

## Public Transportation Committee

### Minutes

8/14/13

Present: John Norton, Denise Karuth, Jamin Carroll (VATCO), Dana Roscoe (PVPC), Leslie Stein

Guests: Tom O'Brien from Holyoke and Ellen Hirschberg from Northampton High School.

Public Comment: Ellen Hirschberg wanted the committee to keep the needs of public school students in mind as they continue their work to improve public transportation.

Tom O'Brien said there is a bus rider forum sponsored by United for Transit Equity on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at 20 Maple Street in Springfield, which he thought was related to the PVTA comprehensive study.

The Minutes of 7/10/13 were approved.

Progress on signage: Jamin Carroll reported that the Northampton DPW approved ten trench permits for the Phase 4 bus stop signs. Jamin said that 25 signs have been installed so far with 10 to come in Phase 4, 10 in Phase 5, and 8 in Phase 6. Jamin also reported that drivers are being trained to drive the articulated buses which will be in use in September.

New Business: Denise Karuth reported that the statewide Paratransit study group is about to start up again. She said that the group is advocating for one person to oversee Paratransit services for the state.

Dana Roscoe reported that work has begun on the Union Station site in Springfield.

Leslie Stein reported that the Mayor has not yet appointed anyone to replace her as his representative on the PVTA Board and on the Parking and Transportation Commission.

