

Intermunicipal Committee Meeting
April 8, 2026

Committee Members Present: Chairman Clifford, Alderman Adams, Alderwoman Davis.

Others in Attendance: Board President Allaire, Alderman Gillam, Police Chief Prouty, Fire Chief Lovett, Recreation Superintendent Cioffi, Alderman Cupoli, Rutland Town Selectboard Chairwoman Ashcroft, Rutland Town Selectman Getty, Robert Congdon for the Fair Association, Rutland Town Recreation Director Mike Rowe, Rutland Town Police Chief Ted Washburn, Nancy Greenwood, Steve and Connie Berger and Judi Delpha.

The committee met on April 8, 2026, in the City of Rutland Aldermanic Chambers. Robert Congdon of the Fair Association started the meeting by explaining that the fairgrounds would be the hub of the activity for the Semiquincentennial Celebration. A possible parade was discussed beginning on Strongs Avenue, continuing onto South Main Street and ending at the Fairgrounds with the Demolition Derby to happen before the fireworks display. Robert said they have reached out to the Vermont National Guard in the hopes they would have a display.

As to vendors for the event, they would be charging for their own items and food. There would be no charge to enter the fairgrounds, but there would be a charge to enter the grandstand. Other vendors in addition to ones already at the fairgrounds are welcome but will need to complete an application provided by the fair association.

Next discussed was a Friday night event at Northwood Park in Rutland Town. Mike Rowe the Town Recreation Director explained the process of how they currently handle events and parking. Mike stated that booking for an event would be difficult at it is close to the Fourth of July deadline but could make it work. He also stated that keeping the pool open would be an option.

Board President Allaire spoke about the downtown partnership having contacts for bands and DJs. He also said the fact that the town in the city are working together speaks about how important the event would be for the area and that we want to do it right. Recreation Superintendent Cioffi had concerns about overtime pay for the event because it would fall on a Saturday and overtime is not budgeted.

Alderwoman Davis asked if anyone had heard from representatives of the American Legion or the VFW. Chairman Clifford stated that he spoke with John Pisanelli of the VFW and John's concern was that Wales Street would be dug up due to construction and it would be hard to schedule something. Chairman Clifford also explained that Ron Fredette of the American Legion could not make the meeting and he has not yet discussed any details with him. Both organizations are willing to do something, but no specific details as of yet.

Alderwoman Davis suggested the Garden Club may dress up some of the flower pots around the city to reflect the 250 year celebration.

Discussion continued about a parade from Strongs Avenue to the fairgrounds and it was decided against due to traffic concerns and the holiday weekend. Alderman Gillam pointed out that many other towns are already set up for annual parades.

Alderman Adams spoke about the fireworks contribution. His organization is still short of the \$30,000 goal, but money is still coming in. President Allaire asked Fire Chief Lovett if the department was ready regarding the fireworks and the Chief acknowledged they are ready.

Alderman Adams said his organization can contribute to the cost of the fire department's time along with what the fair association will pay. Robert Congdon stated that his association already has a contract with the police department for the Demolition Derby and Chief Prouty said because of the size of the event they will have to figure out how much staff will be needed.

Chairman Clifford said he would reach out to the Downtown Rutland Partnership and ask if there are any plans for downtown on July 3, 2026.

Chairwoman Ashcroft talked about a celebration they have planned for the park near Mead Falls in Center Rutland and stated it is a historical area and for all of the surrounding communities.

The subject of food vendors came up and Chairman Clifford said he would reach out to the City Clerk to get a list of vendors that the city works with. Chairwoman Ashcroft stated that vendors requesting to attend the event at Northwood Park would need to get a permit from the Rutland Town Clerk's Office.

Town Recreation Director Rowe stated that depending upon the size of the event, outside help from the Rutland Recreation Department may be needed with things such as parking.

Details such as overtime, vendors, and event details will need further discussion and Chairman Clifford will schedule a follow up meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.