

MINUTES  
Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Steering Committee  
Special Meeting  
\*4-5 p.m.\* Thursday, August 30, 2012  
Windham Mills Complex

1. Call to order – Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. Guest speaker, Windham Schools Supt. Ana Ortiz

Supt. Ortiz was invited to speak to the NRZ committee about changes underway in Windham Schools under the direction of a state-appointment Special Master, Steven Adamowski.

A. Ortiz talked about:

enrollment at the schools; a 10-year Master Plan for Facilities; placement of students from Natchaug Elementary School in other buildings while their school is temporarily closed because of concerns about the roof found not adequate to withstand a significant accumulation of snow; discussion about year-round school at Sweeney Elementary School; restructuring Windham Middle School into “houses” and two “academies” with specific academic focuses – STEM (science, technology and math) and Arts & Humanities; developing a strategic plan for under-credited/over age 18 year olds graduate; extending the library’s hours to 6 to 7 p.m. and offering dinner.