TOWN OF RUTLAND SELECTBOARD OPEN MEETING
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL
181 BUSINESS ROUTE 4, CENTER RUTLAND, VT 05736
NOVEMBER 2nd, 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 Robyn Sweet, Chris Howe

Approval of Orders

Selectman Denardo moved to approve the orders. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Hathaway abstained from the vote.

Approval of Selectboard Minutes for October 20th:

Selectwoman Russell moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. There was an addition of the speed sign vendor and cost added to the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Update from the Selectboard Chair

The auditor is ready to meet with the finance committee. A meeting will be set soon.

Committees need to meet soon to go over the department budgets.

Articles for the next edition of The Circle are due by November 15th.

A vendor at the Farmers Market related their thanks and appreciation for the service they got at Town Hall recently.

David Sears Rutland Town Road Commissioner:

1. The speed detection sign on the West side of the school was run over on Sunday. Much of the infrastructure is damaged or destroyed. The metal speed sign was straightened and put back in place.
2. Reviewed the bid recommendation from Otter Creek Engineering for the Route 7 north force main repair. 2 bids were received. One from Daniels Excavating for $83,100 and Belden Construction bid $95,000. Otter Creek Engineering is recommending the Daniels bid. After discussion, Selectman Denardo moved to approve the recommendation and to authorize the Chair to sign documents related to the contract. Selectman Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussed the Quarterline Road reclassification report. A draft report was prepared based on the site visit and the hearing. After review, Selectman Getty moved to approve the report and the reclassification of all Class 4 sections for Quarterline Road as Class 3. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Rowe Rutland Town Recreation Director:

1. The Thanksgiving Senior lunch is November 17th. The last event at Town Hall was a great event. The Christmas dinner will be December 15th at the Town school.
2. A committee meeting needs to be scheduled soon to go over the budget and some other topics.
3. Nearly 400 people attended the Halloween party at the school. The Police won favorite over Fire this year.
4. Reviewed and discussed the current depreciation values. There are separate balances for Rec Depreciation and pool replacement. The depreciation account is the only one with contributions from tax payments. Discussed plans for replacing the pool. This needs to be discussed with the Rec Committee. Some expenses charged to the depreciation went against the purchasing policy. The minimum spend from depreciation is $5000. Discussed ensuring this is correct going forward. A Rec committee meeting will be set soon.

Ted Washburn Rutland Town Police Chief:

1. Reported on some recent deployments of our K9. He has proven very valuable.
2. Reminder to all Town residents that there is no on street parking allowed in Town. This is part of a town ordinance.
3. Reviewed an addendum from the copier company for the Police Department copier contract. Discussed the language in it. After review, Selectman Denardo moved to approve the addendum and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Larry Dell Veneri Rutland Town Transfer Station manager

1. Provided the Board with updated hauling rates. These went into effect November 1st.
2. Compactor and C&D pickup rates are going from $180 to $250 per pickup.
3. Tipping fees are increasing from $130 to $150.
4. Recycling is going up from $160 to $200 per pickup.
5. The facility we had material brought to is closing and it now must be trucked farther away.
6. Due to these increased costs the transfer station portion of the budget may be over.

Barbara Pulling Rutland Town Planning Commission Chair:

1. The Planning Commission discussed the proposed name of Portage Park at Center Rutland Falls given to them by the Selectboard. They were unanimously in favor of it. Selectman Denardo moved to name the new park Portage Park at Center Rutland Falls. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Marie Faignant Rutland Town Lister

1. Inspections are underway for building projects to be included on the next Grand List.
2. A meeting will be scheduled for business property owners. This information will go out soon.
3. Information regarding name changes and what needs to be done for property records is being posted as well.
4. A request to enter executive session was made to hear advice from Town Counsel and to discuss a proposed contract as to preclude general public knowledge which would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage while discussing terms. Selectwoman Russell moved to

enter executive session for those reasons. Selectman Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered executive session at 7:03PM.

5. Upon leaving executive session at 7:30PM Selectman Getty moved to authorize Marie to communicate with NEMRC to coordinate the terms in the proposed contract as discussed in executive session. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Joe Denardo Public Safety Building Clerk

1. Discussed the repairs needed to the Public Safety Building. The contractor does not have it on their schedule yet. The project manager working on it has left their company. An update from the contractor is pending.

Bill Sweet Town Administrator:

1. A request was made by a property owner in Town to establish a shared driveway as a new private town road. They provided a list of names which were reviewed by our State E-911 coordinator. They gave us Maple Shade Farm Place as the preferred name. Adding this as a new private road will be an amendment to our Road Name and Road Location Ordinance. Selectman Denardo moved to approve establishing the new name. Selectman Getty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. The appointees to the Rutland Regional Management Committee need to be redone. Selectman Getty moved to reappoint Marty Wasserman and William Sweet to the committee and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Reviewed the grant opportunity for the creation of a formal capital improvement plan. It would be a comprehensive look at town infrastructure and resources and could be for up to 20 years. The grant requires a 10% match After discussion the Board approved moving forward with the grant application.
4. The MS4 grant for 3-acre parcels was awarded to us. The grant agreement will be coming soon.
5. An additional grant for creating educational materials is available. This is for up to $25,000 and does not have a match requirement. The Board approved moving forward with this application.
6. Discussed the new Subdivision bylaws in effect. A minor subdivision process does not require a hearing and does not have a notice requirement. We will discuss whether one should be held and proper procedure for notices with our contact at the Regional Planning Commission.
7. Reviewed the certificate of final completion for the Stratton Road culvert project. The engineer and contractor for the project have signed off on it. The Road Commissioner says he is satisfied with the work. Selectman Denardo moved to approve the document and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Selectwoman Russell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Hathaway abstained.

Selectman Hathaway moved to adjourn. Selectman Denardo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 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

Center Rutland, VT.