

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Listers Minutes**

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Carl Cole, Ferrisburgh Lister
Charlene Stavenow, Ferrisburgh Lister (Chairperson) – Via Skype
Joseph Blasius, Ferrisburgh Lister
Justus J. DeVries, Appraiser for Town of Ferrisburgh

- Listers meeting called to order by Charlene at 4:00 p.m. at the town clerk’s office.
- Reviewed listers minutes from November 9, 2017 meeting. Justus edited the top of the second page adding that Carl recused himself from the Sheeran/Johnson listers correction. Carl made a motion to accept the minutes as edited, seconded by Joe. All were in favor and so moved.
- Discussed the Cyr campground listers correction issue. Justus explained the Cyrs had requested a tax abatement from the town. Both Jean Richardson and Gloria Warden felt it did not qualify and that the listers should revisit the original listers correction decision made at the November 9, 2017 meeting. The listers reviewed the Petroniro/Donovan Lane Properties, LLC BCA decision again. The BCA felt the listers had “many flaws” in the manner of the listers methodology of the travel trailer assessment and “that it was not equitable or fair.” Therefore, “flaw” is considered similar to an “error” and under Title 32 VSA §4261 would qualify for a listers correction. Charlene made a motion to approve the Cyr listers correction to reduce the travel trailer assessment of \$112,500; seconded by Carl. Carl and Charlene voted ‘yes’ and Joe voted ‘no;’ the motion was so moved by a majority. Justus explained the corrected error on the Sheeran/Johnson property assessment.
- Justus is working on the letter to the State of Vermont Commissioner of Taxes on the travel trailer issue. Carl advised he thought Representative Diane Lanpher had some draft legislation started. He will follow-up.
- Discussed the new cell and communication tower assessment process. There are believed to be three property owners in town with towers. Justus will check with other adjacent towns about their methodology for taxation. If the towers are owned by the property owners and leased from the companies, the listers will need to review the lease terms, etc. Justus will also check on any case law on the tower taxation.
- Justus will check with Pam on when each listers term is expiring and when the need for re-election comes up.
- Discussed modifying Justus’ monthly invoice to include tracking the annual budget figures.
- Justus advised recording was updated through early October. Pam advised she would have the tax map data to the mappers by the end of next week. That will ensure the first draft of the 2018 tax maps will be done by mid-winter.

- Carl advised he feels the listers should have a dedicated email through the town server which is in the discussion stage.
- The listers reviewed the policy of building permit inspections. It was discussed having a section on the building permit form informing the property owner that the listers will be making field inspections during any construction process.
- Reviewed the first batch of 2018 building permit assessment changes. All were approved except for two: Daniel Sorrell and Judith Mace (post office and bakery properties).
- The next listers meeting will be in January 2018.
- Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Charlene. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted: Justus J. DeVries
Dated: December 18, 2017