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25th VALA ANNUAL MEETING

When? Friday, September 24th –SAVE THIS DATE!

Where? Randolph Technical College, Randolph, Vermont in The Old Red School House Building.

Time? Registration 8:00 am/Business Meeting 9:00 am.

Who Should Attend? ALL Vermont Listers – Members and Non-Members (payment accepted at the door). Every member needs to contact Listers in their areas to invite and/or make arrangements to bring non-members (along with dues payment) to the annual meeting. Your selling points are contained in the last question and membership is only \$15.00

What is the Agenda? Summary – AM Business Meeting and Speakers on: “The State of Commercial Real Estate Market”, Lunch, PM Listers Forum – The Forum Panel will take questions and provide answers on Lister concerns and issues – *The complete agenda will be part of our Annual Meeting Package.*

What will be the Forum Panel Question Format? Anyone wishing to have the Panel respond to their questions should email questions to: rtownhall_464@comcast.net before the annual meeting. Questions should be brief, focused and please no editorializing. There also will be 3x5 cards to print your questions at the meeting. The forum will last 90 minutes (+/-).

What is our Annual Meeting Goal? We are aiming for a record attendance and also new memberships. VALA needs everyone's support to reach our goal. Remember VALA is YOUR organization.

Let's make it happen!

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WHAT HAS VALA DONE FOR VERMONT LISTERS IN 2009-2010?

Legislation

VALA has actively participated in providing testimony and working with the other stake holders on Legislative Bills that would impact Vermont Listers.

CAMA 2000/NEMRC

VALA has actively worked with PVR and NEMRC in setting the agenda items to improve the quality and reliability of the programs and supporting State Budget Funds to fund the improvements.

PVR

VALA was a stake holder and a team member in automating the Property Record Transfer Forms, the Equalization Study, and the Current Use Reporting Program.

Education

VALA worked closely with *Michelle Wilson* (PVR) and *Chris Miele* (NEMRC) to promote Lister Education Classes and Webinars.



Michelle Wilson-PVR Education

Check PVR web site for PVR sponsored classes and also for IAAO courses being held this fall!

Quote For The Day

Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

Theodore Roosevelt

CHRIS MIELE'S CORNER

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CAMA COMMITTEE UPDATE

The CAMA Committee has been working diligently this past year to address user issues regarding the CAMA Software. All of the issues that were presented to the Committee have been delegated into low, moderate or high priority categories.

After much research and discussion it has been determined that:

- ✓ ***Seven of the items on the agenda are considered educational issues.***
- ✓ ***Nine of the items have been addressed.***
- ✓ ***Eight of the items are considered to be a non-issue (meaning it is either a site specific issue, the software is not designed for this purpose or the CAMA Committee does not endorse a software change).***

'Medium and High Priority'

Fund approved

CAMA items to be addressed:

- ❖ Medium priority item for an additional program that will copy street data from one field to the appropriate street field.
- ❖ High priority item regarding identifying inactive parcels in CAMA.
- ❖ High priority item to add a base date feature to the program to prevent depreciation creep by giving a specific date for the calculation for effective age to use instead of today's date.
- ❖ High priority item to create an audit trail-with ability to do range, individual and all parcels.
- ❖ High priority item to add span #'s to CAMA software.
- ❖ A high priority item to make a hard code to open database that is linked to the appropriate corresponding NEMRC entity.
- ❖ High priority item to have sales information appear on Cost Sheet.
- ❖ High priority item in regards to determining a custom property record card from a generic property record card.
- ❖ High priority item to allow commercial cost sheets (upper portion) to have the same format as the residential cost sheets.
- ❖ Medium priority to restrict access to Cost Tables and identify what Cost Tables are on the Error Report.
- ❖ Medium priority would be to highlight label next to field when there is more than one section.

PVR – MARK PAULSEN CORNER

Equalization Automation

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The lazy, hazy days of summer. While others have been vacationing, haying, seeking cool places away from the heat, PV&R and NEMRC have been working to change the way that the Equalization Study is processed. Ernie, Chris and Scott at NEMRC have developed a new module that imports the preliminary sales information from the State, matches it with local Grand List information and allows the Listers to review and edit the information on their computers. Once the review and edit process is completed by the Listers the PV&R District Advisor can then go over the information, adding other items that used to be recorded by hand and then send the sales information back to PV&R electronically. NEMRC has also developed reports that Listers can print showing the sales information, any changes that the Listers have made as well as any information that the District Advisor has recorded. There has also been extensive computer programming done at PV&R (by Gary Smith) to make this information exchange possible as well as to manage and integrate the information when it is returned to the State. Thanks to the efforts of all of these individuals, processing of the Equalization Study has moved from a paper intensive process to a computer based process with very few glitches to date. By the time you read this, you will probably have had your own (hopefully positive) experience with the new software module and features.

QUOTE: All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Quality?
Condition?
Effective Age?
Land Grade?
Views?*



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