The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

ATTENDANCE
Susan Clark (VTrans)  Kendall Giffford (staff)  Chris Campany (staff)
Fred Bullock (Chair)Matt Mann (staff)Mary Habig (CRT)
Lew Sorenson

Regrets: Jack Cunningham

MINUTES APPROVAL
Action postponed to end of meeting, to accommodate Chris’s time constraints

BUSINESS

Update and discussion on Irene Recovery with respect to Transportation
- Update from Chris, with additional information from Sue Clark the VTrans coordinator for south Eastern Vermont. Sue has also been “manning” her own word choice) the Dummerston Incident Command Center, for State highways and bridges.
- RPCs have been designated to coordinate efforts and communications for towns and VTrans on town highway recovery.
- Committee members expressed the importance of the necessity of rebuilding as an opportunity for rebuilding it “right” – both in terms of addressing river and drainage issues but also highway user safety, compatibility and geometry issues – including traffic calming and bicycle shoulders.
- Chris reported that ANR personnel have said they learned the “rebuild it right” lesson in the 70s.
- Sue said VTrans is starting to turn their attention to rebuilding and has these concerns in the discussion as well.
- Another issue the Committee raised, but is not directly related to Transportation: the need to address the rebuilding issues and housing needs where destroyed homes were inappropriately located.

Other business
- Committee reviewed the minutes of the 8 Aug meeting. Lew moved to accept as submitted, Mary seconded and the motion passed.
- Kendall reported that Brattleboro’s application to AARP won approval. The town will be one of two Active Living Workshop sites in Vermont. Workshops will be led Dan Burden of the Walkable and livable Communities Institute (WALC.)
• In response to a question about how the enhancement Grant applications might be affected by the cost of flood recovery, Matt said he had heard nothing to suggest the process would be suspended or significantly changed. Enhancement funding is specific and restricted to enhancement projects. On the other hand, given the magnitude of the flood damage, and the early stage of recovery efforts and the still unknown costs, the situation with enhancements and other program funding could well change.

• Kendall distributed copies of a summary of “Vermont Bicycling Laws” compiled by the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian coalition.

On a motion from Lew, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:54.