



BOARD OF ALDERMEN

MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

City Hall, Aldermen's Chambers – 2nd Floor
52 Washington Street, Rutland, VT 05701

Michael Talbott, President
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Tracy Kapusta, Clerk
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AGENDA

7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance

Additions, deletions, or other modifications to the agenda

Amendment and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting(s) – January 6, 2025

Public Comment

Ted Plemenos: Rutland City Public Schools FY26 Budget

Communications from the Mayor

FY24 1% Option Tax Assignments

Ethics Liaison:

- Motion to appoint Ellen Coyle as Ethics Liaison to serve as a point of contact for communications with the State Ethics Commission

Let's Build Homes:

- Motion for Rutland City to join Let's Build Homes Coalition.....Pgs. 1-11

Consideration of Special Event Permit requests

Special Event Permit: Center Street Sledding; Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 11AM-9PM....Pgs. 12-13

Reports and Letters from Department Heads and Officials

Planning Director Bove: Northern Borders Regional Commission and Municipal Planning Grant

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Superintendent Peters: LWCF Grant – Request for financial match from Mary Giorgetti Fund for Accessibility Trail at Pine Hill Park/Lower Giorgetti.....Pgs. 15-18

Superintendent Peters: Recreation Committee Referral – Accessibility Trail

Assistant City Engineer: Timber Sale of Ash Trees.....Pgs. 19-24

Human Resources Director Coyle: Ethics Training

Treasurer Markowski: Draft Financial Policy for Donations and Fundraising, request for referral to Finance Committee..... (to be emailed)

Treasurer Markowski: Financial reports for Second Quarter FY 25 for City & RRA, request referral to Finance Committee..... (to be emailed)

Attorney LaChance: Updates on current litigation; Executive session

Attorney LaChance: Year in Review for the Legal Department; Information only

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderwoman Tadio: Community & Economic Development Meeting from January 9, 2025Pgs. 25-26

- Motion to approve \$25,000 for the Library to hire an architect to complete design services for schematics and cost estimates. The money will come from funds pre-allocated to the Library in the amount of \$18,400 and an additional \$6,600 from the unassigned ARPA funds.

Alderman Gillam: Public Works Committee Meeting from January 13, 2025.....(to be emailed)

- Motion to authorize the Department of Public Works to expend funding from the Water System Capital Fund to cover the funding gap for the Water Main Distribution System Improvements project.
- Motion to authorize the public works Commissioner to initiate contract negotiations with Fitzgerald Environmental Associates for engineering design services related to phosphorus reduction projects.
- Motion to authorize the Public Works Commissioner to initiate contract negotiations with Watershed Consulting for engineering services related to the Moon Brook Flow Restoration Plan.
- Motion to authorize the Department of Public Works to expend funding from the Sewer Capital Fund to cover the cost to complete the Moon Brook Flow Restoration Plan.

President Talbott: Committee of the Whole Meeting from January 15, 2025.....(to be emailed) –

Possible Executive Session

- Motion to adopt the amended Rutland City Capital Improvement Program and Budget.
- Motion to approve that the question be added to the ballot for Town Meeting Day March 4, 2025, for voter approval: \$3.38 million Capital Improvement Program General Obligation Bond to be paid for using funds from the 1% Local Option Tax Revenue; pending legal bond language and resolutions from the City attorney.
- Motion to approve the utilization of up to \$250,000 per year of the 1% Local Option Tax revenue to be used to satisfy payments for the Capital Improvement Program's general obligation bond.
- Motion to approve up to \$850,000 of the 1% Local Option Tax revenue from FY25 to be placed into the Capital Reserve Fund.
- Motion to approve up to \$500,000 of the Capital Reserve Fund be allocated to the paving and sidewalk projects for FY26 as outlined in the Capital Improvement Program.
- Motion to approve the Recreation Department to begin the chiller replacement process pending bond approval by the voters on Town Meeting Day with an expenditure of up to \$1.8 million.
- Motion to approve the Rutland Downtown Hotel and Living Development Letter of Intent to enter into a development agreement between the City of Rutland and Center and Wales LLC, subject to attorney review and in substantially the form presented.

Reports of Select Committees

Reports of Representatives

Petitions, Letters, Miscellaneous Communication

Board of Control Commissioners

Board of Cannabis Commissioners

Indoor Cultivator Tier 2 Renewal; Faustin Farms, LLC.....Page 27

Unfinished Business

Miscellaneous Motions, Resolutions, New Business