TOWN OF RUTLAND SELECTBOARD OPEN MEETING
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL
181 BUSINESS ROUTE 4, CENTER RUTLAND, VT 05736
OCTOBER 20th, 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: Michael Miller, Chris Howe, John Sikorak, Shelley Lutz, Preston Billings, Scott Billings, Pete Chase, Carly Perry, Trudy Billings,

Approval of Selectboard Minutes for October 6th:

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

Approval of Orders

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

Update from the Selectboard Chair

The new edition of The Circle is arriving at homes now.

Chris Clark Rutland Town Fire Chief:

1. Engine 1 has left to go back to the manufacturer for its paint repair.
2. Recent private fire hydrant inspection reports have revealed 6 of the 10 hydrants in the Home Depot plaza are out of service.
3. Asked the Board about the status of the work to update the fire alarm ordinance. This is for the Fire Committee to discuss
4. Board Chair Ashcroft thanked the Departments members for their work to put together fire prevention programs and attend community events.

Marie Faignant Rutland Town Lister

1. Revision to the NEMRC agreement was received from the Town Attorney. This will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.
2. A semi-regular information bulletin will be made available to residents from their office.

Mike Rowe Rutland Town Recreation Director:

1. Fall sports are transitioning to winter sports.
2. Reviewed other events coming up which have been previously discussed.
3. Asked the Board to approve a new policy to keep us in compliance with our Background Check requirements. Selectman Getty moved to approve the policy. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Reported on some damage done to trails, fields and courses at Northwood Park by ATVs. The Town Police Department is investigating.

Ted Washburn Rutland Town Police Chief:

1. Provided the contract from SymQuest for the new copier for their office. Selectman Getty moved to approve the contract and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

David Sears Rutland Town Road Commissioner:

1. The salt shed has been filled ahead of the season.
2. Thanked KT Hathaway excavation for their work on the Stratton Road culvert.
3. Reported on the work on East Mountain View culvert work. The temporary culvert should be completed soon.
4. A pre-bid meeting for the repair work on the Post Road pump station work is tomorrow.

Kari Clark Rutland Town Clerk and Treasurer:

1. Received a liquor license request from the Maple Angus. Selectman Getty moved to approve the request. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Ballots are being turned in regularly.

Noticed and Warned Public Hearing on the reclassification of class 4 sections of Quarterline Road to class 3.

1. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss reclassifying any parts of Quarterline Road in the Town of Rutland that are currently class 4 as class 3. A noticed site visit was conducted by the Board at 5PM today.
2. The State of Vermont is driving this process. There are at least 3 different maps which have different sections of this road as being class 3 and class 4. None of them agree and no documentation can be found which clearly makes a determination.
3. Shelley Lutz spoke about the reclassification process and designation.
4. Carly Perry spoke about maintenance concerns. No changes are planned.
5. Peter Chase asked about classification differences. Selectman Hathaway said this is a bougie class 4 road. Discussed possible upgrades, traffic counts and future plans. Mr. Chase said he was not against the reclassification.
6. John Sikorak spoke about the traffic, and past maintenance practices. He asked for better dust control. Commissioner Sears discussed the reasons behind the current maintenance plans and practices. Mr. Sikorak asked the Board to consider paving the road.
7. Preston Billings spoke in favor of the reclassification and wants the Board to consider upgrades over the next few years.
8. There are no current plans to pave dirt sections, this could come at a significant cost and could impact frontage on the adjacent property owners. A survey would be needed to determine the exact right of way. That is beyond the scope of this hearing. None of the people in attendance spoke against the reclassification
9. The Board reviewed their requirements under the statute. Selectman Denardo moved to reclassify class 4 sections of Quarterline Road as class 3 after finding the action meets the

requirement of the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants. Selectman Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Pulling Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair:

1. Discussed naming options for the Pocket Park. A list of names, including some suggestions from Native Americans, were included. Several different versions and options were discussed but there was no consensus. The Board has asked the Planning Commission to review the shortened list and come back to the Board with their recommendation.

Bill Sweet Town Administrator:

1. Provided the new agreement for Stantec to do the required landfill monitoring at our closed landfill. Selectman Getty moved to approve the agreement for $10,200 and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board with the funds to come from the transfer station engineering line. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Showed the copy of the completed modified grant agreement for the MS4 grant.
3. Provided SSA cost of living increases and consumer price index changes, 3.6% and 3.7% respectively. This has been used as the baseline for compensation changes for budgeting purposes. Selectman Denardo moved to use the 3.6% cost of living increase for compensation changes in the budgeting process. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
4. Discussed a question pending review by our Town Attorney of documents related to the Route 7 North sidewalk. Board Chair Ashcroft will reach out to our Town Attorney.
5. Maintenance agreements are needed between the Town and the City for the section of new sidewalk we are planning to build within the City limits. We need to have a written plan in place as part of the process.
6. The furniture for the Pocket Park was delivered today.
7. Discussed correspondence received asking the town to support an effort to limit bigger trucks on the roads. The Board declined to take any action.
8. Reported on a recent accessibility review of our website, as part of the planning process around changing the website to meet upcoming requirements.
9. Provided updated quotes for crosswalk lights at Town Hall and 3 additional speed detection signs. Discussed this purchase as well as the downstairs remodel project, using the Capital Improvement fund. A review of rec depreciation account projections will be included for the next meeting to help plan expenses related to a new pool.
    a. Reviewed the quote for new flashing lights at the Town Hall crosswalk. The only additional thing needed would be concrete mounting bases. These are solar powered. Selectman Hathaway moved to approve the purchase of the system for $9169.96, and the actual cost of appropriate concrete bases with the funds to come from the capital improvement fund. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
    b. Reviewed the quote for 3 additional speed signs. These are different than the ones we have near the school. These are solar powered and are remotely accessible and programmable. They would be placed in coordination with the weather monitoring signs the Highway department is planning to places in Town. Some areas are North Grove Street, East Pittsford Road and Cold River Road. Selectman Denardo moved to approve the purchase, with the funds to come from the capital improvement fund, and the Police

Department to help coordinate the best location for them. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Our annual insurance renewal is underway and is nearly complete.
11. Fire District 1 is sending out their last bills and will be taken over by West Rutland very soon.
12. Reminder the next Board meeting is Monday November 2nd.

Selectman Hathaway moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet, Town Administrator.

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Mary Ashcroft, Chair

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Joseph Denardo, Clerk

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Sharon Russell

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Kurt Hathaway

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Matt Getty

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