

**Windham Region Transit District**

**Special Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Windham Region Transit District Board Room**

**115 Ash Street, Willimantic, CT**

**SPECIAL MEETING MOTIONS and MINUTES**

Voting Members Present: T. Currier (Columbia), T. Coonradt (Windham), A. Marcellino (Mansfield), M. Hart (Mansfield), T. McNally, Secretary (Windham)

Excused Members: M. Roach, Chair (Coventry)

Guests Present: Joe Comerford (Estuary Transit), John Elsesser (Coventry Town Manager), Neal Beats (Windham Town Manager), Darcy Battye (Lebanon Senior Center), Joyce Okonuk (Lebanon First Selectmen), Allan Cahill (Hampton First Selectman), Tim Ackert (Connecticut State Representative), Susan Johnson (Connecticut State Representative)

Staff Present: Kurcinik, Noll

Public Present: None.

**1. Administration**

Vice Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Update to Member Towns**

Vice Chair Hart reports that late this summer, the WRTD Executive Director went on leave and R. Kurcinik was put in place as Acting Director. ConnDOT was asked to provide help to the agency. A First Transit employee, Joe Comerford, reviewed WRTD operations and submitted a report to the Board on February 3, 2015, including a fifteen-page action plan. Most major grants will run out of money as early as the end of February due to management performance issues over several years which are being vigorously addressed. The predicted shortfall for the year will be \$250,000-280,000. ConnDOT has been asked for financial help and is doing their own audit on WRTD going back several years. WRTD has announced public hearings about service reductions on February 24, 2015 at 2:00PM and 7:00PM, as we do not yet have a response from ConnDOT about additional funding. The State Representatives in attendance expressed support for WRTD and will send out letters of support and concern for WRTD to ConnDOT. WRTD employees are talking about unionizing. A special meeting updating the towns and Representatives will be held again in March.

**3. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Hart adjourned the meeting at 7:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted by D. Noll for Secretary McNally.