

Selectboard Meeting

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So first up override Hopefully I didn't overwhelm everyone with stuff Before the meeting I put pretty much everything that we had mostly all from Joe and a few things from desi or from do our and printed out of what I thought was important for tonight as well for the people in the room here.

00:41 - 00:47

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I think just a real quick look at history and I think where we're at with this.

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Historically while Worthington has voted on some overrides in the past.

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So, where is all that stuff?

01:00 - 01:04

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So, if you look at the history.

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We've only voted on an actual budget override once, operating budget, and it failed.

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And that was back in 1991.

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It was only for \$32 ,639.

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Most of our override votes more recently, have been Gatley assessments where we didn't have a whole lot of choice.

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So.

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We don't have a lot of history with doing this.

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I've tried to look at what's been going on elsewhere in Western Mass.

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There haven't been a lot of override votes in the last year or so, but Belcher Town significantly had one and passed by like one votes.

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And I talked to Eric Weiss today who was involved with with it, who was in Belcher town, and they only asked for what they needed and they broke it out into an amount for the school and and a smaller amount for the operating budget.

02:14 - 02:30

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So not unlike our situation, a big chunk of of what was over from year was this what we did it I mean I don't want to I'm not trying to throw the school under the bus here but the reality is I think that if you look at.

02:33 - 02:56

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Where we're over budget I mean for a mixture of reasons the highway department actually came in behind previous year and that won't happen again but regardless so you can account for a big chunk of the overwrite so the the other significant one was have these voting today.

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So it'd be interesting to see how that goes.

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And they seem to be only asking for what they need from what I could read on their website.

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I didn't talk to anybody.

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So they're not trying to raise their levy limit beyond the amount that they're over budget.

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And the only other one I'm aware of recently was Southampton, who needed money for their school and for public safety complex and it was the second time asking if not for both at least for the public safety complex and it failed and that happened last spring.

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I mean I think some of the other things that are important to look at are the things that I showed at at town meeting that our overall tax rate is not out of line with our area and with our neighbors.

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Chesterfield, for example, is slightly higher than ours.

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Our tax rate is not unusually high.

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This, I don't know if you can see it very well, but I could put it up on the screen, but regardless, this is in the folder for tonight and everybody should have a copy in the room here, but it clearly shows that, you know, we're right in the stream as far as average single-family tax bill goes.

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And the other one I got from DLS was the one that shows the.

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The levy limit ceilings anyway.

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We're not on.

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Anyway, again, we're not that far out of line with most towns in Massachusetts, particularly eastern Massachusetts.

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It's not as bad in western Massachusetts, but everybody is pretty consistently pretty quick.

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There it is.

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I don't have a copy of this for some reason.

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So trends in excess levy capacity, and we do stick out a little bit in that we're just along with what most of the states do.

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So this is the one I'm talking about here.

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Again, this map is in the folder for tonight.

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So I'll lead off with that kind of background and then open it up for discussion here.

05:52 - 06:00

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I think we've clearly obviously decided already that November 8th is our day and we really need to about picking a number.

06:03 - 06:04

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Discuss.

06:05 - 06:07

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Would anybody like to speak to that?

06:09 - 06:19

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Well, I'm looking at 1993 where we had a bunch of different descriptions.

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Police department, ambulance, fire, Some won, some lost.

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Is there any advantage to breaking it out this year for school and the other?

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I think that's a good question, but I think the reality is it would almost all be the school alone.

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Well, I'm actually going to push back on that.

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Okay, if I'm wrong, that's fine.

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So I chewed on data mostly from Joe, that spreadsheet that he sent from, I think he's in here with a budget from 2014 to 2025, I think.

07:04 - 07:07

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And so here, I'll show you my little graph.

07:08 - 07:09

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You made that?

07:09 - 07:10

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I made that.

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So is that the levy limit?

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So down below in green is the school budget.

07:16 - 07:17

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Okay.

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Each year, pretty level.

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The blue is the overall, everything but school.

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In Joe's thing, he had education and not education, I think.

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And then, yeah, the dotted line is the levy limit.

07:29 - 07:31

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Oh, I can't actually remember.

07:31 - 07:38

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I'm sorry, the tax levy is the little points, and the cherry sheet aid is on top of it.

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And theoretically, they should add up to the same, but they don't.

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I don't know why that is, but that's...

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It's sort of not important, right?

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Because it's the trend line that's interesting, is that that school budget doesn't actually explain where we are.

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Now, the problem always with the school budget is that it doesn't include benefits for employees.

08:03 - 08:13

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And I think actually what drives a lot of this is health insurance costs, which is not dependent on, I mean, there should be a jump somewhere here where we started having a school.

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But beyond that, it's just a percentage.

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It's not like the school has a lot more employees than it did five or six years ago.

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It's just a couple of jobs cost.

08:25 - 08:37

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So I think it's not, I think actually the school has done a pretty impressive job of holding the budget really close to two, three, four percent, something like that.

08:39 - 08:49

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And I don't mean, sorry to interrupt, but I absolutely agree, and it's fixed costs in all cases here, in almost every case.

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Selectboard Office Attendees

Right.

08:50 - 09:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I think I would not be excited about splitting it out on a vote and say the school is, like, I don't even know what number you'd use to say they're over, like, they need what to keep going.

09:04 - 09:05

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I think they...

09:05 - 09:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I mean...

09:05 - 09:06

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I don't know how you'd make that...

09:06 - 09:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, you can only point to how much their increase is over previous years versus other budgets.

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That's right.

09:13 - 09:14

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But it's not big.

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Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

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And it is all due to fixed costs.

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As is almost everything that's increased, it's not like there's a lot of fat to trim hair short of cutting employees.

09:31 - 09:38

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And the other thing I meant to point out, and you and I talked about it, is the trend in excess capacity.

09:39 - 09:59

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And that if you look on the spreadsheet of budget history and the excess capacity, which is in the middle of the bottom, you know, for a lot of, for a couple of periods we've covered in the low 200s, 209 to 217.

09:59 - 10:23

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You know, for a couple of years of 2014, 2015 and then again 2033, 2022 and then it's you know it's gone up and down but it's quit consistently gone down the last two years by a lot just why we are where we are is inflation one then.

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So I think the big question here is do we want to do what most other towns seem to be doing and essentially ask for what we need or do we want to try to, you know, create some excess capacity.

10:46 - 10:54

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I made another chart, which I'm gonna try to, I was thinking I could try to full screen it, but I can't think of that.

10:55 - 11:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

So it's not as easy, I think, to understand what you're looking at, and I don't know if one on the line can actually see such things but so no not from the here from here can you send it to me I could put it on screen what's the easiest way to do that if you get email to me I guess.

11:20 - 11:26

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Or you or you can sign into the meeting and share your screen One or the other?

11:29 - 11:30

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Never show up in.

11:42 - 11:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

My book, or I'd send it to you.

11:47 - 11:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

Why don't you go ahead and explain why?

11:50 - 11:52

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So I will do my best.

11:52 - 12:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's not, I would say it's not the chart I was really hoping to come up with, because I don't find it very clear, but it's where I got to.

12:02 - 12:09

Selectboard Office Attendees

So there's a green line, maybe you can see, running sort of flattish.

12:09 - 12:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's the the so the first thing to say is these are all percentage increases right, it's not Gino because I've inflation was was what I was really interested in and inflation is a percent each year.

12:22 - 12:36

Selectboard Office Attendees

So it's percentage increases are relatively flat, but if you Took a dollar and it would be a curve So inflation is green.

12:39 - 13:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

Sorry no inflation is blue so that's there's a big spike it starts sort of around 1% it's 2% for a little bit then it has a spike to 6 or to 8 and 6 and then it's dropping back down to 3 so that's your annual inflation as a retreat percent then the levy limit increase

okay it's up on the screen levy limit increase is in green and so that's it's again it's a percent and so it wiggles around a little bit it's not two and a half percent it's still sharing we just can't see it okay I'm pretty sure are Are you seeing the spreadsheets though?

13:33 - 13:33

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Okay.

13:34 - 13:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

Nice.

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Selectboard Office Attendees

All right, so that green line is the levy limit, the percentage increase each year.

13:41 - 13:46

Selectboard Office Attendees

And so it goes up, the formula is two and a half percent plus new growth, right?

13:46 - 13:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

So it doesn't go up two and a half percent, it goes up a little bit more than two and a half percent.

13:50 - 13:58

Selectboard Office Attendees

And you can see that it kind of climbs in some ways, kind of all those inflation, it just never gets all that high.

14:00 - 14:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

Then you get the bars, and so...

14:03 - 14:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

So the green line is the levy limit?

14:06 - 14:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

Green line is the percentage increase of the levy limit each year.

14:10 - 14:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

14:11 - 14:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

And the blue is percentage increase of inflation each year.

14:15 - 15:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

And then the orange bars are looking there on the bottom, that paler orange is the estimated receipts and the upper bar the darker is excess capacity and this is a to me they're they're very linked because if we start running out of excess capacity right if in a year where excess capacity is really tight we the finance committee and select board can increase our estimated receipts which is a accounting move but it allows us to not exceed our levy limit because we say you know so as Alex remembers that the estimated receipts it was a hundred and sixty three thousand hundred dollars for I don't know how long but longer than I was on the committee I'm just in rough for saying if anybody who's not in the room needs to speak you'll need to raise your Because right now we're not looking at you.

15:16 - 15:21

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We're just looking at this spreadsheet with you So I can see you I can see if you raise a hand.

15:25 - 15:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

So Am I trying to say that estimated receipts we typically estimated conservatively Intentionally because You don't want to you don't want to overestimate and be short.

15:39 - 15:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

That would be awkward.

15:40 - 15:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm sure there are bad things that happen I don't know what they are But the other is that anything that comes in above our estimate goes into free cash and funds the Stabilization Fund, so that's been our mechanism to fund the Stabilization Fund.

15:53 - 15:55

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With a voter from TAMI.

15:56 - 16:01

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It goes into free cash and then voted out of free cash into the Stabilization Fund at TAMI.

16:01 - 16:36

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So there's like, I think, the fourth year in there, you can see there's a very, very four hundred and sixty five dollars and like that and so we could have we couldn't raise taxes any higher but we could there was enough wiggle room in the estimated receipts I don't remember what we bumped it up to I think it was 240 or two something that allowed us to have a balanced budget even our with just a of excess capacity left.

16:41 - 17:08

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So I think my sense was if you look at just excess capacity without the estimated receipts it's a little misleading because you don't see that we're the finance committee maybe I shouldn't say it but we're playing games we're adjusting what that amount is so for me the curve is more realistic if you include the estimated receipts.

17:08 - 17:21

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And so three years ago we got rid of \$163 ,100 and we went to, I feel like maybe that's the 241, so about an \$80 ,000 increase in estimated receipts.

17:21 - 17:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

And it was sort of an acknowledgement that the amount that was and the actual receipts had grown.

17:29 - 17:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

And so maybe 163 wasn't, it was a little too conservative, but also an acknowledgement that excess capacity was sort of chronically small.

17:41 - 17:52

Selectboard Office Attendees

And so by making a decision to increase it in perpetuity, we tried to address that excess, keep the excess capacity at a more comfortable level.

17:52 - 17:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

But even with that change, excess capacity dropped off.

17:55 - 18:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

And that's the part that's Like so we used our tool.

18:06 - 18:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, what do you suggest we do I Mean to me what's interesting is the inflation versus the the increase in I don't know.

18:22 - 18:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm stuck.

18:23 - 18:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't see a way of recovering from that that bump in inflation without bumping up

the levy limit, which is to say an override.

18:35 - 18:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm waiting for someone to explain to me how else to be doing.

18:40 - 18:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

Joe, you've got more experience with this than the rest of us.

18:45 - 18:47

Joe Boudreau

Can somebody restate the question?

18:50 - 18:52

Joe Boudreau

What do you want me to answer?

18:55 - 18:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, yeah.

18:56 - 18:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

18:56 - 18:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

What he would do?

18:57 - 18:58

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, we're looking at you.

18:58 - 18:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

What would he do?

18:59 - 19:00

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That would be something.

19:01 - 19:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, Charlie asked me what I would do, and I said, I don't know.

19:04 - 19:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think so many he's asking you to.

19:08 - 19:27

Joe Boudreau

All right if you remember we had a meeting of two years ago or three years ago we increase first of all let me say that that's the local estimated receipts was 163 100 for many many.

19:27 - 19:34

Joe Boudreau

Years way past Well, on my spreadsheet, it goes to 2014.

19:36 - 19:42

Joe Boudreau

We had a problem in fiscal, wait.

19:42 - 19:43

Joe Boudreau

A minute.

19:47 - 19:53

Joe Boudreau

Fiscal 17, where we had like 416 bucks left in excess capacity.

19:53 - 20:01

Joe Boudreau

And we did cure that by increasing local estimated receipts.

20:04 - 20:15

Joe Boudreau

About three years ago, we met, and I think it was the present board of selectmen, except our new person, and.

20:15 - 20:16

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We.

20:16 - 20:22

Joe Boudreau

Opted to go up to the current number, which is 245 ,000.

20:23 - 20:29

Joe Boudreau

It wasn't necessarily to fund the budget, but it was to take a look at, well, 100.

20:34 - 20:37

Joe Boudreau

We And we ought to share it with taxpayers.

20:38 - 20:41

Joe Boudreau

And that's why we went up to the 245.

20:42 - 20:46

Joe Boudreau

As it turns out, that 245 is not enough now.

20:46 - 20:48

Joe Boudreau

It worked for about three years.

20:52 - 21:00

Joe Boudreau

The issue is, I don't think our problem can be cured by increasing local estimated receipts.

21:01 - 21:11

Joe Boudreau

We won't know until free cash is calculated because that's the body or the function that comes up with what the actuals were for the prior year.

21:13 - 21:20

Joe Boudreau

I would not want to bet that they've increased and they could very well decrease depending.

21:20 - 21:28

Joe Boudreau

On the major receipt is motor vehicle excise.

21:29 - 21:53

Joe Boudreau

I'm not too sure what the what the buying habits are of people buying new cars, if they're still buying them at the rate that they did, or because of the increase in the cost of new cars and tariffs that are affecting the price, if they're going to continue their buying habits of whatever it might be.

21:53 - 22:06

Joe Boudreau

Buying a new car every four years or five years or six years, or buying a newer used car instead of a new car, which has a lesser value and lesser impact.

22:07 - 22:19

Joe Boudreau

So I would not bank on estimated receipts until I see them that they're going to still give us enough at 245.

22:21 - 22:34

Joe Boudreau

There's really nothing major other than the miscellaneous receipts, other than motor

vehicle excise, which is license fees, fines, permits, and investment income.

22:36 - 22:46

Joe Boudreau

So again, not having a crystal ball, I can't tell you if estimated receipts could balance the budget.

22:49 - 22:57

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So why in the 22-3, we had this jump in investment income?

22:57 - 22:58

Selectboard Office Attendees

Did we sell something or?

23:00 - 23:06

Joe Boudreau

No, I think investment income is just basically what.

23:06 - 23:10

Joe Boudreau

Is being earned in money in the bank.

23:11 - 23:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

Actually, I'm looking at the difference between the estimated and actual, so that's what makes sense.

23:15 - 23:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, never mind.

23:20 - 23:35

Joe Boudreau

So, I think the question comes down to, do you want to go an override for the exact deficit that we have right now and hope we won't have to ask for another one next year?

23:43 - 24:00

Joe Boudreau

If it passes this year, keep in mind that the budget for next year most likely is going to be more simply because budgets go up, fixed costs go up, assessments go up.

24:01 - 24:25

Joe Boudreau

So I think there was at least discussions in prior meetings that we don't want to go back to another override, you know, each and every year because if we're lucky enough If the town is lucky enough and passes one, we don't know if they will keep on doing that.

24:26 - 24:30

Joe Boudreau

So do we want to increase it more?

24:31 - 24:33

Joe Boudreau

And if so, how much?

24:34 - 24:56

Joe Boudreau

Now there's another way of doing this, rather than us come up with a number, there is something called a pyramid override, and that is on that DLS handout that I sent out a number of weeks ago.

24:56 - 24:59

Joe Boudreau

I think it's been sent out pretty.

24:59 - 25:00

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Much.

25:00 - 25:02

Joe Boudreau

Every week.

25:07 - 25:10

Joe Boudreau

It's on page 17, if you guys have that in front of.

25:10 - 25:12

Joe Boudreau

You.

25:18 - 25:18

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Okay.

25:20 - 25:22

Joe Boudreau

So what happens is.

25:25 - 25:35

Joe Boudreau

You have multiple questions, for example, you could have one question for the amount that we actually need.

25:36 - 25:45

Joe Boudreau

Then you could have another question, and I don't want to suggest a number, but let's say what we need is roughly 146 ,000.

25:45 - 25:49

Joe Boudreau

You could have another number for double of that, whatever that turns out to be.

25:50 - 25:51

Joe Boudreau

And then you let.

25:51 - 25:52

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The.

25:52 - 25:58

Joe Boudreau

People decide by all, everybody would vote on all of the articles.

26:00 - 26:02

Joe Boudreau

If the lower passes.

26:05 - 26:06

Joe Boudreau

That passes.

26:07 - 26:13

Joe Boudreau

If the higher passes, then that's the one that is implemented.

26:13 - 26:14

Joe Boudreau

You don't add them together.

26:14 - 26:18

Joe Boudreau

So if both pass, it's the higher one.

26:19 - 26:23

Joe Boudreau

If all three fail, it fails, period.

26:23 - 26:41

Joe Boudreau

So it's a little complicated, but it allows the taxpayers to decide, do they want to create excess capacity so they don't have to come back each and every year for an overriding?

26:42 - 26:48

Joe Boudreau

And keep in mind, excess capacity does not hit the tax rate.

26:48 - 26:49

Joe Boudreau

It's only when it's used.

26:51 - 27:19

Joe Boudreau

So do you want, so the question would be, do they want to vote something to create excess capacity and then in hope that budgets are sustainable and doesn't eat that up in a couple of years Or do they want to just vote what we actually need this year and most likely have to come back each and every year?

27:22 - 27:43

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So a similar suggestion, and I don't know if it actually fits into that scenario, came from Eric, again from Belcher Town, that we do something similar, that we vote separately on the amount we need and an additional article on just the excess.

27:43 - 27:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

Is that a possible thing too, or do you just vote for a low number and a high number, like you're suggesting?

27:51 - 27:55

Joe Boudreau

I'm not too sure what, is this Veltroton you're saying?

27:56 - 27:59

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Yeah, that's not what they did, but that's what he suggested.

27:59 - 28:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

So in other words, we have article one that says we need a that.

28:03 - 28:09

Joe Boudreau

First off it's about so it's not an article of town meeting right it's.

28:09 - 28:31

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A question right well that's what I mean about measure so okay so if the first first thing you voted on was the hundred forty five thousand and then the second thing you voted on was say another hundred and forty five thousand for excess capacity so you could approve As opposed to what you're suggesting which would be a hundred twenty five thousand and then.

28:33 - 28:53

Joe Boudreau

Yeah, it seems like it's it's Someone like a pyramid except the pyramid gets bigger You know is what I suggested the first one is a low number the next one is a higher number Looks like it's a doing the basically the same thing, but it's It.

28:53 - 28:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

Is does exactly the same thing.

28:55 - 29:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's just a different presentation and and I and I will say that I like the idea Certainly of giving the voters a choice, but I do it does scare me because I think given the choice I would guess most people will say well I'll take the lower.

29:11 - 29:14

Joe Boudreau

Number That's fine.

29:14 - 29:17

Joe Boudreau

I mean, that's That's what it is.

29:17 - 29:18

Joe Boudreau

I mean, yeah, I.

29:19 - 29:36

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think what's hard in all of this stuff is just making it really clear why the problem is these ballots are super strict on what the language can be, and so you can't explain why easily, and so you've got to get that out earlier than.

29:36 - 29:38

Joe Boudreau

There would be.

29:39 - 29:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

Again.

29:39 - 29:46

Joe Boudreau

Barb, there is language, and I think it's in that...

29:49 - 29:54

Selectboard Office Attendees

We have it in the room here what the language is.

29:54 - 30:34

Joe Boudreau

Yeah There's also language that you put on the Secretary of State's recommends language that explains that that puts on the top of the ballot and Explains that you vote for all three the highest wins and so on and so forth, so It we would also explain it during an informational meeting But it's they also be an explanation on the ballot itself So if people are still confused or don't go to the informational meeting that blurb at the top Will explain what you do by voting on you know each of the questions.

30:36 - 31:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

If you're referring to the same language that I'm looking at in the DLS thing That's the Secretary of State's language it it tells people sort of functionally how to do it like you can vote for each one it'll be the highest dollar amount will prevail but not why we're asking for multiple votes and not I mean that would be not it'd be nice to you know

be able to say something like one hundred and forty five thousand dollars to cover whatever fiscal 26 appropriations or however you want to.

31:06 - 31:12

Joe Boudreau

Phrase it that would have to be done at an informational meeting.

31:13 - 31:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, that's my point.

31:16 - 31:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

But it does have language in here that if it's for like personnel costs, you can say more broadly providing for the general administrative costs of operating schools, police department, fire departments, and other town departments, which to me sort of gets, I don't know about the emotional reason about why people should, should vote for it.

31:37 - 31:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think there might be enough legal room in the way that we can describe it within there.

31:43 - 31:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

The problem is explaining why we want to create some excess capacity.

31:48 - 31:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

Right.

31:50 - 31:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's that second question.

31:52 - 32:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

If it could say, whatever, \$200 ,000 to create excess capacity, that would be interesting, but at least previously the language is wicked tight.

32:02 - 32:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

You know is it possible to use those words Joe or would we have to ask the secretary of state or council or.

32:12 - 32:21

Joe Boudreau

Well I I think it would go to um campaign and political finance um but I wouldn't.

32:24 - 32:45

Joe Boudreau

You have to be very careful that you're not advocating for or against something The guy I talked to today, you know, said you certainly can do that at a public informational meeting, which was somewhat surprising, but what goes in front of the people is more strict.

32:49 - 32:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, you can say anything you want at a public meeting, as long as it's not costing the town anything for me to speak, I can say whatever the **** I want.

32:58 - 33:05

Joe Boudreau

Well, again, he said I asked him, can we print off stuff off of our copier and he said, yes, you can.

33:05 - 33:06

Joe Boudreau

Is it?

33:07 - 33:16

Joe Boudreau

Surprisingly, too, there's a difference between elected officials or appointed officials and what they can do and say and can't do.

33:17 - 33:24

Joe Boudreau

So being elected officials for some reason gives us more leeway, but that's neither here nor.

33:24 - 33:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

There.

33:29 - 33:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

I see that where you're seeing that there is more flexibility and all the examples are to fund something but it would be maybe there is room to say to fund excess capacity.

33:41 - 34:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well and then they have under the pyramid thing right like there's multipurpose allocations in the pyramid but it is it is very strict on the language but you can say to fund the school for X amount to fund you know and police for Y and Z amount, my fear is you're given the choice of high number.

34:06 - 34:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Middle number, low number, I think everybody's going to go, I picked that.

34:13 - 34:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's just my feeling about it, even just looking at this language, because you can't say, so we don't have to come back here again next year.

34:23 - 34:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

But but I'm high middle low at least I think you have a shot at a middle which would be again create some excess capacity just not as much I mean it's psychology obviously but I just like that you guys are thinking this up they're only a big low I'm like good But that's like a strategy right it's like you're just like high middle low and

then they go and I say yes to something all right I'm picking the low.

34:49 - 34:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know.

34:52 - 34:58

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know, I'm starting to like the three number option.

35:03 - 35:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

So another question for you.

35:05 - 35:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

How would that, so I get a ballot and I go into and it's got the three options correct?

35:12 - 35:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

Right.

35:14 - 35:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

If I for some reason I was adamant that I wanted to double buff the budget.

35:23 - 35:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I'm going to pick the middle one, but I'm going to say no to the other ones because I want to press it.

35:27 - 35:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

Could you actually dilute your- No, it's not a rank choice.

35:32 - 35:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, I know it's not a rank.

35:33 - 35:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

It is dilution, man.

35:36 - 35:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

If he's like, I want to build excess capacity, I don't want to do this low number.

35:40 - 35:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I'm going to vote no on low.

35:41 - 35:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

No on low, you did go in.

35:44 - 35:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, true, okay.

35:45 - 35:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's- There is a psychology to that, too.

35:48 - 35:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know how many weird people there are.

35:50 - 35:54

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, to vote yes on the middle one and no on the low one would be a weird thing.

35:54 - 35:55

Joe Boudreau

I'm hearing three options.

35:55 - 35:57

Joe Boudreau

I would only do two options.

36:02 - 36:02

Joe Boudreau

Not three.

36:02 - 36:04

Joe Boudreau

That makes it more complicated.

36:04 - 36:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

What if you had the lower option being higher than what we need?

36:09 - 36:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

36:15 - 36:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

But not significantly.

36:16 - 36:31

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, interestingly, just as an aside, again, going back to Belcher Town, And within a month of them passing it by 21 votes, they found out they had a \$900 ,000 insurance bill they didn't expect that they had to fund.

36:31 - 36:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

And they ended up cutting some budget items in order to fund it.

36:35 - 36:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

So they didn't.

36:38 - 36:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's why it's called Culture Town.

36:40 - 36:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm going to give it.

36:47 - 36:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, I don't know, I assume, anybody want to suggest some numbers?

36:56 - 37:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, if the real number is 146, what if we pick 200 and 300?

37:04 - 37:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

Sounds like nice, round numbers.

37:06 - 37:08

Joe Boudreau

Why are you pickings free?

37:08 - 37:09

Joe Boudreau

Pick two.

37:10 - 37:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

We did.

37:10 - 37:18

Selectboard Office Attendees

Those are to 200 and a 300 so they're both would create excess capacity.

37:18 - 37:30

Joe Boudreau

Oh oh you're saying then not to vote what we're currently in deficit by yeah right to 200 okay.

37:30 - 37:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

And I would I would do 290 on the other one because that's double what we need.

37:35 - 37:36

Selectboard Office Attendees

290.99.

37:44 - 37:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

If.

37:49 - 38:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Your point is to stay close, I think 200 is a little high for the, if you want to stay close to, I think, you know, 160, 180, something like that, 200 feels like.

38:05 - 38:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

But it sort of depends on how much people are going to be aware of what the shortfall is.

38:12 - 38:17

Joe Boudreau

Well, keep in mind, guys, there's still an estimate out there, and that is new growth.

38:18 - 38:28

Joe Boudreau

So whatever we're estimating for new growth, when the assessors and DOR approves that new growth, it could be lower than our estimate.

38:32 - 38:39

Joe Boudreau

The number now that's in deficit is including an estimate for new growth.

38:43 - 38:49

Joe Boudreau

If the estimate for new growth comes in lower, and let's.

38:49 - 38:50

Selectboard Office Attendees

Say just.

38:50 - 39:05

Joe Boudreau

The lower amount of the override passes then we're going to have to look back at the local estimated receipts and see what they actually came in at and can we balance the budget that way or go back to town meeting.

39:05 - 39:08

Joe Boudreau

And reduce some budgets.

39:11 - 39:20

Joe Boudreau

So rounding it up from the current proposed deficit makes sense and that gives you a little bit with the room.

39:21 - 39:24

Joe Boudreau

If estimated receipts does not come in as estimated.

39:26 - 39:30

Selectboard Office Attendees

And am I right that new growth is estimated at 48 ,000?

39:53 - 39:54

Joe Boudreau

48,682.

39:59 - 40:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I think what you're saying is that the, if that really is the only estimate left, which isn't, I don't know, then we have a sort of delta of 50,000.

40:09 - 40:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

So 195 so so 1.25 times what we need so going up by 25 and adding 25% gets us to 181 250 if it's what that's based on an even 135 and then you know 190 would be about double.

40:32 - 40:36

Joe Boudreau

Yeah whenever you get to a number around it don't you.

40:36 - 40:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

Know don't do Okay.

40:37 - 40:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

40:38 - 40:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

Then, you know, we're back to two and three.

40:41 - 40:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

40:47 - 40:50

Selectboard Office Attendees

Or are we at 190 and 290 because it sounds less.

40:50 - 40:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean, you know, there is, there is an art to this as well.

40:56 - 40:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

40:58 - 41:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

I like the 290 just because it's double what we need and it's under 300.

41:03 - 41:07

Selectboard Office Attendees

As far as what the first number should be, I'm struggling.

41:14 - 41:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

It does seem like at least give ourselves some little room.

41:17 - 41:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, whether it's all the way to 200 or, you know, it could be 175 or...

41:24 - 41:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I'm fine with 195.

41:26 - 41:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

I just feel like 200, like that...

41:28 - 41:30

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean, it's the \$1.99.

41:31 - 41:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

If I hit the \$2 thing, it's too much.

41:33 - 41:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

It works.

41:34 - 41:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, you're right.

41:36 - 41:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's human nature.

41:39 - 41:39

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

41:40 - 41:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know.

41:42 - 41:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

We just...

41:43 - 41:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think they're all fine.

41:44 - 41:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

Think we need to explain the number and and a bit, you know 195 or whatever.

41:49 - 41:52

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's what is that some odd percentage?

41:52 - 41:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

It doesn't it's not a percentage.

41:53 - 42:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's it's What we know outstanding And if new growth went to zero, I mean it's added 50 ,000 even 50 ,000 It is adding 50 ,000 because that's this new growth number that's sitting out there unknown And so it's probably not zero, but it could be In which case.

42:15 - 42:18

Selectboard Office Attendees

This would still cover us.

42:18 - 42:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

So it gets rid of the floating estimate that Joe was concerned about.

42:29 - 42:32

Amy Wang

So are we thinking 195 and 3?

42:32 - 42:33

Amy Wang

Is that what we're talking.

42:33 - 42:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

About?

42:34 - 42:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think 195 and 290 is what we're talking about.

42:38 - 42:39

Amy Wang

And 290, okay.

42:40 - 42:40

Amy Wang

All right.

42:40 - 42:43

Amy Wang

I mean, I think that those sound fairly reasonable.

42:46 - 42:52

Amy Wang

I will say I'm fading pretty fast, folks, but I am following what you're saying.

42:54 - 42:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, it's nice to hear from you.

42:56 - 42:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

Would you like to make a motion?

42:59 - 42:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh.

42:59 - 43:01

Amy Wang

I guess I could, sure.

43:03 - 43:13

Amy Wang

So I move that we set the numbers that we are requesting at 195, and I've already

forgotten in 290.

43:13 - 43:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

195.

43:14 - 43:18

Amy Wang

And 290 that 195 ,000 and 290.

43:18 - 43:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

,000 okay and do the pyramid yes I think that the assumption is doing the pyramid right.

43:28 - 43:29

Amy Wang

Any mm-hmm.

43:29 - 43:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

43:33 - 43:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I'm comfortable with that any more opinions there.

43:48 - 44:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

I do think that there is in the art part of this is to have the language say to fund the school and the police department and the fire, like kind of spell it out as much as we can in the ballot question.

44:07 - 44:09

Joe Boudreau

Can I speak to that?

44:09 - 44:13

Joe Boudreau

I mean, then you start people starting, well, I don't like the police department, so I'm gonna vote no.

44:14 - 44:33

Joe Boudreau

By just keeping it general, The wording on page 17, 1A, shall the town be allowed to assess an additional \$1 million in real and personal property taxes in the purpose of operating the municipal government and public schools?

44:33 - 44:37

Joe Boudreau

I think should be it because it is for everybody.

44:38 - 44:51

Joe Boudreau

When some people go in behind that curtain and they don't like the police or they don't like whoever, then they're gonna say, no, I'm not voting yes on this because I don't like this one.

44:52 - 45:01

Joe Boudreau

By having it just the general schools and general government, that's not gonna raise the error of some people.

45:02 - 45:04

Joe Boudreau

You don't wanna give them an excuse to vote no.

45:05 - 45:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'd like that you kept the school part in there, Joe, cause I think that people would tend to vote for that and I'm fine with lumping everybody else in there too, because I don't disagree with you.

45:18 - 45:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

And, you know, and Bart made a really good point earlier that we're kind of unique in that all those personnel over there, their health insurance is not part of the school budget in the general.

45:32 - 45:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

You know, if you're in a regional district, then your funding, when you pay for your school budget, you are funding all that stuff too.

45:42 - 46:07

Selectboard Office Attendees

We should vote before Amy conks out yes okay so all in favor aye aye okay cool we did that thank you so do we want to talk about getting an informational meeting together and the finance committee seemed to be interested in be taking the lead on this?

46:09 - 46:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

Which I'm happy to see.

46:11 - 46:16

Joe Boudreau

Yeah, I think we should first have a meeting to discuss.

46:16 - 46:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

What.

46:17 - 46:22

Joe Boudreau

We're going to say, how we're going to say it, and what handouts we hand out.

46:24 - 46:26

Joe Boudreau

Personally, I don't think we've got to make it real complicated.

46:28 - 46:32

Joe Boudreau

Bart, your graphs are great, but I don't want to do that in front of everybody.

46:34 - 46:36

Joe Boudreau

That's something Maybe you take a home and study.

46:37 - 46:59

Joe Boudreau

But I think we got to use the KISS principle and maybe we can just use some of the handouts or some of the things that we've already been looking at as handouts and explain them and then basically talk and answer questions is the most important thing.

46:59 - 47:10

Joe Boudreau

You know, let's, you know, I am, I talked to one person a few days ago, and there are a lot of misconceptions out there of what was going on.

47:10 - 47:21

Joe Boudreau

And so I think we want to hear from them more than they hear from us, so we can dispel anything that that's going on around there that that's wrong.

47:23 - 47:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

I wholeheartedly agree with you, Joe.

47:25 - 47:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think it's a it's a discussion, not a information presentation.

47:30 - 47:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's a chance to hear from people what their concerns are so we have some sense.

47:35 - 47:36

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

47:36 - 47:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

We have later reading that addresses those but the first one is definitely.

47:42 - 47:51

Joe Boudreau

I would say sometime next week that we meet and discuss what we're going to present or how we're going to do it and.

47:51 - 47:55

Joe Boudreau

Then maybe as quickly as the week after.

47:55 - 47:58

Joe Boudreau

Or we'd have to look at the calendar and see.

47:58 - 48:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

What what's the best.

48:00 - 48:01

Joe Boudreau

You know, time.

48:02 - 48:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I agree and I think, you know, the school definitely needs to be part of this discussion there's book committee and other than that, it's really mostly the people that are in this room already.

48:14 - 48:21

Selectboard Office Attendees

So finance committee, highway, select board school, that's really the lion's share of the budget.

48:22 - 48:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

Certainly we would post the meeting and anybody could be there.

48:26 - 48:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

Maybe there's somebody I'm not picking up here, But strategizing next week, so town halls closed next week We we can't just meet virtually Just what and plus I'm I'm having surgery Friday and Amy's laid up.

48:43 - 48:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

So Least for us.

48:45 - 48:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's the only option anyway, so So maybe we look at next Tuesday again.

48:52 - 48:56

Joe Boudreau

Is that okay for everybody's health?

48:56 - 49:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean I'm hoping it'll be okay for me.

49:02 - 49:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

I May be a little drugged, but I don't know you'll be fine party.

49:08 - 49:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

I Mean it's honest at least one select board members there to help I think strategize Yeah.

49:16 - 49:21

Amy Wang

I mean if it's remote I would try and attend but I'm not sure.

49:23 - 49:29

Amy Wang

I'm a little bit more awake and a little bit more alert every day, but then some days I just crash.

49:31 - 49:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

So yeah, yeah, I'm not sure what to expect.

49:34 - 49:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm just.

49:35 - 49:36

Joe Boudreau

The following week.

49:36 - 49:37

Joe Boudreau

Is that OK?

49:37 - 49:39

Joe Boudreau

We still got a number of weeks.

49:44 - 49:48

Amy Wang

I mean, as far as I go, as far as I'm concerned, every week I'm probably going to be more.

49:48 - 49:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

Alert.

49:49 - 49:53

Amy Wang

Just bad luck if that particular day I'm not.

49:53 - 49:58

Amy Wang

But I would think I can attend remotely.

49:58 - 50:03

Amy Wang

I'm not sure how much participation I can do, but I'll try.

50:05 - 50:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think trying to have something next week, the planning meeting next week, to have, I mean, it's not, I think I agree, Joe, it should be simple.

50:14 - 50:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

So it's not that much to plan.

50:16 - 50:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

And then try to have the actual whatever public, really public meeting the following week whatever day we decide is appropriate I think getting that meeting under our belt is pretty important which we need to make this happen we have weeks but not many yeah I agree so I think you know as many of us can make it next Tuesday and then get some schedule as soon as after that so.

50:53 - 51:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

We we have a consensus on that next Tuesday those of us that can make it okay so Charlie do you want to do the in but I don't know who's meeting this is do you want to do the invite yeah is the virtual yeah and we'll post it as a joint meeting and I'll talk to Allison to see how many people from the school committee want to meet whether we make it a joint make them part of the joint.

51:35 - 51:38

[speaker unknown]

Meeting so I.

51:41 - 51:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

Think that covers everything override That's all I wanted to say.

51:45 - 51:50

Selectboard Office Attendees

Um it's something I'm not thinking of.

51:53 - 51:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

Anybody have anything else?

51:57 - 51:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

51:58 - 51:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Alright, let's move on.

51:59 - 52:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

Your wife.

52:01 - 52:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

Melinda.

52:02 - 52:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, I'm sorry.

52:03 - 52:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

I didn't see your hand up.

52:06 - 52:07

Selectboard Office Attendees

How can we help you?

52:15 - 52:20

Melinda Rose

I'm their special town meeting tonight on their two and a half million dollar override.

52:21 - 52:22

Melinda Rose

So it'll be.

52:22 - 52:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

Interesting.

52:22 - 52:24

Melinda Rose

To see what happens with it.

52:24 - 52:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I did mention that before you got online.

52:27 - 52:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

52:27 - 52:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

52:29 - 52:31

Melinda Rose

Yeah, it's happening now.

52:32 - 52:33

Melinda Rose

Right.

52:33 - 52:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

And they're, and again, they're doing with Voucher Town, they're just voting on what they need.

52:37 - 52:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're not trying to raise excess capacity from what I could tell anyway so.

52:42 - 52:48

Melinda Rose

No they're they're they're raising excess capacity by 300 ,000.

52:48 - 52:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well they are okay well I tried to read their thing I couldn't make sense on it just shows you.

52:53 - 53:04

Melinda Rose

Was 2.2 million to basically you know cover the shortfall and then another 300 ,000 cushion.

53:06 - 53:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

And there are separate ballot measures, right?

53:08 - 53:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

There's two separate ballot measures.

53:10 - 53:12

Melinda Rose

Yeah, yeah, there's two, yeah.

53:13 - 53:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

One's for the, just the 300.

53:16 - 53:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, I did see that.

53:17 - 53:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

And.

53:17 - 53:22

Melinda Rose

Then the vote is, the vote, the actual vote is like the end of the month.

53:25 - 53:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

Is there clarity on why they're having a special time meeting vote?

53:29 - 53:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

Is there, is that just a way of sort of forcing an information meeting, or is it?

53:34 - 53:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, right.

53:34 - 53:36

Selectboard Office Attendees

It seemed like it, I mean, Joe and.

53:36 - 53:36

Melinda Rose

I talked.

53:36 - 53:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

About it.

53:38 - 53:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

Then there's no reason that we can think of why they would have a special time meeting I guess I got the impression the vote was tonight too.

53:45 - 53:46

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's just the special time meeting.

53:48 - 53:55

Melinda Rose

Yeah, because they're voting like the 26th of September through the 29th or something like that.

53:55 - 53:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, okay.

53:58 - 54:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right So be interested to see where that goes.

54:10 - 54:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, we may be able to point to it as a good example, or we may be able to just ignore it.

54:17 - 54:20

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right, anything else before we move on?

54:22 - 54:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

54:23 - 54:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, what's up with the management letter here?

54:26 - 54:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

What are we talking about?

54:28 - 54:30

Selectboard Office Attendees

Date for meeting with them out of.

54:34 - 54:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

So that's from when they were here Yeah, yeah, it's a finance committee and it's like we're all here so is October 7th, okay?

54:51 - 54:54

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, save the date we'll be here anyway, right?

54:54 - 54:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yep Okay.

54:59 - 55:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

We should just have joint meetings year-round because that's what it seems like we do.

55:07 - 55:09

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

55:10 - 55:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

Steve?

55:10 - 55:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yes?

55:11 - 55:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Finally.

55:12 - 55:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

Sorry for the delay.

55:12 - 55:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

Are you awake?

55:14 - 55:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, yeah.

55:15 - 55:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

55:15 - 55:21

Selectboard Office Attendees

So we've had two questions from the Shade Tree Committee and I did get opinions on both.

55:21 - 55:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

One was whether we essentially stretch the meaning of the the last amendment to the Rollin Fund and and say that adjacent lands were closing up in that sense.

55:35 - 55:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I had a chance to look over that letter from town council and I think it's great.

55:42 - 55:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, so we seem to think that was fine.

55:44 - 55:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's the.

55:44 - 55:45

Joe Boudreau

Flexibility we.

55:45 - 55:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

Need and we're not trying to do anything suspicious.

55:48 - 55:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

Everything would be above board so very happy to in the town of Housewood, Greece.

55:55 - 56:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

And then the other question was whether we could pay highway department wages out of the fund as well if they did the planting now, whether they actually have capacity to do is a different question but so our accountants said yeah that they could do that was fine too.

56:28 - 56:31

Selectboard Office Attendees

And that also is very good.

56:31 - 56:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm happy to do that.

56:32 - 56:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

Gives us a little flexibility and if it's only one day I don't see any problem.

56:41 - 56:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

We are starting to run out of time.

56:45 - 56:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

A lot of these nurseries that provide plants are closed down in November so October would be our month to shoot for maybe the second week in October sometime.

56:57 - 57:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

Is that general enough for you?

57:04 - 57:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I would say so.

57:06 - 57:07

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, that doesn't sound right.

57:08 - 57:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

Holiday, we have two people off.

57:10 - 57:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

One guy's off.

57:11 - 57:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm going to do the second week and I'm off.

57:13 - 57:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

Office for a week to get married.

57:16 - 57:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, yeah.

57:18 - 57:19

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, the third week would be better.

57:20 - 57:20

Selectboard Office Attendees

Third week.

57:20 - 57:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, well let's plan on sometime the third week.

57:23 - 57:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

How many trees are we talking about?

57:27 - 57:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

We're thinking that with an unknown crew should be able to plant one tree per hour.

57:35 - 57:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

So we're going to limit the number of trees to eight and hopefully get them in the

ground in the day.

57:44 - 57:46

Selectboard Office Attendees

So what do the trees themselves cost?

57:49 - 57:50

Selectboard Office Attendees

That is to be determined.

57:51 - 57:58

Selectboard Office Attendees

That will be according to the species and the diameter caliper of the trees.

57:59 - 57:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

57:59 - 58:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

But you obviously save a by not having the papers.

58:01 - 58:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh absolutely, absolutely, yeah.

58:07 - 58:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

So based on this meeting I can go ahead and start getting the nitty-gritty lined up and line up on delivery for third week in October.

58:19 - 58:19

Selectboard Office Attendees

And locations?

58:20 - 58:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

Locations will be on.

58:27 - 58:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

Most of.

58:37 - 58:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

We.

58:38 - 58:48

Amy Wang

Had discussed having these on town-owned properties, but not necessarily planting them right along the right-of-way.

58:49 - 58:52

Amy Wang

So are we talking about adjacent properties that are not town-owned?

58:55 - 59:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Any of the properties on Route 112 that are under state jurisdiction, we have to move trees off the state land.

59:05 - 59:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

In the cases of locations we're talking about, the DeVito property would be the only one which would be private property.

59:16 - 59:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

The Ferguson property is off the state right away, but it's on town land.

59:24 - 59:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

So there is one site right now that would be considered private property but still a roadside tree.

59:35 - 59:39

Amy Wang

Right, okay, I think I understand the places you're talking about.

59:40 - 59:53

Amy Wang

Okay, because I just was concerned that the last time when we did use Rolland funds to plant some trees, it was not clear whether everybody understood that they had to be along town roadways.

59:54 - 01:00:00

Amy Wang

So, you know, wasn't comfortable that everybody put them where they were supposed to be.

01:00:00 - 01:00:01

Amy Wang

But this sounds fine.

01:00:01 - 01:00:04

Amy Wang

I understand what properties you're talking about.

01:00:04 - 01:00:05

Amy Wang

So that should be fine.

01:00:07 - 01:00:09

Amy Wang

I mean, it's a town benefit.

01:00:10 - 01:00:17

Amy Wang

So it's not supposed to be that I get a lovely tree from my yard that nobody sees unless you drive down Parish Road.

01:00:18 - 01:00:19

Amy Wang

But it's a town benefit.

01:00:20 - 01:00:22

Amy Wang

Everybody should be able to see them.

01:00:23 - 01:00:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think and the fun doesn't actually necessarily say it has to be on Tom property just has to be on Tom right next to the road or I forget exactly the wording of the trust is just roadside trees right so it doesn't have to be on.

01:00:38 - 01:00:45

Amy Wang

Right I just figured if we were moving it this I thought in a sense we were moving it from roadside but we're not so.

01:00:45 - 01:00:54

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's fine well we're doing both so we're talking about center cemetery and we're talking about possibly the ponds although I guess you're not considering that for this year not this.

01:00:57 - 01:01:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

Year and the other issue we run into is we have to have dig safe market especially if you're on 112 yeah well there's the waterline you know wherever you determine where you're gonna put them yeah dig safe comes up nothing.

01:01:13 - 01:01:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yep, I'm familiar with it.

01:01:15 - 01:01:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's almost a must.

01:01:20 - 01:01:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, sounds like a time.

01:01:22 - 01:01:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

That was great.

01:01:26 - 01:01:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think you should be commended Steve Strong.

01:01:28 - 01:01:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

You've done a really good, your committee is great, but you've been out there watering all the trees.

01:01:33 - 01:01:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's been a really dry summer and you've been out Watering them.

01:01:38 - 01:01:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

I see you all the time.

01:01:39 - 01:01:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's just taking care of art of this?

01:01:41 - 01:01:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I know, thanks.

01:01:44 - 01:01:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

You really work hard at it, so thanks.

01:01:47 - 01:01:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, thank you.

01:01:48 - 01:01:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

I did have an offer of trees Monday from RJ Baudry.

01:01:54 - 01:01:58

Selectboard Office Attendees

I forget what kind of trees she said she had, but I told her to speak to you about it.

01:01:58 - 01:01:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I haven't heard.

01:01:59 - 01:01:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Do you know her?

01:02:00 - 01:02:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

No.

01:02:00 - 01:02:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

They live right next to the Sandhill Bridge on Sandhill Road.

01:02:06 - 01:02:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I don't want to guess, I forget what she said she has, but I told her to get in touch with you or Ben.

01:02:13 - 01:02:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're growing on her property.

01:02:15 - 01:02:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think so, yeah, they'd have to be dug out.

01:02:19 - 01:02:21

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, we've tried that.

01:02:21 - 01:02:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

Seen as many years ago, offered a bunch of sugar maple saplings.

01:02:27 - 01:02:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

And of course, they're growing in the forest, and those trees, the troughs are just all like this.

01:02:36 - 01:02:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

And those trees all survive with a little tender loving care, but they were on Old Post Road, just past where Dave Tyler's old farm used to be, and they were alive when I left town, when I came back into town, they were all gone, so I don't know what happened to them.

01:03:02 - 01:03:04

[speaker unknown]

All right, good.

01:03:05 - 01:03:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

So that's settled.

01:03:09 - 01:03:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

So Alex, you're next.

01:03:12 - 01:03:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:03:13 - 01:03:21

Selectboard Office Attendees

So we're going to be putting our lane up for sale on, what is that, Williamsburg Road.

01:03:23 - 01:03:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

But, after hearing the discussion about, you know, going down the road, whether or not you're going to need a new place for highway improvement, I just suggested, before we put it on the market, you know, there's interest from the town.

01:03:42 - 01:03:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

So that's basically it.

01:03:43 - 01:03:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

So there's eight acres.

01:03:45 - 01:03:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

We took a walk there, well, maybe two, three weeks ago?

01:03:48 - 01:03:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, two weeks ago.

01:03:49 - 01:04:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, so there's over 700 foot frontage in your room, so whether or not there's interest again, but I don't know how the whole process would work.

01:04:01 - 01:04:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

So we would have to go to town meeting and ask the town to spend money from

stabilization.

01:04:09 - 01:04:18

Selectboard Office Attendees

Of course, we'd have to reach an agreement on an amount too, but so I think we would negotiate that first and then go to town meeting.

01:04:18 - 01:05:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

We don't necessarily have to be ready to build I mean we do have a need for storage property you know regardless start putting millions and stuff there we have a need to build yeah we do yeah so there's certainly precedent for doing you know purchasing the property and then coming back to the town for the the bill which because we're still a little ways away from you know I think we might be ready to ask the town for design money at town meeting next day next spring so we could consider especially you know we're going to be doing a special time meeting in the fall we could consider a stabilization purchase point.

01:05:08 - 01:05:08

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

01:05:08 - 01:05:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Have you come up with a number that you're thinking of?

01:05:12 - 01:05:21

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah well we were talking 75 if we went through a that's what we asked with the broker so if we put it in the market then they would take the condition.

01:05:22 - 01:05:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

So let them know what the commission is 5% or something like that and land so that's 5% whatever, 5% less than 75 would be, so probably around 70, 71 or something like that.

01:05:36 - 01:05:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

It was laying down by us.

01:05:38 - 01:05:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

By the way, nice job going over and around all the bushes that they planted.

01:05:42 - 01:05:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

I swear to God, you guys are gonna cut those down.

01:05:45 - 01:05:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, I'm all on the sheet right now.

01:05:49 - 01:05:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

That just went up and something about that.

01:05:51 - 01:05:54

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, and there was actually less than that, or more than that.

01:05:54 - 01:05:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean, it seems to me it'd be a really wise investment.

01:05:56 - 01:06:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Even if it turned out that for whatever reason we want to can use that we could turn around we sell it It's a clearly be able to lots.

01:06:04 - 01:06:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, don't need the town needs land to the store Anyways, right.

01:06:09 - 01:06:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's the thing we're thinking.

01:06:10 - 01:06:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's right on the day Yeah, right.

01:06:12 - 01:06:19

Selectboard Office Attendees

So did Rob go look at it after the I didn't talk with him, but he said he was going to so I'll ask Yeah, ask him what he thought about it.

01:06:19 - 01:06:30

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, it is a very decent lot It's less it might mean the level and yeah The top part is there's a rock driveway that we put in years ago.

01:06:30 - 01:06:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

It was perched at one time, but it's out of date now.

01:06:34 - 01:06:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

And then we put in a curb drain on the left-hand side.

01:06:41 - 01:06:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

The other benefits of that is it's on telling water.

01:06:44 - 01:06:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, that's great too.

01:06:45 - 01:06:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

So we still have telling water.

01:06:47 - 01:06:50

Selectboard Office Attendees

Are there any conservation issues, do you think?

01:06:50 - 01:06:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

Any water issues there?

01:06:51 - 01:06:52

Selectboard Office Attendees

Not that I saw.

01:06:54 - 01:07:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

There's one on the where the drain goes under the road and comes up by the driveway that will run off to the right on that side so I don't know what you would call that it's not really a stream right it's just a it's a culvert those are one side to the other it's not a stream or nothing it's just in the it's wet.

01:07:19 - 01:07:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

But there's no pools, no vernal pools in there.

01:07:25 - 01:07:31

Selectboard Office Attendees

So could we, would it cost us money to have somebody formally look at it and tell us it's suitable?

01:07:32 - 01:07:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

It seems like we would need to do that.

01:07:34 - 01:07:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, I probably should do that.

01:07:35 - 01:07:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's not that big of an expense, I don't think.

01:07:38 - 01:07:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean, again, we could probably take money out of the pool.

01:07:41 - 01:07:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

You could first ask the Conservation Commission to go look at it, and then if they think that it's a good idea to have the I mean, you have somebody from Fish and Wildlife on the concomm, and Ed Lewis is an environmental engineer.

01:07:56 - 01:07:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

You get pretty good feedback from them.

01:07:59 - 01:08:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, no, we're lucky with it.

01:08:01 - 01:08:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

We have one.

01:08:02 - 01:08:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

Seems like a good idea.

01:08:03 - 01:08:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, I'll just...

01:08:07 - 01:08:09

Selectboard Office Attendees

Do we need to formally ask them?

01:08:09 - 01:08:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, I can ask them.

01:08:10 - 01:08:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:08:13 - 01:08:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

01:08:14 - 01:08:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

So then we'll wait to put it on one and then see what you guys decide.

01:08:17 - 01:08:18

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:08:18 - 01:08:20

Selectboard Office Attendees

We'll try to keep on top of it.

01:08:20 - 01:08:21

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, that's why I drag it out here.

01:08:21 - 01:08:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

Feel free to always come in and poke.

01:08:29 - 01:08:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right, good, thank you So be a nice solution to our problem and maybe in the short term we could rent rent your property to drop some millings on Yeah, we're all

done.

01:08:43 - 01:08:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

Are they?

01:08:44 - 01:08:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, Marais is more than a little more than halfway done Yeah, 112 is done, but Marais, we can have the stuff for nothing, right, if I have to have some place to put it.

01:08:55 - 01:08:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, well, you have to clear it first before using the womb.

01:09:00 - 01:09:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

It would have to be cleaned.

01:09:03 - 01:09:09

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, to dump melons in there, yeah, you'd have to get the cleaner spot out.

01:09:09 - 01:09:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, you'd just have to cut all the golden rod out.

01:09:14 - 01:09:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

There's that whole big lint that's all cleaned.

01:09:17 - 01:09:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yes.

01:09:17 - 01:09:19

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, again, I don't know how many we'll find.

01:09:21 - 01:09:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

They'll have to see this.

01:09:22 - 01:09:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:09:23 - 01:09:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:09:23 - 01:09:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:09:24 - 01:09:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

I heard that it was all out in the big field.

01:09:27 - 01:09:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

Over six inches.

01:09:28 - 01:09:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

Farmer.

01:09:30 - 01:09:30

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:09:30 - 01:09:30

Selectboard Office Attendees

What?

01:09:31 - 01:09:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

It has the swastest.

01:09:32 - 01:09:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh.

01:09:33 - 01:09:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

If it's over six inches.

01:09:34 - 01:09:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's over six inches.

01:09:36 - 01:09:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

You can tell the size of it.

01:09:39 - 01:09:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:09:41 - 01:09:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's the petroleum that makes it.

01:09:43 - 01:09:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

So is that where most of it went?

01:09:45 - 01:09:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

The seamen?

01:09:47 - 01:09:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

Mountain of it, yeah.

01:09:49 - 01:09:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

What's he doing?

01:09:50 - 01:09:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know.

01:09:52 - 01:10:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

One of the others was stockpiling it over with Ryan Rydas and Keppelbrook and Senas, I believe.

01:10:00 - 01:10:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're going to go back and get some of it for shoulder work.

01:10:03 - 01:10:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

So they needed it to go back and get it.

01:10:06 - 01:10:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean, Paul Dunleavy gave me this whole story about following one of the trucks into Comington.

01:10:13 - 01:10:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, they were over to the right of this farm.

01:10:16 - 01:10:18

Selectboard Office Attendees

They were storing it there.

01:10:21 - 01:10:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

So do they pay to store it with those guys?

01:10:24 - 01:10:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

At no year.

01:10:28 - 01:10:29

[speaker unknown]

Probably.

01:10:31 - 01:10:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

Alright, well the Morais will be back next year and doing another third of the project and then another third the following year.

01:10:38 - 01:10:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

So it'll be great to have some place to put it by then at least.

01:10:42 - 01:10:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

As long as it's not hazardous.

01:10:44 - 01:10:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think.

01:10:47 - 01:10:52

Selectboard Office Attendees

That you got to look into, you know, how long you can store it or hide my gear.

01:10:52 - 01:10:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

So who do we talk to about that?

01:10:55 - 01:10:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know the answer to that question.

01:10:57 - 01:10:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Can you look into it?

01:10:59 - 01:11:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

I can ask, yeah, the Warner Brothers stores it.

01:11:02 - 01:11:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

I can ask them what they do.

01:11:06 - 01:11:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

Can you store stuff on your old pump?

01:11:09 - 01:11:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, in fact, they did that and got trouble and had to move it.

01:11:26 - 01:11:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

That was an easy question to answer.

01:11:30 - 01:11:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, all right, onward.

01:11:34 - 01:11:38

Selectboard Office Attendees

Letter for Travis, our new hire at the highway department.

01:11:38 - 01:11:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

I really do want to get a picture of him so I can...

01:11:40 - 01:11:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh yeah.

01:11:42 - 01:11:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

I guess I'll just try to get over there some morning.

01:11:46 - 01:11:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

This is it.

01:11:47 - 01:11:50

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, I'll it when we're done.

01:11:53 - 01:11:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

And the closest to the 30-year-an-hour was 30 and 46.

01:11:57 - 01:11:58

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, that was about 30-40, yeah.

01:12:05 - 01:12:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I put 112 and 143 on the agenda just in case there's anything that comes up because I mean we're all getting steady contact from one about one thing or I had I had you know complained about all this traffic on Ridge Road with the deliveries, but that was one to see that Yeah, yeah.

01:12:25 - 01:12:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean I was trying to figure out what shortcut they would be taking on the road No
So is that I assume that's over then this was over today.

01:12:36 - 01:12:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yes And 20 I got word the 20 Week to 28.

01:12:42 - 01:12:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

I think they're gonna start paving.

01:12:44 - 01:12:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, so they're just working on the cleanup stuff.

01:12:47 - 01:12:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:12:50 - 01:13:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

So it's the fact that especially the first half from the middle of town down to
Huntington, you still see the lines, the yellow and the white lines, are they there from
last time?

01:13:02 - 01:13:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, they paint them.

01:13:03 - 01:13:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, they did paint them.

01:13:04 - 01:13:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Every night.

01:13:04 - 01:13:06

Selectboard Office Attendees

They did the same thing for the roof.

01:13:07 - 01:13:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

You have to have them painted.

01:13:09 - 01:13:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

How the **** are they painted?

01:13:10 - 01:13:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

Stay on the roof.

01:13:11 - 01:13:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

How do you know that it still had lines?

01:13:14 - 01:13:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

There are still lines under there, too.

01:13:16 - 01:13:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

You can see them.

01:13:17 - 01:13:18

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, there's three of the old ones.

01:13:18 - 01:13:20

Selectboard Office Attendees

You're not the first one to ask that question.

01:13:20 - 01:13:21

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:13:23 - 01:13:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

Good night.

01:13:24 - 01:13:24

Joe Boudreau

Everyone.

01:13:25 - 01:13:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

Good night.

01:13:27 - 01:13:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

And for the first time today, driving down that way, the guy actually was holding a uh what a sign that said stop and you're all supposed to be doing that.

01:13:39 - 01:13:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:13:40 - 01:13:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

Tell me if anybody ever does.

01:13:42 - 01:13:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

If they're a flagger, that's what they're supposed to be doing.

01:13:47 - 01:13:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're supposed to have the green pants on and everything.

01:13:50 - 01:13:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

Very few people do it.

01:13:52 - 01:13:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

I know it.

01:13:54 - 01:13:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

You can't tell whether they're doing this or they're doing that.

01:13:59 - 01:14:00

Amy Wang

Keep going.

01:14:00 - 01:14:01

Amy Wang

They'll let you know.

01:14:02 - 01:14:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

If you.

01:14:03 - 01:14:04

Amy Wang

Keep heading at them, they'll stop.

01:14:05 - 01:14:09

Amy Wang

So if you don't need me for anything, I think I'll go as well.

01:14:09 - 01:14:10

Amy Wang

Yeah, for sure.

01:14:10 - 01:14:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Thank you.

01:14:11 - 01:14:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Good night.

01:14:11 - 01:14:11

Amy Wang

Amy.

01:14:11 - 01:14:12

Selectboard Office Attendees

Take care.

01:14:12 - 01:14:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

Good night.

01:14:13 - 01:14:15

Amy Wang

See you next time.

01:14:15 - 01:14:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

And they also told me to go and as soon as I went past the guy then the guy just up ahead there no no that was real well you know they say after you go by they'll figure it out so the people that the employees that are not police officers that are flagging.

01:14:43 - 01:14:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're supposed to have signs.

01:14:46 - 01:14:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

I forget what the term is that they're called.

01:14:49 - 01:14:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's a certain detail work.

01:14:52 - 01:14:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

Any flagger you do.

01:14:53 - 01:15:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

So if there's a flagger working for the construction company, which they can do, they have to.

01:15:00 - 01:15:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

They have to go.

01:15:02 - 01:15:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

But if they're under the police officer traffic controllers yeah detail work yeah yeah because the people that we pay traffic control officers yeah yeah you pay them the same amount they get the same day that's right but any flagger in the course has to have the ranch in I'm going to talk to John about this.

01:15:27 - 01:15:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm from the police department, I don't know what it is.

01:15:30 - 01:15:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, the cops can get away with doing whatever they want.

01:15:32 - 01:15:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

I've heard that.

01:15:34 - 01:15:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

And get paid big money for it.

01:15:37 - 01:15:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

You never ever see a policeman holding a sign.

01:15:39 - 01:15:40

Selectboard Office Attendees

God forbid.

01:15:40 - 01:15:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, it's so cool.

01:15:42 - 01:15:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, you're right.

01:15:43 - 01:15:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

You're lucky if they're even paying attention.

01:15:47 - 01:15:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're not sitting in their car waiting.

01:15:49 - 01:15:50

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh somebody's coming.

01:15:51 - 01:15:54

Selectboard Office Attendees

Sometimes you see a guy in the car and he just puts his hand out.

01:15:55 - 01:15:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah and they're getting \$75 an hour.

01:16:00 - 01:16:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

How much are they getting paid?

01:16:02 - 01:16:03

Selectboard Office Attendees

\$75 an hour.

01:16:03 - 01:16:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

To do that.

01:16:05 - 01:16:07

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well I can see a lot of tickets being written in this room.

01:16:10 - 01:16:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

So speaking of tickets, the good news is that the state police and our own police both wrote a lot of tickets this week.

01:16:19 - 01:16:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

Apparently the custodian at the school is a retired state.

01:16:22 - 01:16:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

He is.

01:16:23 - 01:16:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's John Stack.

01:16:24 - 01:16:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

And he called in his buddies.

01:16:27 - 01:16:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:16:28 - 01:16:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

John Stack is the custodian.

01:16:31 - 01:16:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

There was a truck stopped out here yesterday.

01:16:37 - 01:16:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well the kids are outside 48 miles an hour.

01:16:41 - 01:16:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

So that's a big ticket right?

01:16:44 - 01:16:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

I would say so.

01:16:44 - 01:16:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

Enough \$25, \$48, \$25, \$20.

01:16:48 - 01:16:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

School zone.

01:16:51 - 01:16:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, John said he wrote two \$300 tickets.

01:16:55 - 01:16:56

Selectboard Office Attendees

Good question.

01:16:56 - 01:16:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, we don't get anything, do we?

01:16:57 - 01:16:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, I don't think so.

01:16:59 - 01:17:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't really know.

01:17:00 - 01:17:00

Selectboard Office Attendees

Who feels over?

01:17:00 - 01:17:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know.

01:17:01 - 01:17:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

I can't.

01:17:02 - 01:17:02

Selectboard Office Attendees

I know.

01:17:03 - 01:17:04

Selectboard Office Attendees

Why don't we get them?

01:17:04 - 01:17:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

I don't know, we should.

01:17:05 - 01:17:07

Selectboard Office Attendees

I mean, you used to hear about towns down south going.

01:17:07 - 01:17:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

Right.

01:17:08 - 01:17:09

Selectboard Office Attendees

They were curfews.

01:17:09 - 01:17:09

Selectboard Office Attendees

They made money.

01:17:16 - 01:17:18

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, something to ask about.

01:17:23 - 01:17:24

Selectboard Office Attendees

You know, I'll ask.

01:17:25 - 01:17:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's worth asking.

01:17:26 - 01:17:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

01:17:29 - 01:17:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

Permitting software I put on here just in case.

01:17:32 - 01:18:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm still trying to chase down references for GoGov and, and Bob said they're having some issues in Deerfield with permit eyes so he said he would hold off going there too but I think we really need to do something sooner rather than later because Julie's been doing some work on my house I've been talking to her a lot about what the building department's doing the fact that she's never met Paul or spoken to him and barely knows Michael and you know these people aren't communicating with each other about permits and we have a house that had hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of work done owned by.

01:18:13 - 01:18:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

He's previously owned by Walgreens, that had no permits taken out at all, and it's for sale for \$850,000.

01:18:23 - 01:18:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I thought I'd put it in my bag and I didn't, but what were the options again?

01:18:29 - 01:18:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

Permanize?

01:18:29 - 01:18:33

Selectboard Office Attendees

So Permanize is the one that most, almost everybody uses.

01:18:33 - 01:18:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, but Beersfield's having some problems with it?

01:18:35 - 01:18:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

He said he's having some problems with it.

01:18:37 - 01:18:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

He said he heard maybe that was that they got sold or being sold But I looked into it.

01:18:41 - 01:18:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're not sold.

01:18:43 - 01:18:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay He really uses it I think that he has an assistant.

01:18:47 - 01:18:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

So this was at least a couple weeks ago Because I did look it over.

01:18:51 - 01:19:10

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, I think that even though it's a little it's more I don't think that you I don't think it's a bargain when you go with the cheapest vendor and things like that in paradise seems to be the one that has the more comprehensive one is more used, so I'm happy to have that conversation.

01:19:11 - 01:19:15

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, so we'll put her up again, and they're both bugging me too, both of the cells.

01:19:15 - 01:19:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

I can ask, I'll ask the people on the stand.

01:19:18 - 01:19:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, ask if anybody uses anything besides permit eyes, if anybody has any positive or negative thing to say about it.

01:19:25 - 01:19:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:19:27 - 01:19:36

Selectboard Office Attendees

The dude come up at that meeting that Paul Mark held at the holes every year in Lennox and some people were complaining that they've been raising prices.

01:19:39 - 01:19:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right, so Durenzee copier lease Already, it's a done deal.

01:19:43 - 01:19:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

We just need to assign is that it?

01:19:45 - 01:19:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:19:45 - 01:19:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, that's just a his estimate.

01:19:47 - 01:19:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's less than the last We get a new copier release it.

01:19:58 - 01:20:01

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, I mean it's just luck of the job.

01:20:01 - 01:20:08

Selectboard Office Attendees

We get, we pay 93.85 a month right now and it's going to be 91.49, it's not a huge difference.

01:20:08 - 01:20:09

Selectboard Office Attendees

Do you get bids?

01:20:09 - 01:20:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Do you get bids or you don't need to?

01:20:11 - 01:20:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, no, we've had that same lease forever.

01:20:14 - 01:20:14

Selectboard Office Attendees

Right.

01:20:14 - 01:20:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah, and so, and they were the best, they were just the best employees.

01:20:18 - 01:20:20

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're wonderful to work with.

01:20:20 - 01:20:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

If there's any issues, they're there the same day.

01:20:22 - 01:20:23

Selectboard Office Attendees

Right, we've had no issues.

01:20:23 - 01:20:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, no big ones, no.

01:20:25 - 01:20:26

Selectboard Office Attendees

So.

01:20:26 - 01:20:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

They're great.

01:20:27 - 01:20:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:20:32 - 01:20:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

Just sign it I won't even do what you want.

01:20:35 - 01:20:35

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:20:35 - 01:20:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right, I will move that we renew the lease with the renzi for \$91 and 49 cents a month for the copier.

01:20:45 - 01:21:05

Selectboard Office Attendees

I second that cuz it's \$24 of savings Put that towards the deficit On the back, there's another thing you have to sign too, because they do the mate that they do once a month, so that's separate, yeah but that you did we pay by how How many papers?

01:21:09 - 01:21:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, it's yeah for black and white it's.

01:21:16 - 01:21:17

Selectboard Office Attendees

83 100.

01:21:20 - 01:21:22

Selectboard Office Attendees

And it's half a cent for color.

01:21:23 - 01:21:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

No, it's five cents for color.

01:21:28 - 01:21:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

That's in case we have a public record request that we need to know what we have to charge.

01:21:32 - 01:21:32

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

01:21:33 - 01:21:37

Selectboard Office Attendees

So I'll amend your motion to include the maintenance.

01:21:38 - 01:21:39

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'll second the maintenance.

01:21:41 - 01:21:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

01:21:41 - 01:21:42

Selectboard Office Attendees

Good job.

01:21:43 - 01:21:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

No discussion, I'm sure.

01:21:44 - 01:21:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

All in favor?

01:21:45 - 01:21:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

01:21:45 - 01:21:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

01:21:47 - 01:21:47

Selectboard Office Attendees

All right.

01:21:47 - 01:21:48

Selectboard Office Attendees

And we had Matt's review.

01:21:49 - 01:21:49

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yeah.

01:21:49 - 01:21:52

Selectboard Office Attendees

And there's, yeah, there's, I think, four.

01:21:52 - 01:21:59

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, but before we adjourn, and unless somebody else has something to say, there's hardly anybody that's left here anyway.

01:22:01 - 01:22:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

The, we need to get approved or disapproved the permit for the rate, for the, for the cross race.

01:22:11 - 01:22:11

Selectboard Office Attendees

Oh, right, right.

01:22:11 - 01:22:13

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'm coming to the room.

01:22:14 - 01:22:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

So, um, Kahn Kahn is meeting Thursday?

01:22:16 - 01:22:16

Selectboard Office Attendees

Yep.

01:22:18 - 01:22:19

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, so you can do it.

01:22:19 - 01:22:25

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, so we will meet, and it's going to be, at least the select board piece of the meeting.

01:22:25 - 01:22:27

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's seven o'clock, right at seven.

01:22:27 - 01:22:28

Selectboard Office Attendees

There will be the first one.

01:22:29 - 01:22:29

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:22:30 - 01:22:34

Selectboard Office Attendees

I'll be here, and I'll go to meeting on, so Ava can be there if she wants to be.

01:22:38 - 01:22:41

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay, so we're going to meet Thursday to talk about that.

01:22:42 - 01:22:43

Selectboard Office Attendees

So let's make sure we get that posted.

01:22:44 - 01:22:44

Selectboard Office Attendees

You already posted it.

01:22:44 - 01:22:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

I did it.

01:22:45 - 01:22:45

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:22:46 - 01:22:51

Selectboard Office Attendees

And anybody else have anything to comment on before we adjourn?

01:22:51 - 01:22:52

Selectboard Office Attendees

Okay.

01:22:52 - 01:22:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

We're adjourned.

01:22:53 - 01:22:53

Selectboard Office Attendees

Thank you, everyone.

01:22:54 - 01:22:55

Selectboard Office Attendees

Well, this was kind of a nice meeting.

01:22:56 - 01:22:57

Selectboard Office Attendees

It's only eight o'clock.