

Minutes of the Meeting of the Norwich Board of Listers

6 December 2017, 4:45 pm, Tracy Hall

Present: Cheryl A. Lindberg (Chair), Kris Clement, Dennis Kaufman (Listers); Jonathan Bynum (Clerk & Scribe)

Public Present: none

Lindberg opened the meeting at 4:57 pm.

1. Review and Approval of Agenda

Clement wanted to add discussion of the Lister portion of the VLCT compensation report to the agenda. It was agreed to discuss this document as part of pre-existing agenda item 5. Clement **moved** (2nd Kaufman) to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion **passed 3-0**.

2. Public Comments/Correspondence

None

3. Approval of Minutes of Lister Meetings of 29 November 2017 and 1 December 2017

Kaufman **moved** (2nd Clement) to approve the Lister minutes of 29 November 2017 and 1 December 2017 as distributed. After discussion, motion **failed 3-0**. There were several changes to the wording of the minutes of 1 December 2017. Clement **moved** (2nd Kaufman) to approve the minutes of 1 December 2017 as amended and postpone further discussion of the minutes of 29 November 2017 until a later meeting. Motion **passed 3-0**.

4. Errors & Omissions

The Clerk distributed a memo, written by the Contract Assessor, listing 11 proposed changes to the 2017 Grand List under 32 VSA §4261. The Department of Taxes is wrapping up the process of disseminating 2017 Current Use enrollments, withdrawals and changes, and all 11 proposed Errors & Omissions are a result of recently received Current Use information.

The Listers noted that they have no access to the underlying software or information and accept the numbers in the memo from the Contract Assessor. The Listers would have preferred a direct conversation with the Contract Assessor to review the changes.

After discussion of each of the 11 Errors & Omissions with Bynum, Kaufman **moved** (2nd Clement), based on calculations provided by the Contract Assessor and directions from the Use Value Appraisal program, that the Listers recommend that the Selectboard accept the Errors & Omissions in the memo dated 12/13/17. Motion **passed 3-0**.

5. Steve Flanders' Memo in Selectboard Packet of 6 December 2017

Clement provided the Lister section of the 2017 VLCT Compensation Report. The Listers are gathering data to respond to Flanders' memo, but have not had time to review the data. The Listers do not believe that changes to the reappraisal schedule should be a budget-driven decision.

6. Draft of Letter to Lynn McCormick

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed to postpone this item.

7. Adjournment

Kaufman **moved** (2nd Clement) to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion **passed 3-0**.

Approved by the Board of Listers on _____.

Cheryl A. Lindberg
Chair, Norwich Board of Listers

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