

## **Town of Pawlet 2026 Reappraisal**

If you are here for a Listers Grievance, please read and sign this document prior to the hearing so that we can save time reciting the rules and procedures and give you more time to present your case:

### **1) You are here for a Listers Grievance Hearing**

- Your hearing will be conducted and results determined by Lisa Wright, the contract assessor for the town, with the reappraisal contractor, Tyler Technologies, in attendance at the hearing to advise on their work
- The town of Pawlet voted to abolish the Board of Listers and replace same with a contract assessor in 2018
- Tax appeals are a tiered process in Vermont. You must start with Listers Grievance to proceed to the further levels, which are Board of Civil Authority and after BCA a choice between

### **2) How the Hearing will be Conducted**

- You will be limited to 15 minutes to state your case, so be prepared and focus on key points and evidence you are presenting
- A grievance hearing does not have to be, and should not be, a confrontational event. You will be heard more effectively if you are courteous and respectful
- Grievance hearings are quasi-judicial proceedings where the taxpayer has the opportunity to state their case, and Listers/Assessors consider each case based on the data and evidence presented
- The assessor may ask for a full inspection of the property, particularly if the assessor or data collector did not have this opportunity at the time of the reappraisal inspection. You do not have to allow this, but often a reasonable decision cannot be rendered without full information about the property.
- The result of a grievance may be for your assessment to decrease, to increase, or to remain the same.
- A grievance opens up the entire parcel for review, you cannot grieve a portion of a property.
- No decisions will be made at the hearing, you will receive a decision by mail after the hearing.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_