

VALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Quorum met: Franklin, Grand Isle, Orange, Washington, Windham, Windsor counties present.
Officers present: Michelle Wilson, president, and Cheryl Tudhope, secretary.

No minutes were available from the July meeting. There was not a quorum for the July meeting and no official action was taken.

Committee review:

WEB SITE The website is up and running. VALA can post decisions on this site. Updating is continuing on this site.

ANNUAL MEETING The annual conference was well attended. The food was good, the parking was good and the speakers were good. There were 13 vendors and 7 sponsors. Several want to come back for the 2020 annual conference. Let the VALA president know if anyone wants a product or vendor represented next year.

EDUCATION Karen Lemnah

The courses have been well attended. 13 attended course 453 that was held in Manchester. Courses advertised on the website TBD.

LEGISLATIVE Walter Hastings

Contiguous land-- What a parcel is. Resend this definition. Misc. tax bill > recommendations: see list on website of committee members.

MEMBERSHIP Val Almosnino

There are 113 members, 103 towns, 10 affiliates. VALA has 40% of towns for membership

BY-LAWS Michelle Wilson

Discussed regular members versus associate members. VALA is a "vendor" for the education program for PVR. VALA is obligated to put on 3 courses / year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This should be posted on the web site.

VLCT Maura Carrol

There is no legislation at this time for the listers. Self governance is the issue. See your representative. VLCT is planning for regional training to minimize travel.

PVR Jill Remick

Equalization should be done by the end of December. There are some new employees. Teresa Guile is a new DA. There is no tax commissioner at this time. The GL software project is still being analyzed. NEMRC has a contract for 2020 which may be extended through 2022. 8 vendors responded to rfp. PVR is looking at increasing the per parcel payments to towns. PVR is expecting land use change tax.

NEMRC

NEMRC is offering Cama seminars Feb, 5,10, 12 and Grand List seminars March 16, 18, 20. See Webinars for reconciling the Grand List The first week of December.

Tom Vikery gave a viewpoint on Current Use and County Wide Assessment. VALA reps need to be active on these committees to investigate these subjects.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05. Paul Obuchowski made a motion to adjourn. Leo Salazar seconded that motion.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl S. Tudhope