

**TOWN OF RUTLAND SELECTBOARD OPEN MEETING
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL
181 BUSINESS ROUTE 4, CENTER RUTLAND, VT 05736
AUGUST 11th, 2026**

- The meeting opened at 6:00 P.M. with the pledge of allegiance.
- Board members present Mary Ashcroft, Joe Denardo, Sharon Russell, Kurt Hathaway, and Matt Getty
- Members of the public present Karen Pezzetti, Frank Trombetta, Rebekah Stephens, Suzanne Bronson, Shelley Lutz, Ernie Bove

Approval of Selectboard Minutes for July 28th:

Selectman Denardo moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectwoman Russell abstained

Approval of Selectboard Minutes for July 14th:

Selectman Getty moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectwoman Russell and Selectman Denardo abstained.

Approval of Orders

Selectman Denardo moved to approve the orders. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. There was a question on the payee for the new zero turn mower. This needs to be verified. The cost was approved pending verification.

Announcements

The meeting will need to adjourn close to 7PM to allow for the counting of ballots from today's primary election to take place.

Board to vote on adding Justices of the Peace to the back of the General Election ballot in November.

1. The Board needs to take affirmative action to have this done.
2. The November ballots are being mailed out by the State, and they can have the names printed on ours.
3. Selectwoman Russell moved to include the JPs on the back of the ballot. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Question from the Floor / Public Comment

1. Rebekah Stephens from Habitat for Humanity invited the Board to an open house at their facility on Cold River Road next Wednesday.

Jimmy Plakas Rutland Town Deputy Police Chief

1. DC Plakas spoke about a recent incident at the Belock house on Quarterline Road.
 - a. Several residents from the area attended the meeting.
 - b. They discussed and recounted issues they have personally experienced or were told about.
 - c. The pull off in the area is being used by people who frequent the house.
 - d. DC Plakas encouraged the residents in the area to designate a spokesperson for their group and have them communicate with him on these, and any other issues.
 - e. The Police will do their best to patrol the area when they can.
 - f. The owner of the property is not believed to be living there, but there is someone with a power of attorney who has authority over the property.

Board to hold public hearing on the proposed changes to the subdivision bylaw

1. The hearing opened at 630PM. There was no one from the public present to discuss this.
2. Discussed the comments raised by the Listers office at the last meeting. Town lister Marie Faignant reviewed then bylaw with Mr. Sweet after the last meeting and based on the discussion; they no longer have any concerns.
3. After discussion, Selectman Denardo moved to repeal the existing subdivision ordinance and replaced it with the new subdivision bylaw.
4. The hearing closed at 6:36PM.

Bill Sweet Town Administrator:

1. Rec Director Mike Rowe passed along that he is looking forward to the Community Day event this coming Sunday.
 - a. Most Board members are planning to attend as well as some of our State reps.
 - b. There are some new things for this year and several of the favorites from the past years.
2. Reviewed an initial Act 250 filing for the property at 476 Holiday Drive.
3. There is a grant opportunity we could take advantage of to help fund the replacement of the pool. We were contacted by the State recently about this grant, and its history. There are some details which need to be worked out, but we are currently in non-compliance. A meeting is scheduled for Monday morning at Northwood Park to review the site and talk about the options we have to be back in compliance.
4. Reviewed the furniture purchase plan for the pocket park. Another vendor was found and the cost is approximately \$1200 less, for a total of \$3793.89. After discussion, Selectman Denardo moved to approve the purchase from Barco Products with the funds to come from the Capital improvement fund. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. The front area of Town Hall was repainted today and looks much better.
6. Final approval was received for the MS4 work in the Wynnmere development. Work should begin soon.

Selectman Hathaway moved to adjourn. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet, Town Administrator.

Mary Ashcroft, Chair

Joseph Denardo, Clerk

Sharon Russell

Kurt Hathaway

Matt Getty

Center Rutland, VT.