The chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Maureen Mullaney (Guest FRCOG) J.B. Mack (Guest SWRPC on phone)
Lew Sorenson (Chair) Joel Bluming
George Mora Chuck Wise
Gabby Ciuffreda Wendy Harrison
Prudence Mackinney Chris Campany (Staff)
Erica Roper (Staff)

BUSINESS

Introductions

Rail Extension Opportunity
Maureen Mullaney from FRCOG joined the WRC to speak to the Committee about the history of, current state, and future plans for passenger rail service along the knowledge corridor in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont. Massachusetts plans to increase service from Springfield to Greenfield to what is currently planned for four additional trips per day. Greenfield is also in the process of building an overnight parking facility.

Project Prioritization Update
Windham Regional Commission (WRC) Director Chris Campany joined the Transportation Committee to report on the current status of VTran’s Project Prioritization process update. The Project Prioritization Update is still in process and there are many uncertainties at this time. The new process will include some mechanism to add projects to the list from the local level. Committee members can send further questions individually to Transportation Planner Erica Roper. All of the answers will be distributed to the entire committee.

Project Prioritization Process for this Year
WRC Transportation Planner Erica Roper provided and walked the committee through a comparison sheet with compared two systems of quantifying local input to support the Project Prioritization Process. Wendy made a motion to use the Proposed Scoring System this year. George seconded the motion. All members of the committee who were present supported the motion. Towns with projects on the list will be invited to send a representative to participate in the meeting.

Future Meeting Time Discussion
The committee agreed that the next meeting will be held on February 12th at 4:30pm. The committee will discuss meeting time and format again at a future meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE
October Minutes
George motioned to approve, Joel seconded, all agreed.

November Minutes
Joel motioned to approve, Lew seconded, all agreed.

TOWN UPDATES
Town updates were pushed to February.

Meeting Adjourned 6:04pm

Next Meeting scheduled for
February 12th 4:30pm at the Windham Regional Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Roper
Transportation Planner