

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

00:00 - 00:02

[speaker unknown]

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00:34 - 00:36

Selectboard Office

Okay, can you guys hear us okay?

00:36 - 00:39

Selectboard Office

And if so, could somebody speak so we see if we're hearing you?

00:40 - 00:40

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

We can hear.

00:40 - 00:41

walter fritz jr

You now.

00:46 - 00:49

Selectboard Office

We actually didn't hear Gretchen if she said something.

00:49 - 00:50

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yes, we can hear.

00:50 - 00:51

Selectboard Office

You now.

00:51 - 00:56

Selectboard Office

Okay, I see you're speaking, but hang on, we're still not getting any audio for some reason.

01:10 - 01:11

Selectboard Office

All right, can you try it again?

01:12 - 01:13

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

We can hear you.

01:14 - 01:15

walter fritz jr

Yeah, I hear.

01:18 - 01:19

Selectboard Office

You.

01:19 - 01:19

Selectboard Office

Gretchen?

01:20 - 01:20

Selectboard Office

Yeah, ****.

01:20 - 01:21

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yeah we can hear.

01:21 - 01:24

Selectboard Office

You okay good we got we got you now.

01:24 - 01:25

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Thanks thanks guys.

01:25 - 01:28

Selectboard Office

I just had to swear first.

01:30 - 01:54

Selectboard Office

Okay so it is 6 30 um first thing up is the winter road closing hearing and um the purpose of the hearing is for anybody who has a concern to be able to express it on any of these road closings it's not um the decision making part of the process once we've heard from everybody that wants to speak.

01:55 - 02:02

Selectboard Office

Assuming anybody does, then we'll close the hearing and then we'll vote on closing roads.

02:03 - 02:24

Selectboard Office

So, and before we get started, I'll just say that the Thayer Hill Road situation, there's been a question the past couple of years, James Ryan has asked that we plow the road, at least his driveway, which is kind of midway between where we've been closing it at Sweeney's and the other Ryan's at the other end towards Chesterfield.

02:25 - 02:37

Selectboard Office

And we're gonna plow it down to his driveway from Sweeney's, but we'll still be closing the road from Sweeney's to Ryan's driveway 215 and posting it.

02:37 - 02:44

Selectboard Office

So we tried plowing through all last year and it was not good, it wasn't safe.

02:44 - 02:58

Selectboard Office

So, you know, delivery trucks are looking at Google Maps or whatever and going down there and it's really there's no place to pass and it gets icy and and yada yada yada the road is really not built to be kept open all winter.

02:58 - 03:07

Selectboard Office

So we're going to probably from Sweeney's down with full signing, indicating to people at Sweeney's that they really shouldn't go any further because there's no place to turn around.

03:07 - 03:09

Selectboard Office

And then at each end of the road.

03:09 - 03:11

Selectboard Office

Definitely at each end of the road as well.

03:11 - 03:15

Selectboard Office

So like last year, in fact, into this summer, we still had signs posted.

03:16 - 03:18

Selectboard Office

So those will go back up again if they haven't already.

03:19 - 03:19

Selectboard Office

Not right now.

03:19 - 03:20

Selectboard Office

Okay.

03:20 - 03:23

Selectboard Office

So Thayer Hill Road, that's one question.

03:23 - 03:28

Selectboard Office

And then there's been an ongoing question about closing Patterson Road.

03:30 - 03:32

Selectboard Office

Mark, are you here on the phone?

03:33 - 03:34

walter fritz jr

Yes, I'm here on the phone, Charlie.

03:34 - 03:36

Selectboard Office

Okay, cool, great.

03:36 - 03:43

Selectboard Office

So, you've asked, at least last year, I'm not sure if it was, I think, for at least a couple of years.

03:43 - 03:50

Selectboard Office

And last year we went ahead and did our best to try to keep it open to the Chesterfield line.

03:50 - 03:55

Selectboard Office

The problem was there's really not a lot of room for us to turn around at that end.

03:57 - 04:06

Selectboard Office

I'm curious, have you approached Chester at all about, because since you're a mile into Chester before, you know, from the Worthington line.

04:06 - 04:08

Selectboard Office

How are you getting to your property?

04:10 - 04:18

walter fritz jr

Charlie, before we even get to that point, you voted last year to plow this section of road.

04:18 - 04:21

walter fritz jr

There was no issue about turning around.

04:21 - 04:28

walter fritz jr

There was extensive deliberation on this with police Chief Renke, who did the plowing.

04:31 - 04:33

walter fritz jr

Devin Wolf actually made some.

04:33 - 04:33

walter fritz jr

Comments.

04:34 - 04:37

walter fritz jr

Cork Nugent was approached on this.

04:39 - 04:39

walter fritz jr

And.

04:39 - 04:40

Selectboard Office

You voted.

04:40 - 04:42

walter fritz jr

To approve this to the Chester line.

04:42 - 04:43

walter fritz jr

There was no issue.

04:44 - 04:47

walter fritz jr

And it was seconded by Smith.

04:49 - 04:49

walter fritz jr

So my.

04:49 - 04:49

Selectboard Office

Question.

04:49 - 04:57

walter fritz jr

To you is, who petitioned the town to close Patterson Road in 2025 and 2026.

04:58 - 05:00

Selectboard Office

Okay, so I'm not disputing any of those things.

05:00 - 05:01

Selectboard Office

I just said the same thing.

05:01 - 05:01

walter fritz jr

You said.

05:01 - 05:03

walter fritz jr

No, I asked you a question, Charlie.

05:03 - 05:03

Selectboard Office

Who.

05:03 - 05:09

walter fritz jr

Petitioned the town to close Patterson Road in 2025 and 2026?

05:09 - 05:10

Selectboard Office

No one petitioned.

05:10 - 05:12

Selectboard Office

We're just considering it because, you.

05:12 - 05:13

walter fritz jr

Know.

05:13 - 05:13

walter fritz jr

Charlie.

05:14 - 05:15

Selectboard Office

Let me finish.

05:15 - 05:16

walter fritz jr

It was voted to be open.

05:17 - 05:18

walter fritz jr

There was a vote on this.

05:18 - 05:20

walter fritz jr

There was no extensive.

05:20 - 05:21

Selectboard Office

Deliberation.

05:21 - 05:21

Selectboard Office

Yes.

05:21 - 05:24

walter fritz jr

Was not an issue with turning a plow truck around.

05:25 - 05:26

Selectboard Office

It was established.

05:26 - 05:31

walter fritz jr

Small trucks plow that area and there was no issue with turning it around.

05:31 - 05:33

walter fritz jr

It's flat area.

05:34 - 05:34

Selectboard Office

Okay.

05:34 - 05:35

Selectboard Office

Mark.

05:35 - 05:40

walter fritz jr

So who brought the petition to the town to close the section of road this year?

05:41 - 05:42

Selectboard Office

And the answer is no one.

05:42 - 05:44

Selectboard Office

No one petitioned us to do that.

05:44 - 05:50

walter fritz jr

All right, so if nobody petitioned the town then there's no issue with closing the road, the road will remain.

05:50 - 05:50

Selectboard Office

Open.

05:51 - 05:54

Selectboard Office

No, I mean, nobody petitions us to close any of these roads.

05:54 - 05:55

Selectboard Office

It's a decision.

05:55 - 05:58

walter fritz jr

You have to have a petition to close a road.

05:59 - 05:59

Selectboard Office

We're not.

05:59 - 06:00

walter fritz jr

Closing it, Charlie.

06:01 - 06:07

walter fritz jr

I mean, I am looking at chapter 82, section one here, jurisdiction notice of hearings.

06:08 - 06:25

walter fritz jr

And it says, no municipalities shall lay out, alter, relocate, discontinue, or discontinue maintenance of an existing way into a point of connection within 500 yards of its point of connection within an adjoining municipality.

06:26 - 06:30

walter fritz jr

And that is what Patterson Smith Road through way is.

06:31 - 06:32

walter fritz jr

Okay.

06:33 - 06:40

walter fritz jr

So my question to you is, who brought the petition before the board to say that this road needs to be closed this year?

06:40 - 06:43

walter fritz jr

Because it was decided last year was not an issue.

06:46 - 06:47

Selectboard Office

I'm not gonna keep.

06:47 - 06:48

walter fritz jr

Repeating myself.

06:48 - 06:50

Selectboard Office

There's no petition it's just it's.

06:50 - 06:53

walter fritz jr

We're talking all right if there's no uh petition all.

06:53 - 07:00

Selectboard Office

Right mark are you done so i can speak or not because if you want.

07:00 - 07:01

walter fritz jr

To just.

07:01 - 07:03

Selectboard Office

Keep going we'll wait till you're finished.

07:07 - 07:08

Selectboard Office

Okay.

07:08 - 07:11

walter fritz jr

Go ahead speak charlie i i i mean i said my piece.

07:11 - 07:28

Selectboard Office

Okay thank you so we're just reconsidering that decision not necessarily making that decision at this moment but we want reconsider it because it turned out to be more difficult to plow than we expected, mostly because it was difficult to turn around at the Chesterfield line.

07:29 - 07:31

Selectboard Office

So we are reconsidering it.

07:31 - 07:33

Selectboard Office

Doesn't mean we're not going to do it.

07:33 - 07:40

Selectboard Office

In fact, I think I'm inclined to support it again, but it's just something on the agenda for us to consider.

07:41 - 07:44

walter fritz jr

Well, let me put this to you.

07:47 - 08:05

walter fritz jr

Since it's an adjoining road to Chester, you have the power to plow that whole section of road down to the Captain Bemis Line, turn around and come back up to Worthington and charge Chester for it.

08:05 - 08:06

Selectboard Office

No.

08:06 - 08:06

Selectboard Office

We.

08:06 - 08:09

walter fritz jr

Already have arrangements that are similar to this on Fisk Road.

08:10 - 08:11

walter fritz jr

So it's done.

08:11 - 08:18

Selectboard Office

Well, we closed Fisk Road at, it's on the list here, isn't it?

08:18 - 08:19

Selectboard Office

We don't close it.

08:20 - 08:21

Selectboard Office

We don't touch Fisk Road.

08:21 - 08:22

Selectboard Office

You plow into Chester.

08:23 - 08:23

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

08:24 - 08:26

walter fritz jr

Fisk Road starts in Worthington.

08:27 - 08:27

Selectboard Office

Like Patterson.

08:27 - 08:28

walter fritz jr

Road.

08:28 - 08:33

Selectboard Office

We don't, okay, we don't do that, and we're not going to plow Chester's roads.

08:34 - 08:34

Selectboard Office

So can.

08:34 - 08:35

walter fritz jr

I ask you a question?

08:36 - 08:36

walter fritz jr

You do.

08:36 - 08:39

walter fritz jr

You actually do right now on Fisk Road.

08:39 - 08:40

walter fritz jr

You plow.

08:40 - 08:41

Selectboard Office

Chester's Road.

08:42 - 08:44

Selectboard Office

Well, according to the highway superintendent, we don't.

08:44 - 08:45

Selectboard Office

We plow to Bob Gilbert's house.

08:46 - 08:50

Selectboard Office

That's the first turnaround past the Chester line.

08:51 - 08:55

Selectboard Office

Maybe, I don't know, no matter what I say, I'm going to be wrong.

08:56 - 08:58

Selectboard Office

So we do plow somewhat into Chester just to turn around.

08:58 - 09:00

Selectboard Office

We have to turn around.

09:00 - 09:03

Selectboard Office

Bob Gilbert gave us permission to turn around at his driveway.

09:03 - 09:04

Selectboard Office

Okay.

09:05 - 09:07

Selectboard Office

So that's true.

09:07 - 09:08

Selectboard Office

We do not go any further into Chester.

09:08 - 09:11

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so you're you're asking us to pile a mile into Chester.

09:11 - 09:14

Selectboard Office

I just don't see how we could do that If.

09:14 - 09:17

walter fritz jr

I don't even think you have to plow a mile in the Chester.

09:17 - 09:18

Selectboard Office

Well, that's how.

09:18 - 09:21

walter fritz jr

Far we're Just.

09:21 - 09:42

walter fritz jr

Amir's turn around where that they go in to collect the sap from Mr. Wichalas I mean, I don't see what the issue is Chester is concerned Chester will be plowing their section of road They're in Boston Land Court right now, and if you keep this up, you will be in Boston Land Court tomorrow.

09:43 - 09:43

walter fritz jr

I mean.

09:44 - 09:45

walter fritz jr

I'm not messing around, Charlie.

09:45 - 09:47

walter fritz jr

I've had it.

09:47 - 09:53

walter fritz jr

I have been beaten up by volunteer employees of the town of.

09:53 - 09:56

Selectboard Office

Worthington, and I'm permanently.

09:56 - 10:00

walter fritz jr

Disabled for the rest of my life because of this ****, and I've had it.

10:02 - 10:03

Selectboard Office

Okay, thank you.

10:03 - 10:04

Selectboard Office

You've said your piece.

10:05 - 10:08

Selectboard Office

So is there anybody that wants to speak to any other road closures?

10:09 - 10:11

Selectboard Office

Yeah, sure.

10:12 - 10:14

Selectboard Office

I mean, while it sounds like it's a good plan.

10:15 - 10:20

Selectboard Office

So my house sits a little bit before where it closes and I watch these.

10:21 - 10:22

Selectboard Office

On which end?

10:22 - 10:24

Selectboard Office

My swings, okay.

10:24 - 10:26

Selectboard Office

I watch, I mean, I kind of laugh.

10:26 - 10:34

Selectboard Office

They come down, you know, the sign says it's closed, no food traffic, local traffic only, no truck traffic.

10:34 - 10:52

Selectboard Office

I mean, this is even before winter and look at the signs of the GPS GPS says go They go so Even if you put the sign that says road closed They are going to go that has nothing to do with me My GPS says to.

10:52 - 10:53

walter fritz jr

Go.

10:53 - 10:55

Selectboard Office

And they go and then they're gonna be stuck.

10:55 - 11:51

Selectboard Office

Well, I can't stop them I know but I can just tell you it's going to be I mean, but and I know Jim wants his way because he wants to be able to go there You know I get it, but it's it's dangerous Yeah, it's dangerous for the road crew so so we're gonna do

our best to tell people that the a of the roads closed and essentially James Ryan's gonna be the only one that's supposed to be able to access it and You know it's essentially on them if we posted it then it's not our liability I'm just gonna say it's not it's it's it is a burden for the people that live on the road when people get stuck And I just pulled somebody out Again tonight on our road and it is a pain in the *** and it happens more often in the winter Of course and people go fast and the town they don't do it.

11:51 - 12:12

Selectboard Office

I don't know what you can do, but just just Green lighting these we're gonna plow we're gonna open all these roads when you have people that live on the roads that are saying We're kind of Closing these roads for the winter not time about opening those Just gonna provide James access to his property.

12:13 - 12:33

Selectboard Office

Which he has the right to We can't say no to that Well, we should put barriers up or something afterwards if we're gonna close the road because people do not pay attention and they get stuck And then it is incumbent upon the people that live closest to them to have to deal with that at all hours And what do you suggest we do I?

12:33 - 12:45

Selectboard Office

Just said we could put a put a put a blockade blocking up And although John Ryan is famous for falling right through Well, that's a week note.

12:45 - 12:49

Selectboard Office

That's illegal and that we can address But it happens.

12:50 - 12:54

Selectboard Office

Okay, well, if we can catch him doing that, then he gets fined.

12:54 - 13:00

Selectboard Office

Can I ask you to repeat what we're doing on Thayer Hill Road for, you know, because

they weren't here.

13:00 - 13:01

Selectboard Office

Yeah, sure.

13:01 - 13:14

Selectboard Office

So what we've agreed to try and do is to close the road as usual with signage at each end at Old Post and at 112, as well as signage further up where we actually stopped plowing.

13:14 - 13:26

Selectboard Office

But to in fact plow from Sweeney's to James Ryan's driveway, so he has access But the signs will say it's closed and you won't be able and we know beyond James Ryan's driveway.

13:34 - 13:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's stuff with them.

13:46 - 13:52

Selectboard Office

I can bet you anything that a truck will go down there, a big truck, it'll go down, it'll get stuck, and have to try to back up.

13:52 - 13:55

Selectboard Office

But, you know, that's true for every single one of these roads.

13:56 - 14:00

Selectboard Office

People go, they go down these roads, and it's stupid in the middle of the winter.

14:00 - 14:04

Selectboard Office

They'll go down Kennebrook and try to get through to Chester, and there's nothing.

14:04 - 14:04

Selectboard Office

What's.

14:04 - 14:06

walter fritz jr

So stupid about that, Charlie?

14:06 - 14:08

walter fritz jr

It's the only through way to get to Chester.

14:09 - 14:10

Selectboard Office

Well, because it's closed.

14:10 - 14:12

Selectboard Office

That's why it's stupid.

14:12 - 14:12

Selectboard Office

112.

14:13 - 14:13

walter fritz jr

Well.

14:13 - 14:13

Selectboard Office

It shouldn't.

14:13 - 14:14

Selectboard Office

Be closed.

14:15 - 14:24

Selectboard Office

Well it's a different issue and you know and if you work things out with Chester and they plow up to our line then we can talk about whether we need to do something different too.

14:24 - 14:24

walter fritz jr

But right.

14:24 - 14:25

Selectboard Office

Now.

14:25 - 14:25

walter fritz jr

It's you.

14:25 - 14:26

Selectboard Office

Have a.

14:26 - 14:28

walter fritz jr

Responsibility to plow to that line.

14:28 - 14:30

Selectboard Office

And we do we plow to the Chester.

14:30 - 14:37

Selectboard Office

I'm talking about Kennebrook and we plow to we don't plow to the Chester line we plow to the last house before the line basically.

14:38 - 14:40

Selectboard Office

So I think Janet has a question.

14:41 - 14:42

Selectboard Office

Yes, sure.

14:42 - 14:46

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it would be nice if people waited to be recognized before they speak.

14:47 - 14:47

Selectboard Office

Thanks.

14:48 - 14:49

Selectboard Office

Anyway, so thank you.

14:50 - 14:51

Selectboard Office

So I have a question.

14:51 - 14:53

Selectboard Office

So do people always have the right?

14:53 - 14:55

Selectboard Office

Because to me, it sounds equally dangerous.

14:55 - 15:15

Selectboard Office

We've been down this road since 1981, and I've always been glad that it's been not flood in wintertime, because it gets so icy, even in the good weather, It's very difficult to pass a car that's coming in the other direction which of course if you don't

love the lower half That won't happen Hopefully, but it's very narrow and it's really dangerous in the wintertime.

15:16 - 15:36

Selectboard Office

I mean, it's great for sledding, but it's not great for driving So I'm just wondering does Well when we discussed this last year, we looked at the law and and our interpretation and it's still my interpretation is that if a property owner in Worthington wants access to their property and it's on a public road.

15:36 - 15:38

Selectboard Office

Then we have to provide access.

15:38 - 15:48

Selectboard Office

Okay, but it just, you know, if someone's really going to use it, that's one thing, but just in case they ever want to come up, I guess that's unfortunate for the town because it will be expensive.

15:48 - 15:49

Selectboard Office

The equipment could get damaged.

15:49 - 15:51

Selectboard Office

It's helpful around the corner down there.

15:52 - 16:01

Selectboard Office

And I, for one, was really surprised last year that it was open because I didn't even think to come to the hearing because it's never been opened.

16:02 - 16:03

Selectboard Office

But because it is in really bad shape.

16:04 - 16:12

Selectboard Office

Well, I hope that people don't mind when the road needs to be fixed and it's our road that they won't mind paying more for all the repair costs because now the ditches are bad.

16:13 - 16:22

Selectboard Office

It's hard to find a place to pull over to let another car pass even in good weather because the water coming down there in the wintertime really did a lot of damage to the road.

16:22 - 16:24

Selectboard Office

So it's just, it's getting worse.

16:24 - 16:30

Selectboard Office

And I appreciate the fact that I imagine Highway Department put the cones out to watch out for really bad spaces.

16:31 - 16:33

Selectboard Office

So anyway, I just see it as a problem.

16:34 - 16:38

Selectboard Office

If there's nothing you do about it, then I guess you do need to keep it open down to his driveway.

16:39 - 16:41

Selectboard Office

But that's not going to be good for the road.

16:42 - 16:42

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

16:42 - 16:48

Selectboard Office

I mean, the way I, anyway, interpret the law, it sounds like we don't really have a lot of choice if they want access.

16:48 - 16:48

Selectboard Office

No, I understand.

16:49 - 16:50

Selectboard Office

I just don't know what he's going to do on that.

16:51 - 16:53

Selectboard Office

He wants to reach his woodlot to get it.

16:53 - 16:57

Selectboard Office

He's working on clearing it, supposedly, for an residential residents.

16:58 - 17:00

Selectboard Office

Well, that's what he asked for.

17:04 - 17:05

Selectboard Office

And then, yeah, absolutely.

17:05 - 17:09

Selectboard Office

We need to think about improving Faraday Road regardless.

17:12 - 17:20

Selectboard Office

So many things to spend money on, it just seems not essential to fix a road that can package dams.

17:21 - 17:24

Selectboard Office

But I know they're talking about keeping trucks and traffic out of the middle of it.

17:24 - 17:30

Selectboard Office

And there was a discussion within Worthington But if you keep people out now, like, you know, people really want to pay to improve the road.

17:30 - 17:33

Selectboard Office

I mean, I hope they do because.

17:36 - 17:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so.

17:43 - 17:50

Selectboard Office

Anybody else on Thayer Hill, okay So I would like to be I'm supportive.

17:50 - 18:08

Selectboard Office

I live on I'm supportive of the town While we just talk to Justin here, you know as that road in the winter time gets more narrow and more narrow It's very hard for Cars to pass each other people go down that road very fast Especially in the winter when they're shivering going on.

18:08 - 18:09

Selectboard Office

There are four wheelers out there.

18:09 - 18:26

Selectboard Office

There are dogs out there There are people walking their dogs There are elderly people out there with elderly dogs and people don't slow down and I think the ability of the town to turn around in the Justin year a lot.

18:26 - 18:30

Selectboard Office

And the fact that Justin year was the last house on the town line until you get to Chester.

18:31 - 18:38

Selectboard Office

I don't see any reason to keep the road open past Justin years driveway, or at least a little past that.

18:38 - 18:43

Selectboard Office

So I'd be supportive of the town only plowing up just past the Justin year kitchen.

18:46 - 18:47

Selectboard Office

Okay, anyone else?

18:52 - 18:59

Selectboard Office

All right, so Mark, just can you answer my question So where you're at with Chester, as far as filing on there then?

19:00 - 19:04

walter fritz jr

Where you're going to be at, Charlie, if you don't open the road up.

19:04 - 19:05

Selectboard Office

It's.

19:05 - 19:07

walter fritz jr

Currently in Boston Land Court.

19:07 - 19:13

walter fritz jr

And there's a case active docket in MCAT in Springfield.

19:14 - 19:17

Selectboard Office

Okay, so there's, but they're not currently planning to file it.

19:17 - 19:17

Selectboard Office

Is that.

19:17 - 19:17

walter fritz jr

Right?

19:17 - 19:25

walter fritz jr

Basically what's going to happen is I will file with instant complaint under chapter.

19:25 - 19:26

Selectboard Office

249.

19:26 - 19:30

walter fritz jr

Section four at Boston Land Court tomorrow morning.

19:31 - 19:34

walter fritz jr

And at MCAT, that road's not open.

19:35 - 19:38

walter fritz jr

Was voted to be open, open it, keep it open.

19:38 - 19:44

walter fritz jr

There is no excuse why that road should not be open to the Chester line, there's

plenty of room to turn around.

19:45 - 19:47

Selectboard Office

Okay, I just asked, that's not the question I asked.

19:48 - 19:53

Selectboard Office

As far as you know, Chester currently has no plans the pile there and is that correct or incorrect?

19:53 - 19:55

walter fritz jr

I have no idea, Charlie.

19:55 - 19:57

Selectboard Office

Okay, have you just formally.

19:57 - 19:57

walter fritz jr

Asked me?

19:57 - 20:00

walter fritz jr

I have no idea what Chester plans on doing this year.

20:00 - 20:01

Selectboard Office

But.

20:01 - 20:05

walter fritz jr

I suspect they're gonna do the exact same thing they did last year.

20:06 - 20:06

walter fritz jr

Okay.

20:06 - 20:06

walter fritz jr

But who knows?

20:07 - 20:07

Selectboard Office

I.

20:07 - 20:11

walter fritz jr

Mean, there's a fellow there building a brand new home, I feel for the guy.

20:12 - 20:14

walter fritz jr

He's out of South Carolina.

20:15 - 20:20

walter fritz jr

He's probably got \$200 ,000 investment there and the town ain't plowing them out.

20:20 - 20:21

walter fritz jr

I mean, come on now.

20:21 - 20:26

Selectboard Office

So how far up are you from where they stop plowing on the Chester?

20:27 - 20:30

walter fritz jr

I'm like equally distant.

20:30 - 20:31

walter fritz jr

I'm right in the middle.

20:31 - 20:33

Selectboard Office

So it's about a mile each way in other words?

20:35 - 20:40

walter fritz jr

The whole section of road is 1.39 miles long and they only do 0.3.

20:41 - 20:42

walter fritz jr

Okay.

20:43 - 20:46

walter fritz jr

And from the Worthington end, I mean, it's like about equal.

20:49 - 20:49

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

20:50 - 20:58

walter fritz jr

And as far as I'm concerned, whether the road is plowed or not is not going to slow traffic down.

20:59 - 21:01

Selectboard Office

So you're going through there regardless, is that what you're saying?

21:02 - 21:04

walter fritz jr

I'm going through regardless, Charlie.

21:06 - 21:09

walter fritz jr

Furthermore, Justamere Tree Farm uses that section of road.

21:10 - 21:11

walter fritz jr

They plow it.

21:13 - 21:16

Selectboard Office

Okay, all right, thank you.

21:16 - 21:18

walter fritz jr

It is used for common convenience and travel.

21:19 - 21:20

walter fritz jr

It must be kept open.

21:21 - 21:22

walter fritz jr

Nothing has changed.

21:22 - 21:23

Selectboard Office

And.

21:23 - 21:24

walter fritz jr

It's a through way.

21:24 - 21:28

walter fritz jr

You have a big issue that it's a through way between two communities.

21:29 - 21:30

walter fritz jr

You can't close.

21:32 - 21:33

Selectboard Office

It.

21:33 - 21:34

Selectboard Office

Okay, thank.

21:34 - 21:34

walter fritz jr

You.

21:35 - 21:38

walter fritz jr

I mean, you can close it, but you can't close it legally.

21:40 - 21:47

Selectboard Office

Okay, so with that, we're going to close the hearing and start the select board meeting.

21:47 - 21:59

Selectboard Office

So first issue on the meeting is consideration of closing the roads as listed here, you know, with the except, well, essentially we're closing Fair Hill as it says there.

22:00 - 22:08

Selectboard Office

So I'm going to propose that we do, go ahead.

22:08 - 22:11

Selectboard Office

For Elmond Johnson, we barricaded that road.

22:11 - 22:11

Selectboard Office

Right.

22:12 - 22:13

Selectboard Office

So it's closed regardless.

22:13 - 22:14

Selectboard Office

So that's closed regardless.

22:14 - 22:14

Selectboard Office

Right.

22:15 - 22:17

Selectboard Office

Any date that's on the signs.

22:17 - 22:17

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

22:19 - 22:24

Selectboard Office

And then for South Worthington Road, that will be open to the end of it.

22:25 - 22:29

Selectboard Office

So when it says, so those aren't the new owners down at the end, DuFos?

22:31 - 22:33

Selectboard Office

I figured that was like where their house was, but is that wrong?

22:35 - 22:36

Selectboard Office

Yes, that is the new owner.

22:36 - 22:38

Selectboard Office

So it's accurate.

22:38 - 22:41

Selectboard Office

It's at their driveway, but the road goes no farther than that anyway.

22:41 - 22:41

Selectboard Office

Right.

22:42 - 22:44

Selectboard Office

It is sort of pointless.

22:46 - 22:47

Selectboard Office

It is sort of pointless.

22:47 - 22:49

Selectboard Office

There at all, the road dead ends at that point.

22:52 - 23:20

Selectboard Office

So I'm going to suggest that we do try to continue to, despite I understand your objections, and I think we can try to mitigate the traffic control situation to the degree we can with some more signage, but I really think we have part of the test of wine if mark needs to get to his property we need to cut trees so I think if we can't turn around there.

23:21 - 23:26

Selectboard Office

Okay, you said maybe three trees we turned around with a chipper today or

yesterday Yeah.

23:28 - 23:32

Selectboard Office

You probably look up for trees Sometimes it's loud would pick up sometimes.

23:33 - 23:38

Selectboard Office

It's not bends it's a road screws and Ten wheeler goes down there.

23:38 - 23:41

Selectboard Office

He can follow or a single axle goes down.

23:41 - 23:43

Selectboard Office

He can follow There's not always a pickup.

23:44 - 23:45

Selectboard Office

I mean Bob plowed everything.

23:45 - 23:49

Selectboard Office

There's nobody else wanted to do anything So bob was down there with a pickup.

23:49 - 23:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but if you go down there with a bigger truck You just have to bend your sand bigger trucks and you have to sand it It's tough to turn around.

23:57 - 24:03

walter fritz jr

Yeah Well, you turn a 10-wheel road grader around there and that's what bob renke said and he.

24:03 - 24:04

Selectboard Office

Said.

24:06 - 24:07

walter fritz jr

Tri-axle around.

24:07 - 24:15

Selectboard Office

There So let's look at what you need to cut and if Ben has some objections then we'll talk about it.

24:15 - 24:17

Selectboard Office

So Charlie you're making this decision?

24:17 - 24:41

Selectboard Office

No no this is what I'm proposing and this is what I'm in favor of so but we don't have a motion on the table yet so I'll go ahead and make the motion in this case so I'll make the motion that we accept this with striking South Worthington Road entirely and that essentially striking Patterson Road that will follow the Chester one.

24:43 - 24:43

Selectboard Office

So that's my motion.

24:46 - 24:51

Selectboard Office

Well, I'll second it for the sake of discussion so that we can proceed to discuss it.

24:51 - 24:56

Selectboard Office

Actually, why don't I just amend that, sorry, and just take Patterson Road out of the discussion entirely.

24:56 - 25:04

Selectboard Office

So I will make a motion that we close the other roads as stated here with the exception of South Worthington which we're no longer considering.

25:05 - 25:08

Selectboard Office

And then we'll have a separate motion for Patterson.

25:08 - 25:09

Selectboard Office

It probably makes this cleaner.

25:10 - 25:10

Selectboard Office

Okay, yeah, it does.

25:10 - 25:12

Selectboard Office

And I will second that.

25:14 - 25:15

Selectboard Office

All right, discussion.

25:17 - 25:18

Selectboard Office

This is everything.

25:18 - 25:20

Selectboard Office

But Patterson and then stop it with it too.

25:20 - 25:20

Selectboard Office

Okay.

25:20 - 25:21

Selectboard Office

All right, so all in favor?

25:22 - 25:22

Selectboard Office

Aye.

25:22 - 25:23

Selectboard Office

Aye.

25:23 - 25:24

Selectboard Office

So there was no discussion.

25:25 - 25:28

Selectboard Office

The folks here that are on Fair Hill want to say anything else?

25:31 - 25:34

Selectboard Office

I think there's nothing else to say because you made up your mind, so.

25:36 - 25:47

Selectboard Office

Yeah, because as the motion is stated, it will be, as was discussed earlier, and plowing down instead of stopping at the Sweeney's driveway would be plowed down to the Ryan property.

25:48 - 25:52

Selectboard Office

But the signage will still be at Sweeney's saying the road is closed.

25:52 - 25:55

Selectboard Office

Is it going to be a bigger sign than that?

25:56 - 25:58

Selectboard Office

Well, we can work on a bigger sign.

25:59 - 25:59

Selectboard Office

That's not a big deal.

25:59 - 26:00

Selectboard Office

We have the signs.

26:01 - 26:02

Selectboard Office

I made signs last year.

26:02 - 26:04

Selectboard Office

Back up at the end of the road.

26:04 - 26:05

Selectboard Office

Nobody looks at him anyway.

26:05 - 26:05

Selectboard Office

You're right.

26:05 - 26:06

Selectboard Office

I mean seriously.

26:07 - 26:08

Selectboard Office

They don't look at him because they're stuck.

26:09 - 26:10

Selectboard Office

They just go right down.

26:10 - 26:14

Selectboard Office

And Isleman's not alive anymore, so he is not going to be able to pull them out.

26:14 - 26:15

Selectboard Office

I am sorry.

26:16 - 26:21

Selectboard Office

Well, you know, I think that if somebody goes down a road that says it's closed and they get stuck, they're going to have to call AAA.

26:22 - 26:26

Selectboard Office

Worse is they might ask you if they could use your phone if their cell phone doesn't work.

26:26 - 26:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

26:27 - 26:44

Selectboard Office

Yeah, people have gone down, you know, Parish Road and actually we've had people who were stuck on the other side of Parish Road who came and walked up to our house and wanted to know if we can go help them and the answer's like no, you know, what, with my Honda Accord you'd like me to go out there and do what?

26:45 - 26:52

Selectboard Office

So yeah, I just believe that if you're going to go down a closed road, AAA's your answer and if you need to use my phone, sure.

26:53 - 26:55

Selectboard Office

I just don't like them coming in the middle of the night.

26:55 - 26:56

Selectboard Office

Oh no, I don't like it either.

26:56 - 26:57

Selectboard Office

Knocking at my door.

26:57 - 27:00

Selectboard Office

I don't like it either one bit but you know.

27:01 - 27:10

Selectboard Office

But this is also if you're saying that people need access to their property, the woman that bought the land, yes I know you're talking about you're gonna have to open that bridge.

27:11 - 27:15

Selectboard Office

Well first she has to ask about it and then we'll talk about it if she wants.

27:16 - 27:19

Selectboard Office

Don't go there because Peru is not going to.

27:19 - 27:24

Selectboard Office

Well then we negotiate with Peru also before we you know pay to build a new bridge.

27:24 - 27:30

Selectboard Office

Are you talking Yeah So that's not an issue yet.

27:30 - 27:31

Selectboard Office

No.

27:34 - 27:37

Selectboard Office

Okay, so we want new growth.

27:42 - 27:53

Selectboard Office

Okay, so so was there any other discussion on this I Just think it's ridiculous for us to call it at the Chester line on roads that they don't plow Well, we're not there.

27:53 - 27:54

Selectboard Office

We're not there yet.

27:54 - 27:59

Selectboard Office

We're doing everything except Patterson and we took all Chester line Yeah.

28:01 - 28:11

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and those are the last houses on the road, what are we supposed to do we plow into the last house.

28:15 - 28:20

Selectboard Office

Yes, and then there's there's houses in Chester and it's Chester's.

28:24 - 28:29

Selectboard Office

We were actually plowing a little ways into Chester just because there's no place to turn around.

28:32 - 28:38

Selectboard Office

The road virtually ends where Hattie's house was that you can't drive down there anyway, can you?

28:41 - 28:43

Selectboard Office

I mean last time I was down there was barricaded.

28:50 - 28:53

Selectboard Office

So that road's not passable anyway.

28:53 - 28:56

Selectboard Office

We've never passed her, you know, where Hattie's was.

29:00 - 29:01

[speaker unknown]

Yes.

29:03 - 29:04

[speaker unknown]

So.

29:04 - 29:05

Selectboard Office

We done discussing.

29:07 - 29:07

Selectboard Office

Okay.

29:07 - 29:09

Selectboard Office

So all in favor.

29:10 - 29:11

Selectboard Office

I'll say aye.

29:14 - 29:14

Selectboard Office

All right.

29:14 - 29:15

Selectboard Office

I'll say aye.

29:16 - 29:16

Selectboard Office

Okay.

29:17 - 29:29

Selectboard Office

I know I don't have to, but I've been told at various levels of volume that it's to the house on all these roads so it's okay.

29:33 - 29:35

Selectboard Office

All right so let's talk about Patterson.

29:36 - 29:39

Selectboard Office

I'll make a motion that we prop Patterson to the chapter.

29:42 - 29:49

Selectboard Office

And that we work on and then we cut whatever trees are necessary to be able to turn around there.

29:52 - 29:54

Selectboard Office

Nobody seconded it yet.

29:54 - 29:55

Selectboard Office

Nobody seconded it yet.

29:55 - 29:59

Selectboard Office

Yeah Well, I will second it for the sake of further discussion.

30:00 - 30:01

Selectboard Office

Okay.

30:01 - 30:02

Selectboard Office

So, yeah.

30:02 - 30:15

Selectboard Office

I just want to say that I handle all of the, think about me, convenience me, sand my road first, plow my road first, emails, calls, all of that during the winter.

30:15 - 30:27

Selectboard Office

If this is a convenience issue, that means every convenience call and email that I get needs to be said yes to and I'm not in favor of that.

30:28 - 30:41

Selectboard Office

I also think that if it's a safety issue to have a narrow road that two people cannot pass on each other for whatever reason, you cannot safely say that you should open it.

30:42 - 31:10

Selectboard Office

And if there is any reason why my guys are gonna get stuck because they can't turn around Because it's not a safe space for them to operate their machinery that I'm also against it I think convenience is great but you guys are going to have a lot of convenience calls this this winter and I'm gonna Put my hands up and say yep select boards that you can do whatever you want.

31:10 - 31:26

Selectboard Office

Well, I'm just I hear you it's not what i'm saying It's not convenience It's the law that if somebody needs to be able to reach their property now You can argue whether it's since the property's in a neighboring town and not in our town, whether we're required to give them access or not.

31:26 - 31:32

Selectboard Office

In my mind, we are and giving them access as far as we are able to, which is to the line.

31:33 - 31:40

Selectboard Office

Patterson Road at that end is no narrower than the rest of Patterson Road or then outer West Street or any number of roads in town.

31:41 - 31:59

Selectboard Office

So yes, it's absolutely not the safest situation, But you know, we don't maintain superhighways either and I think it's more than a convenience I think we're in my mind required to provide Access to somebody who has property they need to get to it's not that's not a convenience.

31:59 - 32:00

Selectboard Office

That's a necessity.

32:03 - 32:12

Selectboard Office

Sure So what you guys just voted to accept was everybody, all those rooms that you just voted on, everybody's getting plowed to the last house on the road.

32:13 - 32:22

Selectboard Office

But in this case, you're suggesting to plow past the last house on the road, which is just a mere, to Chester, to the Chester line.

32:23 - 32:27

Selectboard Office

So can you explain to me what the difference in that rationale is?

32:28 - 32:38

Selectboard Office

Well, we're providing access to somebody who has a property they need to get to, which is exactly what we're doing for, well, that's what we agreed to do on Thayer Hill as well.

32:38 - 32:41

Selectboard Office

So we've got kind of a compromise there.

32:42 - 32:44

Selectboard Office

So, and I think we want to.

32:44 - 32:59

Selectboard Office

Suggest that we do more or less the same thing, that we put up sign closure signs at Justamere and try to discourage any traffic beyond that point, but to provide limited access to the town line in Chester.

33:00 - 33:01

Selectboard Office

I think we're out of here.

33:01 - 33:09

Selectboard Office

Is there no other way to get to Chester and not well, it's the same thing either There's Chester doesn't pile up there either.

33:09 - 33:13

Selectboard Office

I'm saying it's Patterson Road the only way to get to that property.

33:13 - 33:28

Selectboard Office

Yes Well, I mean well it's Smith Road in Chester There's another way to get there It's one road and he lives in the middle and he lives in the Chester section He doesn't live there his property in the Chester section.

33:32 - 33:36

Selectboard Office

That's why he has the Midland Court, because they are not plowing the road.

33:37 - 33:40

Selectboard Office

So this has always been the essence of the problem.

33:41 - 33:42

Selectboard Office

Chester does not plow it.

33:43 - 33:52

Selectboard Office

So he wants Worthington to plow it to the Chester line, and I guess he just drives through the snow, or he's going to try and force Chester to do it, but Chester would not.

33:54 - 33:56

walter fritz jr

It's called the snow plow.

33:57 - 34:03

walter fritz jr

What you're mistaken is, this is a throughway, it's not a road, it's a throughway between two towns.

34:06 - 34:06

walter fritz jr

Two counties.

34:08 - 34:11

walter fritz jr

It's not a road, it's a throughway between two municipalities.

34:12 - 34:16

Selectboard Office

Based on that logic, then we should be clowning to the Chester line on all of the roads.

34:18 - 34:20

Selectboard Office

I mean, it's a slippery slope.

34:21 - 34:21

Selectboard Office

If somebody.

34:21 - 34:23

walter fritz jr

Had.

34:23 - 34:36

Selectboard Office

A similar situation where they had a property They needed to reach and required us to well, you know as far there as we are able to then I would be in favor Of doing that.

34:36 - 34:37

Selectboard Office

That's our obligation.

34:37 - 34:38

Selectboard Office

It's a public road.

34:44 - 34:55

Selectboard Office

Hang on you can speak in a minute So your obligation is to do it for somebody that lives in it that has property in a different town Rather than listening to somebody that lives on the road.

34:58 - 35:02

Selectboard Office

That's your address One seven five as far as access goes.

35:02 - 35:11

Selectboard Office

Yes You have somebody that's you've had people that have lived on that are living on the roads that are saying we prefer that you don't ask Cloud pass.

35:11 - 35:20

Selectboard Office

I'm sure there are plenty of people in town It says it can you close the road and only give me access so I don't have people whizzing by I get that But we can't do that.

35:20 - 35:52

Selectboard Office

That's not the way it works Except it's the way it's worked the entire time except for last year until somebody asked for access to their property They'd work that way before because nobody asked He doesn't live in Worthington He does live in Worthington His property isn't in Worthington His property isn't in Kansas I'm not sure why Worthington feels obligated To not even get him to his property Yeah.

35:52 - 36:08

Selectboard Office

Could be Could I make a recommendation that I really think that The decisions trying to be made You really don't have What I would count as reliable information and I would recommend that you talk with the town of Chester and see what's happening there legally.

36:09 - 36:11

Selectboard Office

You know, are they obligated to plow to him?

36:12 - 36:13

Selectboard Office

So that's a good suggestion.

36:13 - 36:15

Selectboard Office

That's exactly what we did last year.

36:17 - 36:22

Selectboard Office

And Chester definitely informed us they had no intention of plowing, but I'm happy to do that again.

36:22 - 36:30

Selectboard Office

So I would be willing to table this motion to the next meeting while we talk to Chester.

36:30 - 36:32

Selectboard Office

I think that's a really good idea.

36:33 - 36:34

walter fritz jr

I.

36:34 - 36:34

Selectboard Office

Don't.

36:34 - 36:38

walter fritz jr

See how tabling a motion and talking in Chester is gonna make any difference.

36:39 - 36:39

Selectboard Office

You.

36:39 - 36:40

walter fritz jr

Already have that.

36:40 - 36:42

walter fritz jr

They are not changing.

36:43 - 36:44

walter fritz jr

That's why it's in land court.

36:45 - 36:48

Selectboard Office

Okay, so let me talk to them and get their side, okay?

36:48 - 36:50

Selectboard Office

And we have somebody else who would like to speak.

36:50 - 36:56

Selectboard Office

So my question is, if it's in land court in Chester, again, I agree.

36:57 - 36:59

Selectboard Office

Why are we pulling to somebody's lot in a different town?

36:59 - 37:01

Selectboard Office

It doesn't make sense to me.

37:01 - 37:07

Selectboard Office

But if it's in Land Court in Chester, let that decision determine whether or not we have to do anything.

37:07 - 37:10

Selectboard Office

Because if it fails in Chester, guess what?

37:11 - 37:12

Selectboard Office

Well, it'll take us to court.

37:13 - 37:17

Selectboard Office

Because that's going to, you know, Chester's got to file it like the Land Court decided.

37:17 - 37:20

Selectboard Office

There's no reason why we need to make any decision at this point.

37:20 - 37:21

Selectboard Office

So I agree with table one.

37:21 - 37:21

Selectboard Office

All right.

37:21 - 37:22

walter fritz jr

Fine.

37:22 - 37:24

walter fritz jr

I'll file a motion tomorrow in the Land Court.

37:24 - 37:26

walter fritz jr

If that's the way you want to proceed, fine.

37:26 - 37:27

Selectboard Office

I'll go.

37:27 - 37:27

walter fritz jr

Right to it.

37:27 - 37:31

Selectboard Office

Mark all we're doing is tabling the motion for two weeks.

37:31 - 37:31

Selectboard Office

Okay.

37:31 - 37:40

Selectboard Office

Well, I do some more research I'm going to talk to console as well and see what their opinion is on our obligation Talk to Chester and see what they're planning.

37:40 - 37:41

Selectboard Office

Okay.

37:41 - 37:48

walter fritz jr

Well, I I have a problem with that Charlie because you already approve this.

37:48 - 37:48

Selectboard Office

And.

37:48 - 38:02

walter fritz jr

The issue here is is there is an interest and that the road be closed so that the sand

be applied to the J.P.

38:02 - 38:07

walter fritz jr

Justamere farm driveways on icy days and plowed out.

38:07 - 38:11

walter fritz jr

So there's an interest there to keep this section of road closed.

38:12 - 38:19

walter fritz jr

The town is being reimbursed chapter 90 monies to maintain that section of road to the Chester town line.

38:20 - 38:20

walter fritz jr

Okay.

38:21 - 38:22

Selectboard Office

So we haven't made a decision.

38:22 - 38:23

Selectboard Office

You want to file.

38:23 - 38:24

walter fritz jr

In Land.

38:24 - 38:24

Selectboard Office

Court.

38:24 - 38:26

Selectboard Office

There's nothing to file on.

38:26 - 38:29

Selectboard Office

Can you give us two weeks here to do some research?

38:31 - 38:34

walter fritz jr

I, you know, I look at this Charlie and.

38:34 - 38:34

Selectboard Office

You.

38:34 - 38:35

walter fritz jr

Already voted on.

38:36 - 38:40

Selectboard Office

It tonight, Mark, so there's nothing to sue us on.

38:40 - 38:41

Selectboard Office

Well, you.

38:41 - 38:42

walter fritz jr

Already voted on.

38:42 - 38:42

Selectboard Office

It.

38:43 - 38:44

Selectboard Office

No, we voted.

38:44 - 38:51

walter fritz jr

Last year before and it was seconded by Amy Wan and now you're saying, oh, well, that vote didn't count.

38:52 - 38:53

walter fritz jr

Let's reconsider.

38:54 - 38:54

walter fritz jr

I.

38:54 - 38:54

Selectboard Office

Didn't.

38:54 - 38:55

walter fritz jr

We.

38:55 - 39:02

Selectboard Office

Made I made a motion and it was seconded there's been no vote So we're gonna we're gonna table the motion till two weeks.

39:02 - 39:04

Selectboard Office

It's standard parliamentary procedure.

39:07 - 39:15

Selectboard Office

Thank you All right So, um Next topic is yours as well.

39:15 - 39:37

Selectboard Office

But so we want to talk about your driveway on Lindsay Hill I know your neighbor from across the street is here tonight And, you know, we've looked at the situation and I'm going to let Devin speak to what his plans are to try to, you know, help mitigate the situation with your driveway and the ice.

39:38 - 39:43

Selectboard Office

So our plan is to work on each side of the driveway, keep the water over there.

39:45 - 39:52

Selectboard Office

My plan is not to cut the road down in any gravel road training we would do.

39:52 - 39:56

Selectboard Office

You don't cut the road so the water drains down your road.

39:56 - 40:10

Selectboard Office

You build the roads up so the water runs off So we obviously we're trying to keep it from running off on his driveway So we're gonna try to keep the road on Ken's side of the Yeah.

40:13 - 40:19

Selectboard Office

Okay, so we're gonna widen that ditch a little and then we're gonna clear out that Once it.

40:19 - 40:21

walter fritz jr

Freezes.

40:23 - 40:31

Selectboard Office

Any water comes out Ken's driveway we'll try to get into the culvert of all this driveway yeah yeah i.

40:31 - 40:35

walter fritz jr

Should mention i'm i can't talk on on the video here i'm on the phone here i'm not.

40:35 - 40:36

Selectboard Office

Disconnected.

40:36 - 40:59

walter fritz jr

But in the past that culvert has been plugged with construction debris trees branches and various other things uh that would keep the water from flowing through it downhill and into the brook that's um a little with downhill of Lindsay Hill Road, I have no idea who would have wanted to plug it.

41:00 - 41:12

walter fritz jr

But it certainly needs to be unplugged to facilitate water off the road and hence not wiping out driveways and the downhill portion of the road.

41:12 - 41:17

walter fritz jr

So that would be a good thing to investigate and make sure that culvert is clear.

41:19 - 41:23

walter fritz jr

And if one knows how it got plugged, that would be an interesting data point.

41:24 - 41:26

walter fritz jr

But aside from that, just to make sure it's cleared.

41:28 - 41:29

Selectboard Office

For sure.

41:29 - 41:31

Selectboard Office

And you're all gonna try and clear that, right?

41:31 - 41:33

Selectboard Office

If we had the state councilor.

41:34 - 41:35

Selectboard Office

Okay, whatever.

41:35 - 41:37

Selectboard Office

Because it's not gonna be a good scene.

41:38 - 41:41

Selectboard Office

Mark, do you have a problem with us clearing the culvert for some reason?

41:43 - 41:45

walter fritz jr

No, it's easy to put in a French drain.

41:45 - 41:47

Selectboard Office

That's not what I asked.

41:48 - 41:49

walter fritz jr

Yes, I do.

41:49 - 41:51

walter fritz jr

It's easy to put in a French drain.

41:51 - 41:51

walter fritz jr

Okay.

41:51 - 42:01

Selectboard Office

Well we're going to clear the culvert which is on a public right away which is in town right away and please don't block it okay or we're gonna have to.

42:01 - 42:06

walter fritz jr

Find I haven't blocked that culvert and I don't know what Mr Beach is talking about.

42:06 - 42:07

Selectboard Office

Okay then we don't.

42:07 - 42:30

walter fritz jr

Have a problem I should point out I I've seen it and I've had people who work on my property have noticed it that it was blocked uh I didn't say anyone I know blocked it I'm just saying in the past it's been observed to be blocked and clearing it would facilitate water, not going across the top of the driveway and into your driveway.

42:30 - 42:35

walter fritz jr

But would flow down the side of Lindsay Hill Road that's on my side of the property.

42:35 - 42:36

walter fritz jr

That's all I'm pointing out.

42:37 - 42:42

walter fritz jr

That's- Mr. Beach, there is no water flowing from that culvert over your driveway.

42:43 - 42:48

walter fritz jr

As a picture- No, no, the culvert- Water is coming down your driveway-.

42:48 - 42:48

Selectboard Office

Okay.

42:48 - 42:49

walter fritz jr

One at a time.

42:51 - 42:52

Selectboard Office

All right, Mark, we.

42:52 - 42:52

walter fritz jr

Just want.

42:52 - 42:55

Selectboard Office

To clear a covert that's already there.

42:55 - 42:56

walter fritz jr

So, please.

42:56 - 42:58

walter fritz jr

I am asking you to put in a French drain.

42:59 - 42:59

Selectboard Office

Okay, we're.

42:59 - 43:00

walter fritz jr

Not.

43:00 - 43:04

Selectboard Office

Well, at this point, we're not putting in a French drain, so.

43:05 - 43:05

walter fritz jr

Okay.

43:06 - 43:08

Selectboard Office

We're gonna do our best to try to mitigate the situation.

43:08 - 43:10

Selectboard Office

Let's see what happens.

43:10 - 43:13

Selectboard Office

And if we need to try to do more next year, we can do that.

43:14 - 43:14

Selectboard Office

Okay?

43:16 - 43:17

walter fritz jr

No, it's not okay, Charlie.

43:17 - 43:19

walter fritz jr

I have a presentation here.

43:19 - 43:20

Selectboard Office

Okay.

43:20 - 43:22

walter fritz jr

And you're blowing me off.

43:23 - 43:26

walter fritz jr

And you're saying we're not going to do anything.

43:27 - 43:33

walter fritz jr

I heard Devin Wolf say, we raised the road, we're going to continue to raise the road and we.

43:33 - 43:33

Selectboard Office

Don't give.

43:33 - 43:34

walter fritz jr

Two craps about what he said.

43:34 - 43:36

Selectboard Office

No, that's not what he said.

43:36 - 43:38

walter fritz jr

We raised that road a foot at my driveway.

43:38 - 43:39

Selectboard Office

Causing.

43:39 - 43:41

walter fritz jr

It to wash out.

43:42 - 43:42

Selectboard Office

Okay.

43:43 - 43:46

Selectboard Office

It's not possible to have raised the bad foot.

43:46 - 43:47

Selectboard Office

That's just a ridiculous amount.

43:47 - 43:48

walter fritz jr

Of reality.

43:48 - 43:51

walter fritz jr

Well, Charlie, that's why we need to go through my document.

43:52 - 43:52

Selectboard Office

Because.

43:52 - 43:55

walter fritz jr

There's pictures there that show you raise the road.

43:55 - 43:56

Selectboard Office

And you're on a.

43:56 - 43:56

walter fritz jr

Phone.

43:57 - 43:57

walter fritz jr

You can't even.

43:57 - 43:58

Selectboard Office

See the pictures.

44:00 - 44:03

walter fritz jr

Well, you need to put the pictures on a big screen.

44:04 - 44:04

Selectboard Office

So we.

44:04 - 44:06

walter fritz jr

Can all look at these pictures.

44:07 - 44:08

walter fritz jr

What's the matter, Charlie?

44:08 - 44:11

walter fritz jr

You don't want to see the pictures that tell the truth?

44:12 - 44:13

Selectboard Office

Mark, I have the pictures ready.

44:14 - 44:16

Selectboard Office

Are you going to go and narrate them from the phone?

44:17 - 44:19

walter fritz jr

Oh, I can narrate them from my computer.

44:21 - 44:25

walter fritz jr

Cause I wrote you a document, Lindsay Hall Road drainage issues.

44:26 - 44:29

Selectboard Office

Okay, I'm going to put them on the screen here.

44:30 - 44:30

Selectboard Office

And we'll go through.

44:30 - 44:30

Selectboard Office

Okay.

44:30 - 44:34

walter fritz jr

So we're going to start off with a driveway level.

44:35 - 44:35

Selectboard Office

Hang on a sec.

44:36 - 44:38

Selectboard Office

Let me just get them up on the screen.

44:57 - 44:58

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

45:21 - 45:24

Selectboard Office

Okay we got the close-up of the top of your driveway here.

45:25 - 45:27

walter fritz jr

Okay it's called driveway level.

45:29 - 45:33

Selectboard Office

Well I don't have them labeled I've just made a pdf with the 13 pictures.

45:34 - 45:39

walter fritz jr

Yeah and if I look at your pdf I have one called driveway road level dot jpeg.

45:41 - 45:43

walter fritz jr

I'm looking at your document you have.

45:44 - 45:50

Selectboard Office

So look at mark look at the PDF that's in the folder that's got all the pictures in.

45:50 - 45:52

walter fritz jr

It I am Okay.

45:52 - 45:54

Selectboard Office

So picture number one.

45:56 - 46:00

walter fritz jr

I'm not sure what you have for picture and I.

46:00 - 46:00

Selectboard Office

This would.

46:00 - 46:05

walter fritz jr

Be the last picture in your folder It's called driveway level.

46:07 - 46:17

Selectboard Office

Okay, we're looking at the PDF not at the individual the individual pictures have been compiled into one PDF I need you to open the PDF and look at picture page number one.

46:17 - 46:22

walter fritz jr

Right and the very first picture I see there's beaches drain one dot jpeg.

46:23 - 46:25

Selectboard Office

All right, you're not following me.

46:25 - 46:27

walter fritz jr

I'm not seeing any pictures.

46:27 - 46:32

walter fritz jr

I'm seeing looks like a clip clip from an email Transmission here.

46:32 - 46:33

Selectboard Office

Oh, sorry.

46:33 - 46:38

Selectboard Office

I got the wrong screen now Okay, hang on a second all right.

46:38 - 46:48

walter fritz jr

I uh i i look at your pdf it's called whirlington paddison closure dot pdf and in that i find all those pictures.

46:48 - 46:51

Selectboard Office

No it's brooks driveway dot pdf.

46:59 - 46:59

Selectboard Office

There we go.

46:59 - 47:19

walter fritz jr

Okay and uh the very first one i see is beaches drain one okay i see that i was my understanding that doing any kind of construction in a public way is illegal unless it's done by the highway department.

47:19 - 47:22

walter fritz jr

Is that still correct?

47:23 - 47:24

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's what we're talking about.

47:25 - 47:26

walter fritz jr

Yeah, yeah, okay.

47:27 - 47:34

walter fritz jr

Well, I wonder, okay, so this drain right here then, I guess was put in by the town.

47:34 - 47:38

walter fritz jr

Otherwise it would have been illegal, I would think by that logic, right?

47:38 - 47:42

Selectboard Office

Are we looking at the end of your driveway here?

47:42 - 47:43

Selectboard Office

Is that what we're looking.

47:43 - 47:43

walter fritz jr

At?

47:43 - 47:44

walter fritz jr

Yeah, I think so.

47:44 - 47:46

walter fritz jr

And there's a drain across the.

47:46 - 47:47

Selectboard Office

End of.

47:47 - 47:48

walter fritz jr

It, dug into the ground.

47:48 - 47:50

walter fritz jr

And that's what I'm commenting on.

47:50 - 47:58

walter fritz jr

So, you know, for that to have been put in other than by the highway department, that would have been illegal, I believe.

47:58 - 48:00

walter fritz jr

So I'm just pointing that out.

48:00 - 48:01

walter fritz jr

I don't know how it got there.

48:02 - 48:07

walter fritz jr

I'm just pointing out that if the highway department didn't do it, that's probably an illegal act.

48:07 - 48:10

Selectboard Office

Okay, but I don't even know when this picture was taken.

48:10 - 48:11

Selectboard Office

So when is this picture.

48:11 - 48:15

walter fritz jr

From oh that yeah Well, that's I don't know either mark took it.

48:17 - 48:19

Selectboard Office

Mark, how old is this picture?

48:20 - 48:24

walter fritz jr

I know With before Robert Dodge attacked me.

48:24 - 48:29

walter fritz jr

So that was taken in I believe February of 2023.

48:32 - 48:35

Selectboard Office

Okay, so regardless what's your point on this picture.

48:36 - 48:56

walter fritz jr

It shows the water sources coming down Mr. Beach's driveway and that drain was put in to drain it down into the drain on the side of Lindsay Hill Road instead of going across Lindsay Hill Road and barricading my driveway with ice in the winter, prevented from propane deliveries.

48:56 - 48:58

walter fritz jr

Can I access my driveway?

48:58 - 49:01

Selectboard Office

So did you put that in or did the town put that in?

49:02 - 49:03

walter fritz jr

I put that in.

49:03 - 49:03

Selectboard Office

Okay.

49:03 - 49:05

Selectboard Office

Well, you shouldn't do that.

49:05 - 49:08

Selectboard Office

We're going to essentially do the same thing anyway.

49:11 - 49:13

walter fritz jr

You should be doing more than that.

49:13 - 49:14

Selectboard Office

Is what I'm trying to.

49:14 - 49:15

Selectboard Office

Tell you.

49:15 - 49:16

walter fritz jr

Put a drain in.

49:17 - 49:17

Selectboard Office

Ok.

49:18 - 49:19

Selectboard Office

Next picture.

49:19 - 49:21

walter fritz jr

So let's go on to the next picture.

49:22 - 49:24

walter fritz jr

Beaches drain, too.

49:25 - 49:30

walter fritz jr

Shows the physical water coming right down his driveway, right into the road.

49:32 - 49:34

walter fritz jr

I don't see that.

49:34 - 49:35

Selectboard Office

Are you talking about.

49:35 - 49:37

walter fritz jr

Snow runoff on the left side of the picture?

49:38 - 49:41

walter fritz jr

That's Look at that center right there.

49:41 - 49:42

walter fritz jr

There's like right through the ice.

49:45 - 49:47

walter fritz jr

Um break right through the ice in the center of that.

49:47 - 49:48

Selectboard Office

Picture.

49:50 - 49:56

Selectboard Office

All right, why don't you just finish narrating your pictures and then we'll Yeah.

49:57 - 49:59

walter fritz jr

So that's clear drive.

49:59 - 50:00

Selectboard Office

Okay.

50:00 - 50:01

Selectboard Office

Here's picture number three.

50:03 - 50:08

walter fritz jr

That's my driveway I stand on the left hand side.

50:08 - 50:09

Selectboard Office

And you.

50:09 - 50:18

walter fritz jr

Can see where it's coming from Mr. Beach's driveway across Lindsay Hill Road, across the whole road down the road and into my driveway.

50:18 - 50:21

walter fritz jr

And that has a one foot berm.

50:22 - 50:25

walter fritz jr

And the ice and the water went all over it.

50:27 - 50:28

Selectboard Office

Okay, next picture.

50:30 - 50:35

walter fritz jr

There's Mr. Beach standing there and you can see the water source right in front of them.

50:36 - 50:37

Selectboard Office

Right and it's running.

50:37 - 50:37

walter fritz jr

Down his side.

50:37 - 50:38

Selectboard Office

Of the road.

50:39 - 50:42

walter fritz jr

I don't see that writing anything right in front of me.

50:44 - 50:47

walter fritz jr

Well if you look at the edge of the road there's water running right there.

50:48 - 50:50

Selectboard Office

Yeah and it's running down that side of the road.

50:51 - 50:54

walter fritz jr

Right because there was a drain put in and.

50:54 - 50:54

Selectboard Office

It was.

50:54 - 50:57

walter fritz jr

Partially filled in but it was still running a little then.

50:57 - 50:59

Selectboard Office

So that's what we're talking about doing.

50:59 - 51:03

Selectboard Office

I I guess when you talk about a drain, that's what we're talking about doing is doing that again.

51:04 - 51:05

Selectboard Office

So next picture.

51:05 - 51:05

Selectboard Office

Well, you need.

51:05 - 51:09

walter fritz jr

To put a physical drain in a culvert.

51:10 - 51:11

walter fritz jr

Next picture.

51:14 - 51:15

Selectboard Office

Number four or five.

51:15 - 51:20

walter fritz jr

Same thing you're showing, except it gives you a better idea where that water source

is.

51:23 - 51:24

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

51:24 - 51:25

Selectboard Office

Number six.

51:27 - 51:27

Selectboard Office

Same.

51:27 - 51:33

walter fritz jr

Now you've got the actual, it would be the uphill side of Mr. Beach's driveway.

51:33 - 51:36

walter fritz jr

You can see the water coming right out of there.

51:37 - 51:39

Selectboard Office

Okay, number seven.

51:41 - 51:43

walter fritz jr

That's Bobby Dodge after the attack.

51:43 - 51:46

walter fritz jr

He can see the water still there by his foot.

51:47 - 51:48

Selectboard Office

Picture eight.

51:50 - 51:59

walter fritz jr

There's the state trooper telling Mr. Beach that this is a matter of a public issue and that he should be talking to the town officials.

51:59 - 52:03

walter fritz jr

And he insisted that he has talked to town officials many many years about.

52:03 - 52:04

Selectboard Office

This okay all right.

52:04 - 52:58

walter fritz jr

Wait a minute are you saying the state police were there because of this uh water drainage issue i'm saying the state police told you mr beach that if there was any issues with this that it was a town matter and that you and bobby dodge said that you had been numerous times to town officials town highway department personnel about this matter and mr brooks that is that is a total fabrication i did not speak with those police about anything related to water drainage it was all about the incident between you and bobby dodge and there was no discussion with the police about water drainage and you're fabricating any statements that you're alluding to them saying um oh oh but mr beach uh i have the audio video state police camera in.

52:58 - 52:59

Selectboard Office

My position.

52:59 - 52:59

Selectboard Office

So.

52:59 - 53:00

walter fritz jr

Mark.

53:00 - 53:06

Selectboard Office

And Ken, this is really has nothing to do with this issue so I'm not, we're.

53:06 - 53:07

walter fritz jr

Gonna move on.

53:07 - 53:09

walter fritz jr

Yes it does Charlie, because.

53:09 - 53:09

Selectboard Office

Ken.

53:09 - 53:10

walter fritz jr

Is on record.

53:10 - 53:11

Selectboard Office

Saying.

53:11 - 53:18

walter fritz jr

That he approached the town numerous times about this water problem and it fell on deaf ears.

53:18 - 53:26

walter fritz jr

He said he went to the highway department, he said he knows town officials, and very well commented to him.

53:26 - 53:27

Selectboard Office

Okay, regardless, I.

53:27 - 53:28

walter fritz jr

Don't know.

53:28 - 53:31

Selectboard Office

Anything about this, and it's past history, so it's not relevant.

53:32 - 53:32

Selectboard Office

So.

53:32 - 53:33

walter fritz jr

Next picture.

53:33 - 53:33

walter fritz jr

Well, it is.

53:33 - 53:33

Selectboard Office

Relevant.

53:34 - 53:34

Selectboard Office

It is in.

53:34 - 53:39

walter fritz jr

Past history, Charlie, because the criminal investigation is still ongoing and charges have been made.

53:39 - 53:40

Selectboard Office

Okay, fine.

53:40 - 53:40

Selectboard Office

It has.

53:40 - 53:42

walter fritz jr

Nothing to do with this.

53:43 - 53:43

Selectboard Office

So let's move on to the next picture.

53:43 - 53:45

Selectboard Office

You want to talk about this for a few.

53:45 - 53:47

walter fritz jr

Seconds and then we'll move on.

53:47 - 53:49

walter fritz jr

Alright, trucks accident one.

53:49 - 54:01

walter fritz jr

This shows the ice from Mr. Beech's driveway, and a truck slid out of his driveway across Lindsay Hill Road, and thank God nobody was there, because they would have been dead.

54:02 - 54:03

Selectboard Office

This.

54:03 - 54:17

walter fritz jr

Is the result of the ice coming out of Mr. Beech's driveway, down onto Lindsay Hill Road, across Lindsay Hill Road, barricading my side of the road with ice.

54:17 - 54:18

Selectboard Office

Okay.

54:18 - 54:19

walter fritz jr

What was the date of this?

54:19 - 54:25

walter fritz jr

What was the date of this incident the date of that incident?

54:26 - 54:28

walter fritz jr

Yes, I would have to check my records.

54:28 - 54:38

walter fritz jr

Mr. Beach because that's just one of many Okay, is that picture the truck is actually straddling the front of your driveway It's split out of your driveway.

54:38 - 54:39

walter fritz jr

Mr. Beach.

54:39 - 54:39

walter fritz jr

You can see it.

54:39 - 54:49

walter fritz jr

There was no Your driveway there was no logging trucks going into my driveway and that's not the entrance of my driveway It's obviously in the downhill side.

54:49 - 54:50

walter fritz jr

That's the entrance of your driveway.

54:50 - 54:52

walter fritz jr

That's the entrance of my driveway.

54:52 - 54:55

walter fritz jr

I mean, I mean, you can argue with your fool on Facebook.

54:55 - 54:58

walter fritz jr

Which is it, my driveway or your driveway?

54:58 - 54:58

Selectboard Office

Ok.

54:58 - 54:59

walter fritz jr

Guys.

54:59 - 55:00

Selectboard Office

Enough already.

55:00 - 55:03

Selectboard Office

We have a picture of a truck that slid off the road.

55:03 - 55:04

Selectboard Office

We get it.

55:04 - 55:04

Selectboard Office

There's really nothing.

55:04 - 55:05

walter fritz jr

Else to.

55:05 - 55:06

Selectboard Office

Say about it.

55:06 - 55:06

walter fritz jr

But that's not.

55:06 - 55:07

Selectboard Office

My driveway.

55:09 - 55:12

walter fritz jr

And who says the driver wasn't operating incorrectly?

55:13 - 55:15

walter fritz jr

How do you assess that?

55:15 - 55:16

walter fritz jr

So.

55:16 - 55:16

Selectboard Office

Let's.

55:16 - 55:17

walter fritz jr

Move on.

55:17 - 55:17

walter fritz jr

I'm sorry.

55:18 - 55:19

walter fritz jr

That's all.

55:19 - 55:20

Selectboard Office

Jumbled.

55:20 - 55:24

Selectboard Office

So here we have Bobby Dodge's head and is that the police car?

55:24 - 55:25

Selectboard Office

Is that supposed to show.

55:25 - 55:25

walter fritz jr

Us?

55:25 - 55:32

walter fritz jr

Yeah, he's pointing at the one foot berm that used to be there on the 23rd.

55:32 - 55:33

Selectboard Office

Okay.

55:33 - 55:33

walter fritz jr

That's not a.

55:33 - 55:34

Selectboard Office

Foot high.

55:35 - 55:36

Selectboard Office

There's no way that's a foot high.

55:37 - 55:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, there.

55:37 - 55:39

walter fritz jr

Was a foot high when I put it in.

55:39 - 55:40

Selectboard Office

There.

55:40 - 55:46

walter fritz jr

The town kept raising the road about four inches every year Okay, Devon did it again this year.

55:46 - 55:48

walter fritz jr

So the water ran over as like.

55:48 - 55:51

Selectboard Office

An integrated the road Did you put any gravel down on the road?

55:51 - 55:53

Selectboard Office

No, we graded it.

55:53 - 55:55

walter fritz jr

He made it level with that berm Charlie.

55:55 - 55:57

walter fritz jr

Just go Mark.

55:57 - 56:01

Selectboard Office

The berm is still higher than the road I saw.

56:01 - 56:14

walter fritz jr

The berm was a foot higher than the road now on the last picture You know you can see where the road was level with my driveway before all this road manipulation by Devin Wolf and Cork Nugent.

56:15 - 56:15

walter fritz jr

Okay.

56:15 - 56:16

walter fritz jr

This was done.

56:16 - 56:16

Selectboard Office

On purpose.

56:16 - 56:17

Selectboard Office

All right.

56:17 - 56:17

walter fritz jr

All right.

56:18 - 56:19

walter fritz jr

So that the road was higher.

56:19 - 56:23

walter fritz jr

He even said to you, I grade the road higher.

56:23 - 56:25

walter fritz jr

I keep grading the road higher.

56:25 - 56:27

walter fritz jr

And that's exactly what he did.

56:27 - 56:31

walter fritz jr

So that the water ran down my driveway, washing it out.

56:31 - 56:32

walter fritz jr

Okay.

56:33 - 56:33

Selectboard Office

I mean, you can.

56:33 - 56:35

walter fritz jr

See, look at the pictures, Charlie.

56:36 - 56:36

walter fritz jr

Look.

56:36 - 56:36

Selectboard Office

At where it.

56:36 - 56:38

walter fritz jr

Says driveway level.

56:38 - 56:39

walter fritz jr

Do you see that picture?

56:39 - 56:41

walter fritz jr

It's picture 12.

56:41 - 56:43

Selectboard Office

We're on it right now yeah.

56:45 - 56:48

walter fritz jr

It used to be level okay.

56:48 - 56:49

Selectboard Office

That's what.

56:49 - 57:03

walter fritz jr

I'm talking about that's what we've done to this road it was manipulated ever so

slowly we only gradually minimally maintained it at Brooks's driveway and we raised it about four inches every year.

57:05 - 57:11

Selectboard Office

Absolutely we don't have the money to spend on gravel to raise your road four inches there's way we're doing that.

57:12 - 57:15

walter fritz jr

I didn't say the road, I just said at my property.

57:16 - 57:17

Selectboard Office

Oh, well, why would we do that?

57:21 - 57:24

Selectboard Office

Okay, so Mark, here's what we're going to do.

57:24 - 57:30

Selectboard Office

Again, to reiterate, we're going to work on improving the drainage on Beech's side of the road.

57:30 - 57:31

Selectboard Office

We're going to clean out the ditch.

57:31 - 57:40

Selectboard Office

We're going to try to get the drain to go across his road, the end of his driveway, and we're going to What.

57:40 - 57:45

walter fritz jr

About the road making it level so my driveway is above the road again.

57:45 - 57:47

Selectboard Office

Your driveway is there that berm is.

57:47 - 57:49

walter fritz jr

About what it is Ah, this was done on purpose.

57:50 - 57:51

walter fritz jr

Then you know it.

57:51 - 57:51

Selectboard Office

I've.

57:51 - 57:52

walter fritz jr

Seen.

57:52 - 57:52

Selectboard Office

It.

57:53 - 57:54

walter fritz jr

Right way washing out.

57:55 - 57:57

Selectboard Office

All right That's it mark.

57:57 - 57:58

Selectboard Office

That's what.

57:58 - 58:02

Selectboard Office

We're doing Right, let's see No.

58:03 - 58:05

walter fritz jr

Well charlie, i'm, uh, sorry.

58:06 - 58:11

walter fritz jr

Sorry to say this but uh, you leave me no recourse except the court system.

58:12 - 58:13

Selectboard Office

Okay, that's up to you.

58:15 - 58:16

walter fritz jr

Oh, yeah, I'm sure it is.

58:19 - 58:22

Selectboard Office

All right, so Ken, does that make sense to you?

58:23 - 58:38

walter fritz jr

Yeah, I'm totally agreeable with increasing the, putting an extra trench or whatever the technical term is just at the lip of my driveway, nuts, you know, so that it can increase even more the water flow.

58:39 - 58:49

walter fritz jr

I do have, you know, a runoff ditch on the side of my driveway which flows into the culvert to collect any water that's flowing off of it.

58:49 - 59:03

walter fritz jr

I wondered if that might help Mr. Brooks's driveway if he were to put in a, you know, little drainage ditch on the side to handle his driveway overflow instead of letting it just wash all the down the driveway.

59:03 - 59:04

walter fritz jr

That's what I did.

59:06 - 59:22

walter fritz jr

And, you know, so I'm happy to do that as long as the depth of the of the trench that's put in does not allow lower, you know, lower body level off the ground cars like sedans from bottoming out to go up to there.

59:23 - 59:27

walter fritz jr

I don't think it will because, you know, there's no reason for that.

59:27 - 59:36

walter fritz jr

But, you know, I know you'll do careful job and and help move the water down the uphill side of of the road.

59:36 - 59:42

walter fritz jr

And I learned a long time ago I think in first grade that water tends to flow downhill.

59:42 - 59:44

walter fritz jr

My father always taught me that too.

59:44 - 59:52

walter fritz jr

If you're downhill of a water source, water is going to find its way to you unless you have a dam or something in the way.

59:53 - 01:00:10

walter fritz jr

And anyway so I'm happy to you know allow that to be done at the In the past, there's been extra melt coming down the driveway because even after my snowplow guy has come through, there's been piles of snow at the end of my driveway.

01:00:11 - 01:00:16

walter fritz jr

I don't know how it got there, but that did contribute to extra melt going across the road.

01:00:16 - 01:00:21

walter fritz jr

I haven't seen that recently, but that was a strange occurrence in the past.

01:00:22 - 01:00:28

walter fritz jr

But anyway, I have to support the branch along the foot of my driveway.

01:00:28 - 01:00:28

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:00:28 - 01:00:28

Selectboard Office

Sure.

01:00:29 - 01:00:35

Selectboard Office

And then, you know, and I'll just remind both of you, and this is true for everybody, this is a state law, you can't plow across the road.

01:00:35 - 01:00:45

Selectboard Office

So when you plow your driveways, you need to be plowing your snow down into your property, not across the road to the town right away or your neighbor's property, so.

01:00:45 - 01:00:46

Selectboard Office

So, Charlie.

01:00:47 - 01:00:47

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:00:49 - 01:01:03

walter fritz jr

There's another issue here, the way this road got plowed, it used to get plowed up and Devin Wolf used to plow it up with a tri-axle and then all of a sudden he stopped.

01:01:04 - 01:01:05

walter fritz jr

What was the reason for that?

01:01:07 - 01:01:08

Selectboard Office

We never had a tri-axle.

01:01:10 - 01:01:12

walter fritz jr

Ah, you're so full of it, you know it.

01:01:17 - 01:01:18

Selectboard Office

You're You plowed.

01:01:18 - 01:01:21

walter fritz jr

It with a dump truck and a sander going up the road.

01:01:21 - 01:01:22

walter fritz jr

Why aren't you doing it now?

01:01:23 - 01:01:24

walter fritz jr

What was.

01:01:24 - 01:01:24

Selectboard Office

The reason?

01:01:25 - 01:01:26

Selectboard Office

Well let's let Devin answer.

01:01:26 - 01:01:28

Selectboard Office

It's been hired up to contract flowers.

01:01:28 - 01:01:33

Selectboard Office

So we it's generally because the town didn't want to deal with problems with people on the road.

01:01:33 - 01:01:35

Selectboard Office

So contract plow drivers do it now.

01:01:37 - 01:01:37

walter fritz jr

You.

01:01:37 - 01:01:39

Selectboard Office

Used to plow it with a town dump truck?

01:01:39 - 01:01:40

Selectboard Office

Years ago.

01:01:40 - 01:01:44

walter fritz jr

Yes they plowed it with a town dump truck Charlie and then when I called the.

01:01:44 - 01:01:47

Selectboard Office

We stopped Devon, they stopped.

01:01:48 - 01:01:49

walter fritz jr

All of a sudden stopped.

01:01:50 - 01:01:52

Selectboard Office

Okay, you made your point.

01:01:52 - 01:01:54

Selectboard Office

So let me let Devon finish his.

01:01:55 - 01:02:00

Selectboard Office

We always had to contract while drivers do it after we lost our part-time help.

01:02:02 - 01:02:07

Selectboard Office

And if the contract while drivers, now this year, the guy just died.

01:02:08 - 01:02:10

Selectboard Office

While he was driving, he'll close the roads.

01:02:11 - 01:02:12

Selectboard Office

So we have to find a new one.

01:02:12 - 01:02:14

Selectboard Office

Until then, it'll be the thumb plow.

01:02:15 - 01:02:15

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:02:15 - 01:02:17

Selectboard Office

Which way should we go?

01:02:17 - 01:02:18

Selectboard Office

Up or down?

01:02:18 - 01:02:19

Selectboard Office

Does it matter?

01:02:19 - 01:02:20

Selectboard Office

No.

01:02:21 - 01:02:22

Selectboard Office

Does it matter to you, Mark?

01:02:23 - 01:02:24

Selectboard Office

Snow from one side?

01:02:24 - 01:02:29

walter fritz jr

Yes, that was part of the problem with this ice coming across the road.

01:02:29 - 01:02:33

walter fritz jr

They stopped using a commercial truck to plow the road.

01:02:34 - 01:02:34

Selectboard Office

Okay, we.

01:02:34 - 01:02:35

walter fritz jr

Just said.

01:02:35 - 01:02:37

Selectboard Office

We're gonna use a commercial truck.

01:02:37 - 01:02:39

Selectboard Office

Do you care whether we plow up or down?

01:02:39 - 01:02:39

Selectboard Office

That is the question.

01:02:39 - 01:02:41

walter fritz jr

I would prefer you plow up.

01:02:47 - 01:02:51

walter fritz jr

You want to know why he wants to plow down?

01:02:51 - 01:02:53

walter fritz jr

Because he plows all the snow in my driveway.

01:02:54 - 01:02:56

Selectboard Office

Half the road goes one way and half goes the other.

01:02:57 - 01:03:01

walter fritz jr

Yeah, well, as the first plow going through you, you get the most snow.

01:03:02 - 01:03:04

walter fritz jr

You know what you're doing.

01:03:05 - 01:03:06

Selectboard Office

I noticed.

01:03:06 - 01:03:13

walter fritz jr

That on the picture of showing this ice and snow in front of Mr. Brooks's driveway, you can clearly see below the driveway.

01:03:13 - 01:03:42

walter fritz jr

Where the snow has been pushed into the side of the road by you know whoever plowed the road so it was not deposited in front of the driveway you can clearly see the the banked up on the side of the road downhill of the driveway so it sounds like in current years it's okay maybe in past years that's what we're doing but the picture that mr. Brooks supplied shows the you know snow piled up below the driveway outside of the driveway.

01:03:43 - 01:03:44

Selectboard Office

You know, there's no exactly.

01:03:44 - 01:03:46

Selectboard Office

What I said they were doing this last.

01:03:46 - 01:03:55

Selectboard Office

Okay, Mark, there's nobody in the town of Worthington or in the Hill towns or in Western Massachusetts that lives in a house with a driveway that doesn't have this issue.

01:03:55 - 01:04:00

Selectboard Office

We all have snow files going by leaving big berms of snow in front of our driveways.

01:04:00 - 01:04:02

Selectboard Office

And we all have to get through them.

01:04:02 - 01:04:04

Selectboard Office

So you're not unique in this situation.

01:04:05 - 01:04:05

Selectboard Office

For Christ's sake.

01:04:06 - 01:04:06

walter fritz jr

I mean.

01:04:06 - 01:04:06

Selectboard Office

Charlie.

01:04:07 - 01:04:09

walter fritz jr

Charlie, you don't understand.

01:04:09 - 01:04:10

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:04:10 - 01:04:10

walter fritz jr

I do.

01:04:10 - 01:04:11

Selectboard Office

Understand.

01:04:12 - 01:04:20

walter fritz jr

It always used to be plowed uphill, and then all of a sudden they stopped, and it was right after I made a complaint to the state police.

01:04:22 - 01:04:23

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:04:23 - 01:04:26

Selectboard Office

Well, uphill is when the road was closed.

01:04:26 - 01:04:26

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:04:27 - 01:04:28

Selectboard Office

We had to go in from the other side.

01:04:29 - 01:04:30

Selectboard Office

So how's that?

01:04:30 - 01:04:32

Selectboard Office

Yeah, obviously that makes sense.

01:04:32 - 01:04:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and the last three years I believe as long as the water house was following it was plowing from the bottom up But if steve he's not following anymore We're coming from Seeing us through if we can stop following the center of the road We definitely come up All right, so we're going to make the improvements and and do our best and what sounds like we'll probably be using.

01:04:56 - 01:05:00

walter fritz jr

A bigger truck So what are you what are you going to do with this level of the road?

01:05:00 - 01:05:02

walter fritz jr

I mean you raised it a foot at my driveway.

01:05:02 - 01:05:03

walter fritz jr

I show you evidence.

01:05:03 - 01:05:05

walter fritz jr

At least you can do is take it down.

01:05:06 - 01:05:08

Selectboard Office

No, we didn't raise the road.

01:05:09 - 01:05:09

walter fritz jr

No, what do you mean?

01:05:10 - 01:05:11

walter fritz jr

No, the road.

01:05:11 - 01:05:11

Selectboard Office

Was left.

01:05:11 - 01:05:12

walter fritz jr

Before.

01:05:12 - 01:05:12

Selectboard Office

My.

01:05:12 - 01:05:14

walter fritz jr

Driveway was a little above.

01:05:15 - 01:05:16

walter fritz jr

Now it's not.

01:05:16 - 01:05:22

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry anybody with a brain can stand next to that road and see it's not a foot high for god sakes.

01:05:23 - 01:05:28

walter fritz jr

Anybody with a brain Charlie can look at a picture that I showed and see its level.

01:05:29 - 01:05:29

walter fritz jr

Okay.

01:05:30 - 01:05:31

Selectboard Office

How did.

01:05:31 - 01:05:31

walter fritz jr

It get?

01:05:32 - 01:05:34

walter fritz jr

So I had to put a berm at the end of my driveway.

01:05:34 - 01:05:36

walter fritz jr

Why aren't you going to take care of it?

01:05:37 - 01:05:38

Selectboard Office

We are going to take care of it.

01:05:38 - 01:05:39

Selectboard Office

So let's.

01:05:39 - 01:05:39

walter fritz jr

See.

01:05:39 - 01:05:40

walter fritz jr

No, you're not.

01:05:40 - 01:05:42

walter fritz jr

You said to me we aren't going to do anything to the road.

01:05:43 - 01:05:45

walter fritz jr

We're going to leave it the way it is.

01:05:45 - 01:05:57

walter fritz jr

And maybe we might try to put a little divot at the end of it's the beaches driveway

so that the water will go down the side of the road and we're going to open the drain up underneath the road to pour more water onto your land.

01:05:59 - 01:06:01

walter fritz jr

Is there a chance we could move on?

01:06:01 - 01:06:01

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:06:01 - 01:06:05

walter fritz jr

Now you would take into account that you could put a French drain in to mitigate.

01:06:05 - 01:06:06

Selectboard Office

The...

01:06:06 - 01:06:10

Selectboard Office

Mark, we're just rehashing the same thing over and over again.

01:06:10 - 01:06:10

walter fritz jr

So...

01:06:10 - 01:06:19

walter fritz jr

No, we're not, Charlie, because I'm saying to you my driveway is level and you're saying it isn't, you're saying the town never raised the road and the pictures show otherwise.

01:06:20 - 01:06:20

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:06:20 - 01:06:20

Selectboard Office

And.

01:06:20 - 01:06:23

walter fritz jr

You're saying you're not going to address the issue.

01:06:23 - 01:06:24

walter fritz jr

I have a problem with that.

01:06:25 - 01:06:25

walter fritz jr

Okay.

01:06:26 - 01:06:28

Selectboard Office

That's the end for now.

01:06:30 - 01:06:31

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:06:31 - 01:06:33

Selectboard Office

We'll move on to the next item.

01:06:34 - 01:06:35

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:06:35 - 01:06:36

walter fritz jr

Good evening, everyone.

01:06:36 - 01:06:36

walter fritz jr

Bye.

01:06:37 - 01:06:37

Selectboard Office

Ken.

01:06:37 - 01:06:39

walter fritz jr

Thanks for being here.

01:06:39 - 01:06:39

walter fritz jr

Goodbye.

01:06:40 - 01:06:42

walter fritz jr

Hey, good night.

01:06:46 - 01:06:46

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:06:47 - 01:06:49

Selectboard Office

So thanks everybody for your patience.

01:06:57 - 01:07:02

Selectboard Office

All right, so Bob's next up, do you want to ask him to come in?

01:07:07 - 01:07:09

Selectboard Office

So everybody, thanks for your patience.

01:07:10 - 01:07:12

Selectboard Office

Maybe I could have handled it better, I didn't.

01:07:25 - 01:07:38

Selectboard Office

All right, so we've been looking at permitting software mostly I have been looking at permitting software for the last six months or so and not longer.

01:07:44 - 01:07:59

Selectboard Office

I think our consensus, and certainly somebody can tell me if I'm wrong, is that permodized broadly makes the most sense for us.

01:08:00 - 01:08:02

Selectboard Office

Virtually every town in Massachusetts uses it.

01:08:03 - 01:08:10

Selectboard Office

The GoGov people made a good attempt to try to get our business, and they are cheaper at least the first year.

01:08:11 - 01:08:17

Selectboard Office

Actually after the first year, and we get past the setup cost, Permadeyes ends up being a little cheaper.

01:08:21 - 01:08:26

Selectboard Office

But, you know, I had a hard time finding a decent reference for no gov, which didn't help.

01:08:26 - 01:08:29

Selectboard Office

So, and that's what Bob's already using in GField.

01:08:32 - 01:08:41

Selectboard Office

So, I'm gonna suggest we go ahead, that we go ahead and we're gonna have to find some more money.

01:08:41 - 01:09:06

Selectboard Office

So it's not like we can we appropriated six thousand bucks but it's all a card i mean because i i didn't bring a file with me tonight i apologize so i don't know um i i went over it again tonight with myself before i came to the meeting but i'll go ahead and open the spreadsheet but it's all a card but the big expense is the first year setup charge and you can't get around out of work.

01:09:07 - 01:09:17

Selectboard Office

So numbers and because we appropriated 6000 you said and then what do we come out to?

01:09:17 - 01:09:17

Selectboard Office

I'm getting it.

01:09:17 - 01:09:18

Selectboard Office

Just give me one second.

01:09:24 - 01:09:30

Selectboard Office

It's \$9,700 so it's \$2,900 a year.

01:09:31 - 01:09:34

Selectboard Office

It's an extra 900 a year or credit card.

01:09:35 - 01:09:41

Selectboard Office

So it's really 30, 3800.

01:09:43 - 01:09:48

Selectboard Office

Which is exactly what GoGov is, but there's a \$5 ,900 setup fee the first year.

01:09:48 - 01:09:53

Selectboard Office

We only appropriated six, so we'd need then 97 first year.

01:09:54 - 01:10:11

Selectboard Office

So I'm going to suggest we probably go into the special time meeting that's coming up shortly and ask for the extra 37 or I will actually compromised, see whether they'd be willing to negotiate down for the rest of this fiscal year, in which case we'd have enough money and just need toward our next year.

01:10:12 - 01:10:16

Selectboard Office

But one way or the other, does that make sense?

01:10:17 - 01:10:18

Selectboard Office

That makes sense to me.

01:10:18 - 01:10:36

Selectboard Office

I think that we should bring it up at special town meeting that either we have the money and we're doing this because we've been prorated for fiscal year and talk about the convenience for not just the applicants, but also for our...

01:10:36 - 01:10:38

Selectboard Office

Well, town meeting already, we don't...

01:10:39 - 01:10:41

Selectboard Office

I know, but I think we ought to bring them...

01:10:41 - 01:10:49

Selectboard Office

I think it doesn't hurt to remind people that we're doing this and the money that we will actually save by doing this.

01:10:49 - 01:10:52

Selectboard Office

But if there's nothing to vote on, there's no reason to take it to town meeting.

01:10:53 - 01:10:54

Selectboard Office

Well, we have to get the other six...

01:10:54 - 01:11:01

Selectboard Office

If I can negotiate the price down so with the six is enough, we don't need to go to town meeting a second time and ask for permission to do the same thing.

01:11:03 - 01:11:05

Selectboard Office

That's not what time meetings for.

01:11:12 - 01:11:15

Selectboard Office

Our meeting is not just for general discussion.

01:11:17 - 01:11:34

Selectboard Office

How we're trying to make things easier better and cheaper I was suggesting well at any time meeting it thought if he does get it down and then you'll tell me we will have to budget, it will have to be in our new budget again for the next year.

01:11:35 - 01:11:39

Selectboard Office

So that's our opportunity to discuss how this is a helpful thing for them.

01:11:40 - 01:11:43

Selectboard Office

Because this is not like, it's not like we're going to pay for it, we never have to pay for it again, right?

01:11:43 - 01:11:45

Selectboard Office

We have to pay for it every year.

01:11:45 - 01:11:49

Selectboard Office

So that's our opportunity to discuss where it's helping us.

01:11:52 - 01:11:59

Selectboard Office

So I'm all for telling people why we're doing things and explaining, believe me, I think I'm all about that.

01:11:59 - 01:12:01

Selectboard Office

Just there's a time and a place.

01:12:03 - 01:12:19

Selectboard Office

I make a motion that Charlie talks to the permittized folks see if we can get it prorated for the fiscal year to be within budget and that we go ahead and try to purchase permittized for our inspection.

01:12:20 - 01:12:21

Selectboard Office

I would second that.

01:12:23 - 01:12:23

Selectboard Office

Discussion.

01:12:24 - 01:12:24

Selectboard Office

Good choice.

01:12:26 - 01:12:27

Selectboard Office

Okay, all in favor.

01:12:27 - 01:12:28

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:12:28 - 01:12:31

Selectboard Office

Okay, I'll work on that and I'll bring in updates to the next meeting.

01:12:35 - 01:12:36

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I am.

01:12:36 - 01:12:37

Selectboard Office

I started.

01:12:37 - 01:12:39

Selectboard Office

Yeah, you just didn't hear it at the beginning because the speaker wasn't working.

01:12:40 - 01:12:40

Selectboard Office

Oh, okay.

01:12:40 - 01:12:41

Selectboard Office

No, the whole thing's been.

01:12:45 - 01:12:47

Selectboard Office

So thank you for reminding me.

01:12:48 - 01:12:48

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:12:48 - 01:12:50

Selectboard Office

I just realized Bob, thank you for being here.

01:12:50 - 01:12:52

Selectboard Office

I really want you really.

01:12:56 - 01:12:56

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:12:58 - 01:12:59

Selectboard Office

Thanks.

01:12:59 - 01:12:59

Selectboard Office

You too.

01:13:05 - 01:13:18

Selectboard Office

So, Alex, next up on the agenda, you're asking where you want to know where we're
Yeah, I know you guys did some walking on the land or something like that or had
somebody do some walking.

01:13:19 - 01:13:27

Selectboard Office

So when the guy was here to make the design work, he did go over afterwards and
look at the property, right?

01:13:27 - 01:13:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think he did.

01:13:29 - 01:13:29

Selectboard Office

And that was the plan.

01:13:31 - 01:13:33

Selectboard Office

We haven't actually had any feedback up from him on.

01:13:37 - 01:13:37

[speaker unknown]

It.

01:13:37 - 01:13:46

Selectboard Office

If we want to consider I'm not sure we're ready to do it tonight but you know possibly putting a purchase on the special time meeting warrant.

01:13:47 - 01:13:56

Selectboard Office

Right, because again we're not trying I'm not trying to push you guys but we do want to sell it so whether we're going to go directly to you or not we're going to put it on the open market.

01:13:56 - 01:13:59

Selectboard Office

Yeah so how patient can you be is really the question.

01:14:00 - 01:14:05

Selectboard Office

I'm okay every time that tax bill comes in my life goes when are we going to sell that?

01:14:05 - 01:14:13

Selectboard Office

You know, I understand, so I'm not trying to push it, but it would be good to get either way the decision this year.

01:14:14 - 01:14:36

Selectboard Office

So I'd rather get it to an annual town meeting than to do it at a special one, so that, you know, people have it, it hasn't had a chance to be aired, and even if we're not ready to go out to bid on a building, which we may be, that, you know, having the property, and we're still investigating Albert and whether that's an option too, so we're going to talk Yeah.

01:14:36 - 01:14:37

Selectboard Office

And that's that's fine.

01:14:37 - 01:14:38

Selectboard Office

I'm just not making any promises.

01:14:38 - 01:14:52

Selectboard Office

You might find that it's up for sale and That I'm not so we brought to your attention, you know, and that's fine I I get it, but we're probably not gonna hold up Okay, could you hold off the spring?

01:14:54 - 01:14:55

Selectboard Office

I Have to talk to higher authorities.

01:14:56 - 01:15:02

Selectboard Office

Okay, so well beyond I am I'm being totally I don't know I'm saying so after you do be honest with us.

01:15:02 - 01:15:08

Selectboard Office

So it's something we need to move on sooner rather than later It's not it's not a bad investment either way in my mind.

01:15:08 - 01:15:12

Selectboard Office

I would say it's not like we couldn't turn around and resell it If we tied it decided not to use it.

01:15:12 - 01:15:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:15:17 - 01:15:33

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and I agree with that so we're trying to you know, as we get older we're trying to clean houses of both The kids don't want the land so And we were planning on selling it this fall and then when we found out about you know, the possibility means I just said Hey, are you guys interested or not?

01:15:33 - 01:15:55

Selectboard Office

So i know how stuff takes a long time but i don't know if we're gonna wait till next june so that's my guess so you know talk about it let us know okay but i i you know either way you'll have to go for that okay yeah i can't can't promise him no okay no and i and i got it so Okay.

01:15:55 - 01:15:57

Selectboard Office

Look it.

01:15:57 - 01:15:58

Selectboard Office

Thank you, see ya.

01:15:58 - 01:15:58

Selectboard Office

Bye.

01:16:01 - 01:16:02

Selectboard Office

Ruth, are you ready?

01:16:04 - 01:16:05

Selectboard Office

I guess it's me, I'm not.

01:16:06 - 01:16:20

Selectboard Office

So, we would like, Indivisible, Hilltown Indivisible would like to host, sponsor a food drive for the Hilltown Food Pantry on the 15th.

01:16:23 - 01:16:38

Selectboard Office

They've been hit, they're part of the Northampton Survival Center, they've been hit by what's happening in the world, and we thought as a community we could probably chip in where we could.

01:16:39 - 01:16:58

Selectboard Office

So we have a mock-up flyer that lists the towns, the towns that they serve, the things that they're looking for, that they're looking for food, supermarket gift cards and cash donations, how to write their checks up to.

01:16:59 - 01:17:05

Selectboard Office

And what we're asking of the town is that we can do it on town property.

01:17:06 - 01:17:16

Selectboard Office

Probably the best is the parking lot above the transfer station, just for a drop-off on that Saturday the 15th.

01:17:16 - 01:17:26

Selectboard Office

Um, we do not yet have a rain date location, but it probably would not get, think you've got things happening to call that day and at the school.

01:17:26 - 01:17:27

Selectboard Office

So it will probably be somewhere else.

01:17:31 - 01:17:32

Selectboard Office

What's happening at time?

01:17:33 - 01:17:34

Selectboard Office

Oh, it's an art show.

01:17:40 - 01:17:42

Selectboard Office

We don't know what's happening.

01:17:43 - 01:17:47

Selectboard Office

I'm working on getting a calendar that gives all access, but a different subject.

01:17:48 - 01:17:53

Selectboard Office

So it sounds like a good idea to me, and I don't know why we wouldn't do that.

01:17:53 - 01:17:54

Selectboard Office

Do you need a proposal or do you just?

01:17:54 - 01:17:55

Selectboard Office

Sure.

01:17:55 - 01:18:16

Selectboard Office

I move that we allow the indivisible hotels to have their food and money drive at the transfer, for the Goshen Pantry at the transfer station above it in either the highway department Uh, driveway, which is for the, uh, the pond driveway that, uh, that's just gravel there.

01:18:16 - 01:18:18

Selectboard Office

I mean, it was great with Evan.

01:18:18 - 01:18:24

Selectboard Office

I think, I think you'd be better off on where John just didn't drug take back in front of the garage doors.

01:18:25 - 01:18:27

Selectboard Office

Just because you know, that drug couldn't be drying them.

01:18:27 - 01:18:29

Selectboard Office

It's easy to pull in.

01:18:29 - 01:18:29

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:18:29 - 01:18:30

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:18:30 - 01:18:37

Selectboard Office

And I guess in your proposal, the official name is Hilltown food pantry, not It's in the whole time.

01:18:37 - 01:18:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but it's understood.

01:18:39 - 01:18:39

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:18:39 - 01:18:42

Selectboard Office

All right, which is really part of the Survival Center.

01:18:46 - 01:18:47

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:18:51 - 01:18:52

Selectboard Office

So any other discussion.

01:18:55 - 01:18:59

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Okay Hi guys, yeah, I just wanted.

01:18:59 - 01:19:00

Selectboard Office

To.

01:19:00 - 01:19:13

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Offer yes, we have an event happening that weekend at the school But the arts room, which was used during COVID for collection and whatnot, could be available.

01:19:13 - 01:19:16

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So in case of a rain date.

01:19:16 - 01:19:18

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So that is absolutely an option.

01:19:19 - 01:19:21

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's got its own door in the back of the building.

01:19:22 - 01:19:22

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yes, absolutely.

01:19:23 - 01:19:26

Selectboard Office

Is that the one that used to be the COA office?

01:19:26 - 01:19:26

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:19:26 - 01:19:28

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Ok, just checking.

01:19:28 - 01:19:29

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:19:29 - 01:19:31

Selectboard Office

And that is where we ran the food pantry during COVID.

01:19:34 - 01:19:35

Selectboard Office

Yeah, thanks.

01:19:35 - 01:19:39

Selectboard Office

I was gonna ask think about suggesting the school, but I didn't want to speak for you.

01:19:39 - 01:19:40

Selectboard Office

So thank you.

01:19:41 - 01:19:46

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

No, absolutely schools available if if we've got it, you know, got the space and time.

01:19:46 - 01:19:48

Selectboard Office

So.

01:19:48 - 01:19:49

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:19:50 - 01:19:50

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:19:51 - 01:20:00

Selectboard Office

You know, in case someone asked, I was going to ask will also contact the pantry on Western to find out what their capacity because I don't know how much of that they have.

01:20:00 - 01:20:01

Selectboard Office

So if I don't get it.

01:20:01 - 01:20:03

Selectboard Office

There's not, that's TV.

01:20:03 - 01:20:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I figured they probably don't have long.

01:20:05 - 01:20:08

Selectboard Office

But just in case someone asks, maybe there's some things that they're looking for.

01:20:09 - 01:20:11

Selectboard Office

So it's not that we forgot them.

01:20:11 - 01:20:12

Selectboard Office

I understand.

01:20:14 - 01:20:24

Selectboard Office

And there is, I haven't had a chance to reach somebody at Sawyer Farms, but they were, they had like a free food fridge up in front of the store there too.

01:20:24 - 01:20:25

Selectboard Office

As far as I know, they're still doing that.

01:20:27 - 01:20:32

Selectboard Office

But regardless, using the formal food pantry certainly makes the most sense.

01:20:32 - 01:20:33

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:20:33 - 01:20:33

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:20:33 - 01:20:34

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:20:34 - 01:20:35

Selectboard Office

So all in favor?

01:20:35 - 01:20:35

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:20:36 - 01:20:36

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:20:36 - 01:20:37

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:20:37 - 01:20:37

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:20:37 - 01:20:38

Selectboard Office

Now thank you.

01:20:39 - 01:20:43

Selectboard Office

So send me that flyer so I can post it.

01:20:55 - 01:20:59

Selectboard Office

And I have some ball pictures for you.

01:20:59 - 01:21:01

Selectboard Office

Not all of them, but that's all.

01:21:03 - 01:21:04

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:21:04 - 01:21:04

Selectboard Office

Cool.

01:21:04 - 01:21:06

Selectboard Office

A good thing.

01:21:10 - 01:21:12

Selectboard Office

Deb, update on Albert Farms property.

01:21:15 - 01:21:28

Selectboard Office

So, I reviewed the whole file that fairly well stops at 2008, the year 2008, and went out and walked with.

01:21:34 - 01:21:43

Selectboard Office

And I mean, it's a beautiful piece of property once you drop below and you get to the brook and all of that, it really is lovely.

01:21:44 - 01:21:50

Selectboard Office

There was very little debris, very few tires here and there, but not really anything.

01:21:56 - 01:22:14

Selectboard Office

The soil sediment samples that they took came back with hydrocarbons, which really don't concern me since it's been such a long time, and things that really indicate where batteries were stored.

01:22:15 - 01:22:26

Selectboard Office

But then in those back and forth emails with Evan, it sounds like mischief was afoot

with the locations of the sampling sites and maybe it's not reliable.

01:22:27 - 01:22:30

Selectboard Office

I mean you can still see where some of the test wells were is that?

01:22:31 - 01:22:51

Selectboard Office

There are two test wells that are out there that are you know locked and have a cap on them but I don't know I mean I've talked to a few people that have said that they did not store the pesticides on that side of the road that the pesticides were all stored by the airfield.

01:22:51 - 01:23:02

Selectboard Office

Which makes intuitive sense that that was generally like the refueling site and the fuel depot and where they kept all the vehicles and all of that.

01:23:04 - 01:23:13

Selectboard Office

I think it would probably be prudent for us to do some sampling.

01:23:13 - 01:23:16

Selectboard Office

I don't know how expensive that would be.

01:23:16 - 01:23:22

Selectboard Office

We can certainly ask, like go get some bids and see what somebody would recommend.

01:23:24 - 01:23:33

Selectboard Office

But if everything in there is as it seems, it would seem to me that we could do some follow-up sampling on some of the sites, see what's there.

01:23:34 - 01:23:49

Selectboard Office

If you were going to put a structure there, you would, you know, the cement cap of what would be the foundation would largely be the mitigation for anything that could be left. You mean the existing foundation that's there, or you mean the new foundation?

01:23:49 - 01:23:51

Selectboard Office

No, you have to do it with the whole new foundation.

01:23:52 - 01:23:56

Selectboard Office

But you have to do, obviously you have to do a lot of excavation, right, to put in the foundation.

01:23:57 - 01:23:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think so.

01:23:58 - 01:23:59

Selectboard Office

Yeah, four foot cross wall one.

01:24:00 - 01:24:07

Selectboard Office

There's, I mean, there's rubble where they tore down the building and then it looks like there's a concrete slab that's there as well.

01:24:09 - 01:24:21

Selectboard Office

But it seems I mean it seems like it would be I mean if everything were you know Good as far as the sampling was concerned that seems like an ideal location for.

01:24:24 - 01:24:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah In the town would have this windfall back there too.

01:24:30 - 01:24:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah, there is Clearly man-made right yeah, yeah, but it's but it's nice I've never seen it.

01:24:38 - 01:24:51

Selectboard Office

Oh Yeah, and the brooks behind it yes beautiful and you know, there's opportunities there if you wanted to Develop some hiking trails like wildlife trails or something like that.

01:24:51 - 01:24:55

Selectboard Office

I mean you could even Get handicap access in there if you wanted to do.

01:24:55 - 01:25:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I mean there's way more acres than we need So next steps then would be looking into a consultant to do some testing Mm-hmm.

01:25:06 - 01:25:07

Selectboard Office

Yep have them review the files.

01:25:08 - 01:25:32

Selectboard Office

There's there's been there was reference to EPA cleanup and Evan said that he never heard of such a thing, but I saw in a couple of couple of the files I asked Peg to try and find an email and she's been Unsuccessful despite the fact that I have the you have the date and the subject.

01:25:34 - 01:25:39

Selectboard Office

I don't know how many emails came up with that budget one, but if that's the one that you're looking for.

01:25:39 - 01:25:50

Selectboard Office

Okay, so, but I can reach out to a couple of environmental consulting firms and see if they want to review some of the files and whatever.

01:25:50 - 01:25:56

Selectboard Office

In depth, there might be, there might, I don't know, there might be some statements available to help, you know, offset the cost of that.

01:25:56 - 01:26:16

Selectboard Office

There might if there there might have been and there still might be I don't know
Yeah, I think I think we would like to try to find a grant to do whatever the testing I mean, I'm not sure that the Testing would be all that it Expensive I mean I suspect a grant to do this on land.

01:26:16 - 01:26:18

Selectboard Office

We don't own might be difficult.

01:26:21 - 01:26:25

Selectboard Office

But the fact that we have tax lien on it with that we have assistance.

01:26:25 - 01:26:25

Selectboard Office

I don't know.

01:26:29 - 01:26:46

Selectboard Office

And it's, I mean, it's sort of, I mean, if we do the testing and find out that the place is largely created contaminants, then we would exercise our option, I think, and would be the owners of the place.

01:26:46 - 01:26:46

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:26:47 - 01:26:50

Selectboard Office

And otherwise, it's just this limbo piece of property.

01:26:50 - 01:26:51

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:26:51 - 01:26:53

Selectboard Office

It's not producing anything for the town.

01:26:53 - 01:26:55

Selectboard Office

Actually, and the property owes the town a lot of money.

01:26:55 - 01:26:56

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:26:57 - 01:26:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's about 200,000.

01:26:58 - 01:26:59

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:27:01 - 01:27:03

Selectboard Office

Which we'd never get if we took it.

01:27:03 - 01:27:06

Selectboard Office

Did you have a chance to talk with Ron Berenson?

01:27:06 - 01:27:08

Selectboard Office

You know what, I didn't, Peg, but I, but I.

01:27:08 - 01:27:12

Selectboard Office

He's a good source, he's really familiar with that whole project.

01:27:13 - 01:27:15

Selectboard Office

So are you on to continue research?

01:27:16 - 01:27:18

Selectboard Office

Okay, so why don't we keep it on the agenda, Peggy?

01:27:18 - 01:27:19

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:27:19 - 01:27:20

Selectboard Office

Please.

01:27:22 - 01:27:24

Selectboard Office

Well, once we're on that subject.

01:27:24 - 01:27:24

Selectboard Office

Yes, sir.

01:27:26 - 01:27:35

Selectboard Office

So I'm gonna jump in this, which is gonna take some time, Which I think was a good idea to, you know, see if that's available for us and would work.

01:27:35 - 01:27:42

Selectboard Office

And then you've got a fellow that's got some property that we know would work,

that maybe they're going to sell it tomorrow, you know.

01:27:43 - 01:27:44

Selectboard Office

Well, nothing sells that fast.

01:27:45 - 01:27:46

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry.

01:27:47 - 01:27:48

Selectboard Office

Nothing sells that fast.

01:27:49 - 01:27:49

Selectboard Office

Right, right.

01:27:49 - 01:28:10

Selectboard Office

But I'm just saying, is there some type of a contingency we could maybe work with them to hold that for a little bit for us, and I don't know, I'm just talking, and I'm just thinking a lot, and I'm talking a lot, but if you gave him a thousand dollars a pot.

01:28:10 - 01:28:16

Selectboard Office

He probably would pay a half a year's taxes there or something, you know, or a lot.

01:28:16 - 01:28:24

Selectboard Office

I can't imagine the tax, I mean I own a similar size piece of property that the taxes aren't a whole lot of money.

01:28:24 - 01:28:52

Selectboard Office

And has without a bit without a building on it what but does it have enough road frontage for a house no actually it doesn't okay there you go that's the difference and so it's just just i'm just thinking a louder i'm just throwing that out there um

because if that shows up and it's all kinds of hazardous material in there which i hope it doesn't then we don't really have a plan b and how much longer that garage is going to stand it.

01:28:52 - 01:28:53

Selectboard Office

About a week.

01:28:55 - 01:28:56

Selectboard Office

And if we have to start taking money.

01:28:57 - 01:28:58

Selectboard Office

Well we're gonna have to anyways.

01:28:58 - 01:28:58

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:28:59 - 01:29:01

Selectboard Office

Because this is gonna take years now.

01:29:01 - 01:29:01

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:29:02 - 01:29:05

Selectboard Office

And that place needs two new roofs and the septic.

01:29:06 - 01:29:14

Selectboard Office

So yeah we're gonna have to figure out a way to come up with the money and the roofs need it soon.

01:29:14 - 01:29:14

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:29:17 - 01:29:19

Selectboard Office

They won't even make a couple years.

01:29:19 - 01:29:20

Selectboard Office

Because we both roofs are leaking.

01:29:22 - 01:29:23

Selectboard Office

You want to couple years.

01:29:23 - 01:29:25

Selectboard Office

I mean I've had Eddie in there looking at it.

01:29:25 - 01:29:32

Selectboard Office

He's tried multiple times trying to patch that flat roof and he said every time he walks up there everything's brittle.

01:29:33 - 01:29:37

Selectboard Office

So it needs attention now and it was something bigger than he can handle.

01:29:37 - 01:29:43

Selectboard Office

So we'd have to go to like a young roofing or somebody that could come up and do the whole thing in one shot.

01:29:45 - 01:29:47

Selectboard Office

You're probably looking at a hundred grand.

01:29:51 - 01:29:51

Selectboard Office

That's just for that.

01:29:54 - 01:29:59

Selectboard Office

If this new garage is going to take five or more years, we got to do something.

01:30:03 - 01:30:04

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'm sure you're right.

01:30:05 - 01:30:05

Selectboard Office

But.

01:30:12 - 01:30:16

Selectboard Office

The roofs can't wait.

01:30:18 - 01:30:21

Selectboard Office

We're going to have to get a price on that and figure out where that's coming from.

01:30:21 - 01:30:29

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and I'm pretty sure Alex will tell us before they sell the put the land out to sell I'm sure, you know, if we ask it, please.

01:30:29 - 01:30:31

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think it would be worth asking.

01:30:32 - 01:30:32

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:30:32 - 01:30:32

Selectboard Office

Oh, yeah.

01:30:32 - 01:30:34

Selectboard Office

And I'm sure you would.

01:30:34 - 01:30:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, because my taxes was like 1200 with that building lot.

01:30:38 - 01:30:41

Selectboard Office

All right, you guys are hearing us okay right.

01:30:43 - 01:30:44

Selectboard Office

Gretchen, can you hear us okay.

01:30:45 - 01:30:46

Selectboard Office

It still says R.H.

01:30:47 - 01:30:47

Selectboard Office

Cunwell cafeteria.

01:30:49 - 01:30:52

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I can hear you.

01:30:52 - 01:31:03

Selectboard Office

Okay, the camera just went out on us and it's not coming back and I'd have to

reboot the whole meeting to get back probably so you got audio so we'll just leave it at that.

01:31:12 - 01:31:12

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

01:31:14 - 01:31:15

Selectboard Office

So was that it JP.

01:31:16 - 01:31:17

Selectboard Office

You make a good point.

01:31:17 - 01:31:17

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:31:17 - 01:31:18

Selectboard Office

Yep, yep.

01:31:18 - 01:31:21

Selectboard Office

So we're gonna revisit this at our next meeting anyway.

01:31:22 - 01:31:23

Selectboard Office

But yeah.

01:31:23 - 01:31:24

Selectboard Office

It's always good to have a plan B.

01:31:24 - 01:31:25

Selectboard Office

Yeah, for sure.

01:31:28 - 01:31:28

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:31:28 - 01:31:29

Selectboard Office

Yeah, thanks.

01:31:29 - 01:31:31

Selectboard Office

All right, thanks for sitting through all that.

01:31:31 - 01:31:32

Selectboard Office

No problem, it's my pleasure.

01:31:33 - 01:31:33

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:31:33 - 01:31:34

Selectboard Office

Good to see you.

01:31:35 - 01:31:37

Selectboard Office

You get another month of that, right?

01:31:38 - 01:31:41

Selectboard Office

You let me know if they ever need to move any more of those signs, okay?

01:31:41 - 01:31:42

Selectboard Office

All right, that works.

01:31:45 - 01:31:46

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:31:49 - 01:31:56

Selectboard Office

So, we have a letter of interest in the animal inspector position from Cynthia McGrath.

01:31:57 - 01:32:04

Selectboard Office

Just as I'm interested in the animal inspector position, I deal in animals and have owned my own farm for many years.

01:32:05 - 01:32:07

Selectboard Office

Yeah, no, I think she would make a good animal inspector.

01:32:10 - 01:32:10

Selectboard Office

Peggy, yes.

01:32:11 - 01:32:11

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:32:11 - 01:32:11

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:32:11 - 01:32:14

Selectboard Office

A number of people here have familiarity with her, great familiarity with her.

01:32:17 - 01:32:29

Selectboard Office

So I'm gonna make a motion sure so I'm Are we so are we gonna offer her the position ask her to come in and speak to us or just to go from this letter I think we all know something.

01:32:29 - 01:32:33

Selectboard Office

Yeah If you're more comfortable to having her speak to us.

01:32:43 - 01:32:45

Selectboard Office

But she will be.

01:32:55 - 01:33:01

Selectboard Office

So I move that we offer the position of animal inspector to Cynthia.

01:33:04 - 01:33:05

Selectboard Office

Second.

01:33:08 - 01:33:08

[speaker unknown]

Discussion.

01:33:10 - 01:33:10

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:33:10 - 01:33:11

Selectboard Office

All in favor.

01:33:11 - 01:33:11

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:33:13 - 01:33:13

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:33:13 - 01:33:14

Selectboard Office

Cool.

01:33:14 - 01:33:16

Selectboard Office

And can we get a letter to Karen thanking her?

01:33:17 - 01:33:17

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:33:17 - 01:33:18

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:33:20 - 01:33:22

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:33:24 - 01:33:28

Selectboard Office

Thank you letters for Bob and Barbara.

01:33:30 - 01:33:33

Selectboard Office

Thank you, Peggy and Amy for writing these.

01:33:38 - 01:33:44

Selectboard Office

Both of them did an awesome job for the town, I think, in a lot of ways, in totally different ways, but still.

01:33:45 - 01:33:45

Selectboard Office

Right, right.

01:33:45 - 01:33:48

Selectboard Office

They both kind of brought us back from the brink.

01:33:48 - 01:33:49

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's right.

01:33:49 - 01:33:51

Selectboard Office

In two different situations.

01:33:52 - 01:33:54

Selectboard Office

So, sorry.

01:33:55 - 01:33:57

Selectboard Office

So, I think we just need to sign them right away.

01:33:58 - 01:33:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:33:59 - 01:34:06

Selectboard Office

I can try to post these too, just so people know how wonderful these people were to us.

01:34:11 - 01:34:14

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I miss Barb, but I love this new woman.

01:34:14 - 01:34:14

Selectboard Office

I love her.

01:34:14 - 01:34:15

Selectboard Office

She's awesome.

01:34:15 - 01:34:15

Selectboard Office

She's fabulous.

01:34:16 - 01:34:18

Selectboard Office

Yeah, she's the best, really.

01:34:19 - 01:34:19

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:34:19 - 01:34:21

Selectboard Office

We have a nice letter from Steve Smith.

01:34:22 - 01:34:22

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:34:23 - 01:34:25

Selectboard Office

Is this in the file, Peggy?

01:34:25 - 01:34:25

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:34:25 - 01:34:26

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:34:26 - 01:34:29

Selectboard Office

So if anybody's interested, he's just, we sent him a thank you.

01:34:29 - 01:34:35

Selectboard Office

So he's thanking us for thanking him and, uh, and we're all, you know, a nice warm hug.

01:34:35 - 01:34:37

Selectboard Office

You're showing us in on what, how things are going.

01:34:38 - 01:34:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:34:40 - 01:34:47

Selectboard Office

Um, and last thing, almost last thing, um, Hilltown community ambulance quarterly report.

01:34:49 - 01:34:54

Selectboard Office

Um, I think I mentioned this at a previous meeting, but their call volumes are up in general.

01:34:55 - 01:34:58

Selectboard Office

And not just in Worthington.

01:34:59 - 01:35:09

Selectboard Office

Somebody asked about the fundraising for the trailer and it's doing well thanks to a anonymous \$20 ,000 donation that came in recently.

01:35:09 - 01:35:13

Selectboard Office

So when there was, I think, you know, close to that already from people.

01:35:13 - 01:35:21

Selectboard Office

And we did just send something out asking for reminding people that they can donate and to renew their subscriptions.

01:35:21 - 01:35:30

Selectboard Office

And I haven't talked to Jade since that went out, so hopefully that, you know, juiced up some donations as well.

01:35:31 - 01:35:37

Selectboard Office

So I'll try and get that number, though, and post it along with this, so the town has an idea where that's at.

01:35:38 - 01:35:42

Selectboard Office

The pig roast that we did was fun, but not exactly in months.

01:35:42 - 01:35:45

Selectboard Office

It was a really bad, ugly day, and it didn't get promoted very well.

01:35:47 - 01:35:50

Selectboard Office

There were some folks from Woodenton that came, though, which was nice.

01:35:50 - 01:35:53

Selectboard Office

I would have wanted to go, except I really couldn't.

01:35:53 - 01:35:57

Selectboard Office

I had only been to a couple of pig roads in my life, and they're fascinating.

01:35:58 - 01:36:01

Selectboard Office

Strathmore Park's actually a pretty decent place to do it.

01:36:01 - 01:36:02

Selectboard Office

Have you ever been there?

01:36:03 - 01:36:03

Selectboard Office

Of course not.

01:36:03 - 01:36:05

Selectboard Office

In Russell, it's like.

01:36:05 - 01:36:06

Selectboard Office

It is a nice park.

01:36:06 - 01:36:11

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's right off Route 20, sort of going up the hill towards the turned up, the Blanford.

01:36:12 - 01:36:15

Selectboard Office

It's a pretty good-sized park.

01:36:15 - 01:36:20

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but there's an actual kitchen and pretty nice facilities and a nice big pavilion.

01:36:22 - 01:36:26

Selectboard Office

It's a little bigger pavilion than the Rodham Gun Club, but similar to that.

01:36:27 - 01:36:34

Selectboard Office

Okay, and just a reminder, we're going to meet next, is it next Tuesday?

01:36:35 - 01:36:38

Selectboard Office

Monday, the 10th.

01:36:38 - 01:36:43

Selectboard Office

So we're going to meet next Monday with Maya, something they like to do quarterly.

01:36:43 - 01:36:45

Selectboard Office

There's no way we'll ever manage that.

01:36:49 - 01:36:58

Selectboard Office

But they're going to talk about, you know, trainings and things that will help, hopefully with insurance costs going forward, things that different departments can do.

01:36:58 - 01:37:01

Selectboard Office

So that's why we're inviting all the key department heads.

01:37:04 - 01:37:07

Selectboard Office

Next Monday, Monday, the 10th at 4pm.

01:37:07 - 01:37:11

Selectboard Office

So an invite went out to you, John, Gretchen.

01:37:14 - 01:37:15

Selectboard Office

Highway, we say.

01:37:15 - 01:37:17

Selectboard Office

Highway, yeah, and I said that's John.

01:37:19 - 01:37:32

Selectboard Office

And then assuming we get everybody to come, I'm going to try to want to hold a sort of upper departmental meeting, kind of like an all boards meeting only, not with all boards, just with the key departments that actually spend money in town.

01:37:33 - 01:37:37

Selectboard Office

So I'll include the assessors and the finance committee in the treasurer with that.

01:37:37 - 01:37:43

Selectboard Office

So if we can pull that together for next Monday after the insurance thing, I'd like to try to do that.

01:37:43 - 01:37:46

Selectboard Office

But you don't need to host left look here.

01:37:47 - 01:37:50

Selectboard Office

Well, ideally, yes, but not necessarily.

01:37:50 - 01:37:53

Selectboard Office

But it would be after that meeting at four, but you don't know what time.

01:37:53 - 01:37:55

Selectboard Office

Well, how long will we be with these guys?

01:37:56 - 01:38:00

Selectboard Office

I don't know, we know that Jordan does a lot of chatting.

01:38:01 - 01:38:03

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I would take an hour, hour and a half would be clear.

01:38:03 - 01:38:04

Selectboard Office

Yeah, probably.

01:38:04 - 01:38:06

Selectboard Office

So 5.30 ish.

01:38:06 - 01:38:07

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:38:07 - 01:38:10

Selectboard Office

What is our time commitment looking like on Monday?

01:38:11 - 01:38:17

Selectboard Office

So that could conceivably go to seven, maybe.

01:38:22 - 01:38:24

Selectboard Office

Well, I'm going to need some snacks.

01:38:26 - 01:38:27

Selectboard Office

Well, we could do three instead of that.

01:38:28 - 01:38:37

Selectboard Office

Well, I always think about it because of when I originally talked to you about this job, I said, we meet every two weeks, and then we proceed to meet more than every two weeks.

01:38:37 - 01:38:39

Selectboard Office

I said, boy, that Amy's a liar.

01:38:40 - 01:38:43

Selectboard Office

The liar being a bait and switch.

01:38:43 - 01:38:46

Selectboard Office

Sometimes we'll be reading twice in a week at the phone.

01:38:50 - 01:38:51

Selectboard Office

Next time, we'll shut up.

01:38:51 - 01:38:51

Selectboard Office

We read.

01:38:52 - 01:38:52

Selectboard Office

Ok.

01:38:53 - 01:38:54

Selectboard Office

So anyway, that's Gretchen.

01:38:54 - 01:38:55

Selectboard Office

Can you make it?

01:38:56 - 01:38:56

Selectboard Office

Is she still here?

01:38:56 - 01:38:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah, she is.

01:38:59 - 01:38:59

Selectboard Office

Hi.

01:38:59 - 01:39:00

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Hi, Charlie.

01:39:00 - 01:39:01

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I was on the phone.

01:39:01 - 01:39:01

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I'm sorry.

01:39:01 - 01:39:03

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I missed that whole conversation.

01:39:03 - 01:39:04

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

What am I looking to make?

01:39:05 - 01:39:06

Selectboard Office

So you did get a notice.

01:39:06 - 01:39:09

Selectboard Office

I guess you may not have seen it, but we're gonna meet next Monday.

01:39:09 - 01:39:11

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

With the insurance people.

01:39:11 - 01:39:13

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yes, yes, I plan to be there.

01:39:13 - 01:39:13

Selectboard Office

I.

01:39:13 - 01:39:16

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Told Lisa and Allison I would be in attendance.

01:39:17 - 01:39:25

Selectboard Office

Okay, and then I'm hoping to follow that with just a general meeting amongst ourselves to talk about some budget, where we're at budget-wise mostly.

01:39:25 - 01:39:26

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Okay, perfect.

01:39:26 - 01:39:28

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And that starts at what time again, Charlie?

01:39:29 - 01:39:32

Selectboard Office

Yes, that'll be here at, starting at four.

01:39:33 - 01:39:34

Selectboard Office

We might go as till seven or so.

01:39:34 - 01:39:35

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Okay.

01:39:35 - 01:39:36

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

All right.

01:39:36 - 01:39:37

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

I will be.

01:39:37 - 01:39:37

Selectboard Office

There.

01:39:37 - 01:39:38

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:39:40 - 01:39:40

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:39:45 - 01:39:46

Selectboard Office

You should bring pizza.

01:39:49 - 01:39:50

Selectboard Office

It's a Monday.

01:39:50 - 01:39:52

Selectboard Office

I know you can't get.

01:39:53 - 01:39:55

Selectboard Office

You know, nobody's open.

01:39:55 - 01:39:58

Selectboard Office

You know, if you don't want to come, don't come.

01:39:59 - 01:40:02

Selectboard Office

No, no, but I mean.

01:40:02 - 01:40:13

Selectboard Office

Peggy and I already met with with them once and We tried to set this up and it was
We ran into some issues and do we have a new date for the auditor?

01:40:18 - 01:40:19

Selectboard Office

Yeah, yeah.

01:40:32 - 01:40:32

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

01:40:34 - 01:40:34

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:40:38 - 01:40:40

Selectboard Office

Were you here for something else?

01:40:40 - 01:40:42

Selectboard Office

I'm really glad Mike is here.

01:40:42 - 01:40:45

Selectboard Office

Cause I've been gone for two months.

01:40:45 - 01:40:55

Selectboard Office

And I tried to kind of plan to see that we should try to get one of these contractors to dig that hole out for Mike's additional parking.

01:40:55 - 01:41:01

Selectboard Office

Obviously, as you're facing the department to the right, not messing with the left, which is a wetlands issue.

01:41:02 - 01:41:13

Selectboard Office

But if we could, like Marius, okay, like I've been going around town some, everybody in your brother got some of those, the tailings from 112.

01:41:13 - 01:41:15

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but they're gone now.

01:41:16 - 01:41:19

Selectboard Office

I know, but that was a missed opportunity.

01:41:19 - 01:41:32

Selectboard Office

Well, so we talked about it, and Devin felt that digging that out and putting in the grindings doesn't make sense if you're gonna then turn around and pave it.

01:41:32 - 01:41:35

Selectboard Office

It just means you're gonna dig down all that up and it's gonna be hard to dig up again.

01:41:36 - 01:41:37

Selectboard Office

So it doesn't...

01:41:37 - 01:41:39

Selectboard Office

Okay, but wouldn't you have a base to...

01:41:39 - 01:41:49

Selectboard Office

Devin knows better than I do, but wouldn't you have to have some type of a base to put the black top on you, certainly not put the black top on top of the grass.

01:41:50 - 01:41:53

Selectboard Office

And I don't have any expertise in this, but that was what Devin said.

01:41:53 - 01:41:54

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:41:54 - 01:42:00

Selectboard Office

He didn't think it was a good idea if we're gonna try to pave it to do that as a But the tailings are all gone.

01:42:00 - 01:42:01

Selectboard Office

There'll be more next year.

01:42:04 - 01:42:14

Selectboard Office

And so, but Marius, I think Marius owes the town quite a favor too because you guys let him close the road, which I'm in total agreement.

01:42:14 - 01:42:15

Selectboard Office

We all work together.

01:42:15 - 01:42:20

Selectboard Office

And I don't think that was in his contract actually closing route 143.

01:42:20 - 01:42:24

Selectboard Office

But the town let him do that, and I think that's the right thing to do.

01:42:24 - 01:42:25

Selectboard Office

We had a choice.

01:42:25 - 01:42:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I know, but you're working together, and part of working together might be Mariah's willing to help with the fire department parking situation.

01:42:38 - 01:42:50

Selectboard Office

Don't put it out of your mind, I think the town's been pretty good to them, and you've signed numerous, I'm sure at this point, numerous papers for additional funds for them because they had to do more blasting, and that always happens.

01:42:50 - 01:42:54

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but you have to realize the state's involved with this too.

01:42:55 - 01:42:57

Selectboard Office

He doesn't work for the town, he works for the state.

01:43:01 - 01:43:07

Selectboard Office

So, I don't know, I just kind of think that, you know, it never hurts to ask a question.

01:43:08 - 01:43:17

Selectboard Office

So, we could have gotten as much of those millings is what they're called, so we could have gotten millings but we didn't really have, unfortunately, a good place to put them.

01:43:17 - 01:43:25

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so but we got two more years of this they're gonna grind up the middle section next year and repave it And then they won't get to the final section till the year.

01:43:25 - 01:43:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah So there's gonna be plenty more millings and he doesn't have any place to put him work and he doesn't even want them so But point taken right like hey Since you're here.

01:43:38 - 01:43:40

Selectboard Office

Could you would you bid on it?

01:43:40 - 01:43:42

Selectboard Office

Could you what can you do for us?

01:43:42 - 01:43:50

Selectboard Office

That would be different asking him to bid and you know, maybe he'd bid a dollar Just

because we're such nice guys.

01:44:05 - 01:44:16

Selectboard Office

Right, which is what we're also thinking about Alex's property for nothing else we could buy it for at least for a while That's seven acres, which is a reasonable amount of space.

01:44:17 - 01:44:26

Selectboard Office

But you start putting big piles of asphalt on the ground, then you have to start thinking about whether you have an environmental issue and what's under it.

01:44:27 - 01:44:32

Selectboard Office

I'm sure Santa, seeing this, probably doesn't give a ****, but this is where a lot of it went.

01:44:32 - 01:44:34

Selectboard Office

He's got a ski slope going, doesn't he?

01:44:36 - 01:44:36

Selectboard Office

A little funny, though.

01:44:38 - 01:44:41

Selectboard Office

Okay, I was just throwing that out there, and I appreciate you listening.

01:44:41 - 01:44:50

Selectboard Office

And you know, I think it's a worthwhile idea, but I would like to see that parking lot driveway fixed at some point.

01:44:51 - 01:45:10

Selectboard Office

I know the left-hand side is looking at it, that's in really rough shape, but if we could

at least get what is currently paved there fixed and if we could extend it past the building to the right side as you're looking at it, at least equal to how we went to a fuel tank on that side, that would be ideal.

01:45:11 - 01:45:18

Selectboard Office

And I know we tried it at the town meeting, but if there's another option to work with some of the contractors who are already in town.

01:45:19 - 01:45:32

Selectboard Office

So, Peggy, if we asked him to essentially bid on doing that work there with the hope that he comes in with something super reasonable, is there a ceiling that we could stay under that would mean we wouldn't have?

01:45:32 - 01:45:34

Selectboard Office

No, it has to go to bed.

01:45:37 - 01:45:39

Selectboard Office

So that's the complicated part here.

01:45:39 - 01:45:41

Selectboard Office

Unfortunately, you can't just make a deal like that.

01:45:43 - 01:45:53

Selectboard Office

But I'll tell you who owes us better explanations is really some of the work that they've done, like all those, this week, who will be doing this?

01:45:53 - 01:45:55

Selectboard Office

They'll be working on ledge one and ledge two.

01:45:56 - 01:45:59

Selectboard Office

They've done nothing on ledge one this entire week.

01:45:59 - 01:46:01

Selectboard Office

Like, they haven't done a thing with it.

01:46:01 - 01:46:02

Selectboard Office

There's nobody there working.

01:46:02 - 01:46:06

Selectboard Office

I don't know about ledge two, because I have no reason to go past it.

01:46:06 - 01:46:26

Selectboard Office

But that you know, there's still those outcroppings and you know, it's like.

01:46:28 - 01:46:32

Selectboard Office

Think they're waiting for Eversource to move that one key pole.

01:46:39 - 01:46:39

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

01:46:40 - 01:46:40

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:46:40 - 01:46:42

Selectboard Office

I'm hoping they're done by then.

01:46:42 - 01:46:42

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:46:42 - 01:46:44

Selectboard Office

Doesn't Verizon own the poll?

01:46:44 - 01:46:45

Selectboard Office

I don't know if they ever source them, so.

01:46:45 - 01:46:46

Selectboard Office

Well, it's both.

01:46:47 - 01:46:52

Selectboard Office

They color on the poll, and Verizon maintains them, I think.

01:46:53 - 01:46:54

Selectboard Office

Or is it every...

01:46:54 - 01:46:56

Selectboard Office

One of them maintains them, but they definitely color on them.

01:46:56 - 01:46:57

Selectboard Office

Verizon maintains them.

01:46:57 - 01:46:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:47:00 - 01:47:01

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry.

01:47:01 - 01:47:04

Selectboard Office

Well, no, I'm just jumping back to the...

01:47:04 - 01:47:05

Selectboard Office

Working life.

01:47:06 - 01:47:10

Selectboard Office

So, are we going to be talking with Dan Arias himself, or?

01:47:10 - 01:47:12

Selectboard Office

So, we have to go out to bed for something like that.

01:47:13 - 01:47:14

Selectboard Office

We can't just make a side deal.

01:47:14 - 01:47:20

Selectboard Office

So, I did talk to three different companies when I was trying to get the first offer.

01:47:20 - 01:47:23

Selectboard Office

So, I can give those names to Maggie.

01:47:23 - 01:47:23

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:47:24 - 01:47:37

Selectboard Office

And there was an additional contact at Arias, Andy Pompey, who's interested in

grinding and trying to work that out.

01:47:37 - 01:47:39

Selectboard Office

So there's a lot of contact there.

01:47:40 - 01:47:47

Selectboard Office

That could happen if you want help just laying that out, you know, four corners four stakes might give me a call.

01:47:47 - 01:47:48

Selectboard Office

I mean that's going to be simple.

01:47:49 - 01:47:50

Selectboard Office

That's where you dig it out.

01:47:51 - 01:48:08

Selectboard Office

Well we had a basic outline of a plan, you going to the left about 20 feet and going to the right equal to those where the tank is now and they have the size, but I mean, at least the contact information, I'm certainly sure that was the thing.

01:48:10 - 01:48:14

Selectboard Office

And is the left, though, an issue because of the wetlands?

01:48:14 - 01:48:18

Selectboard Office

Do you have to give a wetland delineation?

01:48:18 - 01:48:22

Selectboard Office

So why don't we put this on the agenda for the next meeting?

01:48:23 - 01:48:27

Selectboard Office

And I think we're probably talking about something for annual town meeting anyway, for an appropriation.

01:48:31 - 01:48:32

Selectboard Office

I mean, I hear what you're saying.

01:48:33 - 01:48:34

Selectboard Office

Why can't we just get them to do it?

01:48:34 - 01:48:36

Selectboard Office

But it doesn't work that way.

01:48:38 - 01:48:42

Selectboard Office

Yes, we could definitely ask them to bid and they can low ball it, which would be great.

01:48:42 - 01:48:43

Selectboard Office

Invite them to bid.

01:48:43 - 01:48:55

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and if Mike already has some rice quotes and Dan wants to try to be good to the town, and if Tom has been good to him, you never know.

01:48:55 - 01:48:56

Selectboard Office

Yes, absolutely.

01:48:56 - 01:48:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:48:57 - 01:49:01

Selectboard Office

Because those price quotes, essentially, would those still be valid pay?

01:49:02 - 01:49:03

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry, what did you say?

01:49:03 - 01:49:03

Selectboard Office

No.

01:49:04 - 01:49:05

Selectboard Office

No.

01:49:05 - 01:49:05

Selectboard Office

No.

01:49:05 - 01:49:05

Selectboard Office

No, it has to be paid out to be.

01:49:05 - 01:49:06

Selectboard Office

Oh, no.

01:49:06 - 01:49:08

Selectboard Office

Whatever you have to look at, OK.

01:49:08 - 01:49:09

Selectboard Office

It's a formal process.

01:49:09 - 01:49:11

Selectboard Office

They're not formal bids, anyway.

01:49:14 - 01:49:14

Selectboard Office

So.

01:49:14 - 01:49:18

Selectboard Office

So then, what was the price that you got for those things?

01:49:18 - 01:49:21

Selectboard Office

I don't remember exactly.

01:49:21 - 01:49:23

Selectboard Office

I'm going to say we're in the \$60 ,000.

01:49:23 - 01:49:24

Selectboard Office

That's right.

01:49:24 - 01:49:29

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so then it'll be sealed bids that have to come in.

01:49:29 - 01:49:32

Selectboard Office

So you have to have an application for bids.

01:49:33 - 01:49:44

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I mean, put it out to bid to do next summer and ask Marais to bid and

hopefully they come in with something super low, which would be great, since they're here anyway.

01:49:45 - 01:49:48

Selectboard Office

I don't come to these meetings to be a thorn in your side.

01:49:49 - 01:49:54

Selectboard Office

I come here because I like to come and I have all this.

01:49:55 - 01:49:56

Selectboard Office

You come in peace.

01:49:56 - 01:49:59

Selectboard Office

You don't come because I run these meetings so well and they're really fun to be at?

01:50:02 - 01:50:08

Selectboard Office

I'm so sorry, Charlie, I have to put you through this again, but it's just I don't want to miss an opportunity if Mike is here.

01:50:08 - 01:50:09

Selectboard Office

That's fine.

01:50:09 - 01:50:14

Selectboard Office

Mike the police department they have one officer and we have three cruisers.

01:50:19 - 01:50:24

Selectboard Office

They're not on the agenda You want to go in the hallway and do it you can do it.

01:50:24 - 01:50:25

Selectboard Office

I'm just talking to Mike.

01:50:25 - 01:50:26

Selectboard Office

Yeah, no.

01:50:30 - 01:50:30

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:50:34 - 01:50:37

Selectboard Office

We're not gonna only have one police officer forever.

01:50:41 - 01:50:43

Selectboard Office

Have a dog that can drive.

01:50:45 - 01:50:50

Selectboard Office

All right anybody have anything else they want to comment on or say there's nothing to discuss.

01:50:56 - 01:51:05

Selectboard Office

We haven't set a date oh The override there is no town meeting the vote is Saturday
Yes It's a ballot.

01:51:05 - 01:51:06

Selectboard Office

It's a ballot.

01:51:08 - 01:51:09

Selectboard Office

Vote.

01:51:09 - 01:51:10

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:51:11 - 01:51:14

Selectboard Office

So what is the voting time for that?

01:51:15 - 01:51:16

Selectboard Office

Eight to noon, I think.

01:51:16 - 01:51:18

Selectboard Office

Eight to noon, and I was out of it.

01:51:18 - 01:51:19

Selectboard Office

Okay, so.

01:51:19 - 01:51:26

Selectboard Office

But you can come in, if you want to come in before, if you want to vote early, you can probably between nine and two, or ten and two.

01:51:26 - 01:51:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah, Catherine's here every day.

01:51:29 - 01:51:46

Selectboard Office

So my question was, and I don't know if I just messed this up, but I mentioned this a little while ago, where we had an outstanding bill or invoice from Western Mass, right, and I was looking to see if we could get an article on the warrant, but it sounds like I may be too late.

01:51:46 - 01:51:47

Selectboard Office

No, you're not too late.

01:51:47 - 01:51:49

Selectboard Office

We haven't even set a date yet.

01:51:49 - 01:51:51

Selectboard Office

You have two fire department bills, isn't that right?

01:51:51 - 01:51:55

Selectboard Office

We're going to have a special town meeting in probably early December.

01:51:57 - 01:51:59

Selectboard Office

Override is a ballot book.

01:51:59 - 01:52:03

Selectboard Office

It's just like voting for any position on a ballot.

01:52:08 - 01:52:10

Selectboard Office

Okay, I'm gonna adjourn the meeting.

01:52:10 - 01:52:12

Selectboard Office

I think we're good here.

01:52:12 - 01:52:13

Selectboard Office

Thanks everyone.