Streets Special Assessment Commission
City of Rutland
August 12, 2026

The newly appointed Special Assessment Commission for the 2026 Downtown Sidewalk Improvements held its first meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. Present: City Auditor Banish, Members Hilary Mehrer, Robert Hoflen, and Chuck Sundlie.

The first order of business was the appointment of the Chair. Hilary Mehrer agreed to serve as Chair of this Commission.

The City Auditor presented the Project Location Map for the assessments. The Commission noted that Sanderson field and the area southwest of the Railway extending down to Arthur Street needs to be included. The map will be sent to the City Engineer for modification and correction.

The City Auditor said that the current property assessment list has been requested from the County assessor. The City Council held a public hearing in 2023 on the sidewalk project. The assessment is to be a city-wide assessment rather than just paid for by the adjacent property owners.

The City Auditor stated that the total project cost to the City is still being determined and will include recovering expenses already incurred by the City for the project. This will include the engineering contract of $62,000, the archeological study, the City share of expenses in the TAP grant, publishing costs to date, bond counsel expenses and any publication costs related to the assessments. The cost of the two hydrants installed on main street will also be included in the assessments.

The Commission will meet again on Thursday, September 3, at 5:15 p.m.