

TOWN OF RUTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 8th, 2026

LOCATION: Town Hall and a publicly accessible conference line

OPEN MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Chair Barbara Pulling, Howard Burgess, Andy McKane, Mary Beth Poli, Jerry Stearns and Alternates Norm Cohen, and Demetrio Gagnon. All members are voting members for this meeting.

Members of the Public Present: Will Austin

Approval of the Agenda:

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

New Business: Work on updating the Municipal Town Plan

1. Will Austin, from the Regional Planning Commission, was present. He will be helping us in the effort to update the Town Plan. The new plan is due by October of 2027.
2. Commission members are asked to read through the current plan prior to the October 29th meeting.
3. Discussed how the recently approved Regional Plan can impact our Town plan.
4. It is likely 3 public hearings will be required. The new plan should be able to be finalized within about 6 to 8 months.
5. Discussed asking residents to submit their opinion via a survey on election day. Mr. Austin has a QR code linked to a survey which can collect the data. Paper copies will be made available as well.
6. The next meeting will be a much more in depth discussion on this.

Old Business: Walmart Act 250 update

1. The Rutland Redevelopment Authority has dropped its request for party status.
2. The hearing is scheduled for 2 days, December 1st and 2nd.

Old Business: Pocket Park Construction work

1. There is a concrete slab found under the asphalt road. This has caused some of the plans to have to be reworked.
2. The Highway department will be working to remove a section of it to allow better grading and to allow benches and tables to be installed and anchored correctly.
3. The expansion of the walking paths will be a later project.

Old Business: Pocket Park signage update

1. Awesome Graphics is helping to create the kiosk. Some language is still needed to help develop them.
2. The final design is planned to be done by December.

Approval of Minutes September 17th, 2026:

Mr. Cohen moved to approve the minutes. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. There was a clerical change. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Stearns and Ms. Poli abstained.

Announcements

Mr. Gagnon discussed local businesses donating materials and time to help rehab some of the disc golf holes at Northwood. This needs to be brought to the Town Rec Director.

Adjournment:

Mr. McKane move to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet

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Barbara Pulling	Date
Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair	