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Re: Property Tax Exemption Study Committee

The town exempt property data distributed at our first committee meeting illustrated that the values reported by the towns to PVR did not paint the complete picture of the total exempt values for this property category.

VALA proposes to initiate the following education program to Vermont Listers through our web site, newsletter, and our COMP- 60 internet communication tool:

- Familiarize Listers with the April 1, 2014 date to begin to use the exempt property's insurance or other acceptable value on their 2014 cost sheets
- Alert the town Listers to identify and inventory all exempt property in their town by statute and by approval at town meeting
- Alert the Listers to work with the town clerks and select boards to identify all exempt properties that will require a warning article at the annual town meetings to vote on continuing their exempt status

VALA would coordinate with PVR and VLCT to develop the best action plan to achieve the goals of the education program and look forward to committee input.

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