



Special Meeting – Tax Assessment Appeal Hearings

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Community Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468

In Person and/or Via Zoom

Members Present: Diane Barrows, Selectboard Member (remote); Charles Barsalow, JP; Kristin Beers, Clerk; Jean Anne Branch, JP; Mary Ann Duffy Godin, JP; Reginald Godin, JP; Denise Hughes, JP; Jon Hughes, Chair; Michael Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Wendell Noble, JP; Betsy Paret, Selectboard Member; Lonnie Poland, JP (remote); Brenda Steady, JP; Kary Towne, JP

Members Absent: Darren Adams, Selectboard Member; Steve Burke, JP; Edgar Clodfelter, Assessor; Kevin Endres, JP; Leland Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Robin Woods-Brisson, JP

Others Present: None.

I. Call to Order

The Board of Civil Authority meeting was called to order by Jon Hughes at 6:03 PM.

II. Flag Salute

Michael Morgan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Forum

None.

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes from July 29, 2026

Lonnie Poland made a motion to approve the BCA minutes from the July 29, 2026 meeting, with a second by Betsy Paret. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Tax Assessment Appeal Hearings

a) Vermont Telephone Company, Inc. / Land lines (throughout Milton)

Jon Hughes reopened the hearing of the Vermont Telephone Company and invited the inspection committee to present its report.

The inspection committee included Denise Hughes, Lonnie Poland, and Kary Towne. An inspection of a sampling of land lines was made on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Jon read the inspection committee report. They observed land lines in three locations along Route 7 in Milton which included southern, central and northern spots, and took photos as documentation.

Jon invited questions from the BCA members, of which there were none.

The appellant and assessor were not in attendance to add any final comments.

Jon closed the hearing.

b) VTel Wireless, Inc. / Cell (silo mounted equipment on private property at 129 Mears Road)

Jon Hughes reopened the hearing of VTel Wireless and read the inspection committee report.

The inspection committee, consisting of Denise Hughes, Lonnie Poland, and Kary Towne, met at 129 Mears Road on Monday, August 3, 2026. The group, joined by the property owner, Philip Mears, walked out to the silo and observed the cell equipment mounted thereon. Photos were taken as documentation.

Jon invited questions from the BCA members. It was asked and clarified that the cell equipment was on the left-hand side of the silo in the photos. The board expressed their gratitude to the inspection committee for their clear and excellent work.

The appellant and assessor were not in attendance to add any final comments.

Jon closed the hearing.

Denise Hughes made a motion to enter deliberative session, with a second by Jean Anne Branch. The motion passed unanimously.

The board returned from deliberative session.

Brenda Steady made a motion to keep the Vermont Telephone Company's assessed value at \$76,400 for parcel ID number 500014.000000. Betsy Paret seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Wendell Noble made a motion to keep the assessment of the VTel Wireless property as currently listed at \$66,000, parcel ID number 500015.000000. Michael Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made at 6:22 PM by Denise Hughes, with a second by Jean Anne Branch. The motion passed unanimously.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:

<https://miltonvt.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/TownOfMiltonFilesFolders/IgArg89QO17kQb9KtqpF3dtWAaRhmfOfhgUDbh1CKP3LDq8?e=oBI8xF>

A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:

<https://miltonvt.gov/AgendaCenter>

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kristin Beers, Town Clerk

APPROVED
MINUTES:

Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Milton Town Clerk

Filed this day with the Milton
Town Clerk's Office.

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