention ponds were designed for the future if the path was ever to be paved to be able to handle the runoff.
- Otter Creek Engineering will do a new staked layout based on current conditions and complete a walkthrough with the Highway Department. This will help with planning the corrections.

Discussed the sewer pump station at the intersection of Post Road and US 7 North.

- One of the pumps needs to be replaced, some electrical work needs to be done, and there is a small leak in the force main line to the south of the site.
- A vault may need to be installed to allow easier and more accessible future maintenance.
- This project is important due to the housing development discussed earlier needing this infrastructure.

Discussed changing the designation of Quarterline Road in its entirety to class 3

- Some parts of the road are class 3 and some are class 4.
- There are some conflicting maps as to where these sections are.
- After discussion, the committee will recommend to the full board moving forward with designating the whole town portion of the road as Class 3.

Discussed bridge and culvert inventory and establishing a replacement fund

- A full town wide inventory is planned in cooperation with the Regional Planning Commission.
- There are some short structures which we know are going to need replacement soon.

Discussed the deicing plan for 2026 and 2027

- One of our vendors makes regular trips to New York and may be able to give us regular salt deliveries. The cost would be less than what we paid last year.
- This can help us fill the shed more easily and at a lower cost.

Discussed the pocket park project.

- Discussed the project priorities to get some work done this season.
- Clearing the right of way of vegetation, removing the old asphalt road, putting down crushed gravel, topsoil and grass seed would be a big move forward.
- A railing and picnic tables will need to be purchased.
- Concrete will be needed to create a base for the fence, a pad to mount the tables to, and for the water trough.
- The project was reviewed by a State flood plain manager. The work in this phase will incorporate his comments, including anchoring furniture in case of flood water.
- Discussed funding sources, the local option tax would be the best source.
- The Highway department will start working soon on clearing the area.

Discussed some issues with Town fire hydrants

- A hydrant at the top of Seward Road is out of service.
- There is a hydrant on Quality Lane which is the only one that opens in the opposite direction.
- There are 2 on 7 South, 1 near Valvoline and 1 in front of the car wash which both open very hard.
- Having the city do the repair work, as outlined in the contract, was preferred.

Discussed what to do with some equipment which is being phased out but doesn't need to be disposed of.

- There are some small power tools and other equipment which has been replaced.
- The items will be posted on our Town Facebook page and offer them for sale.

Discussed the purchase of speed monitoring signs for a few places in town and flashing crosswalk signs for the crosswalk at Town Hall.

- New speed monitoring signs could be placed on the poles where the new weather stations are going. They are approximately \$6000 each.
- The quote for the flashing crosswalk lights was approximately \$10,000.
- Neither item was included in this year's fiscal budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet