Minutes West Rutland Selectboard Meeting Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:00 pm

Present: John Harvey, Chet Brown, Dave Webster, Bob Bach and John Center

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Logan Soloman (Rutland Region Planning Commission), Sean Barrows, Leona Minard, Jim Flint, Michael Brzoza and Jeff Biasuzzi (via zoom)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by John Harvey with the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the agenda as presented. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

a) 2026 Rutland Regional Plan –The RRPC is finalizing the first draft of the 2026 Regional Plan. They now want to launch the third and final community engagement phase. In Phase 3, the RRPC is seeking alignment on the draft Plan's vision, goals, and priorities, including the new regional future land use map. Logan provided an overview of the Plan elements and how Act 181 overhauled Vermont's land use planning framework. He also explained the new Act 181 land use categories, state designations, and location-based Act 250 jurisdiction tiers. West Rutland can opt in for a Tier 1B designation by July 1, which will eliminate a State Act 250 review on projects up to 50 housing units on 10 acres or less. Logan also walked through the draft regional future land use map and highlight key changes from the 2018 map. Discussion on underutilized lots and potential redevelopment. Mary Ann reminded everyone will receive the municipal planning grant and will send a RFP out soon.

Adjournment: John made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm and Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Goulette