RUTLAND TOWN SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 23rd, 2026

The Highway Committee of the Rutland Town Selectboard met at 9:00 AM on Monday November 23rd, 2026, at the Municipal Town Hall. Present were Selectboard Clerk Joe Denardo, Selectboard Member Kurt Hathaway, Town Road Commissioner Dave Sears, and Town Administrator Bill Sweet.

Discussed the inventory records list.

1) The highway department is working on theirs and is being complied as they have time.

Discussed the need for bridge work

1) Some grant opportunities are available, and Commissioner Sears is working on them.
2) Input from the State is needed on projects also.

Discussed right of way acquisition and maintenance agreements for the Route 7 North Sidewalk

1) We are waiting on VTrans to get back to us on comments regarding acquisitions.
2) Discussed maintenance agreements for the section which will be built in the City.
    a. A winter agreement and regular maintenance agreement needed.
    b. VTrans needs to see an agreement is in place.
    c. Commissioner Sears will reach out to the City DPW to start the discussion.

Discussed plans for Quarterline Road after the reclassification.

1) A survey to know the exact location of the road is not on file.
2) There may be a regulation which allows the Town to state the center of the road is where it currently sits.
3) Paving the road to the far edge of the driveway for the last resident in town is a possibility but more information is needed.
4) Maintenance practices will continue for now.

An engineering firm working with the Wynnmere development reached out with some questions in our ordinance.

1) One of the requirements for the Town to take over the road says the survey needs cross sections every 100'.
2) After discussion, the committee agreed this would not be needed for this request, but as built plans will be required.

Reviewed a proposal for engineering services to develop the permanent fix for the East Mountain View Drive culvert

1) Otter Creek Engineering sent a schedule and cost proposal.
2) If approved if would run through April of 2027 with bid and construction costs to be determined. The total is $26,500.
3) The committee is in favor of this and will recommend it to the full Board.

Some residents of Colonial Drive may be coming to the next Board meeting.

1) The water system has been managed by private individuals.
2) Upgrades are needed but there are no funds available. Substantial work is needed.
3) The residents may be coming to talk to the Board to see if there is something the Town can do to help.

Reviewed the draft budget for the next fiscal year

1) Most budget lines are level funded or have small changes.
2) Reduced the culvert line in anticipation of establishing a construction reserve fund, modeled after depreciation accounts.
3) Engineering services was increased due to historical trends of more work needing professional engineering services.
4) Discussed compensation lines. The 4 road crew members have asked for a $5 per hour increase. The Board members were not in favor of this. There was additional discussion after which the committee will recommend a $1 per hour increase for each of them in place of the 3.6% increase the Board had previously voted on.
5) The committee did not have any issues with any of the other projections.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet