



**BOARD OF LISTERS MEETING MINUTES
OF APRIL 15, 2026**

Members: Grant Wieler, Kevin Petrochko

Absent: Vacant seat

Staff:

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER

Grant Wieler called the Lister Board Meeting to order at 9:03 AM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

There were no Agenda changes to make or additions to discuss.

ELECT CHAIRPERSON

Kevin Petrochko made the motion to Elect Grant Wieler as Lister Board Chair. Grant accepted by way of seconding the motion. The motion was put to a vote with both Listers voting in the affirmative.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of April 15, 2025

Brief discussion regarding minutes. Both sets were reviewed by both Listers.

2. Approve minutes of June 11, 2025

Grant makes a motion to approve both sets of minutes, with no changes. Kevin seconds that motion.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Status report of annual permit inspections in preparation for the new Grand List

Kevin reported completing pre-April 1 inspections at 40 properties per day, covering 180 active permits including renovations, new construction, and other projects over 150 square feet. Kevin also mentioned ongoing monitoring of subsidized housing properties, including requesting CPA audit reports for two qualified housing properties to verify occupancy rates and income statements.

2. Discuss upcoming Grievance Hearings for Spring 2026

Both Listers discussed upcoming grievance hearings scheduled for June 24th, with the abstract of the grand list to be published on June 8th. Kevin explained that approximately 150 notices would be sent out, including 7 people who specifically requested notifications and about 143 others whose property values changed due to inspections. One new development mentioned was the introduction of a Telecom category this year. Kevin and Grant discussed upcoming changes to how Telecom properties

will be classified and taxed as real estate, with the State hiring a separate company to evaluate these properties and provide valuations by May. Kevin noted that all Vermont towns are learning about this new real estate category of Telecom properties under state directive, with Benton Mitchell appointed as the director. Kevin noted that the new methods of valuation are expected to bring about many appeal requests from the various Telecom providers Statewide and that this may increase the number of Grievance hearings in Morristown this year.

3. Challenges of new Lister recruitment and increased educational minimums

The board discussed challenges with lister recruitment due to new state requirements effective January 1st, 2026, which mandate approximately 50 hours of training for listers. They identified real estate professionals as a potential talent pool, though Grant expressed concerns about perceptions of potential conflicts of interest if the board were composed entirely of real estate professionals. The board agreed to take proactive steps to recruit new listers. Kevin mentioned having reached out to Jill Remick at the Vermont PV&R office about making educational courses creditable toward real estate licenses. Grant spoke of exploring opportunities to post recruitment information in community forums and that he would discuss the opportunity with a few local appraisers he knows.

ADJOURN

Grant made a motion to adjourn with Kevin seconding that motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am.

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Board of Listers meeting.