Town of Williston
Board of Civil Authority
September 18, 2017

Members Present:	Terry Macaig	Ted Kenney
	Ben Rose	Carter Smith
	Jim McCullough	
Others Present:	Dick Ransom, Asst Assessor	Laura Doane, GMP
	Linda Levitt, Lister	Kirk Shields, GMP
	Cindy Thurston, Asst Clerk	

Ben Rose re-convened the hearings at 6:00 PM for the Appeals and Report of Decisions of the BCA Investigating Committees

1. *GMPSolar – Williston LLC Solar Facility* *4709 Mountain View Road*

Dick Ransom presented for Bill Hinman who was unable to attend. New information has been obtained from Doug Lay, field supervisor for the Vermont Tax Department. Dick yielded the floor to Kirk Shields, project manager for GMP.

Kirk Shields: Vermont statute is explicit in determining appraised value for solar facilities. An evaluation tool with specific inputs is provided by the state. Methodology was discussed including the 13.31% discount rate stipulated in the Vt statute. The assessed value should be reduced from 11.1 million to 6.4 million. Vermont statute also states that once the assessed value is set, it is set for the lifetime of the property.

Kirk also pointed out an error on the minutes from the last Board of Listers Meeting. The state portion should be <$20,000, not $200,000.

Dick Ransom stated he is uncomfortable relaying information for Bill, who disagrees with the Tax Dept's interpretation of the statute.

On a motion by Jim McCullough and seconded by Ted Kenney it was voted unanimously to recess the hearing for GMP until Bill Hinman's input can be obtained.

2. *Ruggles, Jonathan* *253 Barrett Lane*

Terry Macaig, as part of the investigation committee, reported on the Committee's visit to the property 9/1/0217 (see Report of Inspection Committee). Apon discussing comparable properties as presented by the Listers, and in absence of any information presented by the appellant that would overcome the statutory presumption of validity the Committee recommends that the assessment remain at $437,050.00. On a motion by Terry Macaig and seconded by Ted Kenney it was voted unanimously that the assessment remain at $437,050.00. Jim McCullough abstained.