

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

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This conference will now be recorded.

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So we'll get started here in just a sec.

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Healthy finance so there was a nice email from Allison that didn't actually go to the finance committee you should skin that.

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You just picked it up.

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Yeah, it's this one thing.

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I'm gonna review it real quick before we get in here.

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Thank you.

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So I know Melinda's not able to make it.

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Randy and Bart are here, which is great.

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Thank you.

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I think Nathan knows that he couldn't make it.

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So, and Alison couldn't make it.

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Gretchen's here.

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So I suspect it's four o'clock.

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So why don't we get wrong?

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So one subject here in a limited amount of time, unfortunately, but we want to at least get the conversation moving along.

01:00 - 01:04

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I doubt we're gonna reach a decision in the hour or less that we have.

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But let's see where we can go with it.

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Just real quick.

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Allison.

01:14 - 01:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

Expressed I Committee and that email is in the shared folder, but it didn't, it went to the Select Board, it didn't go to the Finance Committee.

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So, but briefly she's arguing strongly in favor of an override vote.

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She feels that the decision was made in spring of 24 to not do an override and to essentially put it off to the fall.

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We'll see where we stood and then if necessary, I guess, dip into stabilization, which is obviously what we ultimately did.

01:51 - 02:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

And then she feels that all departments as part of the budget process for this current fiscal year were asked to tell us what the impact would be of hiding their budgets by

eight to 12%.

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Most of them did so to the extent they could.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

You know, the reality is only a few departments make up the substantial portion of the budget.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

So we do have, you know, I think good information for the select board highway and the school, which are the biggies.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

And most of the, you know, small town committees is not gonna make a big difference either way.

02:27 - 02:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

So regardless, she says we have, she feels documentation from that, that speaks to what the impact of cuts would be should we not pass an override or borrow from stabilization or just simply pass try to pass a lower budget in the spring next year.

02:48 - 03:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

She's essentially arguing that you know a couple of months time is really necessary to make the proper case to the town and finally she's arguing that roughly three times the amount that we're short on the budget is what she would like to see us vote on or I think I'll ask the time to vote on to give us enough essentially wiggle room because who knows what the next phase is going to look like and you know who knows what the next few years will look like.

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So that's my brief summary of Allison's remarks.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Does anybody want to add or edit that or I think we move on.

03:32 - 03:34

Gretchen

To.

03:36 - 03:38

Gretchen

Yeah, hi everybody, it's Gretchen.

03:38 - 03:41

Gretchen

I'm driving back from dropping Tata Mock at school, so I can't be in person.

03:42 - 03:47

Gretchen

Sorry I think Charlie did a good job hitting all the key points.

03:47 - 03:50

Gretchen

I just want to say she wasn't arguing she's suggesting.

03:54 - 03:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right in a debate debating sense.

04:00 - 04:01

[speaker unknown]

Sorry.

04:03 - 04:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay, so you're muted now Joe and then the other course information that went out

to everybody was from you.

04:13 - 04:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

Which I don't want to try to summarize your words But it certainly seemed to me you were arguing in favor of not dipping into civilization That seemed to be the essence of what you were trying to tell us, but you want to speak to what you sent out there?

04:27 - 04:59

Joe Boudreau

Well, I think what I sent out hopefully speaks for itself, but I I tried to give you the pros and cons of using the stabilization fund and rather me say it in my own words, I opted to try to give you examples in other documents where it has been advised not to use savings in the operating budget.

05:00 - 05:10

Joe Boudreau

Which came from a number of DOR reports that were given to a number of different towns.

05:14 - 05:15

Joe Boudreau

I think that's it.

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Joe Boudreau

In a nutshell.

05:18 - 05:37

Joe Boudreau

I think we should at least try and override to to call it off now I I think would be doing a disservice to to the town and to the future of town budgets and ultimately to the taxpayers.

05:41 - 05:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay thank you um so I will just lead off and I'll try not to go too long here but I think I more or less agree with you and with.

05:55 - 06:15

Selectboard Meeting Room

I do worry about timing, and I know when I spoke at our last meeting, well it was really two meetings ago, but I spoke in favor of sooner rather than later as better, but in retrospect and given new information that's come to.

06:15 - 06:15

Diane Brenner

Light.

06:16 - 06:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

Both Amy and I have surgeries coming up.

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Diane Brenner

In September.

06:19 - 06:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

And I think Allison's observation of at least a two month timeline being necessary is absolutely true.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

So I can't possibly seeing.

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Diane Brenner

Us.

06:31 - 06:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

Doing this much before late October about, I've got surgery coming up mid September that's gonna take me out for a couple of weeks and Amy's.

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Diane Brenner

Got-.

06:42 - 06:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

Hang on one sec.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Diane, can you mute yourself?

06:44 - 06:47

Selectboard Meeting Room

There's some noise coming from your end.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Thank you.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Thank you.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

All right, so Amy, you two have been tied up for a bit of September.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Right, yes.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

They are basically saying that I won't be able to drive for four to six weeks, and for the first two weeks I may essentially be in a fair amount of pain and not.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Particularly up a lot.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

And grumpy, no doubt.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

And grumpy.

07:11 - 07:13

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, I'm already grumpy, so I'll be grumpier.

07:14 - 07:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

So this puts me kind of out of the running as one of the people who can be a key person talking to the whole of town, except for remotely.

07:25 - 07:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

As long as I'm awake and alert, I can talk remotely, but if I'm under medication, I may not be able to speak and I'm not going to be able to drive for a while.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Ruth can take me places, but she also has things that she has to do and some of it If she needs to leave the house and leave me alone, then she you know, she's gonna have to do that.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

But I Don't know.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

It's gonna be a modified mess.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Let's just put it that was a little uncertain.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

I'll put it that way It's a better way to put it.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Can we go backwards from 35 days from whatever?

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Selectboard Meeting Room

So we're already into.

08:01 - 08:02

Selectboard Meeting Room

Late September or October.

08:03 - 08:09

Selectboard Meeting Room

So in terms of your being unavailable, I think it goes back to the overrides run by the clerk.

08:10 - 08:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

So the timeline we're preparing for is preparing the town.

08:17 - 08:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I think this goes back again, I said last time that we were preparing the town back in March and April for this discussion and a lot of information came out of that and I circulated this back then, a simplified way of letting the town know what it is.

08:36 - 08:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think we're still, your talk during town meeting on whatever it was, June 6th was good, was great, but I think the questions are still churning.

08:48 - 08:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

So in terms of prep for something 35, 42, 49 days from now, I think that's gotta be the.

09:00 - 09:06

Selectboard Meeting Room

Concentration and buy-in from our town clerk is gonna have to run the ballot.

09:07 - 09:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

So she's not here, but I think in terms of what we should be discussing, we've already had at 35 days to schedule something and probably more like 42 or 49 or whatever.

09:22 - 09:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I missed Allison's, but I think that the downside is they may hire somebody and the ballot fails and they've got to fire people, so unless there's some other...

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Selectboard Meeting Room

We do it from stabilization.

09:41 - 10:09

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right so I just want to go back to going forward yeah what is the prep time that's critical to you guys into the select floor into the clerk I go I think we need to prepare a case in essence so we need to take the information that we that we got when we asked the different departments to cut their show us what would mean to cut their

budgets.

10:09 - 10:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, put that in a narrative.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

The school's already done that to a large extent.

10:15 - 10:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

So we're really talking the highway and most of the select board budgets that they're sitting here.

10:20 - 10:29

Selectboard Meeting Room

Going back to this, it's a word document and I think with a nod to Hanover, Hanover was a six million dollar override.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Very different talent, but the questions are just very simple and the answers are simple.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

I think that's And they posted it on their website.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

This was for this round of counting back in May.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

I know there's a lot of complications in scheduling, but I think the...

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, I think our argument is simply we want to make sure we're available to make the case.

10:55 - 11:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's not that we're necessarily the BLM doll for this, but if we're the ones calling for the vote, we ought to vote, be available to make the case.

11:08 - 11:15

Selectboard Meeting Room

I mean, I would suggest late October, we might as well consider election day in the beginning of November.

11:18 - 11:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'll throw that out there.

11:23 - 11:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

You're talking about the ballot vote itself.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Right.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

And then we work backwards in there to prepare everybody for it.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Right.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

So you'd have town meeting beforehand and then just have the ballot vote on the way?

11:34 - 11:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

No, no.

11:35 - 11:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

There's no town meeting.

11:36 - 11:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's just a valid vote at that point if it fails and it will inevitably have a town meeting in the fall we always do to deal with Susan early November and then in from The you come you come into the town hall to vote on the open, right?

11:56 - 11:56

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right, right.

11:56 - 11:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, right.

12:00 - 12:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

So Yeah, it's a ballot vote but yeah, yeah You know, there is no town meeting component that I can trust about.

12:13 - 12:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

So opinions?

12:17 - 12:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

Joe, do you have any history of this kind of a ballot being, I don't know what

elections are up on Election Day, the year it's in?

12:28 - 12:30

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, I don't know if we have any to be honest with you.

12:30 - 12:34

Selectboard Meeting Room

There's a state election, there's no significant offices up for elections.

12:35 - 12:47

Joe Boudreau

I if you're talking about putting it on the state ballot, I would strongly advise against it There's all kinds of rules of getting it to them on time.

12:47 - 12:51

Joe Boudreau

I think we should have our own Special election it could be around.

12:54 - 12:59

Joe Boudreau

The time that the state as its election but not on the same day.

13:00 - 13:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

So as soon as you have it on the same day you have to get some kind of state approval if.

13:05 - 13:08

Joe Boudreau

You're planning on having it on the state ballot.

13:08 - 13:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

No I'm not it could be a separate ballot it could be the same day for convenience sake.

13:16 - 13:19

Joe Boudreau

Well wouldn't that be confusing for.

13:19 - 13:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

People there's gonna.

13:22 - 13:22

Joe Boudreau

Be.

13:22 - 13:30

Joe Boudreau

Two there's gonna be two elections going on one for this one is the state election and then one in a town.

13:31 - 13:31

Joe Boudreau

Election.

13:31 - 13:34

Joe Boudreau

I mean, can't you have it a couple days different?

13:36 - 13:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, I thought I actually might make it easier for people but But I'm and I did to be as I said, I'm not even sure there is a state election There's no offices up for election.

13:46 - 13:56

Selectboard Meeting Room

So and we don't have a you know, our town elections are in the spring So, you know unless there's some sort of state ballot initiatives that are on the ballot this fall.

13:56 - 14:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't And I don't know Joe, you sent an Excel spreadsheet that was titled Tax Impacts, and I want to make sure that I'm reading that correctly in that the tax impact to an average single family tax bill would be an increase of \$286.50 over last year.

14:25 - 14:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

And that's with a home value of hundred and eighty some odd dollars and that's just to cover the hundred and forty-five and some change.

14:36 - 14:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

Is that correct?

14:37 - 14:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yes.

14:39 - 15:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

So, Allison, let's just, Allison is suggesting three times, I have no opinion, but that is a tax increase of hundred and sixty-one dollars if we for an average family with a you can't confuse those two things one is the levy limit and one is the actual amount we have to raise taxes and we only have to raise taxes enough to balance a budget the levy limit just gives us a ceiling that would once you to see if it stays there.

15:18 - 15:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

It gives it time and freedom to raise the taxes up to 860 whatever dollars, but it doesn't have to.

15:24 - 15:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Which is a hard thing to communicate well.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

That is a trick.

15:32 - 15:51

Joe Boudreau

But if you were to raise it, let's just say by three times, the spreadsheet that I gave you, if you look down the bottom, it will take care of the deficit and then the remaining will go into excess capacity, which does not affect.

15:51 - 15:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

The taxpayer.

15:54 - 15:58

Joe Boudreau

It's only when we tax it all that it affects the taxpayers.

16:02 - 16:07

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's certainly scarier to have a three times number, but it doesn't really mean your taxes are.

16:10 - 16:19

Selectboard Meeting Room

I guess my question would be, who's in charge of deciding how much of that we take and how much of it we leave there?

16:21 - 16:27

Selectboard Meeting Room

Tell me, yeah, you vote on all the articles and yeah.

16:27 - 16:29

Selectboard Meeting Room

We voted the budget and we are short.

16:30 - 16:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

We are in a deficit of roughly 145 or something thereabouts, so that's who decided that we have to take 145, somehow we have to come up with it.

16:42 - 16:44

Selectboard Meeting Room

So that number will change depending on estimated receipts.

16:45 - 16:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

So when we have a final, final number, then there's a special time meeting, like I said, typically in the fall, and that's where we, that procedure gets made.

16:57 - 16:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

Randy's got his hand up.

16:58 - 16:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

Go ahead, Randy.

17:00 - 17:00

Randy Zucco

Hey, guys.

17:02 - 17:25

Randy Zucco

Yeah, I hear you with this, and I'm, you know, having been at the town meeting this year and felt the energy, I am worried about the messages that would send tripling the ask of the override.

17:25 - 17:31

Randy Zucco

I feel as though we're gonna be fighting an uphill battle to get even the bare minimum.

17:33 - 17:57

Randy Zucco

And I can feel the argument already being that, you know, So it just leaves us so much room to not have to balance the budget next year and just carte blanche except any and all increases in expenditures, which I think is kind of the slippery slope we've been on to begin with.

17:57 - 18:17

Randy Zucco

So, I, as a, as trying to be as level-headed as I possibly can be and also understanding that, you know, the town obviously needs some more money, I just don't want to come off looking.

18:17 - 18:30

Randy Zucco

Like we're asking for money with like a wink and a nod to know that the budget's to go up next you know the following years and we'll just tax the town even more.

18:31 - 18:40

Randy Zucco

So you know I'm not sure that I could I could vote yes on a three times the limit in good conscience at this point.

18:43 - 18:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay so one of the things so what I would like to say is that we have never just accepted everything that was given to us.

18:55 - 18:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

We've always asked about the details about everything.

18:59 - 19:01

Selectboard Meeting Room

So you're asking for this in your budget.

19:02 - 19:02

Selectboard Meeting Room

Why?

19:02 - 19:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

What is that?

19:03 - 19:07

Selectboard Meeting Room

And sometimes there have been expenses that Joe has pointed out.

19:07 - 19:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

This is the kind of expense that should come from stabilization because it's a one-time expense.

19:12 - 19:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

It should not be from our general, go to our general expenses, which can then, that general expenses could raise the taxes.

19:21 - 19:23

Selectboard Meeting Room

Stabilization does not.

19:23 - 19:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

So there's plenty of times that we pointed that out.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

This year, we certainly asked people to cut and cut and cut again.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

In past years, we've cut things.

19:33 - 19:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

There was, I think it was Ben Brown this year who came to us and said, well, last

year, I asked for 15 ,000 more and you gave me the same 5 ,000 you always gave me, so this year, I'm here saying, I have to have this because now it's like, I can't get away with the 5 ,000 anymore.

19:54 - 19:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

We cannot get these things done.

19:56 - 19:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so we have always pushed it.

19:58 - 20:02

Selectboard Meeting Room

We've never just said, oh yeah, no, no, we've got plenty of room to tax, to raise revenue.

20:02 - 20:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

Let's just do it, let's just do it.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

We've never done that.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

And so this is something that you have to realize.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

Three times is a lot, seems like a huge number, but the fact is if we just raise it to what we need this year, next year, you can pretty much guarantee it's not going to cover it because if you look at expenses that we're paying as citizens, homeowners, just going out shopping, look how much our expenses have gone up.

20:33 - 20:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

Everything is going to go up.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

We're hoping it won't be catastrophic, but we have no way of knowing.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

I think, Amy, for me that the point that you're making is one that I enter into this idea of.

20:53 - 21:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

Override with some trepidation because we don't know what the implications will be next year and Allison points this out it's like you never know what's gonna happen you can't tell the future but I mean as the newest member of the select board I I certainly have an awful lot to learn but I don't I don't think I I can't communicate with folks what we think the strategic direction of this is and what we're thinking about.

21:22 - 21:30

Selectboard Meeting Room

How are we going to, with all of the departments cut to the very bones, what are we going to do when health care costs go up?

21:30 - 21:32

Selectboard Meeting Room

How are we going to do that?

21:32 - 21:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

And I think it's, Kevin, you provided that, I skimmed it, but one of the things I saw is like these override votes fail more than they succeed, and I'm, I still, I think there's an awful lot of work to do before November.

21:54 - 22:15

Selectboard Meeting Room

You two being out for a significant portion of it, I'm not sure that we're going to get the town people to understand, we're not gonna be able to communicate the

situation in a way that I think we can get all of the town folks and for me.

22:16 - 22:30

Selectboard Meeting Room

So naively going into this, like this being just a ballot vote, it's so much easier to go, nope, when you go to a ballot vote than when you're sitting in town meeting and like who's in favor and who's not.

22:30 - 22:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so I mean, I'm sorry I came into this a little bit ignorant, but I've learned a lot that gives me a little bit more trepidation than I had already had.

22:42 - 22:47

Selectboard Meeting Room

But having said that, I think it's a horrible idea to take money of stabilization.

22:47 - 22:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

They understand what it's for and I think this is the wrong thing, but what it does is it.

22:53 - 23:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

What I was trying to get to with this, and the school has an easy to digest description of their pros and cons, what happens if we get it, what happens if we don't.

23:06 - 23:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

Allison's been really good at that in correction.

23:09 - 23:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

And I don't, at town meeting, and somebody mentioned town meeting and sense of the room I think people were were approaching it in the weeks ahead like we're gonna have this debate we're gonna have it and didn't happen and I don't and I think at the meeting only the week before only 20 year 21 people showed up and we really you guys did a great job but there was no it was it was I called them the chosen few

but the choir so yes they're preaching to the It's all of the people who normally are just there for the ride.

23:47 - 23:56

Selectboard Meeting Room

And I think getting something out like this, not we're headed for an override, this would be the impact, and if we keep taking money out of it.

23:56 - 24:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

So a summary of this, and a summary of what Joe put together, and probably in an open session and really tell people this is the question, it's this or this, sure or not.

24:10 - 24:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

Then it leads to the ballot voter, it leads to another town meeting.

24:15 - 24:38

Selectboard Meeting Room

So even at the town, the special town meeting where we voted in the 121 ,000, there was one very angry person who was just very angry, but a former select board member who was also very angry and let us know in the meeting that and then let me know the next day wasn't happy about how it went.

24:39 - 24:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

So what was he unhappy about?

24:41 - 24:47

Selectboard Meeting Room

Taking him, same question, solving the budget by taking money out of stabilization.

24:47 - 24:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

We should go in with passable budget which is probably easier in his time than it is now.

24:53 - 25:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I'm just saying I anticipated in both of those sessions there would be this and there wasn't and I think if it hangs out there November it may calm down or it may become such a non-issue that it passes or fails because people are bored.

25:12 - 25:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I think this includes the average tax increase.

25:18 - 25:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

People have to have an opportunity to do that or this one you could do it live.

25:22 - 25:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

Somehow you could do it live.

25:24 - 25:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

What is the impact going to be?

25:26 - 25:32

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I think that has to repeat through the next fiscal year and following fiscal years.

25:33 - 25:45

Selectboard Meeting Room

So that's why I'm saying the discussion of when it is has to do with how we again remind people as we're being reminded of what we went through in March and April of last year.

25:46 - 26:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

Because we don't have to do ask for three times but I do want people to remember that part of what helped this budget deficit be sort of as low as it is is that there was a substantial reduction in the highway department budget, that reduction will not exist next year, because next year, there are more expenses for personnel.

26:10 - 26:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

Because there's something that we did not foresee, or there may be more expenses for personnel.

26:15 - 26:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

But you know, some of what reduced this year was the fact that Devon is not being paid as much as Cork would have been paid.

26:22 - 26:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

But you know, so that's part of the reduction.

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Selectboard Meeting Room

But there was a highway department budget reduction.

26:28 - 26:31

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, it's a much a reduction as less of an increase.

26:32 - 26:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay, you're right, but essentially we budgeted for an extra employee because of a disability issue and we didn't have to do that this year.

26:41 - 26:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

So having one less salary in there obviously made a huge difference, but that won't happen next year.

26:46 - 26:47

Selectboard Meeting Room

No, it won't happen next year.

26:47 - 26:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

So that budget's bound to increase more than, the rate of increases could be higher than it was last year.

26:54 - 26:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

So, you know, saying three times gives us just a little bit more wiggle room.

26:59 - 27:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's unlike, I don't know, I'd be thrilled if next year we were just short when we did all the calculations, 145, but I suspect that, you know, it's not going to look quite that good.

27:12 - 27:13

Selectboard Meeting Room

But who knows?

27:13 - 27:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

I can't tell.

27:15 - 27:38

Selectboard Meeting Room

Part of the explanation, of course, has to be, and people, if they don't understand already, There's a rigorous process for passing a budget that starts with the finance committee with the help of the select board And then we don't spend a dime other than a little discretion within a budget without town meeting approval.

27:38 - 27:47

Selectboard Meeting Room

So you know the the tax rate doesn't go up without a meeting approval in the You know the overall budget doesn't pass without town meeting voted.

27:47 - 27:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

So we can't, you know, the select board can't, even though there's a higher levy limit, the select board can't just decide to spend that money.

27:54 - 27:56

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's not, we don't have that authority.

27:57 - 28:07

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I think, you know, we'll need to make that case, but as scary as that may sound, there's a reasonable explanation as to how the process works.

28:07 - 28:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

And, you know, nobody, you can cut the budget all you want at town meeting.

28:14 - 28:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

If the rest of the town agrees with it.

28:18 - 28:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

28:20 - 28:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

This one, this is Hanover against \$6 million, and it doesn't look like they asked for much more than \$6 million in terms of, if the request was just \$6 million, but all of the deficits to departments like \$2 million here on education, \$2.7 million.

28:41 - 28:50

Selectboard Meeting Room

\$178 million on fire department, 363 on public works seems to add up to somewhere near the same number as the deficit of the override.

28:51 - 28:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

So the override was roughly the amount they needed as it was.

28:54 - 28:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

I didn't do the quick math.

28:56 - 28:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's in the ballpark.

28:57 - 29:02

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think Belcher Towns who just did it more recently was similar.

29:02 - 29:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think the number they asked for was pretty close to what they needed.

29:06 - 29:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

But in both cases, I think there's some, um, one-time expenses involved.

29:13 - 29:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

Joe had a statistic on Worlington history in the nineties of 11 attempts and seven passes or vice versa.

29:23 - 29:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

Do you remember that Joe?

29:25 - 29:28

Joe Boudreau

Uh, yeah, I, I sent up that document on there.

29:28 - 29:29

Joe Boudreau

That's right.

29:29 - 29:31

Joe Boudreau

I don't have it in front of me, but yeah, that's roughly it.

29:31 - 29:44

Joe Boudreau

Um and it wasn't i think there was one general override but most of them were for for specific.

29:44 - 29:46

Joe Boudreau

Departments such as gateway.

29:46 - 29:54

Joe Boudreau

Um fire i believe was one and i'm not too sure highway was another.

29:56 - 30:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

But i guess i'm saying if there was one that gets us through um and the anticipation is we may have to do this again a year from now or two years from now it'll be more incremental and saying we're going to cover it now by doubling or tripling yeah yeah and it just me yeah it may just mean that every year we have to go to an override well well you had a chart of how many towns were in similar situations you see if they're doing the same thing year after year and I think it's not as scary in terms of the amount or the amount of times we have to do it it might I don't want to say it becomes normal well but like Charlie said some of these other ones they had some one-time expenses that were going to be in there so they so if you've done six million is a lot but you know I'm sorry six million like to me it's just like wow okay if you did an override for six million.

30:55 - 31:00

Selectboard Meeting Room

But in subsequent years, you don't need anywhere near that ceiling.

31:01 - 31:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

You've sort of done the big thing, and then now you have room underneath it, but I don't know because I don't know anything enough about that town.

31:08 - 31:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

Back to the sense of the room, and maybe Randy can fill in on that, but this town is not – they're pretty conservative in terms of increases like that.

31:20 - 31:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

And the other part of it is with a town where you've got – it's one of the wealthier towns in the East, you've got a higher, I think their income was in the 90s, and statewide 67, here it's probably in the 40s, 50s, that when you've got 100 ,000 to spend every year.

31:40 - 31:51

Selectboard Meeting Room

You might be more apt to vote in an override for 6 million, but you may be so educated that you're not going to vote in an override for 18 million, or 12 million, you know, tripling it.

31:52 - 32:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right, but if they did have one time expenses that would it's that would also help to explain why you're not asking for any more than your actual budget deficit but I will admit if your budget deficit was six million this year I don't really want to see your budget next year but it's all relative yeah you got a community with yeah I heard of that side 17 ,000 they're very wealthy people yeah but six million still that's a lot money.

32:21 - 32:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

6 million here is 600 ,000 or 60 ,000.

32:26 - 32:27

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yes, exactly.

32:32 - 32:34

Selectboard Meeting Room

They've got an org chart.

32:34 - 32:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

They have an org chart.

32:37 - 32:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay.

32:43 - 32:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

So you guys have been expressing the concerns of.

32:51 - 32:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think we all share the same certainly is not a great environment to say, hey, let's raise everyone's taxes.

32:59 - 33:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think my question is whether, like, we could line up all of our ducks and get them in a beautiful little row and take them, you know, do whatever the perfect scenario is and have the vote after that, and it would be what it is.

33:16 - 33:19

Selectboard Meeting Room

It feels hard to do that before November.

33:20 - 33:32

Selectboard Meeting Room

Is it worth just taking, doing the best we can, given you guys are out of commission and whatever, and having a vote just to make it happen?

33:34 - 33:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

Doing whatever prep we can do, just so that, you know, the odds of it passing?

33:42 - 33:42

Selectboard Meeting Room

Or do they change very much?

33:43 - 33:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't know.

33:43 - 33:51

Selectboard Meeting Room

Or do you want to wait until next year and try to line up all the ducks and hope?

33:55 - 34:02

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think the fact is that we're never gonna not need the override because there's no way to back the budget down.

34:03 - 34:13

Selectboard Meeting Room

Agreed, right, but wouldn't you rather vote for Pretty ducks that are all in a row like you can go I can get behind those ducks Those are some pretty ducks.

34:14 - 34:19

Selectboard Meeting Room

And look at them, they're all in a row, then sort of, meh, they did the best they could.

34:20 - 34:23

Selectboard Meeting Room

Boy, look at that finance committee and that select board.

34:23 - 34:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

Boy, they did the best they could.

34:25 - 34:27

Selectboard Meeting Room

Sure, I mean.

34:29 - 34:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

So let me try to go step by step.

34:33 - 34:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

So at a special time meeting, we would vote, we would vote on whether you're doing override or not and have discussion about that and eventually have an override or is that the same special town meeting voting to take money out of stabilization and promise to have the ducks in the road?

34:54 - 36:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think what I'm hearing is is sort of a debate between is there enough time to actually line up the ducks and have the vote this fall or should it get delayed until next year and Allison's arguing don't wait till next year Joe said so don't wait till next year but there's concerned that it's not enough time to get those ducks all lined up and the question I have is is it what's the real downside of having most of the ducks lined up or they're not quite all pretty and just doing it having the boat in you know on Halloween just to make it special and so that it's it's done there's to be this awkward moment like 35 days gives us a limit it's going to be in October like the earliest you could do in is October no sir is it 35 actual days and 35 the 35 actual days is the end of September okay so if it fails there's gonna be a special town meeting within some number of weeks not very many where you're gonna ask somebody's gonna ask the town to vote stabilization funds to cover the budget.

36:06 - 36:09

Selectboard Meeting Room

Having just had an election that people said they didn't want to raise their taxes.

36:10 - 36:15

Selectboard Meeting Room

Like, that's not great politics to have those really close to each other.

36:16 - 36:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

Stretching that out seems better, or do you...

36:20 - 36:23

Selectboard Meeting Room

We didn't hold that special time until December, Arthur.

36:24 - 36:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

But you get my point.

36:25 - 36:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yes, we, like, you could stretch it from September to December, but there's going to need to be that pair if that override doesn't pass.

36:36 - 36:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's where every other town goes through.

36:38 - 36:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's not pretty.

36:39 - 36:44

Selectboard Meeting Room

Actually, we skipped out the town meeting vote this year.

36:45 - 36:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

If we were thinking about it, we could have added that in.

36:49 - 36:51

Selectboard Meeting Room

To both for stabilization funds?

36:51 - 36:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

No, to go forward to have an override and then the discussion would have happened.

36:55 - 37:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's moot if the ballot doesn't go ahead and get your ducks in a row between when we're voting and when we ballot when we count meeting when we ballot it seems to me like you could have a meeting in early September before you guys disappear I think that in my case I disappear on the 2nd of.

37:25 - 37:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

But Charlie would still be able to participate, especially the first few days after surgery.

37:33 - 37:34

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't think I'm very alert.

37:35 - 37:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

So maybe there isn't enough time, but some try to have a meeting fairly soon, which doesn't get into a lot of detail.

37:44 - 37:49

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't know what your handover thing says because I haven't seen it, but he is basically what's the point of an override?

37:49 - 37:50

Selectboard Meeting Room

Why are we here talking about this?

37:51 - 38:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

Without a lot of financial detail, just as a moment to let people come and express their anxiety, which I agree with you, never got its moment.

38:04 - 38:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

It was, there was a lot of buildup, and people have asked me like, so what's an override, what's happening?

38:09 - 38:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

I have no idea, and I should know.

38:13 - 38:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, we did put out an explanation ahead of time, which I think people appreciated.

38:17 - 38:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

And it did seem to calm some nerves.

38:21 - 38:29

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think that personally, I guess, I feel like having waiting until spring so we can get everything lined up just feels.

38:32 - 38:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

Just pushing the can down.

38:34 - 38:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's never going to be perfect.

38:35 - 38:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

And I'm curious if you're thinking about how much the override should be at.

38:39 - 38:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

What would you ask for?

38:43 - 38:49

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think what I'd be interested in is what percentage of the budget of Hanover's budget.

38:49 - 38:50

Selectboard Meeting Room

What's Hanover's real budget?

38:51 - 38:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

Because six million sounds big, but as a percentage of six days, again, it's a crazy multiplier in terms of the town size and the wealth.

38:59 - 39:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

So it's just, my only point in this is not the numbers, it's how clearly they tell the story.

39:05 - 39:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so the reason I say that is because as a percentage of our budget, 135 ,000 is not very big.

39:14 - 39:27

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so it seems a little silly to not have it be 250 ,000 or some number that's giving a little wiggle room because that's literally two people, right?

39:27 - 39:34

Selectboard Meeting Room

If the highway department hires an extra person next year, that eight year surplus, your surplus, your whatever.

39:37 - 39:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't know, I'm not, back to the tree example, the amount of ash trees and bees

trees that are going to be falling into the roads in the next two or three years.

39:49 - 39:50

Selectboard Meeting Room

His budget should be tripled.

39:51 - 39:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

So, Joe's had his hand up here.

39:57 - 40:09

Joe Boudreau

At one point, I thought there was a discussion about having a group put together that would advance the argument for an override.

40:10 - 40:13

Joe Boudreau

Is that not happening any longer?

40:18 - 40:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't know if Gretchen can speak to it, but I think she's got at least some people that are kind of ready to go on that.

40:25 - 40:43

Joe Boudreau

So are there other people other than school that would be in this group if so, then why can't the board of selectmen who are not going to be with us at you know, at any particular time can join that group and join the board of selectmen who are not going to be with us at any particular time can join that group and join the board of selectmen.

40:43 - 40:55

Joe Boudreau

Divest yourself of your knowledge and that group continues on up until a point later on that the override is called.

40:56 - 40:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

That way.

40:57 - 40:59

Joe Boudreau

It's an ongoing thing.

40:59 - 40:59

Joe Boudreau

It.

40:59 - 41:00

Joe Boudreau

Isn't pushed.

41:01 - 41:06

Joe Boudreau

We don't have to wait until BART's perfect ducts are in order.

41:06 - 41:10

Joe Boudreau

We can just keep on moving and talking about it.

41:10 - 41:20

Joe Boudreau

And I think this group, by talking to others that might come, might give this group some other understanding of what people are thinking.

41:20 - 41:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

Which.

41:21 - 41:28

Joe Boudreau

Might modify how much of an override is asked for.

41:32 - 41:33

Joe Boudreau

That's my two cents.

41:34 - 41:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'm going to give another example of those committee sessions.

41:39 - 41:56

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so the committee from four towns that were our solarized mass group, we each in the four towns had the money from the state to have discussion sessions with food.

41:56 - 42:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

And we went from projected 30 signups to 90 because people came for pizza and they ordered.

42:08 - 42:30

Selectboard Meeting Room

It wouldn't put all the work on the group if they had open sessions come in and hear about it and whether they're not, but I think I'm just going back to what everybody else is saying that an informed vote, whether it's in town meeting or for a ballot, takes a lot the tension out of it.

42:31 - 42:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

The tension may be out of it now, but who knows what it'll be like in October or November.

42:38 - 42:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

Gretchen, you were going to say something just regarding.

42:41 - 42:41

Gretchen

What you've got.

42:43 - 42:43

Gretchen

Yeah.

42:47 - 42:58

Gretchen

After talking about this last fall, or at least talking about it in my school council, I'm very interested in kind of getting the word out.

42:59 - 43:08

Gretchen

So if community listening sessions or community sessions or something we want to do, I can certainly start reaching out to folks.

43:12 - 43:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay, it just seems to me outside of that, just judging by who's shown up for select board meetings to talk about this, JP wants to volunteer for to help promote this.

43:26 - 43:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

Out of town, so he doesn't have to volunteer.

43:29 - 43:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

This ultimately falls on the people that are here right now.

43:34 - 43:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

And it would be surprising if there's a whole lot of us.

43:37 - 43:38

Selectboard Meeting Room

I apologize.

43:39 - 43:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

You got to go.

43:41 - 43:42

Selectboard Meeting Room

Thank you.

43:42 - 43:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

Thanks for coming.

43:44 - 43:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

So to be, I'm sure, continued next Tuesday.

43:46 - 43:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

You'll be here, right?

43:48 - 43:49

Selectboard Meeting Room

You'll be here next Tuesday.

43:49 - 43:50

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yes, I will be here.

43:52 - 43:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

As I said, I'm willing to participate but for a certain period of time it's going to have to be remote.

43:57 - 44:00

Selectboard Meeting Room

I won't be able to actually get there, but you know.

44:00 - 44:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

My sense from talking with Allison is that there was an expectation that, and I don't know why, but that there would be some sort of declaration that an override vote was going to happen and that would allow a citizens committee or whatever to have something to talk against, but because there's never been a sort of formal announcement or at least she felt there hadn't.

44:28 - 44:31

Selectboard Meeting Room

There was nothing for that group to do.

44:31 - 44:32

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

44:32 - 44:32

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

44:32 - 44:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so I feel like, like- I mean, Joe, if you're suggesting a committee to come up with a number, that just seems like a stretch to me.

44:43 - 44:57

Joe Boudreau

I'm not suggesting that they come up with a number, but I am suggesting that the input that they might get from people might form a number that you guys weren't thinking about.

44:59 - 45:13

Joe Boudreau

Ultimately, it's going to be the slugman to come up with the number, but if I were a slugman, I think I'd kind of want to hear what other people's thinking about before I just reach into my bag of tricks and pull out a number.

45:17 - 45:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

I feel like there's a chicken and egg problem, right?

45:20 - 45:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

That if you guys came out today and just said, look, there's gonna be an override vote on Halloween.

45:25 - 45:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

Boom.

45:26 - 45:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

Then people would have something to respond.

45:28 - 45:31

Selectboard Meeting Room

They're like, oh, there will be an override vote.

45:31 - 45:34

Selectboard Meeting Room

And if we care, we should get organized.

45:35 - 45:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right now, nobody knows if that's something to organize for.

45:39 - 45:50

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't think it's actually you guys who are supposed to organize this group, I think it needs to be non-elected people that you can take part, or that's your private citizens.

45:51 - 45:56

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I think that's the committee that Joe is talking about is not a town thing.

45:57 - 46:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's a private citizen group who can advocate and by law has to not be elected

people.

46:05 - 46:09

Selectboard Meeting Room

No, we can be part of it, we just can't use town resources.

46:10 - 46:15

Selectboard Meeting Room

But if it was the three of you making the committee in support, it would be a hard thing to argue.

46:15 - 46:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, we would want more people.

46:16 - 46:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

But if we said that, so if we said we want to do an override, we pick a date.

46:21 - 46:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

Do we have to have the precise number?

46:24 - 46:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

We can have a number?

46:26 - 46:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

No.

46:26 - 46:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

No?

46:26 - 46:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

No.

46:26 - 46:32

Selectboard Meeting Room

We just need to say there's going to be, we were going to do it, we want to go for a prop two and a half override to cover our...

46:32 - 46:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

The specificity, I believe, is in the ballot itself.

46:36 - 46:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay.

46:36 - 46:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

And it may be that when that 35-day clock for the town clerk that she needs to have a number 35 days before she looked into it Joe do you know the answers in the guidelines so can we pick a date for an override and not necessarily pick the number and at what point do we have to announce the number.

47:02 - 47:07

Joe Boudreau

I think the ballot is going to have the number on it.

47:07 - 47:15

Joe Boudreau

So when you put together the ballot, that's when the number will have to be known.

47:17 - 47:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

So we could vote to pick, we could pick a date.

47:23 - 47:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

We've already voted to have an override.

47:24 - 47:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

We haven't picked a date yet.

47:25 - 47:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

So we could have another vote as a select board with a date and still wait to pick the number until she has to print the ballot.

47:33 - 47:34

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay.

47:43 - 47:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't think we would really want to do this till next Tuesday then.

47:49 - 47:49

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right.

47:49 - 47:51

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I'd like to see that meeting me in November.

47:52 - 47:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

That vote.

47:56 - 47:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

You didn't like Halloween?

47:59 - 48:01

Selectboard Meeting Room

Halloween's a Friday and it's crazy here.

48:01 - 48:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

For two reasons, I'm back by then, okay?

48:03 - 48:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

So that's a selfish reason.

48:06 - 48:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

And then the other reason is I just think that the way things move in town here, I think if you're going to have a committee and if you want people with Q &A and everything, I think you're going to need that much time.

48:18 - 48:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

And then people can make an informed decision.

48:21 - 48:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

If they wanted to be informed, they had a chance to be informed.

48:26 - 48:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

So the downside for November is if it fails, there isn't enough time to have a second vote before we have to hold a town meeting.

48:34 - 48:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

But there's time.

48:37 - 48:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

Our special town meeting is December 9th.

48:39 - 48:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

There's still time to have a special town meeting.

48:41 - 48:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right, but what he meant was if it failed, if the override vote failed, we could technically have another override vote, but we would not have enough time for that.

48:52 - 48:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

So if the override fails, we must go to stabilization funds.

48:58 - 49:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

I mean, if it's fair, we couldn't have two votes that have to have it in, you know, mid-to-sleep.

49:03 - 49:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think it's not terrible, though.

49:05 - 50:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think that you, I mean, I don't want to love the but you get that vote to happen and then you know great it passes or more likely it fails and then you wrote the stabilization hopefully town special time meeting is not terrible and then you're ready to go next year the story started and we try it again yeah we push it and we'll have a lot I think we'll have a lot more information by the spring as far as in terms of like what the town wants and what the towns getting there what they're doing in like where the food prices are because this isn't just food right my big concern is there's a lot of people in town that help with some of the projects that we've done in town and everything and they're young families and that's what we wanted to move to town that's why we kept the school and that's why we voted for the school but the three times the amount that's actually a 10 increase because you're already getting two and a half and now you're saying three times i know we don't have spend all that money.

50:05 - 50:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

I understand that.

50:05 - 50:06

Selectboard Meeting Room

We won't spend all that money.

50:07 - 50:09

Selectboard Meeting Room

There's no way we're raising it.

50:09 - 50:09

Selectboard Meeting Room

It will take years to get there.

50:10 - 50:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

No, it might take two or three.

50:12 - 50:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

We don't know, you know, because nobody knows where the prices are going to end up on things and everything else.

50:17 - 50:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

You know, gravel could cost ten times more the next spring.

50:21 - 50:21

Selectboard Meeting Room

Who knows?

50:21 - 50:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

And we don't know.

50:22 - 50:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

So that's why I'm saying there's a lot of mystery.

50:24 - 50:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I'd rather step into this easy rather than diving in and so I think having a vote for a minimal amount in November of what we need or maybe a little more than what we need, I think that makes more sense than going all in.

50:44 - 50:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's just my opinion and I think you're going to get more families to vote for something like that because their grocery bills are going up.

50:52 - 50:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

We all know that.

50:54 - 50:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

So, Joe?

50:57 - 50:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

50:59 - 51:10

Joe Boudreau

As far as having enough time to vote for a second override, I think the only time you would do that is if the override failed by a few votes.

51:11 - 51:12

Joe Boudreau

And, you.

51:12 - 51:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

Know.

51:12 - 51:15

Joe Boudreau

I'm not too sure that's ever going to happen.

51:15 - 51:26

Joe Boudreau

So, I wouldn't put too much concern about having enough time to do a second one this you know if the first one fails the second one comes around next.

51:26 - 51:27

Joe Boudreau

Year.

51:29 - 52:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

And Joe I'd like to say too and tell all the finance committee I think you know over the years I kept it you know I keep my eyes open and you guys have done a good job all of you you know we have one one and a half million roughly I know in this big stabilization fund and that's credit to you guys and and I'm trying to keep an eye on the expenses here to you know all my I'm giving my import on it but thanks to the Finance Committee for doing that but I just want to go back to the idea of setting a date and if they set a date the the churn official or artificial will start once there's a people know there's a date for the target and the amount can develop in meetings around dinner tables and so on and so on.

52:25 - 52:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I think setting the dates, kind of like time meeting or special timing.

52:28 - 52:31

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's when people really gear up.

52:34 - 52:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

So Mike, the consensus seems to be an early November vote.

52:39 - 52:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's what I'm hearing.

52:40 - 52:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

So, why don't I talk with Katrin and look into whether there even is going to be a state ballot of any other federal ballot for that matter of any sort in November.

52:52 - 52:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

I just looked on the AGs and it refers to 2018.

52:56 - 52:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

I see.

52:57 - 52:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's a giant brother, isn't it?

52:58 - 52:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yes, Diane.

53:01 - 53:03

Diane Brenner

No state election this year.

53:03 - 53:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

At all.

53:04 - 53:05

Diane Brenner

You hear me?

53:05 - 53:05

Diane Brenner

Yes, Diane.

53:05 - 53:08

Diane Brenner

And I don't know, I imagine no federal either.

53:09 - 53:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I know.

53:11 - 53:14

Diane Brenner

There's no state ballot for this.

53:14 - 53:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

Year.

53:15 - 53:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

All right.

53:16 - 53:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

So, you know, could conceivably be, so let me talk to Katrin about what makes sense for her as town clerk, and we can hopefully pick a date next Tuesday.

53:27 - 53:30

Selectboard Meeting Room

I mean, I think I'm hearing we ought to give it a shot.

53:30 - 53:30

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

53:31 - 53:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

Can I ask a question about, I know, town resources.

53:36 - 53:49

Selectboard Meeting Room

It seems to me like if you guys have voted to have an override and are going to vote on the date next Tuesday, then starting to create a group would be worthwhile.

53:49 - 53:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so some way of inviting people to come to some kind of, well, I mean, there are various ways to set that group up, but one way would be to broadcast.

54:00 - 54:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

There will be a meeting to discuss a committee in support of an override or something like Is that something that can go out in the town newsletter?

54:08 - 54:13

Selectboard Meeting Room

So it's a good question and I would probably run a bite on council to be sure.

54:13 - 54:15

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's on the line.

54:16 - 54:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

You said a key word in there, Bill Park.

54:17 - 54:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

There'd be a meeting about supporting the override.

54:20 - 54:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

No, a meeting of a group.

54:22 - 54:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

A meeting to establish a group.

54:25 - 54:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

Discuss all aspects.

54:26 - 54:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

So probably if another group wanted to form itself to be against an override and wanted to announce that as well.

54:36 - 54:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

As long as we were doing both, I think it's probably okay.

54:39 - 54:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

It'd be really nice if it was just a meeting to discuss the override, rather than you're either in or you're out.

54:46 - 54:49

Selectboard Meeting Room

You know, I think that both parties can learn something from a discussion.

54:49 - 54:51

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, but we're going to do that regardless.

54:52 - 54:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

They're really two different things.

54:53 - 55:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

And I think I'm struggling with that meeting to discuss an override needs to have some information in it, and so that becomes town officials presenting until there's somebody else who could make that presentation, right?

55:12 - 55:13

Selectboard Meeting Room

And I was trying to avoid that.

55:14 - 55:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

And we can present all we want in a live meeting.

55:18 - 55:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

If we're doing it over at GoToMeeting and we're using the Townsville meeting, then there might be an issue, but if it's a live meeting, we can say whatever the **** we want.

55:28 - 55:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, we're just not leading it or directing it.

55:33 - 55:35

Selectboard Meeting Room

You just can't use town resources.

55:36 - 55:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

You know the website is a little tricky in that regard.

55:40 - 55:41

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right, because it is a town resource.

55:43 - 55:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

But within Worthington on Facebook would not be.

55:46 - 55:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right, okay.

55:48 - 55:51

Selectboard Meeting Room

And that's almost all the same audience to us.

55:51 - 55:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

Mm-hmm.

55:52 - 55:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

55:54 - 55:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

Or the church or the library.

55:56 - 55:56

Selectboard Meeting Room

Mm-hmm.

55:57 - 55:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

55:58 - 56:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

It just feels like some of that group needs to get a fire.

56:06 - 56:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I'm suggesting we come back next Tuesday, put this on the agenda, and pick a

date.

56:13 - 56:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

Other discussion?

56:15 - 56:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

Joe, you got your hand up again?

56:17 - 56:17

Joe Boudreau

Yeah.

56:18 - 56:30

Joe Boudreau

Again, campaign and political finance is the body that determines what can be used to town resources and or you can pay town council or whatever.

56:30 - 56:32

Joe Boudreau

What can be done.

56:33 - 56:41

Joe Boudreau

Surprisingly, when I went through the campaign, there is some things that you can do.

56:42 - 56:44

Joe Boudreau

There's easy things that says you can't do.

56:45 - 56:51

Joe Boudreau

You can't use a copy or a town hall and use the copy or the ink and the paper.

56:52 - 57:03

Joe Boudreau

But it seemed to say that you be able to use town hall especially in in Worthington where there's no really other public buildings.

57:04 - 57:26

Joe Boudreau

I don't envision enough people being able to go into the library can't go to the school because that that would be a public library and I'm not too sure about the size of the church but again I think you can look into that and the thought is I would hope that there isn't two groups.

57:27 - 57:29

Joe Boudreau

One formed, one for and one against.

57:30 - 57:32

Joe Boudreau

I'd rather have them both in the same group.

57:32 - 57:34

Selectboard Meeting Room

I agree.

57:34 - 57:50

Joe Boudreau

You know, that way, hearing the pros and cons from everybody, just like town meeting, the hearing what other people say changes other people's minds or corrects what they're thinking when they hear the other side.

57:51 - 57:58

Joe Boudreau

So I would at least venture to try to get, if there's pros and cons, get them all in that same group.

58:01 - 58:02

Joe Boudreau

That's my one and a half cents.

58:03 - 58:03

Joe Boudreau

Thank.

58:03 - 58:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

You.

58:10 - 58:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

Anyone else?

58:11 - 58:13

Selectboard Meeting Room

Your mouth is like ready to speak.

58:13 - 58:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'm very interested in, I mean, I agree.

58:16 - 58:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

Would love to have a single group who was convened to discuss I don't know how to organize that or run it and I don't know how to like I can imagine sending out like come you know join the committee in support of an override that or committee against a right yeah that part that sounds easy I don't know what that announce like come just discuss the override.

58:48 - 58:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, pros and cons of an override, right?

58:52 - 58:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

You eat some pizza while you're here.

58:56 - 58:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

Information on the override, come to a meeting with information.

59:00 - 59:01

Selectboard Meeting Room

So then somebody has to have the information.

59:02 - 59:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, I mean, like the school has a bunch.

59:05 - 59:09

Selectboard Meeting Room

So you said elected officials cannot participate?

59:09 - 59:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, we can participate, we cannot lead it.

59:12 - 59:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

In terms of running it, I anticipated two very contentious meetings.

59:18 - 59:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

It didn't happen.

59:19 - 59:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I'm fully prepared for three or four or five more because it would finally put an end to it so if I'm not precluded from moderating or emceeing shall we say over such a thing but like you're saying I Come into those meetings loaded with all the information that comes out of us six weeks before so it had to be similar So I went through a lot of that.

59:43 - 59:50

Selectboard Meeting Room

But I've already forgotten about it and there's 10 different ways to do a ballot and I

think Catherine may know.

59:51 - 01:00:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

But in terms of between now and November, because the same questions would come up, let's say the ballot fails and we have a special time meeting, it'd be the second year there'll be people opposed to taking money out of stabilization.

01:00:06 - 01:00:07

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I've got to be prepared.

01:00:07 - 01:00:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

We have to be prepared for that.

01:00:10 - 01:00:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

I guess what I was envisioning is a group who got together to plan and execute those public meetings.

01:00:21 - 01:00:32

Selectboard Meeting Room

One way to find those people who are willing to get together and plan a public meeting is to hold a public meeting and see who shows up and hope to get them to do the next one.

01:00:32 - 01:00:42

Selectboard Meeting Room

But Joe, do you have thoughts on how to convene a single group rather than two opposing groups?

01:00:42 - 01:00:45

Selectboard Meeting Room

What would you, how would you invite people to that meeting?

01:00:47 - 01:01:07

Joe Boudreau

I would make some kind of an announcement that would say, you know, the town is planning an override and we'd like to invite both sides to come to this meeting And once they're there, they can reschedule other meetings.

01:01:08 - 01:01:11

Joe Boudreau

But, you know, and by both, right up front.

01:01:14 - 01:01:24

Joe Boudreau

And I think the notion that you can't participate because you're an elected official or an appointed official is not correct.

01:01:26 - 01:01:46

Joe Boudreau

Having an override or voting for or against participating in it does not preclude your right as a citizen to be able to participate, but you, just like anybody else, can't use town facilities or I shouldn't say that.

01:01:46 - 01:01:55

Joe Boudreau

What campaign finance says what you can use and can't use that's, you.

01:01:55 - 01:01:58

Joe Boudreau

Know, tech funded by taxpayers.

01:01:59 - 01:02:04

Joe Boudreau

That again is that that's a legal question of what can and can't be used.

01:02:04 - 01:02:10

Joe Boudreau

But everybody in town can participate.

01:02:10 - 01:02:10

Joe Boudreau

Participate.

01:02:12 - 01:02:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

I guess I'm drawing, I'm wondering if there's a distinction between participate and organize.

01:02:18 - 01:02:27

Selectboard Meeting Room

I totally get that if there's a meeting that talk about the override, and the select board members show up, then they're just individuals showing up at a meeting.

01:02:28 - 01:02:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

What I'm, I don't know, and I may be totally wrong, but it just makes me feel anxious is if I'll pick on Amy, she sends the announcement out through whatever channel so not town resources but says I will be holding a meeting to discuss is that is that crossing a line or is she just as a private citizen at that moment holding a meeting I.

01:02:54 - 01:02:59

Joe Boudreau

Think the group once it gets together will organize what they do.

01:03:01 - 01:03:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

But yeah I'm just trying to figure out that initial meeting to make the group right we can simply announce a meeting for that we've chosen a day from override.

01:03:11 - 01:03:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

We haven't chosen a number yet and we're interested in having people who are interested in the subject come to a meeting to discuss it.

01:03:19 - 01:03:20

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's it.

01:03:20 - 01:03:21

Joe Boudreau

Yes.

01:03:21 - 01:03:22

Joe Boudreau

Simple.

01:03:22 - 01:03:22

Selectboard Meeting Room

As that.

01:03:22 - 01:03:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

And there'll be pizza.

01:03:25 - 01:03:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

And we can all tip in on the pizza and not use time money.

01:03:29 - 01:03:48

Selectboard Meeting Room

When you mention the word discussion, it could be the same way we do town meeting where people talk sequentially and it's not an open free-for-all line up or submit questions ahead of time, which would be great, something like that.

01:03:49 - 01:03:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, because I mean, yes, he wouldn't want it to be a free-for-all because then people don't get to speak.

01:03:54 - 01:04:31

Selectboard Meeting Room

If you want to speak, then there has to be a recognition that Bart put his up and then Kevin did and then the JP did and so one two three oh and there's somebody back there that's four you know there has to be a recognition of that at least initially until everybody figures out how you want this to work yeah it just feels it feels like there's a there's a fuzziness there but can I hear you say I always think I hear something that I want to hear but did I hear you that you would be willing to moderate a meeting

like that?

01:04:31 - 01:04:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

Let's take the word moderate out of it just because I'm not supposed to moderate anything except it takes a MC or facilitator is actually a great word.

01:04:40 - 01:04:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's good.

01:04:40 - 01:04:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I think that would be a key, then someone knows they can go to the meeting and get called on to ask.

01:04:47 - 01:04:51

Selectboard Meeting Room

You could stand up at the beginning and say this is how we're going to hold this for me.

01:04:52 - 01:04:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

And these are the people who are going to be answering your question.

01:04:57 - 01:05:30

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's because I can't be right yeah and for me during any meeting like that of all the people in the room I've got to be the most neutral in case of special family yep I have no opinion at this point I don't all right well it feels like trying to get something off the ground fairly quickly.

01:05:31 - 01:05:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

You're gone, you guys are gone.

01:05:34 - 01:05:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'll have the phone and I can chime in.

01:05:38 - 01:05:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

I've done it.

01:05:39 - 01:05:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

I know how to do that actually.

01:05:41 - 01:05:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

Sometimes I can't get the speaker to work.

01:05:45 - 01:05:46

Selectboard Meeting Room

That's not the important part.

01:05:50 - 01:05:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'm an active person in town.

01:05:52 - 01:05:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

So when are you leaving?

01:05:57 - 01:05:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

I hope for one week from today.

01:05:59 - 01:06:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

We're going to try to get everything done that we need to get done and get out here.

01:06:04 - 01:06:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

And then we'll be back late October 1st in November right in there.

01:06:09 - 01:06:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, you can't always call in.

01:06:11 - 01:06:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

That works fine.

01:06:13 - 01:06:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah, and I have called in before, but we've been on the road.

01:06:16 - 01:06:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

We've got at least one person on the phone now.

01:06:21 - 01:06:22

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

01:06:22 - 01:06:24

Selectboard Meeting Room

And don't scare me like you did last week.

01:06:26 - 01:06:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'm looking at both of you, okay?

01:06:28 - 01:06:29

Selectboard Meeting Room

In terms of...

01:06:30 - 01:06:36

Selectboard Meeting Room

I was at this meeting and our chief was over here and he said how he can handle the

town on his own.

01:06:36 - 01:06:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

And he wants to get the dog, which I think is a brilliant idea.

01:06:39 - 01:06:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think that's a great idea.

01:06:41 - 01:06:43

Selectboard Meeting Room

He made a good argument for that.

01:06:43 - 01:06:44

Selectboard Meeting Room

He seems passionate about dogs.

01:06:44 - 01:06:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

And then he mentioned that, you know, somebody that wants to could possibly apply for to be a part-time officer And you wanted to hire, you know, you want to interview the person.

01:06:55 - 01:07:00

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'm thinking myself He just finished saying that he's can handle this on his own work.

01:07:00 - 01:07:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

The town's trying to save money You don't have money to pay a part-time person in the budget right now We have a key.

01:07:08 - 01:07:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't know what's left in that \$20 ,000.

01:07:10 - 01:07:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't know either we budgeted I left the meeting scared on their man.

01:07:14 - 01:07:17

Selectboard Meeting Room

We don't even have money to fund that.

01:07:17 - 01:07:19

Selectboard Meeting Room

And he told us that he could handle it.

01:07:19 - 01:07:23

Selectboard Meeting Room

So just, yeah, I'm just putting my two cents in there.

01:07:23 - 01:07:28

Selectboard Meeting Room

I think what he meant was he's fine until we get somebody competent.

01:07:28 - 01:07:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

He doesn't want somebody who isn't competent in there just to fill a vacancy.

01:07:33 - 01:07:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

And the dog would help him as long as he's the only officer.

01:07:38 - 01:07:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

But better is to have somebody else.

01:07:40 - 01:07:47

Selectboard Meeting Room

But, you know, as we said, I looked at Joe sent a lot of really good information on the computer.

01:07:47 - 01:07:54

Selectboard Meeting Room

I looked it up the one that I think the accurate initial for frog Franklin County region.

01:07:54 - 01:07:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

I looked at other towns and most of the other towns like comparable to us.

01:07:59 - 01:08:03

Selectboard Meeting Room

They have a second like an allocation for a second officer.

01:08:03 - 01:08:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

But it's it's a small amount of money.

01:08:04 - 01:08:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right.

01:08:05 - 01:08:05

Selectboard Meeting Room

Exactly.

01:08:05 - 01:08:07

Selectboard Meeting Room

Because it's a part time position.

01:08:07 - 01:08:08

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's not a full time.

01:08:08 - 01:08:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

I would say it's a very part time.

01:08:10 - 01:08:18

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, this is why, you know, our rules are if you go over 19 hours, you are eligible for benefits.

01:08:18 - 01:08:19

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right, right.

01:08:19 - 01:08:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

And so we want to keep part-time under 19 hours so that we do not have to pay benefits.

01:08:25 - 01:08:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

I understand that.

01:08:27 - 01:08:31

Selectboard Meeting Room

But in most, if you look at that, it could only be like in the 10.

01:08:32 - 01:08:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

It could only be four hours, it might only be four hours, it might be five hours, nowhere near 19 a week.

01:08:37 - 01:08:37

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right.

01:08:37 - 01:08:38

Selectboard Meeting Room

But, you know.

01:08:38 - 01:08:39

Selectboard Meeting Room

You've got to have somebody in the pipeline.

01:08:39 - 01:08:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

Right.

01:08:40 - 01:08:45

Selectboard Meeting Room

You can't just, you know, don't get sick or whatever, it's weird.

01:08:46 - 01:08:49

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay, and there is always mutual aid, too.

01:08:49 - 01:08:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

Well, not so much mutual aid as state police.

01:08:52 - 01:08:52

Selectboard Meeting Room

State police.

01:08:52 - 01:08:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

It's all that.

01:08:54 - 01:08:55

Selectboard Meeting Room

Mutual aid is an emergency.

01:08:56 - 01:08:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

And, and, um...

01:08:57 - 01:09:00

Selectboard Meeting Room

Unless we literally made an agreement with Chesapeake.

01:09:00 - 01:09:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

And you know, another question I have, so I'm good with that.

01:09:04 - 01:09:06

Selectboard Meeting Room

I just had to get that off my chest, okay?

01:09:07 - 01:09:07

Selectboard Meeting Room

Sure.

01:09:07 - 01:09:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

And now my next question is where's our third cruiser?

01:09:10 - 01:09:14

Selectboard Meeting Room

It used to be parked at the fire department and it's not parked there anymore.

01:09:15 - 01:09:16

Selectboard Meeting Room

It needed some sort of repair.

01:09:16 - 01:09:19

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'm not sure it's it's being repaired.

01:09:19 - 01:09:25

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay hasn't been there for probably three weeks or two weeks.

01:09:25 - 01:09:26

Selectboard Meeting Room

It probably was no rush.

01:09:26 - 01:09:27

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah yeah right.

01:09:28 - 01:09:31

Selectboard Meeting Room

So I know he said it needed something needed to be done.

01:09:31 - 01:09:33

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah I'm sure maybe Bob's doing it.

01:09:34 - 01:09:40

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay yeah it's just a question because you know it's a vehicle that cost a ton of money.

01:09:41 - 01:09:42

Selectboard Meeting Room

We lost it.

01:09:42 - 01:09:44

Selectboard Meeting Room

We don't know where it is.

01:09:46 - 01:09:47

Selectboard Meeting Room

Apple Air Tag.

01:09:48 - 01:09:53

Selectboard Meeting Room

I'm going to get an Apple Air Tag and drop them in the hotel.

01:09:55 - 01:09:57

Selectboard Meeting Room

I don't think we lost it.

01:09:57 - 01:09:58

Selectboard Meeting Room

No, it's not lost it.

01:09:58 - 01:09:59

Selectboard Meeting Room

Good question.

01:10:00 - 01:10:01

Selectboard Meeting Room

All right.

01:10:02 - 01:10:04

Selectboard Meeting Room

Anybody else before we adjourn?

01:10:04 - 01:10:06

Selectboard Meeting Room

Okay, so we'll pick this back up Tuesday.

01:10:07 - 01:10:07

Selectboard Meeting Room

Thanks everybody.

01:10:07 - 01:10:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

It was early and difficult for some people.

01:10:10 - 01:10:10

Selectboard Meeting Room

Yeah.

01:10:10 - 01:10:11

Selectboard Meeting Room

Good night.

01:10:11 - 01:10:12

Selectboard Meeting Room

Good night.