

RUTLAND TOWN SELECTBOARD POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2nd , 2026

The Police Committee of the Rutland Town Selectboard met at 4:30 PM on Wednesday September 2nd , 2026, at the Municipal Town Hall. Present were Selectboard Chair Mary Ashcroft, Selectboard Member Matt Getty, Town Police Chief Ted Washburn, and Town 2nd Constable John Paul Faignant.

Discussed the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance

- A change to the language for Post Road was discussed.
- The distances for the school zone are detailed specifically.
- A change to the Post Road detail was recommended to remove all references to the flashing lights.
- State statutes allow for double penalty tickets in school zones and does not limit the time of day or year.
- This amendment to the ordinance will be recommended to the full Board.

The inventory record list is being worked on.

Discussed establishing a social media presence for the Police.

- Specific training would be needed before a separate page could be used.
- Press releases are sent out through the Town Administrator.

Discussed a drone policy for the Police Department.

- The Police have a policy for their use which was finished recently.
- An additional one to other department use is appropriate.

Discussed a cruiser use policy

- Discussed the history of how vehicle use was handled.
- There are currently enough cruisers for each officer to have one assigned to them.
- There are 6 vehicles in the fleet now. The Charger is being held onto for now and is not costing us anything additional.

Discussed compensation / pay scale and sign on bonuses

- Reviewed comparisons from other municipalities which are similar to the Town.
- Reviewed the proposed pay scale and how it would impact current and future officers.
- Some agencies in the area have pay scales and some do not. Ones with pay scales are union.
- Chief Washburn would like to use this guide for budget discussion so they could take effect in the next fiscal year.

Discussed the Quarterline Road problem property. An effort to get resources from outside agencies is underway but nothing is in place currently.

The committee entered executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 5:29 PM. The committee came out of executive session at 5:46 PM with no recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet