

Minutes of the Meeting of the Norwich Board of Listers 3 April 2015, Tracy Hall

Present: Liz Blum (Chair), Cheryl A. Lindberg, Lee Michaelides (Listers); Bill Krajeski (Assessor); Neil Fulton (Town Manager); Jonathan Bynum (Clerk & Scribe)

Blum called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Lindberg **moved** (2nd Michaelides) to re-elect Blum as Chair. Motion **passed 3-0**.

1. Review and Approval of Agenda

Michaelides **moved** (2nd Lindberg) to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion **passed 3-0**.

2. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

3. Approval of minutes of Lister meeting of 26 February 2015

Lindberg **moved** (2nd Michaelides) to approve the minutes. Blum requested a small change. Krajeski objected that, while he had agreed to provide neighborhood maps under item 7, he had not agreed to any particular timeline. After discussion, the Listers voted **3-0** to approve the minutes with the amendments requested by Blum and Krajeski.

4. Organization of New Board of Listers

See above.

5. Lister Training

Bynum related how Listers all over the State had received an e-mail from John Fike, President of VALA, explaining that the annual Lister education funds payable from the State to the Town had somehow morphed into a grant program. Fulton said that the payments are statutory, and there is nothing in the Statutes about a grant. Evidently grant paperwork will be forthcoming from the State at some point. There was a brief discussion of current spending on the Dues/Meetings/Education line item so far in FY 2015.

The Listers had just returned from a NEMRC-organized Lister training session at Lake Morey. Lindberg relayed some of the topics covered, including disseminating the Grand List and possible 911 address privacy issues. The Listers met Norwich's new PV&R District Advisor, Nancy Merrill, and it was agreed to invite her to a future meeting.

Lindberg also explained the new eCuse system, an electronic method for enrolling in Current Use. The Listers and Assessor will eventually be permitted access to this database.

6. Assessor Progress Report

Krajeski reported that NEMC is currently inspecting properties with open permits, and expects to be finished with this process in about two weeks. There were roughly 66 new permits, 39 held over from a prior year, and about 45 longer-term projects to check on. Krajeski also summarized the cyclical inspection process for the benefit of Michaelides. This process is also moving ahead on track.

Krajeski added that the GIS software has been loaded onto the old Town server, but still has some unresolved issues. He is attempting to resolve the problem and doesn't know if it is because of the Patriot software or the old server. This is holding up the ability to have the Listers view the way in which the Town has been broken into the neighborhood areas for the grand list. Lindberg urged that this be moved along as soon as possible.

Blum asked Bynum to post a couple of reminders to the Listserve reminding property owners to file their Homestead Declaration by 15 April 2015.

7. Grievance Schedule

A discussion of possible grievance dates followed.

The remaining items on the agenda had already been covered in other contexts.

11. Any Other Business

Lindberg questioned an e-mail she had received from the State laying down new standards for home inspections. Krajeski said that this pertained only to professional Home Inspectors who perform inspections of properties at the request of the buyer prior to sale.

At 4:30, Blum **moved** (2nd Michaelides) to adjourn. Motion **passed 3-0**.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Blum, Chair
Norwich Board of Listers