

VALA BI - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome – Linda Sherman opened the meeting. 13 attendees, and 3 delegates.

Proof of Quorum – No quorum. A VLCT Training is also scheduled during this timeframe.

Delegate Count Secretary's Report - Approve minutes from March 2026 Meeting. Not approved due to lack of quorum.

Link Committee & Misc Reports:

Legislative Committee: Robert Vickery

Treasurer Report: Lisa Truchon

VALA Newsletter/Website: Bob Quaderer

Annual Mtg & Conference Status: Susan Gulrajani - The Annual Conference will be held on September 17 and September 18, 2026, at the Killington Resort.

Membership/Education: Mimi Burstein:

PVR: Jill Remick VLCT: Josh Hanford, Samantha Sheehan

NEMRC: Chris Miele – Chris Miele discussed the Tax Billing Seminars on June 2, 3, and June 5, 2026, and noted that there are over 200 people signed up and Form 427 is a focus point of discussion. Telecommunications were discussed, and Chris Miele recommended not using letters in Parcel IDs in case there is a change to the parcel. Previously voted exemptions for Cable are no longer applicable. Veterans Exemptions have been released, though VTPIE is not ready as of this meeting date. Chris Miele discussed Lister's and Assessors working for towns together and collaborating, and Linda Sherman recommended holding a discussion about this topic at VALA. Wages for Assessors and Listers were discussed, along with the importance of transitions between Listers, Assessors, and Municipal Staff. Late filing homesteads were discussed and reasons for waivers and penalties ranging from 3% to 8%. There is a report option available in the As Billed Grand List under #7, Homestead filers, and a total amount waived.

VT PIE: (TBD) - Noel Walker stated VALA should take a stance on VTPIE and communication regarding VTPIE, and noted the issues are affecting the Listers and Assessors and effecting office abilities. A discussion was held.

Other Stakeholders: Lisa Wright

Old Business: New Business/Action Items: Discussions were held regarding ACT 181; Tier 2 and 3, contiguous & inactive parcel maintenance, and state funding. Discussions were also held regarding wastewater and Parcel IDs vs SPANs.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 11:27AM.

Submitted by: Justin Mason, VALA Secretary, Municipal Assessor, Vermont