



APPROVED MINUTES
WRC Transportation Committee
February 13th, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Stephan Chait, Chair, Susan Hammond, Georgianne Mora, Andy Coyne

Staff present: Colin Bratton

Guests: Christine Howe (SEVT), Katharine Otto (VTrans)

Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

Changes to Agenda: None

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of 11/14/22 was made by Commissioner Mora, seconded by Commissioner Coyne.

Update on Transportation Advisory Committee process: Chair Stephan Chait updated the committee on the process to transition the Transportation Committee to a Transportation Advisory Committee. First discussed in June of 2021, the Transportation Committee approved a draft version of the Transportation Advisory Committee Statement of Purpose at the November 2022 meeting. The document was then reviewed and accepted by the Executive Board at their January meeting. It was then brought before the Full Commission at the January 31, 2022 meeting for final approval.

The transition to the Transportation Advisory Committee is expected to take several months and the existing committee will continue to meet and discuss current business in the interim. The Committee discussed next steps in that process, including strategies for outreach to towns, and potential existing town committees other than Selectboards to target in that process. The Committee will review meeting a draft version of the town outreach letter discussed previously at the September 2022 meeting at our next meeting. This letter will be updated to reflect the final version of the Transportation Advisory Committee Statement of Purpose, and further refined to best connect with towns in the region.

Windham Regional Transportation Plan Policy Review: The Committee reviewed the existing goals and policies outlined in the 2013 Windham Regional Transportation Plan as part of the ongoing process to update and consolidate the existing Transportation Plan document into a section of the larger Windham Regional Plan. The policies and goals outlined in the document cover a wide range of objectives for the transportation system including but not limited to reducing GHG emissions and improving energy efficiency in the transportation sector, promoting the efficient functioning of freight and passenger rail, improving safety and expanding infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians. Over the next several months the Committee will work to update these goals and policies as well as integrate the currently standalone document into the overarching Windham Regional Plan.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Mora, seconded by Commissioner Coyne. Passes unanimously.

Next Meeting Scheduled: 4:00pm March 13th, 2023.

Meeting adjourned approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Colin Bratton, Staff