

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

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00:05 - 00:07

[speaker unknown]

Okay, all right.

00:07 - 00:08

Selectboard Office

Hi everybody.

00:08 - 00:08

Selectboard Office

Sorry.

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Selectboard Office

We're just a hair late little tactic here.

00:12 - 00:15

Selectboard Office

So, let's see 630.

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Selectboard Office

It's our continuation of the post-public hearing deliberations concerning the Let's see the road closures.

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Selectboard Office

We suspended the discussion of Patterson Road and Thayer Hill Road until we could examine it a little bit further.

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Selectboard Office

So at this time we're continuing it concerning those two roads.

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Selectboard Office

As to Patterson Road.

00:43 - 01:05

Selectboard Office

I spoke with Cork and he indicates that the turnaround that the town of Shuster has put in this summer is adequate to turn the plow around and he has no strong objection to eliminating that road closure.

01:05 - 01:06

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:10 - 01:16

Selectboard Office

So I move that we not close that road that we plow to the Chester line.

01:19 - 01:21

Selectboard Office

Oh, I will second that.

01:22 - 01:27

Selectboard Office

Any other discussion or other comment?

01:29 - 01:30

Selectboard Office

I don't see anything.

01:33 - 01:39

Selectboard Office

So we can proceed to a vote for Patterson Road Charlie Steve I I will vote.

01:39 - 01:42

Selectboard Office

Yes, so Patterson Road will remain open.

01:42 - 01:43

Selectboard Office

It will not be closed.

01:46 - 01:48

Selectboard Office

Remain open to the Chester line to the Chester line, correct?

01:49 - 01:53

Selectboard Office

Well, right, but that's not our could you communicate that heavy to Chester?

01:55 - 02:00

Selectboard Office

Sure, just a little now and mr. Brooks, of course, right and to mr. Brooks.

02:08 - 02:11

Selectboard Office

Okay, so is James here?

02:13 - 02:17

Selectboard Office

Right somebody with a phone number to beginning with two three.

02:20 - 02:34

Selectboard Office

Two three three That's not James Ryan is it Or is it Charles right Charles is there Oh Charles is right there's Charles said he couldn't make it.

02:34 - 02:35

Selectboard Office

Yeah I think he's in an airplane.

02:35 - 02:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah so but he asked if I'd read his letter.

02:38 - 02:39

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:41 - 02:44

Selectboard Office

So I guess I could find that email.

02:47 - 02:50

Selectboard Office

So it could be just entered into the minutes.

02:51 - 02:51

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:52 - 02:57

Selectboard Office

So this is from James and Michelle Ryan regarding Thayer Hill Road.

02:57 - 03:02

Selectboard Office

We purchased a 16 acre parcel on Thayer Hill Road in August of 2020.

03:03 - 03:18

Selectboard Office

As a result of seasonal road closings, we have not had proper vehicular access to our property for the 2021 winter months, 21-22 winter months, 22-23 winter months, as

well as the 23-24 winter months.

03:19 - 03:26

Selectboard Office

What we are asking for is that we have proper access to our property for the 24-25 winter months and beyond.

03:26 - 03:34

Selectboard Office

This accommodation, this request, should not catch anyone off guard as we have asked in years past for the road to remain open.

03:34 - 03:37

Selectboard Office

We are again requesting the road remain open.

03:38 - 03:48

Selectboard Office

If that accommodation is not possible, we ask that the town at a minimum clear snow up to and just beyond our current driveway so that we can get to the property.

03:49 - 03:52

Selectboard Office

Part of me feels that the road is closed just because.

03:53 - 03:55

Selectboard Office

Hard to understand actually.

03:55 - 04:00

Selectboard Office

Thank you for your time and attention in regards to James and Michelle Ryan.

04:01 - 04:02

Selectboard Office

So can I speak?

04:02 - 04:03

Selectboard Office

Yes.

04:03 - 04:25

Selectboard Office

So Steve and I met with Cork at the location and we drove the piece that gets closed and we stopped them at the driveway for this spot that we're talking about and had an extensive conversation with Cork who felt pretty strongly that the reason it's closed is because it's not safe.

04:25 - 04:36

Selectboard Office

It's not safe for the general public as well as our own trucks, the likelihood of one of them having a problem going off the road there.

04:37 - 04:47

Selectboard Office

And for safety reasons, he strongly encouraged us not to open it or to it closed to the winner as we have.

04:49 - 05:02

Selectboard Office

I think personally, to speak for myself, that legally if the Ryans are going to insist that we open it, I think we have to, from the way I read the law.

05:03 - 05:12

Selectboard Office

That being said, I think A, my understanding is they've been going in there anyway, whether it's open or not.

05:13 - 05:26

Selectboard Office

And that the likelihood of that road being not navigable by April is pretty slim, although it is month season, obviously, depending on the year.

05:28 - 05:29

Selectboard Office

But, you.

05:32 - 05:35

Selectboard Office

Know, the fact that we don't plow it doesn't mean you can't go down there.

05:36 - 05:40

Selectboard Office

It just means you're basically going at your own risk and the town is not taking responsibility.

05:43 - 06:08

Selectboard Office

It's a relatively short stretch and I would I know one of the concerns expressed at the last meeting from James was that you know he needs to get in there during burn season to be able to to burn what they've been working on and if they have to wait so many they're missing bird season But I think the reality is it'd be pretty unusual not to be able to get through there by April.

06:09 - 06:19

Selectboard Office

And that we could maybe consider breaking out whichever end of the road is necessary to make it navigable by then if it's necessary.

06:20 - 06:26

Selectboard Office

I think most likely it won't be, but I would like to ask that they withdraw the request.

06:26 - 06:31

Selectboard Office

But I do feel like if they're going to insist that we probably have to accommodate it.

06:31 - 06:42

Selectboard Office

And then I would suggest, just to finish, that we leave it up to our road boss to decide whether they want to plow up to that spot from one end or the other, or whether they want to plow through.

06:44 - 06:45

Selectboard Office

That would be my feeling.

06:47 - 07:00

Selectboard Office

I pretty much on the same wavelength as Charlie is, ironically, when we were coming down from old post road to the driveway.

07:01 - 07:15

Selectboard Office

We came upon a vehicle that hadn't been driven by James's wife at probably what I think is unequivocally the narrowest stretch of the road.

07:17 - 07:24

Selectboard Office

Just uphill of the driveway and there was barely enough room for us to get by.

07:24 - 07:28

Selectboard Office

I had to go way over and there's a sharp drop off.

07:28 - 07:42

Selectboard Office

There's no guardrails and that's before snow was packed on the sides of the road and there was no close by place to back up to to get additional room for either one of us to back up to.

07:42 - 08:17

Selectboard Office

She's coming up at the end of you know at the end of a particularly steep section of roadway there's ledge on one there's ledge on the downhill side and it's significant amount of ledge yeah and there's and there's a drop off on the other side and it's dangerous our you know our resources are relatively and I realize it's not the only such road in town okay that has problems with narrow narrow access and so on.

08:17 - 08:27

Selectboard Office

But I really wish, the problem is, James is actually.

08:30 - 08:46

Selectboard Office

The gentleman on, that has a property in Chester that wants us to leave Patterson Road open, has pointed out to us one section of the general laws, which says that roads shall be maintained.

08:46 - 08:56

Selectboard Office

And if they're not maintained, you know, road, if they're not maintained, the Superior Court has jurisdiction to find the municipality that doesn't do the maintenance.

08:58 - 09:28

Selectboard Office

The two statutes in that chapter, these two sections, the initial section basically gives that road the status of a town roadway and the section that Mark Brooks has pointed out us appears to give us a clear obligation to remove snow as well as maintain it.

09:28 - 09:30

Selectboard Office

Otherwise maintain it.

09:33 - 09:48

Selectboard Office

I'm struck with, I haven't, you know, Google, when you look up a statute on Google, it doesn't give me the original date of the statute, but I dare say that's a law which goes back into the very, at the very latest, the mid-19th century.

09:53 - 10:02

Selectboard Office

And we're dealing with a road that hasn't much improved or has been defected, it's smoother now because we have good road grading equipment and so on.

10:02 - 10:17

Selectboard Office

To make that road wider is gonna be an extremely, and safer, it's gonna be an extremely expensive proposition because it's gonna involve blasting, you know that kind of thing and lots of film.

10:20 - 10:25

Selectboard Office

We're only talking about the short distance between Justamere tree farm and the town.

10:25 - 10:29

Selectboard Office

We're not even talking about that, we already need to go down to the Chester line on that.

10:30 - 10:30

Selectboard Office

With Blowing.

10:31 - 10:34

Selectboard Office

With Blowing, because there's now a turnaround down there.

10:37 - 10:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah, right now we're talking about Thayer Hill.

10:38 - 10:52

Selectboard Office

So I, but I do want to point out that yes, this isn't, there is, it does, statute does state that we have to maintain and keep these roads usable unless we are abandoning them.

10:52 - 10:58

Selectboard Office

However, it is common practice in almost every single town in Western Mass to close roads.

10:59 - 11:04

Selectboard Office

And I have consulted with our state reps on it and nobody has a good answer.

11:04 - 11:08

Selectboard Office

They asked Beacon Hill, you know, can I get an answer on this?

11:08 - 12:03

Selectboard Office

And nobody will answer the question because it's where we're for the time being for this particular year I am opposed to the idea of opening up that section of keeping that section of road open and maintained because it is as Charlie has pointed out and I can't dispute court on this it looks it looks like it's it's dangerous not clearly for for vehicles and also for town equipment and where the James is indicated that his intended need for there's need for access at this point in time is limited to clear a burning brush that's been cleared and where I understand his access to both and he has both an ATV and a four-wheel drive vehicle.

12:04 - 12:11

Selectboard Office

Heavy duty vehicle, he can get there, except under the most extreme conditions, I would think.

12:12 - 12:32

Selectboard Office

And so my suggestion would be that we close it this year, that we continue to close that section this year, but that we explore funding options for, you know, look at this issue more carefully for the fall, you know, for next year and years following.

12:32 - 12:53

Selectboard Office

Because we have other roads in town, Bashing Hill Road and so on, that I'm just, we're exposing the town by opening this section, by keeping that section open, we're exposing, the third thing is we're exposing the town to liability for an improperly made road, that section happens to accumulate ice as well.

12:53 - 13:00

Selectboard Office

And so it is going to require frequent visits to make sure that it remains even single

lane passable.

13:01 - 13:01

Selectboard Office

Right.

13:01 - 13:01

Selectboard Office

Okay.

13:02 - 13:24

Selectboard Office

So I am in favor of continuing the road closure for this year, but looking into when we have our new road boss in place and so on, and we have our next year's allocation of Chapter 90 funds, perhaps exploring options to improve that road, because it's a valuable passageway in Worthington.

13:24 - 13:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we do have Charles Ryan waiting to speak.

13:27 - 13:29

Selectboard Office

And I'm going to let you speak in a second, Charles.

13:29 - 13:47

Selectboard Office

But first, I would like to say, so one of the things that James Ryan had asked, and you two looked at it, is, is it possible to plow down to his drive, basically, and then turn around and go back, rather than opening the section that goes down to 143, which is the section that's dangerous?

13:48 - 13:50

Selectboard Office

He had asked if that would be possible.

13:50 - 13:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, well, and the problem is, the only way to turn around is the back end of that driveway of theirs.

13:56 - 13:58

Selectboard Office

Of theirs, right, you'd have to turn around their driveway.

13:58 - 14:00

Selectboard Office

There's no other way to turn a truck around, by the way.

14:00 - 14:01

Selectboard Office

Other than that, okay.

14:01 - 14:05

Selectboard Office

But it is conceivable that it could be done, but it's not a pretty picture.

14:05 - 14:10

Selectboard Office

Well, it means, you know, making sure that that driveway is clear enough to be able to do that.

14:10 - 14:11

Selectboard Office

To do that, right.

14:11 - 14:17

Selectboard Office

And as Devin said at the last meeting, if it was up to him, he'd just plow through at that point.

14:17 - 14:25

Selectboard Office

Right okay all right so Charles Ryan you have your hand up to speak you have to unmute yourself.

14:35 - 14:36

[speaker unknown]

Charles.

14:37 - 14:39

Selectboard Office

You're muted we're not hearing anything.

14:43 - 14:45

Selectboard Office

I don't think I can unmute you.

14:50 - 14:53

Selectboard Office

Send unmute request.

15:02 - 15:04

Selectboard Office

Do we have any chat messages?

15:05 - 15:06

Selectboard Office

I don't see any chat No.

15:10 - 15:13

Selectboard Office

So Charles, we're unable to hear you if you have unmuted yourself.

15:14 - 15:15

Selectboard Office

We're unable to hear you.

15:15 - 15:20

Selectboard Office

If you'd like to go out and come back in, you might be able to fix it if that's what the issue is.

15:20 - 15:21

Selectboard Office

Or you can call.

15:21 - 15:22

Selectboard Office

Or you can call in.

15:23 - 15:25

Selectboard Office

We can also check one other thing.

15:25 - 15:27

Selectboard Office

Joe, can you hear us?

15:30 - 15:30

Selectboard Office

I asked again.

15:30 - 15:32

Selectboard Office

Allison and Bruce, can you hear.

15:32 - 15:32

Joe Boudreau

Us?

15:33 - 15:35

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'm sure someone's gonna send something by now.

15:35 - 15:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we usually get messages by now.

15:37 - 15:38

Selectboard Office

Double-checking.

15:40 - 15:55

Selectboard Office

I guess I would like to hear from somebody, one of the Ryans, and whether they still want to insist on this before I decide how I'm going to vote.

15:55 - 15:56

Selectboard Office

Right.

15:58 - 16:01

Selectboard Office

So I would just assume continuous to the next meeting if we can.

16:04 - 16:26

Selectboard Office

Let's postpone further discussion on this to see if they tune in later in the okay and we can always try and pick it up again okay and if not we then we move it to the next meeting you know we will discuss it okay all.

16:38 - 16:48

Selectboard Office

Right.

16:50 - 16:54

Selectboard Office

It sounds All right, we'll proceed, we'll move on.

16:55 - 17:02

Selectboard Office

All right, so we are past 6.45, so we can talk to the Shade Treat Committee and the Pavilion.

17:02 - 17:02

Selectboard Office
Committee.

17:03 - 17:06

Selectboard Office

So we can't talk to the Shade Treat Committee because they regret it.

17:06 - 17:08

Selectboard Office

I don't know if we've met before, Steve Smith?

17:09 - 17:09

Selectboard Office

Zuko.

17:10 - 17:11

Selectboard Office

Hi, how's it going?

17:11 - 17:12

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we have.

17:12 - 17:14

Selectboard Office

You've came a couple times, yeah, yeah, yeah.

17:14 - 17:15

Selectboard Office

Oh, that's okay.

17:15 - 17:16

Selectboard Office

I forget it.

17:16 - 17:17

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I forget a little bit.

17:17 - 17:18

Selectboard Office

That's what I say.

17:19 - 17:20

Selectboard Office

All right, Charles Ryan just left.

17:21 - 17:23

Selectboard Office

Okay, so he may be trying to come back in, then.

17:24 - 17:24

Selectboard Office

Okay.

17:26 - 17:28

Selectboard Office

Somebody's coming in by phone.

17:28 - 17:28

Selectboard Office

Hello?

17:30 - 17:30

Selectboard Office

Hello?

17:31 - 17:32

Selectboard Office

Is that Charles Ryan?

17:33 - 17:35

Selectboard Office

Yeah, this is, I'm sorry.

17:35 - 18:03

Selectboard Office

Couldn't figure out my phone how to join the discussion but I was listening can you hear me yes yes um yeah I just wanted to add um I realized that you know that the road is primitive and you know that's for season it's that way even you know in the perfect summer day if a big 18-wheeler goes on the road it can be problematic.

18:05 - 18:16

Selectboard Office

I would suggest if, you know, for ease of the town, it seems like, you know, with today's mild winters, I've been living here for like 10 years and I grew up on this road.

18:17 - 18:24

Selectboard Office

Most of the time, I would be able to make it up and down the road, no problem, even without any salt or anything.

18:24 - 18:32

Selectboard Office

It's just that they put a six foot snowbank at the end of John's driveway at the end of Sweeney's driveway.

18:33 - 18:45

Selectboard Office

If they didn't do that and just had it, you know, used at your own risk, then it would allow me to, you know, wait, make it down to West Chesterfield.

18:46 - 19:05

Selectboard Office

And sometimes, you know, there's on Thayer Hill Road we have, you know, bad ice blockages and trees come down and there's literally no way to make it up the road so if you could at least try to make it down the road that would be helpful too.

19:07 - 19:30

Selectboard Office

I think that you know I get it the town doesn't want to spend a bunch of money and

but I don't think it will cost a lot of money just to you know either just plow right through if it's not a bad storm or just not put a huge snowbank there and then you know just put a sign up road closed local traffic only or any number of signs that could keep people out of there.

19:33 - 19:35

Selectboard Office

So that's pretty much exactly what I was thinking.

19:35 - 19:45

Selectboard Office

Yeah, just maybe even only on one end, not put the snowbank up there, and just keep the signs that it's closed, maybe even add an additional sign, you know.

19:47 - 19:50

Selectboard Office

But I don't think you're breaking any rules by driving down it.

19:51 - 19:53

Selectboard Office

It just, you're essentially driving at your own risk.

19:54 - 19:55

Selectboard Office

Right, right, right.

19:55 - 20:14

Selectboard Office

The only problem is, from an equipment point of view and the locations, I'm not sure there's any good places to, you know, you got snow in front of your plow and you come to the place where you have to stop, that snow has to go somewhere and there aren't, you know, I'm not sure they have the ability and they have.

20:14 - 20:35

Selectboard Office

So it's kind of a bit of a pull off, there's kind of a bit of a pull off at the bottom of John Ryan's driveway, which they could plow to or, and I get it, like, you know, If there's a three-foot snowstorm and, you know, the town doesn't feel comfortable plowing

down, then, you know, that's that and it'll be closed till it melts.

20:36 - 20:47

Selectboard Office

But I think if they just didn't actively put a huge snowbank there to close it, then it would be open at least two to four extra months a year with no problem.

20:49 - 20:55

Selectboard Office

And there's a pretty wide spot at the Sweeney's where they Yeah, and there's a pretty wide spot there as well.

20:57 - 20:57

Selectboard Office

All right.

20:58 - 21:09

Selectboard Office

It sounds like a satisfactory interim solution, but we definitely need to improve the signage at both ends of that, where we're not.

21:13 - 21:26

[speaker unknown]

It really shouldn't be a through road for big trucks anyway, because like you say, somebody's coming up and it's hard to kind of get past each other at any time of year.

21:27 - 21:28

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

21:30 - 21:49

Selectboard Office

No I think if we if there are signs that say road closed and if and if there is one that says local traffic only because I've frequently seen that and that you know in various places and that basically is an indication that it's not going to be a good road at this point so you go down there if you have If you live there, you go down there.

21:49 - 21:52

Selectboard Office

If you don't, please do not use this road, basically.

21:52 - 21:53

Selectboard Office

So that's not a bad idea.

21:53 - 22:01

Selectboard Office

Basically, a road close sign, just like they usually have, but just have it maybe at the beginning and end of the road.

22:02 - 22:03

Selectboard Office

Yep.

22:03 - 22:05

Selectboard Office

And those are there now.

22:05 - 22:09

Selectboard Office

There are signs on each end now that say the road's closed from wherever it is.

22:09 - 22:13

Selectboard Office

I think the signs are like where they close the road.

22:13 - 22:20

Selectboard Office

But if they put it at the bottom of the road, it might save people from, you know, going up the hill and finding out the hard way.

22:21 - 22:21

Selectboard Office

Yeah, yeah.

22:21 - 22:22

Selectboard Office

Okay.

22:23 - 22:23

Selectboard Office

All right.

22:24 - 22:25

Selectboard Office

Seasonal road closure ahead.

22:27 - 22:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

22:28 - 22:31

Selectboard Office

So that's my two cents.

22:32 - 22:33

Selectboard Office

Thank you, Charles.

22:34 - 22:34

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

22:34 - 22:35

Selectboard Office

Yes.

22:35 - 22:35

Selectboard Office

Okay.

22:35 - 22:36

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

22:38 - 22:40

Selectboard Office

So do I have a motion?

22:42 - 22:57

Selectboard Office

So, while I move that we do close the road as usual, but we do our best to not block it and to add additional signage to alert people to the fact that the road is not maintained on the water.

22:58 - 23:01

Selectboard Office

Do I have a second?

23:04 - 23:05

Selectboard Office

I'll second that.

23:06 - 23:09

Selectboard Office

No, no, I understand how you think about it.

23:10 - 23:14

Selectboard Office

All right, I think that sounds like a reasonable solution.

23:15 - 23:20

Selectboard Office

So could you give us that motion back as you want to have it down?

23:21 - 23:22

Selectboard Office

Well, yeah, sure.

23:22 - 23:27

Selectboard Office

It'll be closed as usual, but not blocked, not have the ends blocked off.

23:27 - 23:28

Selectboard Office

So with a pile of snow.

23:28 - 23:29

Selectboard Office

That's just what it's like.

23:29 - 23:30

Selectboard Office

With a snow pile.

23:30 - 23:31

Selectboard Office

Oh, and new tires.

23:31 - 23:34

Selectboard Office

And new signs that indicate local traffic.

23:35 - 23:55

Selectboard Office

With the understanding that if, obviously, as Charles said, if there's a massive storm and we wind up having to close it because we can't not block it off, that will happen and it's regrettable, but it's just not maintained basically.

23:55 - 23:55

Selectboard Office

Right.

23:55 - 23:58

Selectboard Office

But you can't imagine a winter where you wouldn't have access most of the time.

23:58 - 23:59

Selectboard Office

Right, exactly.

23:59 - 24:00

Selectboard Office

So, all right.

24:01 - 24:02

Selectboard Office

I'll second that.

24:02 - 24:03

Selectboard Office

Okay, thank you.

24:04 - 24:05

Selectboard Office

So, any other discussion on it?

24:09 - 24:11

Selectboard Office

All right, seeing none, we can vote on it.

24:11 - 24:14

Selectboard Office

Charles, Stephen, and Amy says aye.

24:15 - 24:16

Selectboard Office

So, all right.

24:16 - 24:20

Selectboard Office

So, it will remain open as stated, closed but open.

24:22 - 24:23

Selectboard Office

Shrodinger's Road?

24:24 - 24:26

Selectboard Office

Shrodinger's Road, it's both closed and open?

24:28 - 24:37

Selectboard Office

All right, so now back to the Shade Tree Committee and the Pavilion Committee to discuss possible relocation of the Pavilion site.

24:39 - 24:41

Selectboard Office

Are you both the Shade Tree Committee?

24:41 - 24:41

Selectboard Office

No.

24:43 - 24:47

Selectboard Office

So the tree warden is separate from the Shade Tree Committee, but we cooperate.

24:50 - 25:04

Selectboard Office

Ken is out of town, Steve is not well, and they both weighed in and, you know, they're emphatically against, as I am, and didn't hear from Barbara.

25:04 - 25:05

Selectboard Office

So that's our committee of three.

25:06 - 25:09

Selectboard Office

That's what I have from them as far as input goes.

25:10 - 25:12

Selectboard Office

Against relocating the pavilion?

25:12 - 25:13

Selectboard Office

Against that location?

25:13 - 25:14

Selectboard Office

Against that location.

25:14 - 25:17

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and of course the reason is the trees.

25:17 - 25:38

Selectboard Office

We're spending vast time and effort, money planting trees, repopulating our talent trees and we need to protect and promote the trees we already have, especially trees that were planted intentionally and that we've been receiving benefit from all these years since they've been planted.

25:40 - 25:59

Selectboard Office

So in my mind, You know, the trees have intrinsic value, they protect us, shelter us, we take advantage of their beauty and all that they have to offer, habitat, etc., etc.

26:00 - 26:10

Selectboard Office

They're not furniture, they're not objects, they're not to be, you know, removed on a

limb or even a strong idea.

26:10 - 26:24

Selectboard Office

It's you know the trees they have value and you know it's the it's the purpose and the responsibility of the tree warden to look out for the trees the that are on public property.

26:25 - 26:42

Selectboard Office

So you know I had a very vigorous response from both Steve and Ken and you know who are lifelong tree care professionals and, you know, we all feel very strongly that whatever may suggest that that's an ideal site.

26:42 - 26:48

Selectboard Office

The fact that there's, you know, trees there, healthy trees there, is a disqualifier.

26:51 - 26:56

Selectboard Office

Do we know why the Pavilion of Dignity wanted to move it from its present planned location?

26:56 - 27:26

Selectboard Office

Yeah, for a couple reasons, and I'm not the only one here that can speak to this, but you know, originally we were talking about siting it essentially to the kind of behind the school, parallel to the ball field in that area, where it starts to slope, which, and I've always felt since we started this project that this needed to a town project and not a school project.

27:28 - 27:48

Selectboard Office

So the light bulb went on, I can't say went on in my end necessarily first, but that is a much more public and accessible location as well as, you know, from a, you know.

27:48 - 28:00

Selectboard Office

From a sighting standpoint as it doesn't require a lot of leveling and fill and so forth, which is not, shouldn't be the deciding factor, but it's certainly a much easier location to deal with than the small part of the school.

28:01 - 28:10

Selectboard Office

So I think that's essentially the thinking, but Gretchen, Allison, Bruce, Shannon are all here from the building committee, and Kevin as well.

28:10 - 28:13

Selectboard Office

So I'm sure they could say some of them.

28:16 - 28:18

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Hi, everybody.

28:19 - 28:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Charlie, I think you said it pretty clearly.

28:22 - 28:36

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I mean, I think that when we originally thought the location could be in the back and we had scoped it out, but then really thinking about the community aspect, right?

28:36 - 28:40

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So that made it a much more desirable location.

28:40 - 29:05

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And then the more I understood around what would need to happen to have the location in the back, like all of the fill, all of that pre-building or construction work that would need to happen, it seemed like it was much more than the flat location that we found in that grove.

29:05 - 29:05

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

The tree itself.

29:07 - 29:09

Selectboard Office

Is there a tree involved in the back too?

29:09 - 29:10

Selectboard Office

I think there was.

29:10 - 29:11

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Right?

29:11 - 29:11

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

It.

29:11 - 29:11

Selectboard Office

Was one.

29:12 - 29:19

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

There's a tree that Ben, I believe Ben took down that big maple or the.

29:19 - 29:19

Selectboard Office

The.

29:19 - 29:21

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Big tree that was was.

29:21 - 29:21

Selectboard Office

Dying.

29:22 - 29:22

Selectboard Office

So.

29:22 - 29:22

Selectboard Office

There's.

29:22 - 29:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

A stump.

29:25 - 29:25

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

29:25 - 29:30

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So, that that the tree's been is down but the stump would need to be removed.

29:30 - 29:32

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Okay, so.

29:32 - 29:35

Selectboard Office

It seemed like a better site to me.

29:36 - 29:38

Selectboard Office

No, I understand the public thing.

29:38 - 29:38

Selectboard Office

But.

29:38 - 29:47

Selectboard Office

You know, before, so I wasn't, I wasn't even invited into this discussion until the stakes were already there, right?

29:47 - 29:48

Selectboard Office

So two days ago.

29:48 - 29:49

Selectboard Office

Basically.

29:49 - 30:00

Selectboard Office

Now, we just got done planning six trees on the open vacant part of that common directly in front of that, which would be an ideal clear sight.

30:02 - 30:07

Selectboard Office

You know, I mean, it was painful to me that, you know, the planning, it happens after the fact.

30:07 - 30:09

Selectboard Office

I mean, I'd like to be heard too, if I could.

30:10 - 30:10

Selectboard Office

So, I.

30:10 - 30:11

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Mean.

30:11 - 30:11

Selectboard Office

Ben.

30:12 - 30:12

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Just.

30:12 - 30:13

Selectboard Office

To.

30:13 - 30:21

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Be clear, so we're talking about those new trees are closer to the road, and so those would not be disrupted.

30:21 - 30:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

It would.

30:22 - 30:22

Selectboard Office

Be...

30:22 - 30:23

Selectboard Office

No, I understand that.

30:23 - 30:31

Selectboard Office

I'm just saying that if we'd known this was coming, Then we would have considered that as a potential place and not planted there.

30:34 - 30:35

Alison and Bruce Todd

I think that's true.

30:35 - 30:36

Alison and Bruce Todd

This is Allison.

30:36 - 30:45

Alison and Bruce Todd

I don't think this was a situation of let's not bother to wrap in the tree people and just proceed.

30:45 - 30:45

Alison and Bruce Todd

It was.

30:45 - 30:53

Alison and Bruce Todd

A spontaneous, I think the group had been at the back of the building looking at what might be.

30:53 - 30:54

Selectboard Office

Involved.

30:54 - 30:59

Alison and Bruce Todd

And then he had sort of the brainstorm a couple of days ago.

30:59 - 31:03

Alison and Bruce Todd

Basically, like a week ago, saying, oh, what about this spot?

31:05 - 31:10

Selectboard Office

I mean, I think the trees are what disqualifies it.

31:10 - 31:11

Selectboard Office

Otherwise, I would totally agree.

31:12 - 31:14

Selectboard Office

If there weren't trees there, it would be an ideal spot.

31:14 - 31:18

Selectboard Office

Well, let me just say, as we state, Charlie, what have you heard?

31:19 - 31:25

Selectboard Office

I just wanted to clarify something, that as we stated out, we discussed moving you guys in.

31:25 - 31:28

Selectboard Office

So there was no delay here or intention.

31:29 - 31:31

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think it was not, unfortunately.

31:32 - 31:32

Selectboard Office

All right.

31:37 - 31:44

Selectboard Office

I, personally, I can understand having the pavilion in this.

31:44 - 31:46

Selectboard Office

I think the area is too small.

31:46 - 31:47

Selectboard Office

That's my concern.

31:48 - 32:04

Selectboard Office

I share Ben's concern about the trees that are there already, and it's good to have a tree belt along the area of town that's considered to be part of the town center, if you will, the village area.

32:05 - 32:05

Selectboard Office

It's nice.

32:06 - 32:08

Selectboard Office

It adds to the ambience of the town.

32:10 - 32:19

Selectboard Office

And I don't like to see trees taken down in public areas unless they have to be taken down for a superseding valid reason.

32:20 - 32:23

Selectboard Office

I don't dispute that the pet pavilion is a valid idea, but it's a great idea.

32:24 - 32:29

Selectboard Office

I don't like the site because I suspect, there are a couple of things.

32:29 - 32:31

Selectboard Office

I just don't think it's large enough.

32:32 - 32:34

Selectboard Office

It's near road traffic.

32:37 - 32:44

Selectboard Office

There are going to be events in that, there will be occurred things happening in that facility that involve the town, hopefully frequently.

32:46 - 32:50

Selectboard Office

And that means involving young children, okay?

32:50 - 32:59

Selectboard Office

And so I see safety issues with the parking lot behind it, and two public, and public ways bordering two sides of it.

33:00 - 33:02

Selectboard Office

I have safety concerns about that location.

33:03 - 33:09

Selectboard Office

So, you know, for that, for that, for those reasons, I happen to be, I happen to be opposed to it.

33:09 - 33:11

Selectboard Office

I think you looked at it, let's think that.

33:11 - 33:12

Selectboard Office

I sure did.

33:13 - 33:14

Selectboard Office

I sure did.

33:15 - 33:16

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Can.

33:16 - 33:16

Selectboard Office

I just?

33:17 - 33:24

Selectboard Office

It's an area of less than a quarter of an acre, maybe a quarter of an acre to stretch it.

33:25 - 34:08

Selectboard Office

And, goodness me, in a town with all this open space and a property like we have with the open space vista that is owned by the that is that is town owned in association with the school and therefore part of the town community we certainly have lots of lots of space and we would have less visibility of the pavilion which is i think too bad i think that's unfortunate but you have a safe location where people can you know perambulate around the perimeter of the pavilion can handle more people coming than you might have expected and adjusting your activities to keep the necessary ones under the bazillion cover.

34:09 - 34:15

Selectboard Office

It's a more, doing it out behind the school is just a more flexible and safer approach in my opinion.

34:16 - 34:20

Selectboard Office

So we have Gretchen who's got her hand up and Allison and Bruce.

34:20 - 34:23

Selectboard Office

So start with Gretchen and then Allison and Bruce, please.

34:24 - 34:29

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I'm going to actually defer to Allison because I think she's going to say the same thing I did and her hand.

34:29 - 34:30

Selectboard Office

Was up first.

34:32 - 34:33

Selectboard Office

Allison and Bruce.

34:35 - 34:43

Alison and Bruce Todd

Okay, when we went to look at it, actually, when I went up to look at it last week, I was still under the impression it was going to be behind the school.

34:43 - 34:48

Alison and Bruce Todd

But then when I got there, they said, oh, we thought about out here by the, you know, the road.

34:48 - 34:52

Alison and Bruce Todd

And I thought, well, it's actually a perfect location because it's nice and flat.

34:53 - 35:08

Alison and Bruce Todd

As far as the trees that had to be taken down, there's two maples that actually don't look very healthy to me, I'm not a tree expert, but it looked like the top had blown off one of them and they looked a little bit sickly, to be honest.

35:09 - 35:25

Alison and Bruce Todd

And as far as the new trees go, I don't think the construction would impact that we tried to site it in such a way that we would have four feet, four foot perimeter around the outside of the actual building for the excavation.

35:26 - 35:27

Alison and Bruce Todd

And I don't.

35:27 - 35:29

Alison and Bruce Todd

Know, it looked like it would fit in there to me.

35:30 - 35:31

Alison and Bruce Todd

It's only 24 by 42.

35:32 - 35:49

Alison and Bruce Todd

And then as far as safety along the road, which I did, I was thinking about that today as well, probably even just a split rail fence would be enough to let kids know that here's the line and you stay on the side of the fence, it would be pretty clear cut.

35:51 - 35:54

Alison and Bruce Todd

But like I said, I'm not a tree expert, certainly.

35:55 - 36:02

Alison and Bruce Todd

And, but I think if you're gonna weigh the benefit to the town of taking down those two trees.

36:02 - 36:06

Alison and Bruce Todd

That I would come down on the side of the pavilion.

36:06 - 36:17

Alison and Bruce Todd

The other thing about the pavilion is it's a timber frame structure, which in a way honors trees, because you're gonna be able to see the beautiful jewelry and everything.

36:18 - 36:20

Alison and Bruce Todd

So it is in a way an honor to the trees.

36:21 - 36:27

Alison and Bruce Todd

Maybe it would be possible to use some of the lumber the trees would cut down, I don't know, for the braces or something.

36:29 - 36:29

Selectboard Office

But that.

36:29 - 36:30

Alison and Bruce Todd

Was my thing.

36:31 - 36:32

Alison and Bruce Todd

And when I saw it, I thought, hey, it's a good idea.

36:32 - 36:37

Alison and Bruce Todd

And that's why we put the stakes in the ground, just so that we could see how it laid out.

36:37 - 36:45

Alison and Bruce Todd

I think Devin was gonna talk to Dean Messick and try to get an idea of how much the excavation might cost.

36:45 - 36:49

Alison and Bruce Todd

So that's why we wanted to stake it out just so people could look at it.

36:49 - 36:51

Alison and Bruce Todd

It's not like we were trying to claim a spot or anything.

36:51 - 36:55

Alison and Bruce Todd

We were just trying to just brainstorm at this point.

36:56 - 37:01

Alison and Bruce Todd

I have a couple of questions, or one question and one comment too, just to add.

37:02 - 37:27

Alison and Bruce Todd

The question is just in terms of tree health, kind of what is the typical agreed upon like radius that a healthy growing tree needs to not be disturbed and just so that we can have some sort of objective sighting of like what space is available that wouldn't impact those trees that were just planted.

37:28 - 37:34

Alison and Bruce Todd

And then the comment is just in terms of the public value of the pavilion.

37:34 - 37:41

Alison and Bruce Todd

I mean, I think it's going to be a great structure for the town wherever it is, but I do.

37:41 - 38:08

Alison and Bruce Todd

Think more people will probably have it in their mind and think of it as a building that is accessible to the community if it's along the main road rather than hidden behind the where just sort of by location it will communicate this is us this is a school building even if our intention is for it to be available for everyone.

38:11 - 38:31

Selectboard Office

So then yeah you know about the tree health so that's you know it's it's like assessing you know a human health in a casual way I mean you can make observations about the tree that would say, oh, well, it's not doing well, you know, it's got dieback and, you know.

38:32 - 38:35

Selectboard Office

This and that, sucker sprouts or something.

38:35 - 38:38

Selectboard Office

But, you know, that's really kind of not the point.

38:38 - 38:43

Selectboard Office

You know, it's the trees of the two trees involved.

38:43 - 38:46

Selectboard Office

One is definitely more healthy than the other.

38:47 - 38:52

Selectboard Office

They're certainly neither of them trees that need to come down in any way.

38:54 - 39:18

Selectboard Office

It's, if it were only the smaller one that's doing less well that was impacted and that I could see my way more clear for removing that tree but you know we're not talking really about two trees we're talking about the adjacent trees too because it would be right up to another tree that's not inside the profile.

39:18 - 39:19

Selectboard Office

But would certainly be impacted.

39:20 - 39:32

Selectboard Office

And, you know, these are generally speaking healthy, mature trees that have been there for, you know, the better part of 100 years and implanted intentionally by the town and cared for by the town.

39:32 - 40:13

Selectboard Office

I think it's just entirely inappropriate to think about removing these trees in order to put up a pavilion when there is, arguably other sites available that would be perhaps

not as ideal in the mind of the people involved in the school but you know certainly adequate and without trees already so as far as the radius goes now a tree feeds much more broadly than its drip line canopy drip line it's you know roughly almost twice the distance usually where the roots extend to in feeding and supporting the tree.

40:16 - 40:19

Selectboard Office

So even a tree that's nearby would certainly be impacted.

40:20 - 40:35

Selectboard Office

I don't know what you're intending to do for site preparation, but even if it was just a matter of drilling holes with a backhoe or digging holes, that would be a significant disruption as far as the trees are concerned.

40:35 - 40:38

Selectboard Office

But we're not talking about disrupting trees, we're talking about removing two trees.

40:39 - 40:42

Selectboard Office

And that's essentially what I'm opposed to, most opposed to.

40:44 - 40:50

Selectboard Office

So is it safe to say that the same would be true for anywhere along this common as well?

40:51 - 40:54

Selectboard Office

There would be no space without disturbing...

40:54 - 40:58

Selectboard Office

You know, once again, we just...

40:58 - 41:02

Selectboard Office

Places that would be most obvious were just planted, and we just planted 15 trees there.

41:04 - 41:08

Selectboard Office

The only open space is further down towards your direction.

41:10 - 41:13

Selectboard Office

It's not all the way down, but it's beyond where we planned.

41:14 - 41:19

Selectboard Office

And it's not close enough to the school to be relevant for them, for sure.

41:21 - 41:28

Selectboard Office

I mean, I wonder, has any consideration been given to the area between the church and the school?

41:28 - 41:32

Selectboard Office

I mean, there's a tree there that's not doing well, Devin and I have talked about it.

41:32 - 41:35

Selectboard Office

There's some shrubs there that really ought to go.

41:38 - 41:39

Selectboard Office

Invasive shrubs.

41:40 - 41:44

Selectboard Office

And there's nothing else there, I think, at least in my memory.

41:44 - 41:45

Selectboard Office

There's space for them?

41:45 - 41:47

Selectboard Office

I think so, I think so.

41:48 - 41:51

Selectboard Office

I mean, maybe it's too close to the school, maybe it's not as sweet.

41:52 - 41:54

Selectboard Office

So long between the playground and the church?

41:54 - 41:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, exactly, exactly right.

41:56 - 42:18

Selectboard Office

I don't know that there's space enough there because I haven't really looked at it critically, but I mean considering a site that doesn't already have trees I think it's essential because you know basically I'm likely to be opposed to removing any healthy public trees in order to site a new building so that's that's my point of view.

42:22 - 42:24

Selectboard Office

We got a lot of trees in this town.

42:24 - 42:25

Selectboard Office

I know.

42:26 - 42:28

Selectboard Office

Not a lot of pavilions but more all the time.

42:34 - 42:51

Selectboard Office

I think that you may have a you may have a good idea that I don't know I'm not familiar with how much space is in that location and I haven't looked at it critically that's just off the top of my head yeah but I think that you know given what we're up against I think that all other sites need to be considered.

42:54 - 43:00

Selectboard Office

And I don't know I mean I understand on the other side of the parking lot there's playing field and there's already planted trees.

43:01 - 43:03

Selectboard Office

That's probably not the place for it.

43:03 - 43:08

Selectboard Office

I'm sure that these guys have considered that, but I don't know what the other options might be.

43:09 - 43:10

Selectboard Office

Ben, Kevin has his hand up.

43:10 - 43:11

Selectboard Office

So, Kevin?

43:11 - 43:34

Kevin O'Connor

Yeah, looking at Google Earth, maybe somebody there can bring it up, and I'm looking at the distance between the church, I don't know where the property line is, there are one, two, three, four, five, six parking spaces at 60 feet that they're facing what looks like a very big healthy tree, casting a shadow all over the parking lot.

43:35 - 43:35

Selectboard Office

So...

43:35 - 43:36

Selectboard Office

So, what are we talking about?

43:37 - 43:38

Selectboard Office

Pine tree, Kevin?

43:39 - 43:40

Kevin O'Connor

No, I can't tell.

43:40 - 43:40

Kevin O'Connor

It's Google Earth.

43:40 - 43:41

Kevin O'Connor

It's green.

43:43 - 43:44

Selectboard Office

So, I.

43:44 - 44:03

Kevin O'Connor

Think maybe the pavilion committee has to become a search committee and get out the again and see and then see where the property line is and so on and so on so again I don't think I think.

44:03 - 44:19

Kevin O'Connor

The group that put the stakes in I was part of it were were acting in good faith and

and the two trees as Bruce said the two trees did seem compromised and one seems to be.

44:20 - 44:26

Kevin O'Connor

So anyway, maybe it's best we take another look for location.

44:26 - 44:29

Kevin O'Connor

But I really think two things going back.

44:29 - 44:42

Kevin O'Connor

We went through lots of discussions of just that minor slope and what it was going to take to shore up a flat floor behind the school so that adds expense here we.

44:42 - 44:48

Kevin O'Connor

Go so anyway I'll let I'll let whoever brought up the.

44:50 - 44:59

Kevin O'Connor

I think the label is what's blocking exactly what we're where we're, there we.

44:59 - 45:02

Kevin O'Connor

Go, zoom in.

45:03 - 45:06

Selectboard Office

Hold on, I'm trying to, we don't have a full screen here, give me a second.

45:06 - 45:07

Selectboard Office

Right.

45:11 - 45:13

Selectboard Office

Okay, so that's bigger, okay.

45:14 - 45:14

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

45:17 - 45:18

Selectboard Office

We're getting older.

45:18 - 45:19

Selectboard Office

That's the most I can.

45:19 - 45:19

Kevin O'Connor

Zoom.

45:19 - 45:20

Selectboard Office

In here.

45:21 - 45:25

Selectboard Office

So, if I can get, hold on, if I get my browser over that screen, hang on one sec.

45:27 - 45:32

Selectboard Office

So those are the pine trees by the church that we're looking at.

45:33 - 45:35

Selectboard Office

And so we're looking at it from the south side.

45:36 - 45:40

Selectboard Office

We can't really see the clear space because it's between the school and those trees.

45:42 - 45:44

Selectboard Office

And yeah, and there's shadow there too.

45:44 - 45:45

Selectboard Office

A lot of shadow.

45:45 - 45:49

Selectboard Office

There's clearly no trees in the parking lot, I mean the playground area rather than here.

45:49 - 45:53

Selectboard Office

It's hard to tell from this view if there's enough room there or not.

45:53 - 45:59

Selectboard Office

You know I would say arguably it would be tight I mean by just by the looks of this picture.

45:59 - 46:01

Selectboard Office

Where does the church property end?

46:03 - 46:05

Selectboard Office

There is no there is no beginning and no ending.

46:06 - 46:09

Selectboard Office

The church has no recorded deeds.

46:09 - 46:10

Selectboard Office

The church has no recorded deeds.

46:10 - 46:11

Selectboard Office

Really, is that true?

46:11 - 46:12

Selectboard Office

I don't think so.

46:12 - 46:13

Selectboard Office

So where does that mean?

46:13 - 46:17

Selectboard Office

The recursion statement team doesn't count where you come from.

46:18 - 46:39

Selectboard Office

So it seems like, so I don't, I can't speak for the whole committee, but it seems like we need to regroup and look at that site, certainly in particular, but it would certainly be a level, it would certainly be a level site and it would be a safer site and you know, if those are pines.

46:40 - 46:52

Selectboard Office

As I suspect they are, as I have a call, if we could keep, you know, if we wind up being able to keep one of those pines, it creates a nice pavilion atmosphere.

46:52 - 46:57

Selectboard Office

Well, and also they'd be south of the pavilion, so it'd be shady in the summer, you know.

46:57 - 46:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

46:57 - 46:59

Selectboard Office

They'd be casting their shadow just as they are in this picture.

46:59 - 47:00

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

47:01 - 47:03

Selectboard Office

So it might be a good alternative?

47:03 - 47:23

Selectboard Office

You know I would just throw out there that you know I would be happy to consult you know before the fact about siting a pavilion but you know I think that it's very important is if it's on public property that you know that it's a non-starter if healthy public trees have to be removed in order to site the thing.

47:25 - 47:29

Selectboard Office

So anyway I'm available for consultation if desired.

47:31 - 47:32

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

47:32 - 47:34

Selectboard Office

Okay, can we go back to seeing everybody?

47:35 - 47:35

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

47:35 - 47:35

Selectboard Office

Okay.

47:35 - 47:36

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

47:36 - 47:41

Selectboard Office

All right So Kevin your hands still up.

47:41 - 47:43

Kevin O'Connor

Oh, I don't know how to take it down.

47:47 - 47:51

Selectboard Office

The moderator stands, I don't.

47:51 - 47:51

Kevin O'Connor

Have.

47:51 - 47:51

Selectboard Office

To.

47:51 - 47:52

Kevin O'Connor

Raise my.

47:55 - 47:59

Selectboard Office

So, um, I think oh and Allison your head is still up.

47:59 - 48:01

Selectboard Office

Are you she just went up?

48:01 - 48:22

Alison and Bruce Todd

Okay I just wanted to suggest that when the Pavilion Committee schedules a meeting or works on scheduling a meeting that we could include Ben in the email chain around the meeting time so that we could have some conversation about.

48:22 - 48:23

Alison and Bruce Todd

It.

48:25 - 48:26

Selectboard Office

That's fine, thank you.

48:27 - 48:42

Selectboard Office

Okay, so we were waiting to schedule our next meeting until after tonight to see how this went, so I will work on getting that scheduled probably, you know, sooner, soon after Thanksgiving, early December, hopefully.

48:46 - 49:07

Selectboard Office

Anything else from the pavilion committee or yeah no that would be good to try and find another site yeah I mean definitely it's an issue taking down trees in town is definitely an issue especially as you said if they're not really at the point where they should be taken down that's harder.

49:08 - 49:15

Selectboard Office

Yeah yeah I mean they're not a hundred percent top-notch, but that's fine.

49:15 - 49:17

Selectboard Office

I have empathy for them.

49:19 - 49:19

Selectboard Office

I see.

49:19 - 49:20

Selectboard Office

Well said.

49:20 - 49:20

Selectboard Office

We all want to serve.

49:21 - 49:22

Selectboard Office

I see.

49:24 - 49:26

Selectboard Office

Every citizen is over 60 in this town.

49:27 - 49:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

49:28 - 49:29

Selectboard Office

Wow.

49:31 - 49:33

Selectboard Office

Okay, well thank you very much.

49:33 - 49:49

Selectboard Office

Thanks for being, your cooperation, being to work with the pavilion committee thank

you pavilion committee for being willing to work with Ben let's hopefully we can find a spot we can figure this out okay.

49:53 - 49:57

Selectboard Office

Just because I'm outnumbered doesn't mean I'm the bad guy.

50:05 - 50:08

Selectboard Office

I don't mind playing the part from time to time.

50:10 - 50:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah, first he takes that ever source and who was it?

50:13 - 50:14

Selectboard Office

Oh, boy.

50:15 - 50:16

Selectboard Office

True.

50:16 - 50:20

Selectboard Office

You're in the top position and I appreciate it.

50:20 - 50:21

Selectboard Office

Yes, that's right.

50:22 - 50:23

Selectboard Office

It's not easy to be a Lorax.

50:28 - 50:29

Selectboard Office

The trees can't speak.

50:30 - 50:30

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's right.

50:30 - 50:32

Selectboard Office

You're a good advocate for the trees.

50:35 - 50:36

Selectboard Office

Good night, Ben.

50:36 - 50:36

Selectboard Office

Good night.

50:37 - 50:37

Selectboard Office

Good night, Ben.

50:37 - 50:38

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

50:38 - 50:39

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

50:41 - 50:50

Selectboard Office

So next up on the agenda is the Finance Committee for discussions of ways to balance the budget, the date for a special town meeting, and potential article items.

50:51 - 50:53

Selectboard Office

Yep, there's Joe, so I knew I saw Joe.

50:55 - 50:58

Selectboard Office

And Randy's here, and Bart's here, and yeah.

50:59 - 51:03

Selectboard Office

We have, I'm here, Melinda's here too, yeah.

51:03 - 51:08

Selectboard Office

I was gonna say, people shift around on the screen, so I looked at where they used to be, and they're not there anymore.

51:08 - 51:08

Selectboard Office

And.

51:08 - 51:09

Melinda

I'm.

51:09 - 51:10

Selectboard Office

Like, oh my gosh, where'd we go, but.

51:10 - 51:10

Selectboard Office

Yep.

51:11 - 51:12

Melinda

My.

51:12 - 51:12

Selectboard Office

Camera.

51:12 - 51:19

Melinda

Is not working so you won't see.

51:19 - 51:53

Selectboard Office

Me okay maybe we can get Charlie to fix that someday all righty so he's not gonna fix it before you know before he nah you can stay here all right so Joe do you want to you sent us this tape you you have this right?

51:56 - 51:58

Selectboard Office

Do you have one Randy?

52:26 - 52:28

Selectboard Office

All right, I.

52:28 - 52:32

Joe Boudreau

Think if you look at the budget summary, and.

52:34 - 52:36

Joe Boudreau

Down at the bottom.

52:38 - 52:44

Joe Boudreau

The line that says excess capacity or deficit, and I tried to give.

52:44 - 52:47

Joe Boudreau

You all of that deficit.

52:47 - 52:51

Joe Boudreau

Changed as each item changed.

52:52 - 52:55

Joe Boudreau

Currently the last thing.

52:57 - 52:59

Selectboard Office

We don't have that one.

52:59 - 53:03

Selectboard Office

The one we have is the is the health insurance one.

53:03 - 53:08

Selectboard Office

So that's why we're not showing lines and we're looking for them.

53:08 - 53:09

Selectboard Office

We're not finding them.

53:09 - 53:09

Selectboard Office

So.

53:09 - 53:09

Joe Boudreau

Hang.

53:09 - 53:10

Selectboard Office

On.

53:10 - 53:14

Joe Boudreau

I sent out the health insurance today, but.

53:14 - 53:15

Selectboard Office

The budget.

53:15 - 53:17

Joe Boudreau

We say sent out a few days ago.

53:17 - 53:24

Selectboard Office

Okay, I'll find it, everybody can find it, but I'll find it.

53:29 - 53:32

Selectboard Office

Do you want me to print it?

53:34 - 53:34

Selectboard Office

Sure.

53:40 - 53:43

Selectboard Office

I'll see if I can find the email and pull it out.

53:45 - 53:47

Selectboard Office

That's a good chance, thank you.

53:51 - 53:55

Selectboard Office

No, no, that's a specific one.

53:55 - 53:58

Selectboard Office

Why don't you do nine?

53:59 - 54:00

Selectboard Office

Eleven pages.

54:01 - 54:01

Selectboard Office

Oh, no.

54:05 - 54:05

[speaker unknown]

Five.

54:06 - 54:06

[speaker unknown]

Okay, sure.

54:08 - 54:12

Selectboard Office

So I was just telling you about the budget and you're telling me to adopt it.

54:13 - 54:15

Selectboard Office

I don't really need one.

54:15 - 54:17

Selectboard Office

I'm very well aware of it.

54:17 - 54:19

Selectboard Office

Look at you.

54:19 - 54:19

Selectboard Office

Way to go.

54:19 - 54:20

Selectboard Office

I can look on a computer.

54:23 - 54:25

Selectboard Office

But you should still print it.

54:25 - 54:28

Selectboard Office

So Joe, there were three attachments in one email.

54:28 - 54:31

Selectboard Office

So one says town 25 budget ATM adopted.

54:32 - 54:37

Selectboard Office

Another one says new officials finance forum I think.

54:38 - 54:39

Selectboard Office

And the other one says Cheshire.

54:39 - 54:41

Selectboard Office

And the other one says Cheshire.

54:41 - 54:41

Selectboard Office

Yes.

54:44 - 54:46

Selectboard Office

Which one are we The budget.

54:47 - 54:47

Selectboard Office

The big one.

54:50 - 54:50

Selectboard Office

Okay.

54:54 - 54:54

Selectboard Office

Oh.

54:57 - 54:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I see what you mean.

54:58 - 54:58

Selectboard Office

It is.

55:03 - 55:06

Selectboard Office

So I've got it up on the screen.

55:07 - 55:07

Selectboard Office

Okay.

55:09 - 55:09

Selectboard Office

Okay.

55:09 - 55:11

Selectboard Office

I can share it.

55:11 - 55:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I guess so.

55:17 - 55:20

Selectboard Office

It's hard for us to see even these numbers though.

55:21 - 55:24

Selectboard Office

As always it's that issue of how big is it.

55:28 - 55:59

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's like in things but yeah I got you good at reading things on my phone what was.

56:02 - 56:04

Selectboard Office

The So where are we?

56:08 - 56:10

Selectboard Office

It's a very good question, right?

56:11 - 56:14

Selectboard Office

It might be just really in the very first page initially.

56:14 - 56:17

Selectboard Office

So you were saying if we go down to where it says.

56:19 - 56:21

Selectboard Office

Did I just miss it.

56:26 - 56:27

Selectboard Office

We have a lot we have.

56:27 - 56:27

Joe Boudreau

Why.

56:27 - 56:28

Selectboard Office

Not.

56:28 - 56:33

Joe Boudreau

Lines every page which is the first page on the same page, line.

56:33 - 56:35

Selectboard Office

80.

56:36 - 56:38

Joe Boudreau

Says excess capacity or deficit.

56:39 - 56:40

Selectboard Office

All right.

56:42 - 56:44

Joe Boudreau

Everybody on the same page?

56:45 - 56:46

Selectboard Office

Yes, sir.

56:46 - 56:46

Selectboard Office

Yes.

56:47 - 56:47

Selectboard Office

Okay.

56:50 - 56:57

Joe Boudreau

Different columns show how that excess capacity has changed as.

56:57 - 56:57

Selectboard Office

Things.

56:57 - 56:58

Selectboard Office

Are changing.

57:01 - 57:06

Joe Boudreau

The second to the last column to the right is.

57:06 - 57:06

Selectboard Office

The.

57:06 - 57:07

Joe Boudreau

Last thing that.

57:07 - 57:12

Joe Boudreau

Happened, and that is when DOR approved the new growth.

57:13 - 57:14

Joe Boudreau

If you look.

57:14 - 57:16

Joe Boudreau

At that line.

57:16 - 57:26

Joe Boudreau

80, that we have a deficit currently of \$136 ,472.24.

57:26 - 57:27

Selectboard Office

So.

57:31 - 57:34

Joe Boudreau

The question is, what do we do?

57:39 - 57:50

Joe Boudreau

I think when we left the budget process, we argued that we.

57:50 - 57:50

Selectboard Office

Would.

57:50 - 57:54

Joe Boudreau

Meet the schedule of town meeting once everything was.

57:54 - 57:57

Joe Boudreau

Known, if we were still in.

57:57 - 57:57

Selectboard Office

Deficit.

57:57 - 58:00

Joe Boudreau

That town meeting Would.

58:00 - 58:01

Selectboard Office

Vote.

58:01 - 58:05

Joe Boudreau

Available funds, which I would suggest will be the stabilization.

58:05 - 58:08

Joe Boudreau

Fund Bounce the.

58:08 - 58:15

Joe Boudreau

Budget But right now as I said, it's a hundred and thirty six thousand.

58:17 - 58:17

Selectboard Office

The.

58:17 - 58:20

Joe Boudreau

Very last Well.

58:20 - 58:22

Selectboard Office

What happened with.

58:22 - 58:24

Joe Boudreau

Vocational education.

58:34 - 58:41

Selectboard Office

Wait somebody's on the phone and talking okay are you asking a question.

58:47 - 58:52

Selectboard Office

Okay all right I'm sorry for that interruption Joe can you.

58:52 - 58:53

Joe Boudreau

You.

58:53 - 59:14

Selectboard Office

Were saying okay whoever's on the person that's on the phone can you please mute yourself at star six unless you're talking to us because.

59:18 - 59:36

Selectboard Office

He was on with Charles if you're talking to us all right I'm gonna raise your hand if you need to do it you can't do that either but I'm sorry but we got to keep going with our meeting okay all right so Joe I'm sorry you were saying.

59:36 - 59:39

Joe Boudreau

Okay based.

59:39 - 59:41

Selectboard Office

On.

59:41 - 59:44

Joe Boudreau

First invoice from Smith.

59:44 - 59:45

Selectboard Office

It.

59:45 - 59:50

Joe Boudreau

Was determined that we over-appropriated or guessed.

59:50 - 59:51

Selectboard Office

What.

59:51 - 59:54

Joe Boudreau

Vocad students would be.

59:55 - 59:59

Joe Boudreau

So in this particular case, if.

59:59 - 01:00:02

Selectboard Office

You look at the.

01:00:02 - 01:00:04

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Line in.

01:00:04 - 01:00:05

Joe Boudreau

The floor.

01:00:05 - 01:00:11

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Well, I'm sorry to interrupt, but we're still getting a ton of feedback on the end, on this.

01:00:13 - 01:00:13

Selectboard Office

I.

01:00:13 - 01:00:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Don't know if it's in the room, but there's a ton of feedback.

01:00:24 - 01:00:26

Selectboard Office

You mean just random noise or you're hearing voices?

01:00:27 - 01:00:28

Selectboard Office

Voices.

01:00:28 - 01:00:30

Alison and Bruce Todd

It's background noise from your meeting.

01:00:31 - 01:00:33

Alison and Bruce Todd

I don't know if there's somebody in the adjacent.

01:00:33 - 01:00:34

Selectboard Office

Room.

01:00:35 - 01:00:35

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:00:35 - 01:00:35

Selectboard Office

Just from the hallway.

01:00:36 - 01:00:36

Selectboard Office

Hang on.

01:00:36 - 01:00:37

Selectboard Office

We just shut the door.

01:00:38 - 01:00:39

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:00:39 - 01:00:40

Selectboard Office

That should be better.

01:00:40 - 01:00:43

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry we could barely even notice that here.

01:00:44 - 01:00:44

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:00:49 - 01:01:04

Selectboard Office

So Joe you're basically saying that the vocational expense actually turns out to be \$41 ,693.95 which reduces the deficit by to \$94 ,778.29.

01:01:06 - 01:01:06

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:01:08 - 01:01:08

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:01:10 - 01:01:15

Selectboard Office

So we have to now figure out what to do with the \$94.

01:01:15 - 01:01:15

Joe Boudreau

,778.29.

01:01:16 - 01:01:24

Joe Boudreau

In order to use that, then we'd have to go to a town meeting and rescind \$41 ,000.

01:01:26 - 01:01:26

Selectboard Office

Which would.

01:01:26 - 01:01:27

Joe Boudreau

Then bring the deficit.

01:01:27 - 01:01:28

Selectboard Office

Down.

01:01:28 - 01:01:30

Joe Boudreau

To \$94 ,778.

01:01:35 - 01:01:35

[speaker unknown]

Ok.

01:01:38 - 01:01:41

Selectboard Office

And then we have to figure out how balance out that number.

01:01:41 - 01:01:43

Selectboard Office

Okay yeah.

01:01:43 - 01:01:44

Joe Boudreau

I.

01:01:44 - 01:01:44

Joe Boudreau

Mean.

01:01:47 - 01:01:47

Selectboard Office

It.

01:01:47 - 01:01:48

Joe Boudreau

Would take.

01:01:48 - 01:01:49

Selectboard Office

An article.

01:01:49 - 01:01:58

Joe Boudreau

To vote from the stabilization fund ninety four thousand dollars to be used to reduce the tax rate.

01:01:58 - 01:02:01

Selectboard Office

Right now.

01:02:01 - 01:02:01

Joe Boudreau

The.

01:02:01 - 01:02:02

Selectboard Office

Next.

01:02:02 - 01:02:02

Joe Boudreau

Question.

01:02:02 - 01:02:08

Joe Boudreau

Is anything that needs to be added to.

01:02:08 - 01:02:09

Selectboard Office

The budget.

01:02:10 - 01:02:11

Joe Boudreau

Which I sent.

01:02:11 - 01:02:12

Selectboard Office

You.

01:02:12 - 01:02:14

Joe Boudreau

Today.

01:02:14 - 01:02:15

Selectboard Office

I believe.

01:02:16 - 01:02:18

Joe Boudreau

The health insurance, which.

01:02:18 - 01:02:19

Selectboard Office

Went up.

01:02:23 - 01:02:25

Selectboard Office

Joe, you've got to repeat that because it was cut now.

01:02:25 - 01:02:25

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:02:26 - 01:02:26

Selectboard Office

So try again.

01:02:26 - 01:02:33

Joe Boudreau

Okay, the email that I sent you today, Kirsten met with Maya.

01:02:34 - 01:02:34

Selectboard Office

I.

01:02:34 - 01:02:39

Joe Boudreau

Guess yesterday, and the cost of.

01:02:39 - 01:02:40

Selectboard Office

Medicine for.

01:02:40 - 01:02:45

Joe Boudreau

Retirees went up, and so that would have to.

01:02:45 - 01:02:48

Joe Boudreau

Be added to the town meeting.

01:02:53 - 01:02:56

Selectboard Office

The \$1 ,326.60?

01:02:56 - 01:02:57

Selectboard Office

No.

01:02:59 - 01:02:59

Joe Boudreau

Wait.

01:02:59 - 01:02:59

Selectboard Office

A minute.

01:03:14 - 01:03:19

Joe Boudreau

\$1 ,327 would have to be added to the health insurance appropriation.

01:03:29 - 01:03:32

Selectboard Office

So \$94 ,778.29 plus.

01:03:34 - 01:03:36

Selectboard Office

Joe, can you clarify something for me?

01:03:37 - 01:03:37

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:03:37 - 01:03:53

Selectboard Office

I think you said the \$41 ,693, which is I believe the vocad, would need to, does there to be a warrant article about that, moving that out of vocad expenditure and into whatever?

01:03:56 - 01:03:58

Joe Boudreau

Let me rephrase this.

01:03:59 - 01:04:11

Joe Boudreau

If we're going to use that and reduce vocad, or we can just leave it and don't do anything with it, depending, because that is an estimate.

01:04:14 - 01:04:17

Joe Boudreau

A couple items are our guesses on that.

01:04:19 - 01:04:31

Joe Boudreau

But if you want to decide to use all of that and hopefully nothing will get added to it, then we would have to have an article that rescinds \$41 ,000.

01:04:33 - 01:04:34

Joe Boudreau

Make sense?

01:04:36 - 01:04:42

Selectboard Office

Right, so if we're going to do the \$94 ,770, don't we have to do the \$41 ,000 also?

01:04:42 - 01:04:44

Selectboard Office

I mean, they kind of go together?

01:04:45 - 01:04:54

Joe Boudreau

Yeah, there would be an article on the town meeting that would rescind \$41,000 from Volkhead.

01:04:55 - 01:04:56

Joe Boudreau

Reduce it.

01:04:57 - 01:04:57

Selectboard Office

Oh, I see.

01:04:58 - 01:05:00

Selectboard Office

Right, because this is all about tax rates.

01:05:00 - 01:05:04

Selectboard Office

So we just lower that appropriation.

01:05:05 - 01:05:10

Selectboard Office

At this point in time in the fiscal year, how likely is it that that number.

01:05:12 - 01:05:16

Selectboard Office

Is going to significantly vary between now on the end of the school year?

01:05:17 - 01:05:24

Joe Boudreau

Well, one thing will, it will change because they don't tell us what sped costs will be.

01:05:25 - 01:05:27

Selectboard Office

We don't get that on the third quarter.

01:05:27 - 01:05:27

Selectboard Office

I mean, third.

01:05:29 - 01:05:29

Selectboard Office

That.

01:05:29 - 01:05:32

Joe Boudreau

Comes way after the tax rate is set.

01:05:35 - 01:05:37

Joe Boudreau

Why they can't tell us up front, I don't know.

01:05:38 - 01:05:40

Joe Boudreau

And I have no idea what that will be.

01:05:40 - 01:05:47

Joe Boudreau

We do have into that budget a sum that was charged us for.

01:05:47 - 01:05:48

Joe Boudreau

S.f.e.d.

01:05:49 - 01:05:49

Joe Boudreau

Last year.

01:05:52 - 01:05:54

Selectboard Office

But we've got four.

01:05:54 - 01:05:59

Joe Boudreau

Or five new kids, so they would be evaluated for S.F.E.D.

01:05:59 - 01:06:00

Joe Boudreau

Costs.

01:06:00 - 01:06:07

Joe Boudreau

Well, I don't know and I certainly don't want to guess if they will have S.F.E.D.

01:06:07 - 01:06:08

Joe Boudreau

Costs or how.

01:06:08 - 01:06:09

Joe Boudreau

Much.

01:06:09 - 01:06:13

Joe Boudreau

Certainly, I wouldn't think it would be \$41 ,000.

01:06:13 - 01:06:14

Selectboard Office

Worth.

01:06:17 - 01:06:24

Selectboard Office

Why don't we leave \$20 ,000 in the vocad budget.

01:06:27 - 01:06:31

Selectboard Office

And yeah, so that we don't have to deal with that at the end of the year.

01:06:34 - 01:06:36

Selectboard Office

And then take \$94 ,000 plus \$20 ,000.

01:06:36 - 01:06:40

Selectboard Office

\$94 ,000 plus \$20 ,000 basically, and transfer from stabilization.

01:06:41 - 01:06:44

Selectboard Office

So is stabilization the only option here?

01:06:44 - 01:06:45

Selectboard Office

There's no tax.

01:06:45 - 01:06:49

Selectboard Office

Option, we're at the levy limit.

01:06:49 - 01:06:50

Selectboard Office

Is that it?

01:06:50 - 01:06:51

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we're at the levy limit.

01:06:52 - 01:06:53

Joe Boudreau

We're over the levy limit.

01:06:53 - 01:06:55

Joe Boudreau

That's why we're in deficit.

01:06:56 - 01:06:56

Selectboard Office

So.

01:06:56 - 01:07:01

Joe Boudreau

We have two things we can take free cash or stabilization fund.

01:07:02 - 01:07:07

Joe Boudreau

I would suggest the stabilization fund because that's where we always We have a total of \$1.5 million in the Stabilization Fund.

01:07:07 - 01:07:08

Selectboard Office

Items.

01:07:14 - 01:07:15

Selectboard Office

What.

01:07:15 - 01:07:16

Joe Boudreau

Do.

01:07:16 - 01:07:21

Selectboard Office

We have in the Stabilization Fund?

01:07:22 - 01:07:25

Joe Boudreau

Roughly \$1.5 million.

01:07:27 - 01:07:32

Joe Boudreau

On those slurs of spreadsheets that I sent you, there is a.

01:07:32 - 01:07:33

Selectboard Office
Spreadsheet.

01:07:33 - 01:07:34

Joe Boudreau
That shows.

01:07:38 - 01:07:39

Selectboard Office
The.

01:07:39 - 01:07:40

Joe Boudreau
Free.

01:07:40 - 01:07:40

Selectboard Office
Pass.

01:07:40 - 01:07:45

Joe Boudreau
And down at the bottom of the form, it shows what's in.

01:07:45 - 01:07:46

Selectboard Office
The, what's.

01:07:46 - 01:07:46

Joe Boudreau
In the, what's.

01:07:49 - 01:07:50

Selectboard Office

Gotcha.

01:07:51 - 01:07:54

Selectboard Office

So, what's involved in raising a levy limit?

01:07:55 - 01:08:00

Selectboard Office

Is that a ticket, a ballot vote or is that a town meeting vote or are you going to do that?

01:08:13 - 01:08:25

Joe Boudreau

We're not raising the levy limit, we're reducing the tax rate by whatever number we come up with, 94 ,000 or 136 ,000.

01:08:25 - 01:08:36

Selectboard Office

Charlie's asking you if we decide not to do that and go to the town to raise the levy limit that's called in common parlance a two and a half override correct.

01:08:36 - 01:08:42

Joe Boudreau

No an override is when you vote to permanently increase taxes.

01:08:42 - 01:08:42

Selectboard Office

Through.

01:08:42 - 01:08:44

Joe Boudreau

An override procedure.

01:08:44 - 01:08:48

Selectboard Office

So is that another option here that's what I'm asking.

01:08:48 - 01:08:51

Joe Boudreau

Well It's an option, but not now.

01:08:51 - 01:08:52

Joe Boudreau

It's too late.

01:08:53 - 01:08:54

Joe Boudreau

We could.

01:08:54 - 01:09:01

Joe Boudreau

Not have a special election and do an override and have it done in time.

01:09:01 - 01:09:01

Selectboard Office

To.

01:09:01 - 01:09:03

Joe Boudreau

Submit the tax plate to DOR.

01:09:03 - 01:09:11

Joe Boudreau

I think we all went through that at the end of the budget session, that if an override happens, it.

01:09:11 - 01:09:11

Selectboard Office

Would.

01:09:11 - 01:09:16

Joe Boudreau

Have to happen next year where we have time to do all of those things.

01:09:18 - 01:09:21

Selectboard Office

So just for my own education, what's the process?

01:09:21 - 01:09:22

Selectboard Office

Is it a town vote?

01:09:22 - 01:09:24

Selectboard Office

Is it a town meeting vote?

01:09:24 - 01:09:24

Selectboard Office

How do.

01:09:24 - 01:09:24

Joe Boudreau

You.

01:09:24 - 01:09:25

Selectboard Office

Do.

01:09:25 - 01:09:25

Joe Boudreau

It?

01:09:25 - 01:09:28

Joe Boudreau

An override is a vote at an election.

01:09:30 - 01:09:30

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:09:31 - 01:09:31

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:09:31 - 01:09:32

Selectboard Office

Thanks.

01:09:33 - 01:09:35

Selectboard Office

Is it both?

01:09:35 - 01:09:39

Selectboard Office

Is both the town meeting and election, or is it just an election?

01:09:39 - 01:09:40

Joe Boudreau

It.

01:09:40 - 01:09:40

Selectboard Office

Is.

01:09:40 - 01:09:41

Joe Boudreau

Just an election.

01:09:48 - 01:09:56

Joe Boudreau

I'm going to send you an IGR, I believe, on different types of overrides, so.

01:09:56 - 01:09:56

Selectboard Office

You.

01:09:56 - 01:09:59

Joe Boudreau

Guys got to good that out if you haven't saved it already.

01:10:00 - 01:10:02

Joe Boudreau

And explains various types of.

01:10:03 - 01:10:04

Selectboard Office

Overrides.

01:10:04 - 01:10:05

Joe Boudreau

And Tom.

01:10:06 - 01:10:06

Joe Boudreau

You can.

01:10:06 - 01:10:07

Selectboard Office

Vote.

01:10:07 - 01:10:11

Joe Boudreau

A sum of money continuing on the passage of an override.

01:10:12 - 01:10:27

Joe Boudreau

And what happens there is, whatever department that came from, it will be funded if the override passes, and if it fails, then that appropriation does not get increased.

01:10:28 - 01:10:28

Joe Boudreau

Gotcha.

01:10:28 - 01:10:35

Joe Boudreau

There's airman overrides, there's all different kinds of overrides.

01:10:35 - 01:10:44

Joe Boudreau

I think simply that the town of Worthington would be voting in override for a sum of money that we come up with.

01:10:44 - 01:10:53

Joe Boudreau

And again, the Board of Selectmen are the only ones who can call an override.

01:10:53 - 01:10:53

Joe Boudreau

While.

01:10:53 - 01:11:01

Joe Boudreau

Meeting can't petition the town to do an override, only the board of selectmen can.

01:11:03 - 01:11:13

Selectboard Office

Joe, you have discussed with us before your reluctance to use free cash to deal with issues like we're dealing with tonight.

01:11:15 - 01:11:26

Selectboard Office

And I note that on your sheet that shows the free cash over time, the current free cash is \$223,525.

01:11:28 - 01:11:31

Selectboard Office

It's been as low as \$113,736.

01:11:31 - 01:11:46

Selectboard Office

And I remember you saying that you worked hard with the finance committee to increase the amount of free cash over time and it's been successful to an extent, but it's about half of its high point at this time.

01:11:49 - 01:12:05

Selectboard Office

What's problem with taking the little over \$100 ,000 to be about \$114 ,780 roughly out of free cash?

01:12:06 - 01:12:21

Joe Boudreau

There's no problem with it other than the town has always anything we bought, whether it's equipment, whether it's an overdraft on small roads, or whatever we do, it always comes from stabilization fund.

01:12:21 - 01:12:37

Joe Boudreau

We put all the free cash every year into the stabilization fund and then we draw the stabilization down for anything that we you know anything that we purchase as again if we buy a a plow truck.

01:12:37 - 01:12:46

Joe Boudreau

Or if uh snow roads is overdrawn by 20 grand um or police poos or whatever the case be.

01:12:47 - 01:12:54

Joe Boudreau

So I'm just trying to be consistent in what we do so we can always look to the stabilization fund of what we did.

01:12:55 - 01:12:55

Joe Boudreau

The.

01:12:55 - 01:12:56

Selectboard Office

Only.

01:12:56 - 01:13:08

Joe Boudreau

Advantage of using free cash is that it's a simple majority to vote free cash and a two-thirds to vote out of the out of the stabilization.

01:13:08 - 01:13:08

Selectboard Office

Fund.

01:13:09 - 01:13:10

Joe Boudreau

Which has never been a.

01:13:11 - 01:13:39

Selectboard Office

All right then I would like to move that we do we need motion to put something on an article on the warrant yes I would like to move that we put first an article on the warrant to rescind \$20 ,000 I just did some fast figuring here on the vocad.

01:13:40 - 01:13:56

Selectboard Office

All right, so we had three kids that are still there that had vocad last year and it totalled like \$1 ,600 and two of them were at like the highest rate which is like \$638.

01:13:56 - 01:14:04

Selectboard Office

So if you talk about Yes, good, so even if we said that all four of the new kids.

01:14:07 - 01:14:27

Selectboard Office

Similar rates and it generally does stay between four hundred and seven hundred dollars Because it's gotten much more reasonable actually that way Then we could just take Leave \$3 ,000 in that in the book at account.

01:14:27 - 01:14:33

Selectboard Office

I mean nothing else really comes out of there I mean, that's not already accounted

for What do you think Joe?

01:14:35 - 01:14:40

Selectboard Office

You think it's taken too severe to take to take out all that \$3 ,000.

01:14:44 - 01:14:47

Joe Boudreau

I don't have a crystal ball.

01:14:47 - 01:14:51

Joe Boudreau

So I mean I'm trying to avoid Guessing here and guess wrong.

01:14:53 - 01:15:02

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'd like to have it up as high as 10 in case we get one of those, you know, situations where, you know, special, special that is required.

01:15:02 - 01:15:04

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's true, that's true.

01:15:04 - 01:15:10

Selectboard Office

If it's a program left in the appropriation and unused, it ends up back in the stabilization fund.

01:15:11 - 01:15:14

Selectboard Office

So it's not, right, that.

01:15:15 - 01:15:18

Selectboard Office

Right, it's just a question of, right, when are you moving it?

01:15:21 - 01:15:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Hey.

01:15:22 - 01:15:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Guys.

01:15:23 - 01:15:25

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Before you vote, it's Gretchen.

01:15:25 - 01:15:32

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I just want to ask just a clarifying question and give additional information.

01:15:32 - 01:15:38

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So Joe, I know I've spoken with the finance committee about this fiscal year.

01:15:38 - 01:15:44

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I know we're talking about last fiscal year, but this fiscal year We have four additional.

01:15:44 - 01:15:45

Selectboard Office

Students.

01:15:45 - 01:15:46

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

That we did.

01:15:46 - 01:15:47

Selectboard Office

Not.

01:15:47 - 01:15:50

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Work for for middle and high school that.

01:15:50 - 01:15:50

Selectboard Office

Moved in.

01:15:50 - 01:15:52

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

After annual time meeting.

01:15:53 - 01:15:56

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And I just want to make sure that we, you.

01:15:56 - 01:15:58

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Know, that that's not something that should.

01:15:58 - 01:15:58

Selectboard Office

Be included.

01:15:58 - 01:16:00

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

In this.

01:16:01 - 01:16:02

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And then.

01:16:02 - 01:16:03

Selectboard Office

Also.

01:16:04 - 01:16:10

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

We're anticipating some possible additional special ed costs at the elementary level.

01:16:10 - 01:16:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Again, as Joe just said, I don't have a crystal ball, especially for the special ed costs, whether or not my current budget can sustain that.

01:16:23 - 01:16:29

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I definitely know my budget does not support the four additional kids that moved in after annual town meeting.

01:16:29 - 01:16:39

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So Joe, you and I had talked about just, you know, those kids and I'm not sure if that should be included right now in this discussion.

01:16:39 - 01:16:39

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I.

01:16:43 - 01:16:49

Joe Boudreau

Don't know, Gretchen, I don't know your budget, and I don't know if you can handle it or not.

01:16:49 - 01:17:09

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Well, in the past, I mean, the conversations we've, we've had openly is, you know, in the past, we've kind of waited to see, right, if I have some additional funds in the budget to be able to cover the costs that we don't necessarily, you know, plan for, like kids moving in.

01:17:09 - 01:17:15

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

But we, you know, we were made aware of these, you know, literally like two weeks before school started.

01:17:15 - 01:17:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So I just want to be open about that, that we have, especially those four kids at.

01:17:22 - 01:17:23

Selectboard Office

The.

01:17:23 - 01:17:26

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Middle and high school level with additional interest costs.

01:17:28 - 01:17:30

Joe Boudreau

How much are those four kids?

01:17:31 - 01:17:35

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

At this point, I don't believe there's any special ed costs.

01:17:35 - 01:17:39

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So you're talking about at 10 ,000 a pop, about \$40 ,000.

01:17:40 - 01:17:42

Joe Boudreau

You do have.

01:17:45 - 01:17:46

Joe Boudreau

Full.

01:17:46 - 01:17:47

Selectboard Office

Choice, right?

01:17:48 - 01:17:49

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yep.

01:17:50 - 01:17:53

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

We have full choice, but that's been allocated already in our budget.

01:17:54 - 01:18:05

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I know the revenue that's been allocated, and what I'm saying is that those four kids, we definitely don't have the funds in our budget allocated for those.

01:18:06 - 01:18:06

Joe Boudreau

Can.

01:18:06 - 01:18:09

Selectboard Office

You.

01:18:09 - 01:18:10

Joe Boudreau

Move the budget.

01:18:10 - 01:18:11

Selectboard Office

Around?

01:18:11 - 01:18:12

Joe Boudreau

To absorb that?

01:18:13 - 01:18:13

Selectboard Office

Like.

01:18:13 - 01:18:27

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I said in the past I've been able to get creative like you know after the new year I'm not anticipating this year that we're going to have the additional funds that I have in the past.

01:18:32 - 01:18:34

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I think this year we created a budget that was.

01:18:34 - 01:18:37

Selectboard Office

Very thin.

01:18:37 - 01:18:37

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And.

01:18:37 - 01:18:38

Selectboard Office

Through.

01:18:38 - 01:18:38

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

The.

01:18:38 - 01:18:41

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Needs and having four additional middle and.

01:18:41 - 01:18:41

Selectboard Office

High.

01:18:41 - 01:18:45

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

School kids move in, kind of about.

01:18:45 - 01:18:48

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

You know, after annual meeting, definitely.

01:18:49 - 01:18:51

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

That's a large chunk of change, 40 ,000.

01:18:51 - 01:18:52

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Plus.

01:18:53 - 01:18:54

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I don't anticipate.

01:18:54 - 01:18:54

Selectboard Office

Having that.

01:18:56 - 01:19:01

Joe Boudreau

When will you know if you need additional funding?

01:19:01 - 01:19:06

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So, I mean, I think you and I always check, you know, finance committee, we always check in January.

01:19:06 - 01:19:06

Selectboard Office

February.

01:19:06 - 01:19:07

Selectboard Office

March.

01:19:07 - 01:19:14

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I'm able to kind of project and anticipate if there's some funds available.

01:19:14 - 01:19:17

Selectboard Office

But.

01:19:17 - 01:19:25

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Again when I talk about the additional the kids and then thinking that we're gonna have additional special ed costs at the elementary.

01:19:25 - 01:19:30

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Level I'm just not feeling like I'm going to have the the excess funds.

01:19:31 - 01:19:32

Joe Boudreau

Okay well when you find.

01:19:32 - 01:19:38

Joe Boudreau

Out We would have another special town meeting at some point when you know that.

01:19:38 - 01:19:39

Joe Boudreau

Okay.

01:19:39 - 01:19:43

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I mean, you have said in the past, and I just wanted to put that on the table now.

01:19:45 - 01:19:45

Joe Boudreau

Yeah.

01:19:45 - 01:19:55

Joe Boudreau

But if you don't know for sure right now, then I don't see increase in the full budget now without you knowing for sure the dollar amount.

01:19:57 - 01:20:07

Selectboard Office

Because even if it doesn't happen until March or something that you figure out, you're short, it's gonna be a stabilization vote regardless, I think at this point.

01:20:09 - 01:20:09

Selectboard Office

So.

01:20:09 - 01:20:09

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Am.

01:20:09 - 01:20:12

Selectboard Office

I correct in that, Joe, that it's...

01:20:12 - 01:20:12

Joe Boudreau

That's.

01:20:12 - 01:20:14

Selectboard Office

Correct, yeah.

01:20:14 - 01:20:16

Selectboard Office

So the timing is not that important.

01:20:19 - 01:20:23

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I mean, as long as I just wanna, again, keep it on everyone's radar.

01:20:23 - 01:20:26

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

It's been a conversation that, you know, from the late.

01:20:26 - 01:20:26

Selectboard Office

Summer.

01:20:26 - 01:20:27

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

That.

01:20:27 - 01:20:28

Selectboard Office

I've had with.

01:20:28 - 01:20:29

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Folks about it.

01:20:31 - 01:20:53

Selectboard Office

In the interest of transparency for the voters, okay, I think if we know we have a situation where school choice portion of our budget is very likely to be \$40 ,000 higher than we have budgeted for it, is it, you know, a full \$40 ,000 higher as you estimate it now?

01:20:54 - 01:20:58

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Well, first of all, it's not school choice, it's tuition into the middle and.

01:20:58 - 01:20:58

Selectboard Office

High school.

01:21:00 - 01:21:05

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yeah, at a tuition rate of 10 ,000 and change per student.

01:21:07 - 01:21:10

Selectboard Office

But that's not, that's all part of the school budget.

01:21:11 - 01:21:18

Selectboard Office

The town doesn't vote on the secondary, you know, that amount for the secondary school.

01:21:18 - 01:21:21

Selectboard Office

That's just, the school delivers a budget, there is a line.

01:21:22 - 01:21:24

Selectboard Office

So it's within their budget.

01:21:25 - 01:21:33

Selectboard Office

I think that's where we're sort of, yeah, what I'm trying to avoid is having more than one special meeting if possible.

01:21:34 - 01:21:36

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I don't think we'll be able to get away with that.

01:21:36 - 01:21:38

Selectboard Office

Alison, you have a question or a point?

01:21:38 - 01:21:39

Selectboard Office

We'll get away with it almost every year.

01:21:39 - 01:21:40

Selectboard Office

No, we've had two.

01:21:40 - 01:21:42

Selectboard Office

We've had other ones in the.

01:21:42 - 01:21:42

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Spring as well.

01:21:43 - 01:21:48

Alison and Bruce Todd

I just want to kind of emphasize what Gretchen is saying.

01:21:48 - 01:22:01

Alison and Bruce Todd

And we do know for sure we will exceed our budget with those four students plus pretty significant special ed costs that are new, just assessed this year.

01:22:02 - 01:22:13

Alison and Bruce Todd

It's likely that we will, we will, we have our special ed revolving fund that we will use for those special ed costs, but they may exceed the revolving fund.

01:22:13 - 01:22:18

Alison and Bruce Todd

And so, we can definitely get back to you when we have a dollar amount.

01:22:18 - 01:22:31

Alison and Bruce Todd

I think Gretchen is just wanting to let you know, it is certain that we will not have the funds to cover both the four students and these additional costs, special ed costs.

01:22:38 - 01:22:51

Selectboard Office

So, Joe, you need then a warrant article to reduce the amount of voc ed, for voc ed expenses, but to reduce the school budget by...

01:22:53 - 01:22:57

Selectboard Office

Can I actually one more question before we get there?

01:22:58 - 01:23:11

Selectboard Office

So, Joe, in years past we've played with free cash, or not free cash, sorry, strike that, with estimated, local estimated receipts as a way of sort of navigating this.

01:23:14 - 01:23:16

Selectboard Office

We're not talking about it this year.

01:23:16 - 01:23:21

Selectboard Office

I'm just curious to refresh my mind and why we're not talking about it this year.

01:23:22 - 01:23:28

Joe Boudreau

If you look at the spreadsheet, Bart, that has estimated receipts.

01:23:28 - 01:23:31

Joe Boudreau

On it, it shows what the actuals.

01:23:31 - 01:23:31

Selectboard Office

Were.

01:23:34 - 01:23:36

Joe Boudreau

There's very little room there.

01:23:37 - 01:23:37

Selectboard Office

Well.

01:23:37 - 01:23:38

Joe Boudreau

So that's.

01:23:38 - 01:23:39

Selectboard Office

My question.

01:23:40 - 01:23:43

Selectboard Office

There's 100 ,000, 120 ,000.

01:23:43 - 01:23:48

Selectboard Office

Obviously, we don't know what the receipts are, so we don't know if there really is 100 ,000.

01:23:48 - 01:23:48

Joe Boudreau

But.

01:23:51 - 01:23:54

Selectboard Office

Well, at least that was what I read.

01:24:12 - 01:24:16

Selectboard Office

Actual receipts, 117, 366.40.

01:24:18 - 01:24:22

Selectboard Office

Next to the last page, this second handout we got, full budget.

01:24:22 - 01:24:48

Selectboard Office

It looks like this, okay, yeah Yeah, okay so on that the rightmost three columns Joe, I think I'm understanding that we estimated in twenty twenty four \$245 ,000 we actually got 362 ,000 and so there was a Overage of a hundred and seventeen thousand.

01:24:48 - 01:25:07

Selectboard Office

So they believe speaking maybe the theory is not fact, but we could have estimated our receipts 117 ,000 higher, and cut it kind of close, but there is some room there, maybe.

01:25:09 - 01:25:12

Joe Boudreau

That's what happened this year.

01:25:13 - 01:25:13

Selectboard Office

Again.

01:25:14 - 01:25:14

Joe Boudreau

Will it happen.

01:25:14 - 01:25:15

Selectboard Office

Again next.

01:25:15 - 01:25:15

Joe Boudreau

Year?

01:25:15 - 01:25:17

Joe Boudreau

Yeah, exactly.

01:25:20 - 01:25:24

Selectboard Office

I think I'm raising it just because Charlie asked, what are our options?

01:25:25 - 01:25:27

Selectboard Office

And this is one we've used before.

01:25:28 - 01:25:37

Selectboard Office

I agree with you that if we're looking for 100 ,000, putting estimated receipts up to 345 ,000 seems like we'd be cutting it a bit close.

01:25:44 - 01:25:49

Selectboard Office

What 20% of stabilization, is that a game worth playing?

01:25:49 - 01:25:56

Selectboard Office

Or should we just say, you know what, stabilization makes it easy, let's keep our 245 because that's already higher than we used to do?

01:25:57 - 01:25:57

Joe Boudreau

The.

01:25:57 - 01:25:57

Selectboard Office

Numbers.

01:25:57 - 01:25:58

Joe Boudreau

Are fungible.

01:25:58 - 01:26:02

Joe Boudreau

We need to take it from the stabilization fund.

01:26:02 - 01:26:03

Selectboard Office

And.

01:26:03 - 01:26:06

Joe Boudreau

If actuals come in higher next year, it'll turn.

01:26:06 - 01:26:06

Joe Boudreau

Out in the free.

01:26:06 - 01:26:07

Selectboard Office

Cash.

01:26:07 - 01:26:07

Joe Boudreau

And we're.

01:26:07 - 01:26:08

Selectboard Office

Going.

01:26:08 - 01:26:10

Joe Boudreau

To vote it into the stabilization fund.

01:26:10 - 01:26:12

Selectboard Office

Or you.

01:26:12 - 01:26:13

Joe Boudreau

Know.

01:26:13 - 01:26:15

Joe Boudreau

So right.

01:26:15 - 01:26:16

Selectboard Office

It's all the same.

01:26:16 - 01:26:23

Joe Boudreau

Place how am I going to split you know it's six or one or four dozen the other but it's all going to come out in the wash the same thing.

01:26:23 - 01:26:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah thank you gotcha why.

01:26:28 - 01:26:29

Joe Boudreau

Complicated I guess what.

01:26:29 - 01:26:50

Selectboard Office

I'm saying yeah no you've got it so we need to we We need to achieve additional funding of 94 ,778.29 plus 13 ,2660 or 13 ,27 as you said it.

01:26:50 - 01:26:50

Selectboard Office

Joe.

01:26:51 - 01:26:51

Joe Boudreau

Right?

01:26:51 - 01:26:51

Joe Boudreau

Yep.

01:26:52 - 01:26:52

Joe Boudreau

Yep.

01:26:53 - 01:27:06

Selectboard Office

And the only credit we're talking about giving ourselves is a reduction to the Vogue Ed.

01:27:07 - 01:27:09

Selectboard Office

The 94 ,000 assumes you gave yourself your reduction.

01:27:10 - 01:27:10

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:27:10 - 01:27:13

Selectboard Office

So we would have to add back 20.

01:27:13 - 01:27:25

Selectboard Office

So I'd be willing to, I'd be willing, based on what Peggy pointed out to us, to reduce that down to 10, you know, to use \$30 ,000 of that.

01:27:25 - 01:27:26

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:27:26 - 01:27:27

Selectboard Office

Resend 30.

01:27:27 - 01:27:33

Selectboard Office

Leaving a balance of \$10 ,000 for the purpose of Okay, vocational life sped.

01:27:39 - 01:27:42

Selectboard Office

And so then move hundred and four.

01:27:44 - 01:27:49

Selectboard Office

One of so we're doing it so it's like ninety four seven seventy eight.

01:27:49 - 01:27:57

Selectboard Office

So we're gonna do ninety five well We'd need another ten thousand if we're only taking the numbers around.

01:27:59 - 01:28:04

Selectboard Office

Do ninety four seven eighty and thirteen sixty seven twelve thirteen twenty seven.

01:28:11 - 01:28:12

Selectboard Office

Well.

01:28:14 - 01:28:23

Selectboard Office

The problem is that if you're only reducing Vogue Ed by 30 ,000, then you have approximately 11 ,000 you need to add to the 94.

01:28:23 - 01:28:23

Selectboard Office

Oh, okay.

01:28:24 - 01:28:24

Selectboard Office

There you go.

01:28:25 - 01:28:25

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:28:25 - 01:28:26

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:28:26 - 01:28:27

Selectboard Office

So it's a hundred and...

01:28:27 - 01:28:28

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:28:28 - 01:28:28

Selectboard Office

Six?

01:28:29 - 01:28:30

Selectboard Office

Yeah, something like that.

01:28:30 - 01:28:30

Selectboard Office

That's right.

01:28:30 - 01:28:36

Selectboard Office

And then we had to add the 1327 to that, and that comes up to our final number, yes.

01:28:38 - 01:28:40

Selectboard Office

Are those separate articles?

01:28:40 - 01:28:44

Selectboard Office

Is the 1 ,300 a separate article from the...

01:28:45 - 01:28:46

Selectboard Office

I don't know the answer to that question.

01:28:47 - 01:28:52

Selectboard Office

Well, Joe was saying that we would have to add 1 ,327 to the health insurance allocation.

01:28:53 - 01:28:56

Selectboard Office

So that has to come out of stabilization too, right?

01:28:56 - 01:28:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so that would be one article, right?

01:28:57 - 01:28:58

Selectboard Office

So I think, yeah.

01:28:58 - 01:29:00

Selectboard Office

Are these all separate articles?

01:29:00 - 01:29:05

Joe Boudreau

It would be a separate article and we would take it from Vokehead.

01:29:06 - 01:29:07

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:29:08 - 01:29:08

Selectboard Office

Nice.

01:29:08 - 01:29:09

Selectboard Office

Oh, the health insurance one?

01:29:10 - 01:29:11

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:29:11 - 01:29:13

Selectboard Office

That's good thinking.

01:29:13 - 01:29:15

Selectboard Office

Just to mix it up a little.

01:29:16 - 01:29:16

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:29:18 - 01:29:22

Selectboard Office

How do we take it from Vokehead if that's within the school budget?

01:29:22 - 01:29:23

Selectboard Office

I guess we can do that.

01:29:23 - 01:29:24

Selectboard Office

Vokehead is separate.

01:29:25 - 01:29:27

Selectboard Office

It's not the school budget.

01:29:27 - 01:29:33

Selectboard Office

It's not okay that's where everyone's brain's melting so.

01:29:47 - 01:30:10

Selectboard Office

We're basically requesting a vote to transfer thirteen hundred and twenty seven dollars let's say from vocad to health insurance I second that that's that's easy all Is that a motion?

01:30:11 - 01:30:11

Selectboard Office

I second it.

01:30:11 - 01:30:11

Selectboard Office

That's a motion.

01:30:12 - 01:30:13

Selectboard Office

You seconded it.

01:30:14 - 01:30:16

Selectboard Office

We can vote on it, I believe.

01:30:16 - 01:30:18

Selectboard Office

So how do we vote?

01:30:18 - 01:30:19

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:30:19 - 01:30:20

Selectboard Office

I vote yes.

01:30:21 - 01:30:21

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:30:21 - 01:30:23

Selectboard Office

So the health insurance appropriation, right?

01:30:26 - 01:30:28

Selectboard Office

So the finance committee needs to vote.

01:30:28 - 01:30:28

Selectboard Office

Do we need to vote?

01:30:29 - 01:30:30

Selectboard Office

Is that what we do?

01:30:30 - 01:30:31

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:30:31 - 01:30:32

Selectboard Office

I think you do.

01:30:32 - 01:30:33

Selectboard Office

You need to weigh in.

01:30:33 - 01:30:35

Selectboard Office

Do we need to see them again?

01:30:35 - 01:30:36

Selectboard Office

Oh, yeah, sorry.

01:30:36 - 01:30:37

Selectboard Office

Joe, go ahead.

01:30:39 - 01:30:40

[speaker unknown]

Excuse me.

01:30:41 - 01:30:42

Selectboard Office

Are you guys going to vote on this too?

01:30:43 - 01:30:45

Selectboard Office

We just made a motion and passed it.

01:30:45 - 01:30:46

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:30:46 - 01:30:47

Joe Boudreau

Finance committee.

01:30:47 - 01:30:48

Joe Boudreau

I make the motion.

01:30:48 - 01:30:50

Joe Boudreau

That we agree with.

01:30:50 - 01:30:52

Joe Boudreau

I'm having a hard time hearing you guys.

01:30:54 - 01:30:54

Joe Boudreau

Agree.

01:30:54 - 01:30:56

Joe Boudreau

With the motion made by the border.

01:30:56 - 01:30:57

Selectboard Office

Select them.

01:30:58 - 01:31:00

Selectboard Office

Joe, it's to transfer.

01:31:00 - 01:31:02

Selectboard Office

\$1,327 from the.

01:31:02 - 01:31:08

Selectboard Office

Budget to the health insurance.

01:31:08 - 01:31:08

Joe Boudreau

Budget.

01:31:10 - 01:31:11

Selectboard Office

I second that, Joe.

01:31:11 - 01:31:12

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:31:15 - 01:31:16

Joe Boudreau

Who is here?

01:31:17 - 01:31:19

Joe Boudreau

Bart seconded it, so you're in favor.

01:31:21 - 01:31:22

Selectboard Office

Randy is here?

01:31:22 - 01:31:23

Selectboard Office

Randy, yes.

01:31:23 - 01:31:25

Joe Boudreau

Randy is.

01:31:25 - 01:31:26

Joe Boudreau

Is Melinda.

01:31:26 - 01:31:26

Melinda

Here?

01:31:26 - 01:31:27

Melinda

Yeah.

01:31:28 - 01:31:28

Melinda

Okay.

01:31:29 - 01:31:31

Joe Boudreau

And I vote as well.

01:31:36 - 01:31:57

Selectboard Office

All right, all right, so that's so the second one that's easy is you're rescinding 30 ,000
Right, yeah, so I'll make that motion that we resent 30 ,000 from The vocat budget
yes second Okay.

01:31:57 - 01:32:00

Selectboard Office

So and then that goes.

01:32:09 - 01:32:24

Selectboard Office

So select board vote on it Charlie Steve yes I will vote yes so I can make a motion
make a motion that we rescind thirty thousand dollars from the Go get a version
creation.

01:32:24 - 01:32:25

Joe Boudreau

Thank you, Randy.

01:32:26 - 01:32:28

Selectboard Office

I'm for it.

01:32:30 - 01:32:30

Selectboard Office

Melinda.

01:32:31 - 01:32:33

Melinda

Do we second it?

01:32:34 - 01:32:35

Selectboard Office

I'll go for it.

01:32:36 - 01:32:37

Selectboard Office

Second, fourth.

01:32:40 - 01:32:40

Melinda

I approve.

01:32:44 - 01:32:44

Selectboard Office

I'm in favor.

01:32:44 - 01:32:44

Selectboard Office

I'm in favor.

01:32:46 - 01:32:47

Selectboard Office

We're all good.

01:32:51 - 01:32:51

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:32:51 - 01:32:53

Selectboard Office

It's the study of democracy.

01:32:55 - 01:32:58

Selectboard Office

I probably ***** this up, but let me start.

01:32:58 - 01:33:00

Selectboard Office

Joe, did you vote yes already?

01:33:01 - 01:33:01

Joe Boudreau

Excuse.

01:33:01 - 01:33:02

Selectboard Office

Me?

01:33:03 - 01:33:04

Selectboard Office

Did you vote on that already?

01:33:04 - 01:33:05

Joe Boudreau

Yes, I did.

01:33:06 - 01:33:06

Joe Boudreau

Ok.

01:33:07 - 01:33:08

Selectboard Office

So what's left?

01:33:09 - 01:33:09

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:33:09 - 01:33:20

Selectboard Office

I would like to move that we transfer the sum of 30.

01:33:20 - 01:33:21

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry.

01:33:24 - 01:33:25

Selectboard Office

It's 31 ,000.

01:33:26 - 01:33:28

Selectboard Office

Hang on one sec.

01:33:28 - 01:33:36

Selectboard Office

4 7 8 0 plus 31 327.

01:33:41 - 01:33:49

Selectboard Office

Is 3 5 4 3 6.

01:33:50 - 01:34:28

Selectboard Office

I move we transfer the sum of sixty three thousand four hundred and fifty three dollars from the stabilization fund to what I don't think that's right no no because we had well we had ninety four thousand or almost ninety five thousand assuming that we rescinded forty one thousand we did not rescind forty one thousand so therefore has to be higher than ninety four thousand I think the way to do it is that the second column on the first page it's like 136 use the hundred and thirty six so minus thirty thousand okay.

01:34:28 - 01:34:30

Joe Boudreau

That's no.

01:34:30 - 01:34:47

Selectboard Office

I'll leave it to you guys take them up with the number I understand what we're supposed to do I think it's one oh six four seven two two four I have a few more things that use of money.

01:34:48 - 01:34:54

Selectboard Office

So what about the insurance that we already talked about and we also have an ambulance assessment we need to pay for.

01:34:55 - 01:34:56

Selectboard Office

So do these come out of the same thing?

01:34:56 - 01:34:58

Selectboard Office

Do we need to add those in here?

01:34:58 - 01:35:01

Selectboard Office

Well the insurance you mean the 1327?

01:35:01 - 01:35:01

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:35:02 - 01:35:03

Selectboard Office

I have a different one.

01:35:04 - 01:35:05

Selectboard Office

I have a different one.

01:35:06 - 01:36:08

Selectboard Office

Yeah because we didn't really appropriate enough money at annual town meeting for our property and for our insurance for my insurance so it's not a huge difference but I just got we have a couple of claims that are deductible it's \$2 ,500 so that does pick it up a little so I don't know the exact amount and I'll know tomorrow Greg McGrath from Maya is going to get back to me or from Cabot Risk is going to get me right now it's looking like about six grand maybe a little bit more I have also we have some I have absolutely no money left the insurance account so let's round up to wherever it could be okay 10 grand I would say 10 grand and And then we have an ambulance assessment of \$1 ,620.12 we need to cover.

01:36:09 - 01:36:11

Selectboard Office

Well, those should all be separate warrant articles.

01:36:11 - 01:36:12

Selectboard Office

Yes, right.

01:36:12 - 01:36:14

Selectboard Office

Okay, so can we deal with the warrant article?

01:36:14 - 01:36:15

Selectboard Office

Okay, that was my question.

01:36:15 - 01:36:16

Selectboard Office

So they're separate?

01:36:17 - 01:36:17

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:36:18 - 01:36:19

Selectboard Office

And this one, all right.

01:36:22 - 01:36:26

Selectboard Office

It's just, I was just trying to spread the joy.

01:36:26 - 01:36:30

Selectboard Office

All right, so let's get a motion on the table here then, whatever the number is.

01:36:30 - 01:36:31

Selectboard Office

Joe, can I ask a question?

01:36:33 - 01:36:33

Selectboard Office

Sure.

01:36:34 - 01:36:35

Joe Boudreau

I'm.

01:36:35 - 01:36:35

Selectboard Office

Really.

01:36:35 - 01:36:36

Joe Boudreau

Confused now.

01:36:38 - 01:36:39

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I am.

01:36:41 - 01:36:45

Selectboard Office

I think we're coming down to \$106 ,000.

01:36:45 - 01:36:46

Selectboard Office

We're moving from the stabilization.

01:36:47 - 01:36:49

Selectboard Office

What is the language that article?

01:36:50 - 01:36:52

Selectboard Office

There's no account that it's moving to, right?

01:36:55 - 01:36:55

Selectboard Office

Or.

01:36:55 - 01:36:55

Joe Boudreau

Is it?

01:36:55 - 01:36:57

Joe Boudreau

Say this again.

01:36:58 - 01:37:03

Selectboard Office

What account are we moving \$106 ,000 to?

01:37:03 - 01:37:04

Selectboard Office

To balance the budget.

01:37:05 - 01:37:20

Joe Boudreau

The language is to see if the town will vote to appropriate from the stabilization fund X amount of dollars, whatever that is, to reduce the tax rate.

01:37:21 - 01:37:22

Joe Boudreau

Okay.

01:37:26 - 01:37:33

Selectboard Office

I'll second that motion is 106 ,000 and change 106 472 to.

01:37:36 - 01:37:37

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry.

01:37:37 - 01:37:37

Selectboard Office

Joe.

01:37:39 - 01:37:43

Joe Boudreau

I'm a little concerned that this this calculation on the fly.

01:37:45 - 01:37:46

Joe Boudreau

If it comes out wrong.

01:37:46 - 01:37:48

Selectboard Office

So can't you calculate this later?

01:37:48 - 01:37:50

Selectboard Office

Do we really have to have the number tonight?

01:37:50 - 01:37:52

Selectboard Office

Can we agree that we're doing this?

01:37:52 - 01:37:55

Selectboard Office

And let you guys hammer out the number when we...

01:37:57 - 01:38:04

Joe Boudreau

I am hearing more numbers to be added and subtracted here.

01:38:06 - 01:38:08

Joe Boudreau

I'd rather take the time and come up with the number.

01:38:09 - 01:38:19

Joe Boudreau

Once somebody emails me what all the numbers are, Then I'll do the calculation of the exact amount of money that we have to do.

01:38:21 - 01:38:36

Selectboard Office

Good so the wording of the The item would be the X amount of dollars at this time because we don't have the final number So that's what we're deciding that we are agreeing that this will be the wording of that of that item in the war.

01:38:38 - 01:38:42

Joe Boudreau

All agree on the language.

01:38:43 - 01:38:47

Joe Boudreau

Just we we don't know what the number is until it's all added up and you know we.

01:38:47 - 01:38:48

Selectboard Office

Can.

01:38:48 - 01:38:48

Joe Boudreau

Confirm that.

01:38:49 - 01:38:52

Selectboard Office

Okay and I'll get the confirmation on those ones tomorrow okay.

01:38:52 - 01:39:02

Joe Boudreau

Now are you Charlie to get back to you said the ambulance has gone up since what we voted on?

01:39:03 - 01:39:18

Selectboard Office

Well we have an assessment for this state federal trust fund that was unexpected so we were able to take it out of what we have in the it now, but ultimately we're going to need an extra \$1,620.12 to cover this.

01:39:19 - 01:39:21

Joe Boudreau

Let me just hold it there.

01:39:22 - 01:39:24

Joe Boudreau

When do we have to pay that bill?

01:39:28 - 01:39:34

Joe Boudreau

What I'm getting at is can we do an interdepartmental transfer or a reserve.

01:39:34 - 01:39:36

Selectboard Office

Fund transfer to.

01:39:36 - 01:39:36

Joe Boudreau

Keep.

01:39:36 - 01:39:38

Selectboard Office

This less confusing?

01:39:38 - 01:39:38

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:39:39 - 01:39:42

Selectboard Office

We're paying the bill now out of what we have.

01:39:42 - 01:39:44

Selectboard Office

So when we get to the final quarterly the money.

01:39:44 - 01:39:46

Selectboard Office

We'll give them a payment to them.

01:39:46 - 01:39:47

Selectboard Office

That's when we're going to need the money.

01:39:48 - 01:39:50

Joe Boudreau

So, that's when we can act upon it then.

01:39:51 - 01:39:51

Selectboard Office

Yes, absolutely.

01:39:52 - 01:39:53

Selectboard Office

You.

01:39:53 - 01:39:53

Joe Boudreau

Know, deal with it.

01:39:53 - 01:39:54

Selectboard Office

Here.

01:39:55 - 01:39:55

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:39:59 - 01:40:08

Joe Boudreau

The number can can that be an interdepartmental transfer or does that absolutely need to be done this time?

01:40:11 - 01:40:31

Selectboard Office

Well, it's overdue but I know uh yeah from this town meeting you know yeah insurance company's gonna want its money as soon as they within 35 or 30 or 40 days at 45 days after they bill it so yeah I've never given this position.

01:40:31 - 01:40:32

Joe Boudreau

Before.

01:40:33 - 01:40:37

Joe Boudreau

Peg I'm hearing from you you're guessing that is ten grand again.

01:40:37 - 01:40:37

Selectboard Office

Will.

01:40:37 - 01:40:39

Joe Boudreau

You be able to have an exact number?

01:40:39 - 01:41:00

Selectboard Office

I can have an exact number I can have an exact number he's to get back to me tomorrow so I can have I'll have that number unlike the ambulance this is something that gets paid in the fall or whenever it gets paid but it doesn't it's not quarterly no no it's it's it's yeah just been generated and so.

01:41:00 - 01:41:08

Joe Boudreau

We get when you get that exact number then we will take that from.

01:41:08 - 01:41:08

Joe Boudreau

Vocad.

01:41:09 - 01:41:09

Joe Boudreau

Okay.

01:41:10 - 01:41:11

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:41:12 - 01:41:12

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:41:15 - 01:41:21

Joe Boudreau

Well, if everybody agrees with that, you just can't agree with the number until we know what it.

01:41:21 - 01:41:22

Selectboard Office

Is.

01:41:22 - 01:41:23

Selectboard Office

Okay, right.

01:41:24 - 01:41:27

Selectboard Office

Yes, what vacation do I want to go on?

01:41:30 - 01:41:31

Selectboard Office

So do we need a motion for that?

01:41:34 - 01:41:34

Selectboard Office

Yes?

01:41:34 - 01:41:35

Selectboard Office

I guess we do.

01:41:35 - 01:41:44

Selectboard Office

So this is not part of the the money out of vocad to pay the insurance bill.

01:41:48 - 01:41:55

Selectboard Office

We've already voted to take all but ten thousand or eleven thousand dollars out of vocad for another purpose.

01:41:57 - 01:42:00

Selectboard Office

Okay and so that's going to zero out essentially.

01:42:00 - 01:42:02

Selectboard Office

It may zero out.

01:42:03 - 01:42:03

Joe Boudreau

It.

01:42:03 - 01:42:04

Selectboard Office

Might.

01:42:04 - 01:42:06

Joe Boudreau

We'll do that, you know.

01:42:10 - 01:42:19

Selectboard Office

Which would be resolved when vocab build in the spring okay yeah which is towards the end of the fiscal year okay Okay, I'll suck a nap.

01:42:21 - 01:42:22

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

01:42:23 - 01:42:24

[speaker unknown]

Alright.

01:42:25 - 01:42:25

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:42:26 - 01:42:27

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:42:27 - 01:42:28

Selectboard Office

I will vote yes.

01:42:30 - 01:42:34

Selectboard Office

Should we make a motion to do what the slack board said?

01:42:35 - 01:42:36

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:42:40 - 01:42:41

Selectboard Office

Hold on.

01:42:41 - 01:42:41

Joe Boudreau

A.

01:42:41 - 01:42:41

Selectboard Office

Second.

01:42:41 - 01:42:42

Selectboard Office

Oh yes.

01:42:43 - 01:42:44

Selectboard Office

Whatever.

01:42:44 - 01:42:44

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:42:46 - 01:42:46

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:42:47 - 01:42:47

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:42:47 - 01:42:48

Joe Boudreau

Yes.

01:42:49 - 01:42:49

Joe Boudreau

Yes.

01:42:49 - 01:42:49

Joe Boudreau

Yes.

01:42:50 - 01:42:55

Joe Boudreau

And I and I also vote.

01:42:56 - 01:42:56

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:42:57 - 01:42:58

Joe Boudreau

Now, to sum.

01:42:58 - 01:42:59

Joe Boudreau

Up.

01:43:01 - 01:43:03

Selectboard Office

Yeah, let's let's please do that.

01:43:03 - 01:43:04

Selectboard Office

A sum up.

01:43:05 - 01:43:06

Joe Boudreau

We will be.

01:43:06 - 01:43:08

Selectboard Office

Taking an a.

01:43:08 - 01:43:10

Joe Boudreau

An additional amount.

01:43:12 - 01:43:12

Selectboard Office

Of.

01:43:12 - 01:43:20

Joe Boudreau

Vocad to be determined by PEG, whatever that is and sent out tomorrow.

01:43:21 - 01:43:21

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:43:22 - 01:43:26

Joe Boudreau

Also from vocad is the health insurance increase.

01:43:29 - 01:43:32

Joe Boudreau

We'll deal with the ambulance in the.

01:43:32 - 01:43:39

Joe Boudreau

Future, either by a reserve fund transfer or an interdepartmental transfer.

01:43:42 - 01:43:43

Joe Boudreau

So that is.

01:43:43 - 01:43:43

Selectboard Office

It.

01:43:44 - 01:43:46

Joe Boudreau

That's all we're going to deal with this town meeting.

01:43:49 - 01:43:50

Selectboard Office

Is there anything else?

01:43:50 - 01:43:51

Selectboard Office

And to, yeah.

01:43:52 - 01:43:53

Selectboard Office

Finance wise.

01:43:54 - 01:43:54

Selectboard Office

Is there anything else?

01:43:58 - 01:44:05

Selectboard Office

I thought we were going to deal with, I thought we were, we were dealing, how are we dealing with the 100 and.

01:44:07 - 01:44:09

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we're waiting for that number.

01:44:09 - 01:44:10

Selectboard Office

Joe will give us that number.

01:44:10 - 01:44:22

Selectboard Office

We were sending the 30K and then you will calculate the final number that we will then appropriate from stabilization to reduce the tax bill.

01:44:22 - 01:44:26

Selectboard Office

Select board member Steve Smith is copacetic with that.

01:44:29 - 01:44:31

Selectboard Office

So are there any other things for Tom to read?

01:44:31 - 01:44:32

Selectboard Office

I think that was the question.

01:44:32 - 01:44:33

Selectboard Office

Yep.

01:44:34 - 01:44:38

Selectboard Office

I just got this from the assessors.

01:44:38 - 01:44:41

Selectboard Office

You can read it and I'll go ask Dick Wagner to come in and talk about it.

01:44:42 - 01:44:56

Selectboard Office

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of chapter 653 section 40 the new growth provision of the acts of 1989 to commence with fiscal year at 2026 I have no idea what that is.

01:44:56 - 01:44:58

Selectboard Office

Well, that's why we were I.

01:44:58 - 01:45:06

Joe Boudreau

Can explain Okay, okay What that right now?

01:45:07 - 01:45:12

Joe Boudreau

There's something called the assessment date the assessment date is January.

01:45:12 - 01:45:15

Selectboard Office

1st and.

01:45:15 - 01:45:16

Joe Boudreau

Assessors.

01:45:16 - 01:45:18

Selectboard Office

List everything.

01:45:18 - 01:45:19

Joe Boudreau

That is there on.

01:45:19 - 01:45:20

Selectboard Office

January.

01:45:20 - 01:45:22

Joe Boudreau

1st.

01:45:23 - 01:45:23

Joe Boudreau

January.

01:45:23 - 01:45:29

Joe Boudreau

1st 2024.

01:45:31 - 01:45:33

Joe Boudreau

They don't go out and do their field work.

01:45:33 - 01:45:37

Joe Boudreau

Until May or June.

01:45:38 - 01:45:44

Joe Boudreau

So it's hard for them to ask the landowner, what was there?

01:45:44 - 01:45:45

Joe Boudreau

We see what's there now.

01:45:46 - 01:45:49

Joe Boudreau

What was there six months ago?

01:45:50 - 01:45:50

Selectboard Office

What.

01:45:50 - 01:45:52

Selectboard Office

Was the.

01:45:52 - 01:45:55

Joe Boudreau

Strangest assessment date to June 30?

01:45:56 - 01:46:02

Joe Boudreau

So then when they go out, what's there pretty much will be what they're seeing.

01:46:02 - 01:46:04

Joe Boudreau

It just makes it.

01:46:04 - 01:46:04

Selectboard Office

Easier.

01:46:04 - 01:46:05

Joe Boudreau

To.

01:46:05 - 01:46:05

Selectboard Office

Come.

01:46:05 - 01:46:06

Joe Boudreau

Up with.

01:46:08 - 01:46:09

Joe Boudreau

What was there.

01:46:09 - 01:46:10

Joe Boudreau

Was.

01:46:10 - 01:46:11

Selectboard Office

The building.

01:46:11 - 01:46:13

Joe Boudreau

There on January 1st?

01:46:13 - 01:46:14

Joe Boudreau

Was.

01:46:14 - 01:46:14

Selectboard Office

It just.

01:46:14 - 01:46:15

Joe Boudreau

A.

01:46:15 - 01:46:15

Selectboard Office

Foundation?

01:46:17 - 01:46:18

Joe Boudreau

Was there walls.

01:46:18 - 01:46:19

Selectboard Office

Up.

01:46:19 - 01:46:20

Joe Boudreau

But no roof?

01:46:20 - 01:46:23

Joe Boudreau

All of this stuff makes it very hard.

01:46:23 - 01:46:30

Joe Boudreau

So it just makes it easier for both the landowner and the assessors to know what's there.

01:46:32 - 01:46:40

Selectboard Office

And it gives a boost to the construction industry for a period of roughly 30 days after the inspections occurred.

01:46:41 - 01:46:46

Selectboard Office

Well, you'll get a little bump the first year because you get six extra six months in the cycle.

01:46:47 - 01:46:49

Selectboard Office

And then after that it's just 12 months, 12 months.

01:46:49 - 01:46:50

Selectboard Office

But the general's right.

01:46:50 - 01:46:56

Selectboard Office

The main point is that it's difficult, even people being honest, don't necessarily remember.

01:46:56 - 01:47:00

Selectboard Office

I went to a new house this spring, the wife told me what was there on January 1st.

01:47:00 - 01:47:02

Selectboard Office

That was not accurate.

01:47:03 - 01:47:05

Selectboard Office

The guy building the house was a contractor.

01:47:05 - 01:47:09

Selectboard Office

He had to get out of his log book to be able to tell me what's there on the report because he couldn't remember.

01:47:09 - 01:47:14

Selectboard Office

He wasn't trying to be dishonest about it, but you know, it's six months later, right?

01:47:14 - 01:47:15

Selectboard Office

So it just makes it cleaner.

01:47:16 - 01:47:16

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:47:17 - 01:47:17

Selectboard Office

Oh yeah, makes sense.

01:47:18 - 01:47:18

Selectboard Office

That's it.

01:47:19 - 01:47:21

Selectboard Office

So that's an article that you would like on...

01:47:21 - 01:47:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so the article is just to accept the provision in the law which allows this for the starting Pistol 26.

01:47:28 - 01:47:41

Selectboard Office

I move that we approve the article as prepared and proposed by the Board of Assessors to adopt the, to accept that the provisions of that section of the general, of the special act or?

01:47:41 - 01:47:43

Selectboard Office

It's the act of 1989 I think.

01:47:43 - 01:47:43

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:47:43 - 01:47:44

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I started.

01:47:45 - 01:47:45

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:47:45 - 01:47:47

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I very good.

01:47:47 - 01:47:47

Selectboard Office

That's it.

01:47:47 - 01:47:48

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's it.

01:47:48 - 01:47:49

Selectboard Office

Nice.

01:47:49 - 01:47:51

Selectboard Office

So we could vote on it.

01:47:51 - 01:47:52

Selectboard Office

Bye.

01:47:52 - 01:47:53

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:47:53 - 01:47:54

Selectboard Office

So let's find it.

01:47:54 - 01:47:57

Selectboard Office

You don't need to go because it doesn't involve what doesn't involve money.

01:47:58 - 01:48:00

Selectboard Office

It doesn't get money.

01:48:00 - 01:48:04

Joe Boudreau

This isn't a money article, but if the finance committee wants to vote, we can go.

01:48:09 - 01:48:10

Selectboard Office

Sounds great.

01:48:10 - 01:48:11

Selectboard Office

I think they want to duck.

01:48:16 - 01:48:20

Selectboard Office

Do you guys vote to recommend at this thing.

01:48:20 - 01:48:21

Joe Boudreau

Do I hear a motion.

01:48:21 - 01:48:25

Selectboard Office

I'll make a motion that we recommend the passage of this whatever.

01:48:25 - 01:48:26

Joe Boudreau

The.

01:48:26 - 01:48:41

Selectboard Office

Acceptance of the.

01:48:42 - 01:48:44

Joe Boudreau

Now the hard part.

01:48:44 - 01:48:45

Selectboard Office

Oh no!

01:48:45 - 01:48:47

Selectboard Office

Pick a date, any date.

01:48:48 - 01:48:50

Joe Boudreau

When do you want to have the town meeting?

01:48:55 - 01:48:55

Joe Boudreau

Keep in.

01:48:55 - 01:48:55

Selectboard Office

Mind.

01:48:55 - 01:48:56

Joe Boudreau

It's got to.

01:48:56 - 01:48:56

Selectboard Office

Be posted.

01:48:56 - 01:48:57

Joe Boudreau

Two weeks in advance.

01:49:06 - 01:49:06

[speaker unknown]

Yes.

01:49:09 - 01:49:12

Selectboard Office

The 24th, just to make it on a Tuesday.

01:49:19 - 01:49:20

Selectboard Office

Okay, so what are we looking.

01:49:20 - 01:49:21

Joe Boudreau

At?

01:49:21 - 01:49:25

Joe Boudreau

Let me tell you what happened last year, just so you'll get a handle on things.

01:49:32 - 01:49:36

Joe Boudreau

Last year, the special town meeting was on December 5.

01:49:37 - 01:49:41

Joe Boudreau

The tax rate was committed the day.

01:49:41 - 01:49:44

Joe Boudreau

Later on 12-6-23.

01:49:46 - 01:49:46

Selectboard Office

Dor.

01:49:46 - 01:49:49

Joe Boudreau

Approved it on 12-7-23.

01:49:52 - 01:50:05

Joe Boudreau

Some things have to happen at that town meeting on 12-5, when that was over with, then a classification was here was held in the next room.

01:50:06 - 01:50:06

Joe Boudreau

So.

01:50:06 - 01:50:06

Selectboard Office

That.

01:50:06 - 01:50:07

Joe Boudreau

Has to happen well.

01:50:08 - 01:50:18

Joe Boudreau

And then the next the next day everything was put together and sent to DOR and then DOR approved it two days later.

01:50:21 - 01:50:46

Joe Boudreau

After it's approved that left three weeks for the assessors to send the database to a company, I forgot the new name now, it used to be Point Software, which then converts the database and then prints and mails and stuffs the bills and gave it roughly 3 weeks to do.

01:50:46 - 01:50:47

Joe Boudreau

That.

01:50:49 - 01:50:53

Selectboard Office

How about Wednesday, December 4th?

01:50:58 - 01:50:59

Selectboard Office

You will not be here Peggy.

01:50:59 - 01:51:01

Selectboard Office

No, I will not be here.

01:51:02 - 01:51:03

Selectboard Office

I will not be here.

01:51:03 - 01:51:05

Selectboard Office

And plus, are you going all that week, baby?

01:51:06 - 01:51:07

Selectboard Office

I'm gone, man.

01:51:07 - 01:51:08

Selectboard Office

Still gone.

01:51:09 - 01:51:10

Selectboard Office

Let me see.

01:51:10 - 01:51:11

Selectboard Office

Where are we now?

01:51:11 - 01:51:13

Selectboard Office

So one, two, yeah.

01:51:13 - 01:51:15

Selectboard Office

The absolute earliest thing.

01:51:15 - 01:51:15

Selectboard Office

Well.

01:51:16 - 01:51:16

Joe Boudreau

Think.

01:51:16 - 01:51:16

Selectboard Office

About.

01:51:16 - 01:51:17

Joe Boudreau

That, though, guys.

01:51:17 - 01:51:21

Joe Boudreau

If it's Wednesday the 4th, it's got to be posted tomorrow.

01:51:22 - 01:51:22

Joe Boudreau

Yeah.

01:51:23 - 01:51:23

Selectboard Office

Oh, OK.

01:51:23 - 01:51:24

Selectboard Office

Right, which one?

01:51:24 - 01:51:25

Selectboard Office

So you can push it out a little.

01:51:25 - 01:51:27

Selectboard Office

I can have the warrant ready for you.

01:51:27 - 01:51:29

Selectboard Office

I don't need to be at the special town meeting.

01:51:29 - 01:51:31

Selectboard Office

No, but you have to have the warrant ready first.

01:51:31 - 01:51:33

Selectboard Office

Right, now I have Patrick in here.

01:51:33 - 01:51:36

Selectboard Office

I mean, I can have the warrant ready.

01:51:37 - 01:51:40

Selectboard Office

I can have that ready after we've got to approve the warrant too.

01:51:40 - 01:51:40

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:51:40 - 01:51:41

Selectboard Office

You have to vote to them.

01:51:44 - 01:51:46

Joe Boudreau

Maybe we're a little weak.

01:51:47 - 01:51:47

Selectboard Office

Why?

01:51:47 - 01:51:49

Selectboard Office

Didn't we just vote to approve these things?

01:51:49 - 01:51:51

Selectboard Office

We don't have the numbers yet.

01:51:51 - 01:51:52

Selectboard Office

It doesn't matter.

01:51:53 - 01:51:54

Selectboard Office

We don't need to vote again.

01:51:55 - 01:51:56

Selectboard Office

We don't have the numbers for the warrant.

01:51:56 - 01:51:57

Selectboard Office

It doesn't matter.

01:51:57 - 01:52:00

Selectboard Office

We approved it with an X number and they're going to get filled in.

01:52:00 - 01:52:02

Selectboard Office

We don't have to vote on these things.

01:52:02 - 01:52:04

Selectboard Office

We just voted to approve all these things.

01:52:05 - 01:52:06

Joe Boudreau

Yeah, no, no, Charlie.

01:52:06 - 01:52:09

Joe Boudreau

We're just deciding when they have the town meeting.

01:52:09 - 01:52:10

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:52:10 - 01:52:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but previous to this, we just approved all these motions.

01:52:13 - 01:52:14

Selectboard Office

We don't have to vote again.

01:52:15 - 01:52:15

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:52:15 - 01:52:16

Selectboard Office

Do we?

01:52:17 - 01:52:19

Selectboard Office

No, when does the warrant have to be posted?

01:52:19 - 01:52:20

Selectboard Office

Two weeks prior.

01:52:21 - 01:52:22

Selectboard Office

And the warrant has to have the numbers in it, correct?

01:52:23 - 01:52:23

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:52:23 - 01:52:24

Selectboard Office

Okay, can't just say x.

01:52:25 - 01:52:29

Selectboard Office

But she needs, right, she needs that to prepare the warrant, but we don't need to vote on it again.

01:52:29 - 01:52:51

Selectboard Office

No no we just need yeah we just need to have the numbers in it obviously yeah but the thing is it for it so can you have those ready tomorrow or not is really all we're asking I think we ought to make the special time meeting in the ninth of the Monday the ninth or Tuesday the tenth.

01:52:55 - 01:53:09

Selectboard Office

I would prefer the Have an ambulance Did we do one day the night then We this is a question for Kevin Kevin's good.

01:53:09 - 01:53:09

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:53:10 - 01:53:12

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'll answer for Catherine.

01:53:12 - 01:53:13

Selectboard Office

It's good for Catherine.

01:53:15 - 01:53:22

Selectboard Office

She's in bed now What time.

01:53:30 - 01:53:33

Selectboard Office

We're going to have a meeting at 9 AM but it's not going to happen, is it?

01:53:33 - 01:53:34

Selectboard Office

So, that's it.

01:53:34 - 01:53:34

Selectboard Office

7 PM.

01:53:35 - 01:53:36

Selectboard Office

Okay, I got it.

01:53:37 - 01:53:40

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but I most people will be like, what?

01:53:40 - 01:53:41

Selectboard Office

Well, they're not coming anyway.

01:53:41 - 01:53:45

Selectboard Office

Yeah, well, we have to have a for us for god's sake.

01:53:45 - 01:53:46

Selectboard Office

We have to have a for.

01:53:46 - 01:53:47

Selectboard Office

Yeah, right.

01:53:48 - 01:53:48

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:53:48 - 01:53:52

Selectboard Office

So, special town meeting Monday, December 9 at 7 PM.

01:53:52 - 01:53:53

Selectboard Office

Alright.

01:53:54 - 01:53:55

Joe Boudreau

And keep in You know what I'm saying guys?

01:53:55 - 01:54:02

Joe Boudreau

The select you need to post the classification hearing to have to take place immediately.

01:54:02 - 01:54:03

Selectboard Office

Following.

01:54:03 - 01:54:04

Joe Boudreau

The meeting.

01:54:05 - 01:54:07

Selectboard Office

It's oh it's going to be right after the special town meeting.

01:54:08 - 01:54:09

Selectboard Office

The classification.

01:54:09 - 01:54:11

Joe Boudreau

Yeah because you can't set that you can't submit the tax.

01:54:11 - 01:54:12

Selectboard Office

Rate.

01:54:12 - 01:54:12

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:54:12 - 01:54:12

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:54:15 - 01:54:15

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:54:16 - 01:54:16

Selectboard Office

No special.

01:54:19 - 01:54:19

Selectboard Office

So.

01:54:19 - 01:54:20

Joe Boudreau

I'll.

01:54:20 - 01:54:21

Selectboard Office

Post that.

01:54:21 - 01:54:21

Selectboard Office

I'll, I'll.

01:54:22 - 01:54:25

Joe Boudreau

The rules have changed on the posting.

01:54:25 - 01:54:27

Joe Boudreau

It used to have to be in the paper.

01:54:27 - 01:54:31

Joe Boudreau

So, you have to look back last year to see how you posted it.

01:54:32 - 01:54:32

Selectboard Office

What?

01:54:32 - 01:54:32

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:54:33 - 01:54:35

Joe Boudreau

Um I believe you just posted it on the website.

01:54:37 - 01:54:37

Joe Boudreau

Uh and.

01:54:37 - 01:54:38

Selectboard Office

Then.

01:54:38 - 01:54:40

Joe Boudreau

The places in town.

01:54:40 - 01:54:42

Joe Boudreau

It it does not have to be in a newspaper any.

01:54:42 - 01:54:43

Selectboard Office

Longer.

01:54:45 - 01:54:46

Selectboard Office

I'll look and see.

01:54:47 - 01:54:49

Joe Boudreau

Look what you did last year and that's what you got to do this.

01:54:49 - 01:54:50

Selectboard Office

Year.

01:54:54 - 01:55:01

Selectboard Office

Tax classification and that's to immediately following a special town meeting.

01:55:02 - 01:55:02

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:55:05 - 01:55:06

Selectboard Office

I'm not going to give it time.

01:55:06 - 01:55:07

Selectboard Office

And the agenda would be what?

01:55:07 - 01:55:08

Selectboard Office

Public hearing?

01:55:08 - 01:55:10

Selectboard Office

It's a public hearing for tax classification.

01:55:11 - 01:55:14

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we do it every year so I have it all already all together.

01:55:19 - 01:55:22

Selectboard Office

And that's just you guys, or is that my sister's too?

01:55:23 - 01:55:31

Selectboard Office

She comes to, Jan always comes in and explains it, that they are married, yeah, so I'll just, I'll tell them that when I'm done.

01:55:34 - 01:55:36

Selectboard Office

They've got to be available to play.

01:55:37 - 01:55:38

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:55:40 - 01:55:41

Selectboard Office

So is that it?

01:55:41 - 01:55:41

Selectboard Office

We done?

01:55:41 - 01:55:42

Selectboard Office

That looks good to me.

01:55:42 - 01:55:47

Selectboard Office

Okay, so, right, we have waded our way through that.

01:55:47 - 01:55:49

Selectboard Office

Finances are done.

01:55:50 - 01:55:51

Selectboard Office

I believe so.

01:55:51 - 01:55:52

Selectboard Office

Let me just look.

01:56:17 - 01:56:18

Selectboard Office

That's all right.

01:56:18 - 01:56:19

Selectboard Office

You got time.

01:56:19 - 01:56:21

Selectboard Office

I'm very entertaining.

01:56:23 - 01:56:24

Selectboard Office

38 medical calls.

01:56:25 - 01:56:26

Selectboard Office

That's actually good.

01:56:27 - 01:56:32

Selectboard Office

Thank you guys.

01:56:32 - 01:56:33

Selectboard Office

Thanks for coming.

01:56:35 - 01:56:38

Selectboard Office

So far so good.

01:56:39 - 01:56:42

Selectboard Office

Yes, yes.

01:56:42 - 01:56:42

Selectboard Office

This is Joe.

01:56:43 - 01:56:47

Joe Boudreau

Just so Peg, you'll you'll send me the numbers tomorrow, right?

01:56:47 - 01:56:48

Joe Boudreau

So, I can start calculating.

01:56:49 - 01:56:49

Joe Boudreau

Yes.

01:56:49 - 01:56:50

Joe Boudreau

Yeah.

01:56:50 - 01:56:51

Joe Boudreau

Okay.

01:56:54 - 01:56:55

Selectboard Office

Alright, good night.

01:56:55 - 01:56:55

Selectboard Office

Good night, Joe.

01:56:56 - 01:56:57

Selectboard Office

Good night.

01:56:57 - 01:56:57

Selectboard Office

Good night, Maggie.

01:56:58 - 01:56:59

Selectboard Office

Well, you know, just to do it.

01:56:59 - 01:57:05

Selectboard Office

I understand but you know, to say, well, can we do Mike now and then say, well, it's your agenda is like a little disingenuous.

01:57:06 - 01:57:08

Selectboard Office

So, we can move, we can move Mike up.

01:57:08 - 01:57:12

Selectboard Office

Somebody did, somebody said, let's do Mike and so he doesn't have to be here anymore.

01:57:12 - 01:57:14

Selectboard Office

So it's like, fine, we can move Mike up.

01:57:16 - 01:57:18

Selectboard Office

It was me trying to be thoughtful.

01:57:18 - 01:57:19

Selectboard Office

It's not often I do that.

01:57:20 - 01:57:20

Selectboard Office

You're right.

01:57:21 - 01:57:21

Selectboard Office

No, I'm just kidding.

01:57:21 - 01:57:23

Selectboard Office

I wasn't doing that.

01:57:23 - 01:57:27

Selectboard Office

Well, if you're going to say let's move Mike up and then I say, okay, so you want to do Mike now?

01:57:27 - 01:57:28

Selectboard Office

It's like, well, it's my choice.

01:57:29 - 01:57:30

Selectboard Office

It's like, fine, my choice.

01:57:30 - 01:57:33

Selectboard Office

So we'd stick with the agenda just because it's like simple to follow.

01:57:34 - 01:57:39

Selectboard Office

But Mike, we will talk to Mike who's been doing paperwork over in the corner up until now.

01:57:40 - 01:57:41

Selectboard Office

I know you do.

01:57:42 - 01:57:43

Selectboard Office

You have a ton of paperwork.

01:57:44 - 01:57:47

Selectboard Office

All right, so the fire department quarterly report.

01:57:49 - 01:57:50

Selectboard Office

Everybody should have them, but I don't know.

01:57:50 - 01:57:51

Selectboard Office

I read it today.

01:57:55 - 01:57:57

Selectboard Office

I haven't read it.

01:57:57 - 01:57:59

Selectboard Office

I'm here, you can go.

01:58:00 - 01:58:01

Selectboard Office

I'm open to questions.

01:58:01 - 01:58:03

Selectboard Office

I don't know what you really want me to do.

01:58:03 - 01:58:06

Selectboard Office

So I'd like to know how many people you actually have.

01:58:06 - 01:58:07

Selectboard Office

You mentioned getting too many people.

01:58:07 - 01:58:11

Selectboard Office

How many active roster members and inactive and so forth.

01:58:13 - 01:58:16

Selectboard Office

That was the obvious question that came to my mind.

01:58:17 - 01:58:18

Selectboard Office

Stand back.

01:58:19 - 01:58:20

Selectboard Office

Ok, standing by.

01:58:48 - 01:58:53

Selectboard Office

There's a 14-person roster, which includes the two police officers.

01:58:58 - 01:58:59

Selectboard Office

That would suggest.

01:58:59 - 01:59:02

Selectboard Office

And in terms of active participants.

01:59:06 - 01:59:07

Selectboard Office

Not counting the police officers.

01:59:17 - 01:59:20

Selectboard Office

That suggests, that suggests some growth.

01:59:21 - 01:59:25

Selectboard Office

We have picked up two new younger members.

01:59:26 - 01:59:27

Selectboard Office

Fantastic.

01:59:27 - 01:59:40

Selectboard Office

That just went through, well, as of the date of the report, they were getting lined up to go to the basic six, but they completed the basic six, Hampshire County Fire Defense training just last week.

01:59:40 - 01:59:40

Selectboard Office

Great.

01:59:40 - 01:59:44

Selectboard Office

And they'll be attending the live fire burn sometime in the spring.

01:59:45 - 01:59:53

Selectboard Office

So, yeah, that's two new members that seem pretty enthusiastic, and I'm glad to have them on board.

01:59:53 - 01:59:57

Selectboard Office

And thus far, the drought hasn't yielded any brushfires up here in Spiegel, huh?

01:59:58 - 01:59:58

Selectboard Office

Knock on.

01:59:59 - 01:59:59

Selectboard Office

Knock on.

02:00:00 - 02:00:01

Selectboard Office

Yes, yes.

02:00:01 - 02:00:01

Selectboard Office

It's good.

02:00:01 - 02:00:03

Selectboard Office

On the Montgomery, that dish, yeah.

02:00:03 - 02:00:09

Selectboard Office

There's quite a bit still going on across the state, and over in New York, and...

02:00:09 - 02:00:10

Selectboard Office

And Connecticut.

02:00:10 - 02:00:10

Selectboard Office

And Connecticut.

02:00:12 - 02:00:13

Selectboard Office

And yes.

02:00:13 - 02:00:14

Selectboard Office

Northern New Jersey.

02:00:14 - 02:00:29

Selectboard Office

And I appreciate Charlie continuing to post the special announcements and so forth from the State Department of Environmental Protection, or DFS, or there's lots of different notices coming in.

02:00:29 - 02:00:29

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:00:30 - 02:00:39

Selectboard Office

So there's, you mentioned several times people going, besides the ones that went for basic six other kinds of training, is it most of the same people that are doing this, or?

02:00:41 - 02:00:42

Selectboard Office

Just curious.

02:00:42 - 02:00:46

Selectboard Office

So yeah, so new members have to do a bunch of different things.

02:00:46 - 02:00:48

Selectboard Office

First responder, CPR.

02:00:50 - 02:00:54

Selectboard Office

First aid, that's the part.

02:00:54 - 02:00:56

Selectboard Office

We have to get them scheduled for that.

02:00:57 - 02:01:03

Selectboard Office

The department renews first responder, first aid, CPR every year, usually in.

02:01:05 - 02:01:06

Selectboard Office

The March timeframe.

02:01:06 - 02:01:14

Selectboard Office

So we'll be renewing everybody for the department then and we're still trying to get the training for the new folks.

02:01:17 - 02:01:20

Selectboard Office

But there's another sort of specialized training.

02:01:25 - 02:01:27

Selectboard Office

I mean you guys certainly busy enough.

02:01:27 - 02:01:29

Selectboard Office

That's for sure between them.

02:01:29 - 02:01:31

Selectboard Office

What was going on last night?

02:01:33 - 02:01:38

Selectboard Office

Oh, when we had the life-like helicopter come up and do a training, that was really

good.

02:01:38 - 02:01:40

Selectboard Office

It looks like a party.

02:01:41 - 02:01:42

Selectboard Office

With a helicopter.

02:01:44 - 02:01:45

Selectboard Office

It's a life-like party.

02:01:46 - 02:01:47

Selectboard Office

Well, everything but the helicopter.

02:01:47 - 02:01:53

Selectboard Office

Unfortunately, that, well, not unfortunately, they had to respond to the accident in Huntington.

02:01:53 - 02:01:54

Selectboard Office

Lots of cars and stuff.

02:01:54 - 02:01:56

Selectboard Office

So they were tired.

02:01:57 - 02:01:58

Selectboard Office

But we had a very good class.

02:01:58 - 02:02:07

Selectboard Office

We had about 30 people from, not only our town, but Plainfield, Cummington.

02:02:09 - 02:02:12

Selectboard Office

Chesterfield all showed up.

02:02:12 - 02:02:21

Selectboard Office

So, Captain Porter did a nice job coordinating that with the life flight crew out of Westover.

02:02:21 - 02:02:23

Selectboard Office

So, they were there to do the class.

02:02:23 - 02:02:24

Selectboard Office

The class was about an hour.

02:02:24 - 02:02:28

Selectboard Office

We were hoping to do the helicopter landing at the airstrip.

02:02:28 - 02:02:54

Selectboard Office

Um, but that got postponed because they were tied up on another call and we'll be rescheduling that Um, hopefully a couple of weeks Their their life Supports that um I know you respond to a ton of medical causes the majority of your responses Are you typically first on the scene either you or the police?

02:02:55 - 02:03:01

Selectboard Office

Versus the health and ambulance I would say, for the most part, it's someone from town.

02:03:02 - 02:03:07

Selectboard Office

Bob does a really good job responding if I'm here, working from home, yes.

02:03:08 - 02:03:17

Selectboard Office

The only place where it's Hilltown might be is if it's at the south end of town, just because it's closer to where Hilltown's coming from.

02:03:21 - 02:03:25

Selectboard Office

But yeah, there's probably a few cases where they're going to be first, honestly.

02:03:25 - 02:03:29

Selectboard Office

But typically that's sort of your role there, is to get there as soon as possible.

02:03:30 - 02:03:37

Selectboard Office

If there's people in town, and they're qualified to drive the rescue, and they know where they're going.

02:03:38 - 02:03:40

Selectboard Office

Is everybody qualified to drive the rescue?

02:03:40 - 02:03:41

Selectboard Office

No, we're working on that.

02:03:42 - 02:03:46

Selectboard Office

We've instituted, third Monday is driver training.

02:03:47 - 02:03:55

Selectboard Office

And we're working people up through the trucks, rescue is the first one, because that's basically the easiest and it goes to almost everything.

02:03:56 - 02:04:02

Selectboard Office

And then we'll be working our way up to the fire trucks and the brush trucks and the rest of it.

02:04:03 - 02:04:03

Selectboard Office

Cool.

02:04:03 - 02:04:06

Selectboard Office

They don't make CDLs to drive the big trucks, do they?

02:04:06 - 02:04:19

Selectboard Office

You are basically exempted if you're going to or responding to or from an emergency response.

02:04:22 - 02:04:28

Selectboard Office

I'm just really impressed with all the catch-up work you've had to do, all the things you've had to get up to speed on.

02:04:29 - 02:04:47

Selectboard Office

One thing I will point out, we did, the E3 pump was rebuilt, and again, to my officers, Vinnie and Reel, we're going to get the truck down there to Fleet Masters, and Windsor Locks can do it.

02:04:48 - 02:04:57

Selectboard Office

They found a little bit more than we had anticipated, you know, we had a decent estimate, so I'm just letting you know, so that came in a little over 19 grand.

02:04:57 - 02:04:59

Selectboard Office

The town had appropriated 15.

02:05:00 - 02:05:05

Selectboard Office

So we paid that from the separate 15 grand that the town had appropriated.

02:05:05 - 02:05:08

Selectboard Office

And then the other four grand just came out of the regular operating budget.

02:05:09 - 02:05:13

Selectboard Office

But to me, that's still a worthwhile investment.

02:05:14 - 02:05:20

Selectboard Office

19 grand in a truck over 30 years is very worthwhile.

02:05:20 - 02:05:24

Selectboard Office

And I hope to keep that on the road for a few more years.

02:05:25 - 02:05:31

Selectboard Office

So do you anticipate needing to give the budget balance or some more money?

02:05:33 - 02:05:35

Selectboard Office

I don't know how much he paid attention to.

02:05:40 - 02:05:46

Selectboard Office

It's something we should be talking about at some point with Joe and the Finance Committee.

02:05:46 - 02:05:49

Selectboard Office

Well, Bart can take the word back.

02:05:50 - 02:06:24

Selectboard Office

Something we should be thinking about is starting to build a reserve for a fire truck purchase at some point 35 or so grand that we had finished paying off since to keep rolling that money into appropriating that and putting that into account to build up some money to set aside for a new truck down the road the cost of new trucks are scary Is there still a lot of grant money for it?

02:06:24 - 02:06:26

Selectboard Office

Like five or six hundred grand.

02:06:28 - 02:06:28

[speaker unknown]

Wow.

02:06:29 - 02:06:48

Selectboard Office

So, you know, if we can put 30 or 40 grand aside a year or more, and I know that, I know things are really tough, but if we could do some ahead type planning for that and put some money aside, it would reduce the burden at the time it comes forward.

02:06:48 - 02:06:54

Selectboard Office

But I'm wondering about this year, since you had that extra \$4 ,000 expense, is it something we're going to need to make up, or are you going to build on it?

02:06:54 - 02:06:58

Selectboard Office

I think I can work that through with the stuff we still have going.

02:06:59 - 02:07:00

Selectboard Office

Okay, well, when we get to the end of the year.

02:07:01 - 02:07:02

Selectboard Office

Yeah, end of the year transfer is magicka.

02:07:04 - 02:07:04

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:07:06 - 02:07:08

Selectboard Office

Did you folks have any other other questions?

02:07:09 - 02:07:10

Selectboard Office

No?

02:07:10 - 02:07:12

Selectboard Office

I think the other thing I'd like to highlight.

02:07:14 - 02:07:16

Selectboard Office

Nancy, Nancy Brown.

02:07:16 - 02:07:18

Selectboard Office

I was asking, is she still doing it?

02:07:18 - 02:07:23

Selectboard Office

Yes, and Nancy's doing really great work for us writing and executing rights.

02:07:24 - 02:07:25

Selectboard Office

That's fabulous.

02:07:26 - 02:07:42

Selectboard Office

So we did, I'll be quick about it, we did a \$10 ,500 state grant that got us one set of

turnout gear for one of our officers who had older gear, and it got us a dryer.

02:07:42 - 02:07:49

Selectboard Office

So we had an extractor, basically a really super-duper washing machine for all the turnout gear.

02:07:49 - 02:08:00

Selectboard Office

We did that years ago on a federal grant, but we got the dryer cabinet this year on that grant to help us keep the gear clean and turn it around.

02:08:00 - 02:08:13

Selectboard Office

So that was a really good grant accomplishment, and we're applying for that same grant this year, and we'll be looking for two more sets of turnout gear for the two newest members who just went through the basic six class.

02:08:17 - 02:08:24

Selectboard Office

So I'm really up on us being able to pursue more grants from either the feds or the state.

02:08:25 - 02:08:28

Selectboard Office

The other one, we mentioned it here.

02:08:28 - 02:08:29

Selectboard Office

We'll have more details.

02:08:29 - 02:08:40

Selectboard Office

We've got a planning grant this year for the SAFE program, which is safety awareness and fire education for students and seniors.

02:08:40 - 02:09:07

Selectboard Office

And Nancy's been doing a very nice job coordinating with both Phyllis Desaria of the COA and some conversations with her about the senior population in town and then also with Patty at the Maples for things we can be doing there and then also with Gretchen at the school for things we can do with the school safe program.

02:09:07 - 02:09:08

Selectboard Office

Student safe program.

02:09:08 - 02:09:12

Selectboard Office

And we've got some really nice ideas for next year.

02:09:13 - 02:09:23

Selectboard Office

And we're looking to finish submitting our planning grant and budget requests for those two sets of grants next year.

02:09:24 - 02:09:32

Selectboard Office

And I think we have some decent ideas to pursue and work through that next year.

02:09:32 - 02:09:35

Selectboard Office

And hopefully just build on that year to year.

02:09:36 - 02:09:37

Selectboard Office

We'll see how that goes.

02:09:37 - 02:09:38

Selectboard Office

Actually.

02:09:38 - 02:09:41

Selectboard Office

So I have a couple other things.

02:09:41 - 02:09:56

Selectboard Office

So we're working on talking about capital improvements for Hilton Ambulance and we talked about it this evening before this meeting and one of the topics that came up is radios and I know every year we keep rolling that money over.

02:09:58 - 02:10:08

Selectboard Office

They seem to think that maybe it's getting to be sooner rather than later that it might finally be coming that the state is apparently putting a lot of money into getting their stuff converted.

02:10:09 - 02:10:10

Selectboard Office

Do you know much more about that?

02:10:10 - 02:10:17

Selectboard Office

So yeah, there's been a lot of talk for a few years and we're still waiting for the state to come out with their final guidelines and requirements.

02:10:18 - 02:10:23

Selectboard Office

And there's a move to move to an 800 megahertz band.

02:10:23 - 02:10:26

Selectboard Office

That's a different set of frequencies than we currently have.

02:10:26 - 02:10:28

Selectboard Office

They seem to think that's a done deal.

02:10:28 - 02:10:28

Selectboard Office

It just hasn't.

02:10:29 - 02:10:32

Selectboard Office

Pretty much a done deal that I believe the state police has.

02:10:32 - 02:10:41

Selectboard Office

I believe certain police organizations have, now they're trying to get the rest of the fire and other services on the same sets of frequencies.

02:10:44 - 02:10:52

Selectboard Office

So yeah, I'm hoping from everything I've been hearing that they'll announce something in the 2025 year timeframe.

02:10:54 - 02:10:59

Selectboard Office

And then we can start, yes, we have rolled over two different accounts, about nine grand each.

02:10:59 - 02:11:03

Selectboard Office

That will, that will scratch the surface.

02:11:03 - 02:11:07

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I mean, we were looking at 100 ,000 bucks for the, for the whole town.

02:11:07 - 02:11:11

Selectboard Office

The, the, so hand-held units run about six grand a piece.

02:11:11 - 02:11:12

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:11:13 - 02:11:17

Selectboard Office

And, and mobile units in the trucks are even a lot more than that.

02:11:18 - 02:11:20

Selectboard Office

So I think everybody's hoping that maybe there'll be some sort of money.

02:11:20 - 02:11:27

Selectboard Office

Well, they're hoping the state will come out and besides posting new requirements, they'll hopefully kick out some money to help.

02:11:27 - 02:11:30

Selectboard Office

At those prices, you ought to be able to communicate with Voyager 1.

02:11:33 - 02:11:43

Selectboard Office

So the other thing I have is I've been negotiating with Comcast and with Level 4 to try to get your internet situation improved.

02:11:44 - 02:11:47

Selectboard Office

And I've talked about it already.

02:11:47 - 02:11:53

Selectboard Office

So I definitely have better pricing, more speed, and less money.

02:11:53 - 02:11:55

Selectboard Office

From both really.

02:11:58 - 02:12:03

Selectboard Office

Level 4 is basically saying they'll give a better service, more speed.

02:12:05 - 02:12:10

Selectboard Office

But we have an issue with it not working well the way it is.

02:12:12 - 02:12:13

Selectboard Office

So that's where I'm at.

02:12:14 - 02:12:39

Selectboard Office

So the inclination is if it's not going to cost us any more money to stick with what we've got, that's a lot easier and switching to a new vendor but we do need to get them to fix what's not working so I am working on that great and you know hopefully we can Bob say Bob the expense of paying for a separate internet which he's been doing so it's that they're trying to fix?

02:12:39 - 02:12:40

Selectboard Office

Ring Squared, not one before.

02:12:42 - 02:12:48

Selectboard Office

I thought we'd given up on them and we were going to go to Comcast last presentation you made.

02:12:48 - 02:12:52

Selectboard Office

Well, I was going to and I have pricing from Comcast, but Ring Squared met it.

02:12:53 - 02:12:55

Selectboard Office

They met the same price.

02:12:55 - 02:13:05

Selectboard Office

They came down and they're giving us better service for the same money but the problem is the fire stations have problems that have still not been addressed.

02:13:05 - 02:13:11

Selectboard Office

So, trying to see if they can get that fixed, and if they can then we probably won't switch, at least not right away.

02:13:12 - 02:13:16

Selectboard Office

We had issues here with ring-squared, but I think they got resolved.

02:13:16 - 02:13:16

Selectboard Office

But that's been resolved.

02:13:16 - 02:13:17

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that was resolved.

02:13:17 - 02:13:19

Selectboard Office

But it took me three months.

02:13:19 - 02:13:22

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and it took a few weeks.

02:13:22 - 02:13:35

Selectboard Office

It felt like three months, right, I don't know if it was a few weeks, but Comcast has...

02:13:35 - 02:13:39

Selectboard Office

With so I just assume not go with Comcast.

02:13:40 - 02:13:47

Selectboard Office

Right, so there's no rush to change but I do, one way or the other we'll get better service, at least.

02:13:48 - 02:13:51

Selectboard Office

So we're going to get faster service here and faster service there.

02:13:52 - 02:13:54

Selectboard Office

And that's it, that's all I have.

02:13:55 - 02:13:56

Selectboard Office

Alright, that sounds good.

02:13:56 - 02:13:58

Selectboard Office

My coach is coming in now.

02:14:27 - 02:14:36

Selectboard Office

So we have an item about use of ARPA funds for hall Yeah, so that's these right here, for like \$2 ,100.

02:14:37 - 02:14:41

Selectboard Office

So between Catherine and I and Peggy, we've been researching tables.

02:14:41 - 02:14:43

Selectboard Office

I did research, they researched.

02:14:44 - 02:14:51

Selectboard Office

The existing round tables that we used for, you know, ceiling notebooks and so forth, are just, they're falling apart.

02:14:51 - 02:14:52

Selectboard Office

They're really falling apart.

02:14:53 - 02:14:53

Selectboard Office

See ya.

02:14:54 - 02:14:55

Selectboard Office

Good night.

02:14:55 - 02:14:55

Selectboard Office

Good night.

02:14:55 - 02:14:56

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

02:14:56 - 02:15:01

Selectboard Office

And the people that, you have to tear them down after the lunch, and they're always coming in like, getting in my face.

02:15:01 - 02:15:03

Selectboard Office

You gotta replace these.

02:15:04 - 02:15:05

Selectboard Office

So it really is.

02:15:05 - 02:15:06

Selectboard Office

It makes sense.

02:15:06 - 02:15:07

Selectboard Office

It makes absolute sense.

02:15:07 - 02:15:10

Selectboard Office

So getting something lighter that is easier to deal with.

02:15:12 - 02:15:16

Selectboard Office

Because basically everybody's getting older, heavier tables are getting heavier.

02:15:16 - 02:15:17

Selectboard Office

That was easy.

02:15:19 - 02:15:21

Selectboard Office

So Steve moves to approve, I second.

02:15:21 - 02:15:27

Selectboard Office

Alright, I don't think we need any further discussion so we can vote on it.

02:15:27 - 02:15:29

Selectboard Office

Yes, so there we go.

02:15:29 - 02:15:47

Selectboard Office

So coming down the road here and I finally have talked to a contractor and I'm waiting to get him to come up here and But I'm trying to see how much it'll cost to get some soundproofing in there to improve the sound that'd be great So, um, that may be another potential use of our funds.

02:15:47 - 02:15:47

Selectboard Office

I was hoping.

02:15:53 - 02:15:57

Selectboard Office

We just have because it's not going to be the it's not going to be the town garage.

02:16:01 - 02:16:03

Selectboard Office

Actually, yesterday I sent it.

02:16:03 - 02:16:04

Selectboard Office

Did I see you all on it?

02:16:04 - 02:16:08

Selectboard Office

I sent out an email yesterday asking.

02:16:11 - 02:16:12

Selectboard Office

Why there's been no response.

02:16:12 - 02:16:16

Selectboard Office

You know, was there something about the RFP that was too daunting?

02:16:16 - 02:16:21

Selectboard Office

I actually got a few responses today, but I was all on the phone, so I haven't even looked at them.

02:16:21 - 02:16:22

Selectboard Office

So I'll look at them tomorrow.

02:16:22 - 02:16:26

Selectboard Office

What was the deadline?

02:16:27 - 02:16:29

Selectboard Office

The deadline is next week.

02:16:31 - 02:16:33

Selectboard Office

But I can extend the deadline.

02:16:33 - 02:16:36

Selectboard Office

As long as I put it out to everybody, I can extend it.

02:16:36 - 02:16:37

Selectboard Office

How many did we send it to?

02:16:37 - 02:16:38

Selectboard Office

How many did you send it to?

02:16:38 - 02:16:40

Selectboard Office

12 or 13.

02:16:40 - 02:16:41

Selectboard Office

A lot, a lot.

02:16:41 - 02:16:45

Selectboard Office

Because a lot of people, I was on the central register and it was advertised.

02:16:45 - 02:16:46

Selectboard Office

Sure, sure, sure.

02:16:46 - 02:16:49

Selectboard Office

But then I didn't hear anybody about a site visit or anything.

02:16:50 - 02:16:54

Selectboard Office

So anyway, I sent it out, so I'll let you see.

02:16:54 - 02:16:59

Selectboard Office

But I have an idea from a STAM meeting that I was at.

02:16:59 - 02:17:00

Selectboard Office

With the camera now.

02:17:00 - 02:17:01

Selectboard Office

That.

02:17:02 - 02:17:03

Selectboard Office

Go ahead, Angie.

02:17:03 - 02:17:04

Selectboard Office

Ok.

02:17:04 - 02:17:28

Selectboard Office

So that we can, the board, the select board can vote, and maybe at the next meeting even, that if there is to spend, to move \$45 ,000 that we have a few different things that we could use the money for.

02:17:28 - 02:17:34

Selectboard Office

But yeah, to move \$30 ,000 to the capital needs account.

02:17:35 - 02:17:43

Selectboard Office

You could vote to do that or not to exceed \$30 ,000 to be used for capital need.

02:17:44 - 02:17:45

Selectboard Office

So that can be done.

02:17:46 - 02:17:47

Selectboard Office

Did that satisfy your requirement?

02:17:47 - 02:17:48

Selectboard Office

Yes, it does.

02:17:49 - 02:17:52

Selectboard Office

I went to a stand thing and they were talking about it there.

02:17:53 - 02:18:01

Selectboard Office

So I'll double-check with the woman who gave the presentation, but I did talk to Tom Hutchinson and Amy Radon I called too.

02:18:01 - 02:18:02

Selectboard Office

Who's Tom Hutchinson?

02:18:02 - 02:18:03

Selectboard Office

He's from Dalton.

02:18:03 - 02:18:04

Selectboard Office

He's a town administrator.

02:18:04 - 02:18:11

Selectboard Office

He's a really great guy and really knowledgeable and so anyway, that's what they're doing in Dalton.

02:18:12 - 02:18:26

Selectboard Office

So I'll also run that past error because he's the one who's managing the ARPA funds But then again you saw the \$45 ,000 added cost from.

02:18:30 - 02:18:31

Selectboard Office

So I.

02:18:34 - 02:18:41

Selectboard Office

David Stokes on that email when I sent out to you guys and he called me today and said, you know, he Who's David Stokes?

02:18:41 - 02:18:48

Selectboard Office

He's the The person that I deal with at district one for chapter 90 money.

02:18:48 - 02:18:50

Selectboard Office

Yeah, the name was yeah Yeah, it's really nice.

02:18:51 - 02:18:53

Selectboard Office

They're all I can't say.

02:18:55 - 02:18:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:18:58 - 02:19:05

Selectboard Office

So so he is saying that I'm going to send an email to Francesca hemming tomorrow.

02:19:05 - 02:19:11

Selectboard Office

She's the one who's the big league over there and I think you guys were CC'd on that email.

02:19:11 - 02:19:24

Selectboard Office

I'm going to forward it to her and ask her to look at it and He said that maybe nasty OT can help us with that for you that 45 grand not chapter 90 just something else.

02:19:25 - 02:19:40

Selectboard Office

So It's worth a shot for him and but if not I also asked John Morgan to give me what it would cost for two years of it, so that it would be in the parameters of...

02:19:40 - 02:19:40

Selectboard Office

What was...

02:19:40 - 02:19:49

Selectboard Office

There's no satisfactory answer from them about what's this four to five, four-year build-out schedule.

02:19:49 - 02:19:50

Selectboard Office

The build-out...

02:19:50 - 02:19:50

Selectboard Office

I don't know.

02:19:50 - 02:19:57

Selectboard Office

Well, if that's what he said, well, this is a much more complicated construction per site.

02:19:58 - 02:20:00

Selectboard Office

That three miles is a lot tougher than the first one.

02:20:01 - 02:20:05

Selectboard Office

But I don't know, it's the stream crossings I'm sure that are the big deal about that.

02:20:05 - 02:20:06

Selectboard Office

There's 15 stream crossings.

02:20:08 - 02:20:10

Selectboard Office

But do you see, I almost painted what he said four years.

02:20:10 - 02:20:11

Selectboard Office

I was like, four years!

02:20:12 - 02:20:13

Selectboard Office

I know, there's some blasting.

02:20:13 - 02:20:15

Selectboard Office

And there's blasting, it's more complicated.

02:20:15 - 02:20:16

Selectboard Office

It's much more complicated.

02:20:16 - 02:20:23

Selectboard Office

But he said that most of the cost, of course, because it's doing up plans and sending out information, it takes place in the first two years anyway.

02:20:23 - 02:20:37

Selectboard Office

So, you know, we could use ARPA money for that, too, if we needed to, if Lennox gives us the NICs on it, if they say, no, we can't help you with this.

02:20:39 - 02:20:43

Selectboard Office

But anyway, so I don't want you to give up hope of thinking that we won't have those.

02:20:45 - 02:20:47

Selectboard Office

But I don't know, it was disappointing.

02:20:48 - 02:20:51

Selectboard Office

I'll respond to this, people, and see what they say tomorrow.

02:20:51 - 02:20:53

Selectboard Office

Yeah, no, there were some good answers in there.

02:20:53 - 02:20:55

Selectboard Office

Yeah, was there, could you read it?

02:20:55 - 02:21:11

Selectboard Office

Well, the one from Hall said that the RFP requires that they have an architect, that they don't have one, none of theirs are available at this time, so they don't have anybody.

02:21:12 - 02:21:12

Selectboard Office

So that was one.

02:21:12 - 02:21:33

Selectboard Office

And then the other one said a specific thing about the RFP, there was a specific phrase That they said they could not meet but if that phrase were altered You know, it's a little bit like saying, you know Well, you must supply this and they said well if you can say this or equivalent that kind of thing Okay.

02:21:33 - 02:21:33

Selectboard Office

It would work.

02:21:33 - 02:21:39

Selectboard Office

So it's something like that I also had one thinking about the project.

02:21:40 - 02:21:49

Selectboard Office

So the generator I had To do a site visit on the generator yesterday And then I had Michael George came in today to do the propane aspect of it.

02:21:50 - 02:22:10

Selectboard Office

So I have some questions I have to answer from the guy who was here yesterday, because we're talking about putting the generator over on this corner, on this corner, and then they have to have, it comes to know that the two propane tanks would be on the.

02:22:11 - 02:22:16

Selectboard Office

Almost behind the building against the wall, the wall on this side, so they're not really visible.

02:22:16 - 02:22:22

Selectboard Office

But there's gonna have to be some site work done, some of the shrubs and trees that are taken out of there, so it's a level playing ground.

02:22:22 - 02:22:24

Selectboard Office

Oh, thank God, thank God.

02:22:24 - 02:22:27

Selectboard Office

No, no, it's a little shrub under shrubs, look at my shoes.

02:22:27 - 02:22:28

Selectboard Office

Oh, shoot, yeah.

02:22:28 - 02:22:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I know.

02:22:29 - 02:22:30

Selectboard Office

But it's a town shrub.

02:22:30 - 02:22:31

Selectboard Office

I know, but anyway.

02:22:33 - 02:22:36

Selectboard Office

So, what's the situation with hot water, with hot water?

02:22:36 - 02:22:38

Selectboard Office

That one, I just called Bob today.

02:22:38 - 02:22:43

Selectboard Office

I called him last week, and said I was gonna do a site visit today at four o'clock.

02:22:43 - 02:22:49

Selectboard Office

And then I looked in my email, and I never sent the draft out to the people with the plumbers.

02:22:50 - 02:22:50

Selectboard Office

But that's all right.

02:22:50 - 02:22:53

Selectboard Office

I want to send it out also with some punk thing too.

02:22:53 - 02:22:53

Selectboard Office

Yep.

02:22:53 - 02:22:54

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:22:54 - 02:22:55

Selectboard Office

It's all ready.

02:22:56 - 02:22:58

Selectboard Office

It was there, sitting in my draft.

02:22:58 - 02:23:00

Selectboard Office

I mean, in my inbox as a draft.

02:23:00 - 02:23:00

Selectboard Office

Yep.

02:23:00 - 02:23:02

Selectboard Office

I'm familiar with that issue.

02:23:02 - 02:23:03

Selectboard Office

Oh my God.

02:23:03 - 02:23:03

Selectboard Office

Which is part of, yeah.

02:23:03 - 02:23:04

Selectboard Office

Too much.

02:23:05 - 02:23:06

Selectboard Office

I don't understand.

02:23:06 - 02:23:07

Selectboard Office

It was advertised, right?

02:23:08 - 02:23:09

Selectboard Office

What is it you didn't send out?

02:23:09 - 02:23:14

Selectboard Office

An email to, I wanted to send it to the plumbers that we work with.

02:23:14 - 02:23:15

Selectboard Office

But it did get advertised.

02:23:16 - 02:23:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah, yeah.

02:23:16 - 02:23:17

Selectboard Office

And nobody responded?

02:23:18 - 02:23:19

Selectboard Office

No.

02:23:19 - 02:23:19

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:23:21 - 02:23:26

Selectboard Office

That's a real, I was surprised that I got so many responses for the generator, but that wasn't.

02:23:26 - 02:23:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah, you don't have to even advertise it.

02:23:28 - 02:23:30

Selectboard Office

No, because that one's under 10 grand.

02:23:30 - 02:23:33

Selectboard Office

I just sent, I just, but I put it on CR anyway.

02:23:36 - 02:23:36

Selectboard Office

But yeah.

02:23:36 - 02:23:43

Selectboard Office

So, I know, man, my hair, if it wasn't so gray as it is, it would be a wig-rayer.

02:23:45 - 02:23:50

Selectboard Office

So make sure you send it to Dan, because this is totally different from what he was against.

02:23:50 - 02:23:51

Selectboard Office

Yeah, okay, so I will.

02:23:52 - 02:23:54

Selectboard Office

I have his email, he's on my list.

02:23:56 - 02:23:57

Selectboard Office

He's already...

02:23:58 - 02:24:02

Selectboard Office

So one of the things I'm here now is to sign the Murph five-year draft contract.

02:24:02 - 02:24:03

Selectboard Office

Oh yeah, you have to sign it.

02:24:03 - 02:24:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we all have to sign it.

02:24:05 - 02:24:06

Selectboard Office

Okay, that one.

02:24:07 - 02:24:08

Selectboard Office

You're familiar with that.

02:24:09 - 02:24:10

Selectboard Office

Yep.

02:24:11 - 02:24:12

Selectboard Office

It's not like we have a choice.

02:24:13 - 02:24:14

Selectboard Office

No substantial changes?

02:24:16 - 02:24:17

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's a brand new contract.

02:24:17 - 02:24:18

Selectboard Office

Brand new contract.

02:24:18 - 02:24:22

Selectboard Office

It's just extended out by when there is...

02:24:22 - 02:24:23

Selectboard Office

There is a...

02:24:23 - 02:24:24

Selectboard Office

Waste disposal.

02:24:24 - 02:24:25

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I know what it is.

02:24:25 - 02:24:26

Selectboard Office

There's always a price.

02:24:26 - 02:24:28

Selectboard Office

Well, this is just all the recycling.

02:24:28 - 02:24:29

Selectboard Office

This is not waste.

02:24:29 - 02:24:31

Selectboard Office

Oh, this is the recycling part.

02:24:32 - 02:24:34

Selectboard Office

Waste disposal, we just...

02:24:34 - 02:24:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah we just are negotiating the contract but that's different yeah i just gave you everything they were right this contract is like 70 some communities are all okay that's like what was pretty big deal what was the one i had to sign electronic oh the veterans yeah yes the veterans thing yeah that was electronic yeah i don't know what the issue with them over there?

02:24:58 - 02:25:00

Selectboard Office

I don't know but you know okay.

02:25:01 - 02:25:09

Selectboard Office

Oh and I got this today that they're opening the rounds for the small bridge grant so I can get the other half of that.

02:25:09 - 02:25:10

Selectboard Office

Oh good.

02:25:14 - 02:25:27

Selectboard Office

So the update on this superintendent hiring process is basically that, yeah Matt's here I see, yep, that we are scheduling interviews tomorrow.

02:25:27 - 02:25:37

Selectboard Office

We're meeting the select, the committee is meeting to select questions, finalize questions for the applicants that we have interviews scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

02:25:38 - 02:25:46

Selectboard Office

We hope then presumably we might be able to meet on Monday and suggest a recommendation, make our recommendations.

02:25:47 - 02:25:52

Selectboard Office

If it's just two candidates we don't need a ranking, you know, your recommendation will be your ranking.

02:25:53 - 02:25:54

Selectboard Office

We can still rank it.

02:25:54 - 02:25:55

Selectboard Office

I still agree.

02:25:56 - 02:25:58

Selectboard Office

If you don't want to, that's fine.

02:25:58 - 02:25:59

Selectboard Office

There's no reason not to.

02:25:59 - 02:26:00

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we can still rank it.

02:26:01 - 02:26:02

Selectboard Office

One, two.

02:26:03 - 02:26:03

Selectboard Office

Exactly.

02:26:04 - 02:26:04

Selectboard Office

Right.

02:26:05 - 02:26:07

Selectboard Office

Is it like one, two or one, two?

02:26:08 - 02:26:09

Selectboard Office

It doesn't have a preference.

02:26:10 - 02:26:11

Selectboard Office

And let us know what that is.

02:26:11 - 02:26:12

Selectboard Office

That's our ranking.

02:26:12 - 02:26:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah, exactly.

02:26:13 - 02:26:14

Selectboard Office

That's what we'll do.

02:26:14 - 02:26:16

Selectboard Office

That's what I said, Charlie.

02:26:16 - 02:26:16

Selectboard Office

Ok.

02:26:18 - 02:26:19

Selectboard Office

Isn't that what I said?

02:26:19 - 02:26:20

Selectboard Office

No, it isn't.

02:26:20 - 02:26:21

Selectboard Office

But that's fine.

02:26:21 - 02:26:25

Selectboard Office

So many times, this feels like my childhood dinner table.

02:26:26 - 02:26:27

Selectboard Office

I love it.

02:26:28 - 02:26:30

Selectboard Office

I only had one brother, so it doesn't feel like that.

02:26:30 - 02:26:32

Selectboard Office

Oh yeah, we have five kids and I just write things over and over.

02:26:32 - 02:26:38

Selectboard Office

If there are two candidates and you recommend one, you can certainly indicate the other one's qualified, but if you feel, you know, whatever.

02:26:38 - 02:26:40

Selectboard Office

If you want to do that, that's cool too.

02:26:41 - 02:26:46

Selectboard Office

So, have you not already decided that two candidates are not doing it anymore?

02:26:46 - 02:26:47

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:26:47 - 02:26:48

Selectboard Office

Did you say that?

02:26:48 - 02:26:48

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:26:48 - 02:26:52

Selectboard Office

Yes, oh well, I didn't you know in this meeting no.

02:27:00 - 02:27:18

Selectboard Office

So we we have to stop determined that two candidates are definitely qualified and two are not qualified at this time we feel that They could very they will reach a point where they are definitely going to be qualified to be a superintendent but we felt that they didn't have the experience at this time.

02:27:19 - 02:27:30

Selectboard Office

So we have only two candidates that we're going to take two interviews, but I will be contacting the other two and discussing with them our feelings about it.

02:27:30 - 02:27:36

Selectboard Office

And we like both of them, but just we feel that they're not the ones at this time.

02:27:37 - 02:27:39

Selectboard Office

Do you schedule the select board meeting?

02:27:40 - 02:27:44

Selectboard Office

Yes, we schedule the select board meeting for Tuesday.

02:27:44 - 02:27:45

Selectboard Office

Tuesday, yeah.

02:27:47 - 02:28:02

Selectboard Office

Which, at which we will, the select board can then discuss the recommendations made by the committee and we can determine, because the select board now will have to do their own interviews with the two candidates.

02:28:03 - 02:28:06

Selectboard Office

So is that what the, is that what the Tuesday meeting is going to be?

02:28:06 - 02:28:07

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:28:07 - 02:28:08

Selectboard Office

At 9.30 a.m.

02:28:09 - 02:28:09

Selectboard Office

Yep, 9.30 a.m.

02:28:09 - 02:28:10

Selectboard Office

Oh yeah, I wrote it down.

02:28:10 - 02:28:12

Selectboard Office

I can't, I have so many things written there, I can't even see it.

02:28:12 - 02:28:14

Selectboard Office

Don't forget to post that.

02:28:14 - 02:28:14

Selectboard Office

All right.

02:28:14 - 02:28:15

Selectboard Office

Right, right.

02:28:17 - 02:28:18

Selectboard Office

It's an unusual time.

02:28:18 - 02:28:18

Selectboard Office

I was on my root canal.

02:28:19 - 02:28:21

Selectboard Office

So, and that's going to have the candidates set?

02:28:22 - 02:28:22

Selectboard Office

No.

02:28:22 - 02:28:23

Selectboard Office

No.

02:28:23 - 02:28:28

Selectboard Office

No, it's just going to be the select board determining, getting the recommendation from the committee.

02:28:29 - 02:28:29

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:28:29 - 02:28:34

Selectboard Office

And then deciding, you know, what's our procedure for interviewing.

02:28:34 - 02:28:34

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:28:35 - 02:28:39

Selectboard Office

So are you are you hoping to do it?

02:28:39 - 02:28:42

Selectboard Office

The interviews aren't going to be able to happen to after Thanksgiving.

02:28:42 - 02:28:47

Selectboard Office

Oh, yeah Right, so most likely the following Tuesday.

02:28:47 - 02:28:52

Selectboard Office

We were right which Okay, you have a we have a scheduled meeting.

02:28:52 - 02:28:53

Selectboard Office

We have a scheduled meeting.

02:28:54 - 02:28:55

Selectboard Office

Yep.

02:29:01 - 02:29:03

Selectboard Office

I think we're good.

02:29:03 - 02:29:04

Selectboard Office

Are you good?

02:29:06 - 02:29:07

Selectboard Office

Are you good?

02:29:08 - 02:29:09

Selectboard Office

I'm not sure who I am.

02:29:10 - 02:29:12

Selectboard Office

I have to go clean my horse's dog.

02:29:12 - 02:29:14

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry folks, I had one more thing I wanted to ask.

02:29:14 - 02:29:14

Selectboard Office

Oh yeah.

02:29:15 - 02:29:18

Selectboard Office

I'll really come back after today, but for just a future session.

02:29:19 - 02:29:25

Selectboard Office

I'd like to see if we could just have a discussion on the insurance plans for the fire department.

02:29:25 - 02:29:26

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:29:27 - 02:29:29

Selectboard Office

The insurance, whatever.

02:29:29 - 02:29:31

Selectboard Office

And then also the personal.

02:29:32 - 02:29:38

Selectboard Office

Because I have some questions about what age we're covered to, 65 or something.

02:29:39 - 02:29:46

Selectboard Office

We should get a representative from the Maya or Cabot Risk to come and really answer questions.

02:29:46 - 02:29:48

Selectboard Office

We're going to be able to respond.

02:29:48 - 02:29:53

Selectboard Office

I don't even know what the current policies cover, and that's part of it.

02:29:53 - 02:29:58

Selectboard Office

But also in terms of holding off people on the ride.

02:30:01 - 02:30:06

Selectboard Office

That's another personal problem I have to investigate.

02:30:06 - 02:30:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and not only that, what is there, so, is there, I've heard that there's an insurance company who does it.

02:30:13 - 02:30:23

Selectboard Office

That's one of the other things I want to mention, because there's some other towns nearby, I don't have the name offhand, but they will insure their members up to 72.

02:30:23 - 02:30:25

Selectboard Office

Right, yeah.

02:30:25 - 02:30:25

Selectboard Office

So there isn't.

02:30:25 - 02:30:26

Selectboard Office

I knew that the most best start up.

02:30:26 - 02:30:29

Selectboard Office

So that's something also that I had to try and pursue.

02:30:29 - 02:30:30

Selectboard Office

But I don't even have a picture of it.

02:30:30 - 02:30:31

Selectboard Office

All right.

02:30:31 - 02:30:31

Selectboard Office

It's forward.

02:30:32 - 02:30:33

Selectboard Office

Yeah, OK.

02:30:33 - 02:30:33

Selectboard Office

All right.

02:30:33 - 02:30:36

Selectboard Office

So I think if we could get that info, that would be a great start.

02:30:36 - 02:30:40

Selectboard Office

If you want to have some quick conversation with the carriers.

02:30:40 - 02:30:41

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that sounds good.

02:30:42 - 02:30:45

Selectboard Office

And I'm going to be away the week of the first through the seventh.

02:30:46 - 02:30:47

Selectboard Office

I'm not going to be here.

02:30:47 - 02:30:49

Selectboard Office

Maybe after the holidays, we can.

02:30:49 - 02:30:50

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that sounds good.

02:30:50 - 02:30:52

Selectboard Office

I just want to try to get this out there as an agenda topic.

02:30:52 - 02:30:52

Selectboard Office

Sure.

02:30:53 - 02:30:54

Selectboard Office

Ok, if we could.

02:30:54 - 02:30:57

Selectboard Office

Yes, no, it makes definite sense, absolutely.

02:30:57 - 02:30:59

Selectboard Office

Remind me when you come back and when I come back.

02:31:01 - 02:31:01

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:31:01 - 02:31:02

Selectboard Office

Please show me the way out of this.

02:31:02 - 02:31:02

Selectboard Office

Sure.

02:31:03 - 02:31:04

Selectboard Office

All right.

02:31:04 - 02:31:04

Selectboard Office

See you guys.

02:31:04 - 02:31:04

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:31:04 - 02:31:06

Selectboard Office

So I guess our meeting is now adjourned.

02:31:08 - 02:31:10

Selectboard Office

I guess we still have a forum.

02:31:10 - 02:31:11

Selectboard Office

Is there anything else?

02:31:12 - 02:31:13

Selectboard Office

I don't know if there's anything else.

02:31:14 - 02:31:16

Selectboard Office

The waste management stuff, yeah.

02:31:16 - 02:31:18

Selectboard Office

Oh, I just threw it all in.

02:31:18 - 02:31:19

Selectboard Office

In case you guys, yeah, I put it all together.

02:31:20 - 02:31:20

Selectboard Office

That's what I figured.

02:31:20 - 02:31:21

Selectboard Office

I had it all.

02:31:21 - 02:31:21

Selectboard Office

All right.

02:31:21 - 02:31:22

Selectboard Office

And this, what's this about?

02:31:25 - 02:31:36

Selectboard Office

That's the one that she's that's the one that she's selling this one yeah no you know she's she's got it.