

**TOWN OF RUTLAND SELECTBOARD OPEN MEETING
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL
181 BUSINESS ROUTE 4, CENTER RUTLAND, VT 05736
SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2026**

- The meeting opened at 6:00 P.M. with the pledge of allegiance.
- Board members present Mary Ashcroft, Joe Denardo, Sharon Russell, and Matt Getty
- Members of the public present Andres Torizzo, Charles Barker, Nicholas Gallareni, Robyn Sweet, Michael Miller

Approval of Selectboard Minutes for September 8th:

Selectwoman Russell moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. There were some clerical changes made. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Denardo abstained from the vote. Discussed the statement made by Habitat for Humanity. A copy was not provided so it was not included.

Approval of Orders

Selectman Denardo moved to approve the orders. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Selectman Getty said his term is up in March and due to his upcoming schedule, he is not going to seek another term.

Update from the Selectboard Chair

Reviewed the recent prehearing conference for the proposed Walmart Act 250 application. The full hearing is likely to be held in December.

The next edition of The Circle should be out soon.

Board to review for approval the municipal impact questionnaire for General Electric

1. Charles Barker from GE was present to review the project.
2. This new project will be an addition to the existing building and is for new chemical mill lines.
3. Construction would begin in 2027.
4. All the department heads have seen the plans and have given their approval.
5. Selectman Denardo moved to approve the municipal impact questionnaire and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board to meet with Andres Torizzo to discuss a new grant opportunity for managing MS4 projects.

1. The State is offering a program to allow Towns to help with 3 acre stormwater sites.
2. This can be used for design and upgrades to systems to help reduce phosphorous.

3. The Heritage Hill development is on the State 3 acre list with a stormwater permit. The Town could roll their permit in to the larger MS4 permit.
4. This would obligate the Town to their system going forward.
5. Wynnridge is a site the Town already has in the MS4 permit and this grant could go towards maintenance costs.
6. The Town could be eligible for up to \$500,000.
7. After discussion, Mr. Torizzo will work with Mr. Sweet to develop the application.

Board to review for approval the municipal impact questionnaire for the VT Federal Credit Union

1. Nicholas Gallareni was present to answer questions from the Board.
2. All the department heads have seen the plans and have given their approval.
3. Selectman Getty moved to approve the municipal impact questionnaire and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Rowe Rutland Town Recreation Director:

1. The soccer Saturday program is going well.
2. Some upcoming events are
 - a. Trick or Treat on the Trail is October 30th from 4 to 530.
 - b. The next senior trip will be in the next couple of weeks. It will be a gondola ride up Killington and lunch at the peak restaurant.
 - c. October 27th there is a paint and pizza party for the seniors. This will be at Town hall.
 - d. November 17th will be the Thanksgiving meal at the Center Rutland Fire station.
 - e. The Humane Society will be hosting an event on October 4th in the park.
3. Some damage to various grass areas at Northwood was found to be caused by 4 wheelers. The Police were able to find the riders who admitted to doing it. They will be working to restore the surfaces.

Ted Washburn Rutland Town Police Chief:

1. Recent calls for service were provided and reviewed
2. The new patrol officer started yesterday and will be attending the next Board meeting.
3. A candidate for the SRO position has not been found yet.
4. A recent missing person in Town was found with the assistance of K9 Rooster.

David Sears Rutland Town Road Commissioner:

1. Reported on some maintenance tasks completed around Town.
2. The Pocket Park project moved forward with clearing. During this, it was found there is a concrete slab that is 155 feet long, 20 feet wide and 6 inches thick and is reinforced with 1 inch rebar. This will likely affect the location of the path and amenities. A meeting is set for tomorrow morning with our engineer.
3. The culvert on East Mountain View Drive needs a temporary replacement. Three contractors came to visit the site. Bids were requested from each of them for a daily rate and a not to exceed amount. We have a state permit to do the work. After discussion, Selectman Denardo moved to accept the bid from Belden Construction and to authorize the Chair to sign the

agreement on behalf of the Town. The cost is \$5000 per day with a not to exceed cost of \$25,000. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Markowski bid \$7929 per day with a not to exceed cost of \$31,715.
- b. Champlain Construction bid \$10,100 per day with a not to exceed cost of \$30,300.

Chris Clark Rutland Town Fire Chief:

1. October is fire prevention month and there are several events planned.
2. Pump testing on the trucks will be done October 4th.
3. Engine 1 has a defect in the paint on the body. The manufacturer will be taking the truck back to the factory and it will be completely repainted. The length of time gone is not yet known.

Marie Fagnant Rutland Town Lister

1. Lister Marie Fagnant was not present but provided an Errors and Omission Certificate for the Board. There are 3 properties needing to be adjusted. After review, Selectman Denardo moved to accept them as presented. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kari Clark Rutland Town Clerk and Treasurer

1. Clerk and Treasurer Kari Clark was not present but asked the Board to consider moving the November 3rd Board meeting to a different night to avoid a conflict with the election. After discussion, the meeting will be moved to November 2nd.

Barbara Pulling Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair:

1. The Commission wanted to expand the survey for input into the Town plan. They would like to have surveys done at the polling locations on November 3rd. After discussion, the Board is in favor of it and asked them to coordinate with the Town Clerk.
2. The kiosk is still being developed. A message from the Town is needed. Some photos of the falls over different seasons are being sourced as well.

Joe Denardo Rutland Town Public Safety Building Clerk

1. Our contact at Naylor and Breen has left their company so we need a new point person. Hope to have an update by the next meeting.

Bill Sweet Town Administrator:

1. Reviewed the salvage yard application from CoPart for a new 5-year permit. Selectman Denardo moved to approve the request and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Reviewed the current fee schedule. It includes all the State fees by statute and all the town specific fees as well.
3. Discussed the budget planning process for FY 28 budgets. Once the audit is complete, the finance committee meets with the auditors, and adjustments are made to the actual spend for the last FY, then budget planning sheets can be sent out. A final budget meeting is

usually held in December. After discussion, the budget meeting will be December 8th with a backup date of December 22nd.

4. The progress for the Route 7 North sidewalk project is being held up waiting for our Town Attorney to review acquisition documents.
5. Our grant application to help fund the restoration of our covered bridge was declined.
6. All the notices for reclassifying Quarterline Road are out. The site visit is October 20th.
7. Received 2 bids for propane for the upcoming heating season. The bids are
 - a. Suburban Propane bid \$1.48 per gallon variable and \$1.69 per gallon fixed.
 - b. Irving Energy bid \$1.661 per gallon fixed and \$1.2858 per gallon variable.
 - c. Selectwoman Russell moved to approve the fixed rate bid from Irving Energy. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectwoman Russell moved to adjourn. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet, Town Administrator.

Mary Ashcroft, Chair

Joseph Denardo, Clerk

Sharon Russell

ABSENT

Kurt Hathaway

Matt Getty

Center Rutland, VT.