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

**ATTENDANCE**
- Matt Mann (staff)
- Christopher Parker – VT Rail Action Network
- Jackie Cassino - VTrans
- Jane Morano Purdy
- Jodi French – Acting Chair
- Alice Maes
- Ed Rice
- Dick Clark

**MINUTES APPROVAL**
Approval of the minutes of February 10, 2014 were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

**BUSINESS**

**Northern New England Intercity Rail Initiative**
Matt discussed this effort will study the implementation and operation of more frequent and higher speed intercity passenger rail service on both the Inland Route (the rail line connecting Boston-Springfield-New Haven-New York City) and the Boston-Springfield-Montreal corridor (http://www.mass.gov/massdot/northernnewenglandrail). To this end, specific for Vermont’s infrastructure railroad improvements, Chris Parker addressed the need for signal improvements along the I-89 corridor. Improvements to these signals would also contribute to the increase in speed, from 59mph to 76mph. Discussion also focused on the impact to ridership, if frequency was to increase. Ridership tends to increase 100% if the frequency is doubled. Accommodating for the skiers, going to Mt Snow and Okemo Resorts, was also discussed. Currently riders in the area tend to drive down to New Haven if they are taking the train to NYC.

Chris Parker made a request for a letter of support to increase the frequency of passenger rail trains in the Connecticut River Valley. There was discussion about why Bellows Falls is not included as one of the proposed stops within this study; given the speed restrictions and the constraints of the tunnel, it seems like there should be a stop. The Committee voted unanimously to write the letter of support.

**HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS**
The Committee discussed the High Risk Rural Roads Program and also certain intersections/corridors that they feel need improvements. Some of the intersections included: River Road/US5 intersection in Putney, Upper Dummerston Rd./Route 30 in Dummerston, Guilford Center Road/US5 in Guilford and the stretch of Westminster Road before and after West West Village in Westminster. Matt discussed the two locations that are being considered this year: Westminster Rd, from the townline to Patch Rd. and then north of West West Village; and Dover Road, from South Newfane to the Dover/Newfane townline.
CODES AND STANDARDS AND COMPLETE STREETS
Matt briefly discussed the towns that have adopted the January 2013 Codes and Standards. Currently all of the towns, except Searsburg, has adopted these. Regarding Complete Streets (CS), Matt received a number of CS forms from Vernon, Westminster, Weston, Townshend, Dummerston, Brattleboro, and Putney; reporting on 2013 projects that were exempt or complied with the CS legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

Next Meeting Date: April 14th