

Town of Norwich, Vermont

Office of the Listers and Zoom

Draft Minutes – Regular Meeting

Wednesday November 29, 2023 – 5:30 pm

Attending: Listers – Cheryl A. Lindberg, Jonathan Vincent, and Ernie Ciccotelli
Public – Christianna Morley

1. Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.
2. Review and approval of agenda – Vincent made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ciccotelli. Approved unanimously.
3. Public Comments/Correspondence – Lindberg mentioned the email from the Town Clerk regarding the upcoming BOA/BCA meetings on December 12th reminding all Listers of the need to attend. No public comments were made.
4. KRT Appraisal update – No KRT representative attended the meeting. The Listers reviewed the most recent production status report dated 11/21/23. About 20% of the parcels needing interior and exterior inspections have been measured, while 8% have had interior inspections. Woodland/miscellaneous land parcels total 122 parcels and 99 have been visited. The Listers are requesting the production status reports be sent weekly per the contract and that a representative from KRT attend the monthly Lister meeting if there is any concern. In December a second data collector will begin the week of 12/18/23.
5. Current Use Withdrawal assessment appeal – Christianna Morley explained the background information on the withdrawal of 2.85 acres from the Current Use (CU) program. Misinformation was given to them by their Forrester. They cleared the 2.85 acres not knowing there would be a Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) penalty and they could have used any of the 21 acres not in CU for their solar installation instead. The State Forrester did a site visit and said that they needed to withdraw the 2.85 acres and if they didn't, they would be completely removed from the CU program. Lindberg explained how the Listers are involved in the process and that they only do what is required by Vermont Statutes, which is to assess the withdrawn acres as a separate parcel. Morely said that they did not receive any communication from the State before the Listers' letter was received on the acreage assessment. The LUCT bill was received afterwards. The Morleys will review their communications from the Vermont Department of Taxes within the week and let the Listers know if any step was missed. No Lister decision was made pending hearing back from the Morleys.
6. Budget discussion FY23 continued – The Listers reviewed their budget submission and prepared for the presentation at the Selectboard meeting shortly.

7. Approval of draft minutes – Vincent moved, seconded by Ciccotelli to approve the draft minutes of November 1, 2023 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Vincent moved to recess the Listers meeting. Seconded by Ciccotelli. Unanimous. The Lister meeting was recessed to attend the Selectboard meeting at 7:15 pm to present budget information for FY2025.
9. Vincent moved to reconvene the Listers meeting. Seconded by Ciccotelli. Unanimous. The Lister meeting reconvened at 8:27 pm.
10. Future meeting date – Next meeting date was not set, but Listers will plan to attend the Selectboard meeting on December 6, 2023.
11. Adjournment –A motion was made by Vincent, seconded by Ciccotelli to adjourn the meeting of the Listers. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully,

Cheryl A. Lindberg, Chair
Board of Listers