

10/14/2025: GRIEVANCE OF VELCO:

Present: Marcia Chioffi, Marie Faignant, Cathy Kapitanski (Listers)
Kelly Smith, VELCO

VELCO is one of the Town's several utilities whose valuation is solely governed by VT Property Valuation & Review (PVR) per VT statute.

On September 16, 2025, Christie Wright of PVR hand-delivered to the Listers an addendum for what was initially advised to be new valuations in the amount of \$4,049,606.00 for real property costs to be attributed to VELCO via a new UE account for outlaying substation equipment. Upon further discussions between Wright and VELCO, and then subsequently the Town, it was determined that the "new" assessment had already been captured via VELCO's business personal property account ("BPP") for communications (under FERC code 3970), which at the time was valued at \$6,732,526.57.

As a result of these discussions, with the approval of both PVR and VELCO, and after E&O approval from the Select Board, the Town reduced VELCO's BPP value for this FERC account by \$4,049,606.00, leaving a BPP account value of \$2,682,927. A new UE account tax bill in the amount of \$4,049,606.00 was then created (UE0130000) and sent to VELCO. The new tax bill triggered the 14-day grievance period.

Upon receipt of the new UE tax bill, VELCO, again with PVR in the chain of communications, contested the residual value of the BPP account, and grievance paperwork was forwarded for completion.

Today, a meeting was held with VELCO in which VELCO substantiated that there was no actual BPP residual. Provided were two (2) spreadsheets which outlined VELCO's & the Town's original valuation of property, which was then taken by the State and assessed via a different methodology. Hence, due to the State's application of FMV and CLA to the same property, and it being a value the Listers must accept, the total assessment for the communication equipment (then FERC 3970 now UE0130000) is \$4,049,606.

The Town will issue another E&O to permit removal of the residual BPP account value from the 2025 Grand List.