

TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 27th, 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, and Norm Cohen. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: None

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Super Walmart Act 250 pre-hearing

1. There is a pre-hearing meeting on September 10th. There will be a site visit and then a meeting at the Regional Planning Commission downtown.
2. The Town Selectboard and Planning Commission are both planning to have representatives attend.

Old Business: Subdivision bylaws adopted by the Selectboard.

1. The new bylaws were adopted and are now waiting on the 60-day period for them to go into effect. This will be in mid-October.

Old Business: Pocket Park Otter Creek Engineering design

1. We are waiting on some design specifications from our engineer to be able to move forward with some of the work.
2. Land clearing should begin in the next few weeks.
3. Discussed the new location of the watering trough.

Old Business: Pocket Park Signage update

1. Green Mountain Power should be getting us the kiosk soon.
2. Discussed the placement of additional informational signs, where and how they could be placed. Waiting until after the fencing is in place to find a place and method to mount them is a good option.
3. Discussed some of the planned content and how much room there is for text and images.

Old Business: Community Day survey results

1. Reviewed the names voted on and suggested from the event.
 - a. After discussion, the Commission is going to recommend Mead Falls Park be the name.
2. The Town Plan survey generated a lot of feedback.
 - a. Popular responses included promoting local food production, a community garden, encourage tourism, a conservation committee, and simple zoning.
 - b. Discussed methods and locations to get a large sample from residents. More information will be provided in the future.
 - c. A meeting with a resource from the Regional Planning Commission will be arranged as well.

Approval of Minutes August 6th, 2026:

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. McKane and Ms. Poli abstained from the vote.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

Barbara Pulling

Date

Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair