

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

00:01 - 00:03

Selectboard Office

The conference will now be recorded.

00:07 - 00:08

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Does anybody know if Bart's coming?

00:09 - 00:12

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He didn't say he wasn't.

00:12 - 00:15

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In fact, we scheduled tonight especially for him.

00:16 - 00:17

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And he moved his other meetings.

00:18 - 00:19

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He ought to be here.

00:20 - 00:22

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Do you mind calling Bart?

00:24 - 00:25

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Or you want me to call him?

00:25 - 00:26

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I'll let you call him.

00:33 - 00:34

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Thank you.

00:36 - 00:39

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Thank you very much.

00:41 - 00:43

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Thank you very much.

00:52 - 00:53

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Thank you.

00:53 - 00:55

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Hey, my name is Charlie.

00:55 - 00:56

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Are you on your way?

01:00 - 01:01

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Yeah, it's Charlie.

01:01 - 01:02

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Can you hear me?

01:06 - 01:06

[speaker unknown]

Yes.

01:07 - 01:08

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Yeah, I'll be there.

01:10 - 01:10

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Okay, thanks.

01:11 - 01:15

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No problem, but he's on his way, so we might as well wait for him.

01:17 - 01:17

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Wifi?

01:19 - 01:20

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There's an open wifi.

01:24 - 01:24

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Gas network?

01:25 - 01:26

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Yes, gas network.

01:28 - 01:32

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So why don't we see if we can do something else in the meantime, like sign some

minutes.

01:33 - 01:34

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They're not ready yet, are they?

01:34 - 01:36

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Oh, fluid minutes.

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Are they here?

01:36 - 01:37

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Yep.

01:44 - 01:50

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There's a whole slew of them, these are ones that have already been approved, but nobody signed them.

01:50 - 01:52

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Okay, so let's do that.

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That sounds like fun.

01:54 - 01:56

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What does this say to list on future agenda?

01:56 - 01:57

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Here, I'll give this to you.

01:59 - 02:01

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It says to list on future agenda.

02:01 - 02:02

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Oh, oh, maybe she's...

02:02 - 02:04

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I was just taking this note to herself.

02:04 - 02:04

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Okay.

02:14 - 02:32

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So this is all the left over one agendas I'm going to put I'm going to take some of these I'm going to take my paperwork out of here I love this cable I have to say minutes.

02:33 - 02:34

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Got it.

02:34 - 02:36

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They never have enough paperwork.

02:37 - 02:39

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That's my motto.

02:40 - 02:42

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Thank you guys for doing that over there.

02:42 - 02:43

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You're rocking it.

03:00 - 03:02

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So, um.

03:04 - 03:11

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I don't have in my pile, the spreadsheet Is that still happening or what?

03:11 - 03:12

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Nope, that's here.

03:12 - 03:13

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Okay, everybody's going to need that.

03:13 - 03:15

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All right.

03:19 - 03:26

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So for some reason you didn't pull out the budget request one.

03:27 - 03:29

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You just went straight here, which is fine.

03:30 - 03:31

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It's the same thing.

03:33 - 03:34

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But it's going to be a lot of figuring out.

03:34 - 03:35

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Do you want that?

03:36 - 03:36

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Sure.

03:36 - 03:37

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You sent this.

03:37 - 03:38

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Did I sign?

03:38 - 03:45

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The appropriations tab, as opposed to the budget request tab.

03:45 - 03:51

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I looked at all those tabs and I found nothing like this last year, so this is where I thought I'd have to put it this way.

03:52 - 03:53

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But that's okay.

03:54 - 04:03

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So there was a spreadsheet called BRF Budget Request, and it has a tab for every department, and usually it's like the last one.

04:04 - 04:07

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So maybe you just didn't see that there are no tabs on there.

04:08 - 04:08

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It's fine.

04:13 - 04:18

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That's what happens when you're a newbie and somebody just can't wait to give you a show, right?

04:20 - 04:22

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She's giving you a look.

04:22 - 04:23

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It looks good.

04:26 - 04:29

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All right, so I think somebody just pulled up.

04:35 - 04:35

[speaker unknown]

Um.

04:47 - 04:48

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Hello Bart.

04:49 - 04:50

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Here he is.

04:56 - 04:56

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Browser.

04:58 - 05:00

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Let Bart squeeze in here somewhere.

05:00 - 05:03

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Or you can sit, you can sit in my seat and I'll sit back here.

05:14 - 05:19

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All right, so let's begin.

05:22 - 05:32

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Highway budget is in with the complete appropriations list, so it's on the, starts on the second page at the bottom.

05:34 - 05:39

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And do you have a chance to look at any of this stuff yet?

05:39 - 05:39

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Probably not.

05:43 - 05:47

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So we.

05:49 - 05:50

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Have.

05:52 - 05:53

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Let me start with this.

05:53 - 05:56

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You guys want to talk about what's on here.

05:57 - 06:03

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So these are explanations for justifications for changes in their budget.

06:07 - 06:14

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You want me to Take each one and explain it either in your own words or read it, whatever you're more comfortable with.

06:14 - 06:16

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Why don't we talk about them one at a.

06:16 - 06:17

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Time?

06:20 - 06:22

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So start with overtime wages.

06:23 - 06:24

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Overtime wages.

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Overtime expenditures are inherently difficult to predict due to the variability of winter storm events and emergency response needs.

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By mid-January of fiscal year 26, approximately 76% of the overtime budget had already been expended, reflecting the impact of winter storm maintenance and extended operational hours.

06:47 - 07:01

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The fiscal year 27 adjustment more accurately reflects actual usage patterns and ensures the department can adequately respond to winter storms in unforeseen events without exceeding appropriations.

07:02 - 07:07

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So we're going from a 11 ,850 to 20 ,000.

07:07 - 07:09

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For that reason.

07:10 - 07:11

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That is what's requested.

07:12 - 07:12

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Yes.

07:13 - 07:15

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Does that make sense to everyone?

07:15 - 07:17

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Anybody have questions about that?

07:19 - 07:23

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No, hopefully next year we'll see a savings in overtime we'll just- Right.

07:24 - 07:27

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That's the beauty of this particular line item.

07:32 - 07:33

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Sorry, what did you say?

07:33 - 07:34

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Joe, go ahead.

07:34 - 07:38

JOE BOUDREAU

We're talking about over time for snow and ice, correct?

07:39 - 07:40

Selectboard Office

Yes.

07:40 - 07:41

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay.

07:42 - 07:44

JOE BOUDREAU

The law allows the town.

07:44 - 07:45

Selectboard Office

To.

07:46 - 07:47

JOE BOUDREAU

Overspend snow and.

07:47 - 07:48

Selectboard Office

Ice.

07:48 - 07:49

JOE BOUDREAU

Under a couple of.

07:49 - 07:50

Selectboard Office

Conditions.

07:51 - 07:52

JOE BOUDREAU

One is that.

07:52 - 07:52

Selectboard Office

The town.

07:52 - 07:55

JOE BOUDREAU

Has appropriated a sum equal.

07:55 - 07:55

Selectboard Office

To.

07:55 - 07:59

JOE BOUDREAU

Or greater than what they did in the past.

08:01 - 08:05

JOE BOUDREAU

I don't have the number in front of me, but I think we appropriate 11 grand.

08:06 - 08:07

Selectboard Office

11.

08:07 - 08:07

JOE BOUDREAU

,850.

08:07 - 08:08

Selectboard Office

In the.

08:08 - 08:08

JOE BOUDREAU

Same.

08:08 - 08:15

JOE BOUDREAU

We can legally overspend that budget as long as we appropriate the same amount as 11.

08:15 - 08:16

JOE BOUDREAU

If we.

08:16 - 08:17

Selectboard Office

Increase.

08:17 - 08:23

JOE BOUDREAU

With the 20 grand, then from there on in, we have to appropriate 20 grand.

08:24 - 08:25

JOE BOUDREAU

So I would.

08:25 - 08:26

JOE BOUDREAU

Suggest that we.

08:26 - 08:26

Selectboard Office

Might.

08:26 - 08:28

JOE BOUDREAU

Increase.

08:28 - 08:30

JOE BOUDREAU

It other than from the 11.

08:30 - 08:32

JOE BOUDREAU

We then can legally.

08:32 - 08:34

Selectboard Office

Overspend it and.

08:34 - 08:43

JOE BOUDREAU

Then when the budget is done it ended and if we've overspent by five or ten grand, we then appropriate and take care of the.

08:43 - 08:44

Selectboard Office

Deficit.

08:45 - 08:46

Selectboard Office

So it.

08:46 - 08:49

JOE BOUDREAU

Will extend the town in the foot if you increase.

08:49 - 08:50

JOE BOUDREAU

It.

08:51 - 08:54

Selectboard Office

So we do that at annual town meetings every year.

08:55 - 08:56

Selectboard Office

Sounds good.

08:56 - 08:58

Selectboard Office

So we'll go back to webinar eight five.

08:59 - 08:59

Selectboard Office

Is that okay?

08:59 - 09:01

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but.

09:03 - 09:06

Selectboard Office

Thank you for trying.

09:08 - 09:11

Selectboard Office

Garage maintenance, no headache there, right?

09:16 - 09:29

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So we're trying to properly account for a couple of things here, garage maintenance and machinery maintenance, and we've been sort of lumping them all into general expenses, right?

09:29 - 09:31

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so we had a lot of trouble.

09:33 - 09:41

Selectboard Office

I just, we didn't, I didn't have a good explanation in neither did Devin about what general highway funds we're supposed to go to.

09:42 - 09:48

Selectboard Office

So when we ran out of money last year, we put things towards there and then we were questioned on all of them.

09:49 - 09:55

Selectboard Office

So because we had so much leftover in general highway and that's what we were using to fund the other accounts.

09:55 - 10:09

Selectboard Office

We thought that it would be best to change that and reallocate general highway funds to the two that were clearly the issue with with funding last year.

10:10 - 10:11

Selectboard Office

Totally makes sense.

10:12 - 10:20

Selectboard Office

And we also thought it was respectful to try to keep the budget as concise and the same as possible.

10:20 - 10:33

Selectboard Office

So you're increasing garage by 10, and machinery by 20, and are we decreasing general by the same amount?

10:33 - 10:34

Selectboard Office

Yes.

10:35 - 10:38

Selectboard Office

Just to move it into counts.

10:40 - 10:42

Selectboard Office

Joe, does that make sense to you?

10:42 - 10:50

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, I'm all for being consistent from year to year, and to charge.

10:50 - 10:51

Selectboard Office

What.

10:51 - 10:53

JOE BOUDREAU

You normally.

10:53 - 10:54

Selectboard Office

Spend.

10:54 - 10:59

JOE BOUDREAU

Let's say for garage maintenance or machinery maintenance, the same.

10:59 - 10:59

Selectboard Office

Types.

10:59 - 11:01

JOE BOUDREAU

Of things each and every year.

11:02 - 11:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Is that still going to happen or are you going to charge.

11:07 - 11:11

JOE BOUDREAU

Things that you normally would have in the.

11:11 - 11:12

Selectboard Office

Past.

11:12 - 11:16

JOE BOUDREAU

Charged to garage maintenance, but now you're going to charge it to something else?

11:18 - 11:22

Selectboard Office

The no, everything's going to say getting charged to the appropriate account.

11:22 - 11:23

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, appropriate account.

11:24 - 11:27

JOE BOUDREAU

But is it's going to be what has been charged in the past?

11:28 - 11:38

Selectboard Office

Well, I think what they're saying is what happened in the past is they've run out of money in those two maintenance accounts and then start dipping into general highway funds to pay for what is really payments.

11:38 - 11:40

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, that that shouldn't happen.

11:41 - 11:41

JOE BOUDREAU

You don't don't.

11:41 - 11:43

Selectboard Office

Go.

11:43 - 11:47

JOE BOUDREAU

To another highway account that has money left over.

11:48 - 11:56

JOE BOUDREAU

You fund the account that short either by a reserve fund transfer or interdepartmental transfer.

11:57 - 12:03

JOE BOUDREAU

You don't just say, okay, we got money left over in the XYZ account and we're short

in the ABC account.

12:03 - 12:06

JOE BOUDREAU

So now we're going to charge it to the XYZ account.

12:06 - 12:12

JOE BOUDREAU

That's not being consistent from it's a year of what you normally would charge.

12:13 - 12:32

Selectboard Office

I understand what you're saying though and what we were just looking at from what I've seen is last year the money that was in that garage maintenance account was transferred to the accounts that needed it so we could spend the money on the things that needed.

12:32 - 12:35

Selectboard Office

Work in the sign it's appropriate account.

12:35 - 12:39

JOE BOUDREAU

And that could have been an departmental transfer.

12:39 - 12:40

Selectboard Office

That.

12:40 - 12:59

JOE BOUDREAU

Year and when that was short you determined that you didn't need the money in the xyz account so that's why we did an internal transfer from one highway account to the other but we're not meant to now re-budget it that way um.

12:59 - 13:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Again if you're short at year end or towards the end of the year, we don't have to

take it from a highway account.

13:08 - 13:16

JOE BOUDREAU

We might take it from some other account, in the budget that has a surplus and not going to be spent.

13:19 - 13:21

JOE BOUDREAU

Does that make me make myself.

13:21 - 13:22

Selectboard Office

More?

13:23 - 13:26

Selectboard Office

I think we all understand what you're saying, Joe.

13:26 - 13:46

Selectboard Office

And I think what Real and Christine are saying is that consistently we've been doing these transfers every year and so what they're trying to do is to put the right amount in each account so then we don't have to do the transfers and it's all a wash, it's all the same amount of money.

13:46 - 13:47

Selectboard Office

Does that make sense?

13:48 - 13:50

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it totally makes sense.

13:50 - 13:52

Selectboard Office

But does it make sense to Joe?

13:56 - 13:58

Selectboard Office

It makes sense to me.

14:03 - 14:04

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm just going to be consistent.

14:04 - 14:07

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm not just saying look back one year.

14:07 - 14:12

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm saying look back a number of years to see what has normally been charged.

14:12 - 14:15

JOE BOUDREAU

You know, like an example.

14:18 - 14:19

Selectboard Office

Electricity.

14:19 - 14:23

JOE BOUDREAU

It's charged to town garage, correct?

14:25 - 14:26

Selectboard Office

Garage maintenance, correct.

14:27 - 14:33

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay, so if electric bill goes up this year for whatever reason.

14:35 - 14:35

Selectboard Office

That.

14:35 - 14:35

JOE BOUDREAU

Doesn't.

14:35 - 14:36

Selectboard Office

Mean we're.

14:36 - 14:40

JOE BOUDREAU

Going to take money from some other highway account to pay for it.

14:40 - 14:47

JOE BOUDREAU

It's still going to be charged to town garage account, but we're going to have to fund that by some way.

14:47 - 14:51

JOE BOUDREAU

As I say, a reserve fund transfer, an interdepartmental.

14:51 - 14:53

JOE BOUDREAU

Transfer, or what have you.

14:53 - 14:54

Selectboard Office

I.

14:54 - 14:54

JOE BOUDREAU

Just want you.

14:54 - 14:59

JOE BOUDREAU

To see shortened or.

14:59 - 14:59

Selectboard Office

Reduced.

14:59 - 15:10

JOE BOUDREAU

From other highway account just to true up town garage for one year worth of an increase in those.

15:11 - 15:12

Selectboard Office

So that's not what they're doing.

15:14 - 15:16

Selectboard Office

I think there's, I have three thoughts here.

15:16 - 15:26

Selectboard Office

The first is we can totally just leave General Highway as it is, and then we will be requesting an increase for the other two.

15:26 - 15:31

Selectboard Office

That's perfectly fine if consistency is key for budgeting.

15:32 - 15:57

Selectboard Office

The second is my suggestion moving forward is that the Finance Committee meet with any hires that are in charge of budgeting when they first start so that when things like this arise that I had no idea that I was supposed to do something completely different because I was worried about going into the negative on a certain account.

15:57 - 16:09

Selectboard Office

That would be very helpful that if we do come across something like this where funds are depleted, we understand the process and we're not worried about being in the negative or anything.

16:09 - 16:28

Selectboard Office

And the third is we have asked in the past what expenses should be put under general highway and have had either a confusing response or not a response that was helpful.

16:29 - 16:34

Selectboard Office

So general highway, in all honesty, I have no idea what's supposed to be in it.

16:34 - 16:46

Selectboard Office

I'm not sure why it's so high, seeing as how I have no idea what's supposed to be in it because it's a very high amount for not anything that we can justify when we are paying the bills.

16:46 - 16:53

Selectboard Office

We are paying garage maintenance for things in the garage and we are paying machinery maintenance for things for the machines.

16:54 - 16:56

Selectboard Office

Fuel is clear, all that stuff.

16:56 - 16:58

Selectboard Office

So General Highway is a very confusing.

17:01 - 17:03

Selectboard Office

Account for us, number one.

17:03 - 17:04

Selectboard Office

And number two.

17:06 - 17:17

Selectboard Office

We're happy to do whatever forms need to be done in the future, and that is a great education on both of our parts, because I did not know that.

17:18 - 17:22

Selectboard Office

But we were told, keep the budget as close to what you had before.

17:22 - 17:29

Selectboard Office

So this was our thought process, and we're happy to take the finance committee's advice on what to do moving forward.

17:31 - 17:49

Selectboard Office

So Joe I'm sorry if I disagree with you It's silly if they have garage maintenance items whether they were it's spent out of the right place of the wrong place previously They should be under garage maintenance if they're machinery maintenance They should be under machinery maintenance if they've been improperly Allocated in the past then why would we continue to make that mistake?

17:50 - 18:02

JOE BOUDREAU

I don't I disagree with you Charlie I don't think they were in they were done wrong in the past But the problem is and I recognize we have two new people who have no institutional knowledge.

18:02 - 18:03

Selectboard Office

And.

18:03 - 18:10

JOE BOUDREAU

I am trying to Depart what I understand about it, but more so.

18:13 - 18:19

JOE BOUDREAU

You have somebody still in town Tammy who was the clerk of the highway for many many.

18:19 - 18:20

JOE BOUDREAU

Years.

18:20 - 18:21

JOE BOUDREAU

I would.

18:21 - 18:22

JOE BOUDREAU

Get her.

18:22 - 18:23

Selectboard Office

Involved.

18:23 - 18:24

Selectboard Office

No.

18:24 - 18:24

JOE BOUDREAU

Let's.

18:24 - 18:25

Selectboard Office

Just stop, Joe.

18:25 - 18:27

Selectboard Office

Tammy is no help whatsoever.

18:27 - 18:31

Selectboard Office

We tried to work with Tammy when when Clark quit and she's been zero help.

18:31 - 18:32

Selectboard Office

I'm not going there.

18:34 - 18:34

Selectboard Office

Okay.

18:35 - 18:36

Selectboard Office

She walked out.

18:37 - 18:48

JOE BOUDREAU

The new road superintendent can talk and I'm not saying Devin because he's he wasn't here long enough and he didn't have any institutional talk to Clark.

18:50 - 18:50

JOE BOUDREAU

And.

18:51 - 19:11

Selectboard Office

I actually think we need to, like, start, like, we need to start afresh and get things sorted for somebody, for two younger people that are going to make this their own and need to figure it out rather than basing it on what the heck's been done in the past.

19:11 - 19:17

Selectboard Office

I'm not suggesting we do anything nefarious or whatever, but I think we should do what works for you guys.

19:19 - 19:36

Selectboard Office

And at last, last June or whenever the final budgets were reconciled, we got an email from the finance committee telling us about all the things that we did incorrectly.

19:39 - 19:40

Selectboard Office

Yes, it did.

19:40 - 19:52

Selectboard Office

And we were confused by some of them because we didn't really understand why you thought it should have come from one place when we thought it should have come from the other.

19:52 - 19:54

Selectboard Office

We tried to clarify.

19:54 - 19:56

Selectboard Office

There really wasn't any clarification.

19:57 - 20:02

Selectboard Office

So that's why my knowledge of that experience I brought to real.

20:03 - 20:06

Selectboard Office

So I can own that portion of it.

20:07 - 20:08

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm going to back off here.

20:08 - 20:09

JOE BOUDREAU

You guys do what you want.

20:09 - 20:12

JOE BOUDREAU

I disagree, and I respectfully disagree.

20:13 - 20:15

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Okay, let's move on.

20:15 - 20:17

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It's the same amount of money.

20:17 - 20:19

Selectboard Office

They're allocating it where it belongs.

20:19 - 20:19

Selectboard Office

Right.

20:20 - 20:21

Selectboard Office

We all seem to think so.

20:21 - 20:24

Selectboard Office

Do we have any, how did the other finance team understand?

20:26 - 20:28

Selectboard Office

I think, I am curious.

20:30 - 20:38

Selectboard Office

So, you're, you don't have a lot of years of history, but however many years you've got, is \$25 ,000 worth of garage maintenance?

20:39 - 20:41

Selectboard Office

Is that, is that a fair number?

20:41 - 20:43

Selectboard Office

And is that actually maintenance?

20:43 - 20:50

Selectboard Office

Just a moment ago talked about electrical bills going to the garage maintenance, which to me doesn't sound like maintenance, but.

20:50 - 20:56

Selectboard Office

It's maintaining the garage and the garage needs power to be maintainable.

20:56 - 20:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think I always- So that's where that went.

20:58 - 21:08

Selectboard Office

I think I'd always interpreted garage maintenance as you got, you know, fixing the roof and then changing whatever, you know, the sort of more construction, we'll call it.

21:08 - 21:09

Selectboard Office

Bathroom.

21:10 - 21:18

Selectboard Office

It's not the one-off stuff, it's just like, you know, stuff breaks and you've got to fix the window or whatever broke.

21:18 - 21:27

Selectboard Office

I've never, you know, extraordinary garage maintenance was a roof or a foundation repair or something like that.

21:29 - 22:27

Selectboard Office

But I can totally get that it was done one way for a long time and then there was a unfortunately clean cut to the next group and so no one knows what was how it was done I guess but my question really is \$25 ,000 I think where Joe is coming from is that this is gonna go in front of town meeting and everyone's gonna look at that number and say why are you spending \$10 ,000 more on garage maintenance than you used to and yes we can justify it with it's not we're just moving things but But there is a there's a value to just having things be sort of consistent year to year in town meeting everyone's sort of like you can the finance committee understands that people can understand that you know your expenses didn't increase by \$10 ,000 there just shifted but but I also hear you saying it's new people and we got to figure out the way that works for them.

22:28 - 22:41

Selectboard Office

So again, both ways, I think that if we're gonna do it, I'd like to know that these numbers actually make a lot of sense, that they're not just sort of, yeah, that seems like a good number.

22:41 - 22:45

Selectboard Office

50 ,000 a year on machine maintenance, is that real?

22:45 - 22:59

Selectboard Office

So Mark, can I ask you if they can go back and show that they've done whatever inter-fund transfers every year from, you know, general highway to garage

maintenance.

23:03 - 23:05

[speaker unknown]

And I have zero history here.

23:06 - 23:12

Selectboard Office

But also, it concerns me to say that this is going to be some of my trays at town meeting that's going to go, what are you doing?

23:13 - 23:16

Selectboard Office

You're getting \$10 ,000 more because they can't read the next line anyway.

23:17 - 23:20

Selectboard Office

I mean, we can tell the story, but.

24:13 - 24:14

JOE BOUDREAU

Hey, guys, I can't hear you.

24:18 - 24:21

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Joe, I just texted Charlie.

24:22 - 24:23

JOE BOUDREAU

Thank you.

24:23 - 24:25

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yep, to let him know that we lost.

24:28 - 24:29

Selectboard Office

Yes, I know.

24:29 - 24:29

Selectboard Office

You got me.

24:29 - 24:30

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Now?

24:31 - 24:32

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Hi guys.

24:32 - 24:32

JOE BOUDREAU

What.

24:32 - 24:33

Selectboard Office

Happened?

24:34 - 24:35

Selectboard Office

You just got to give me a minute.

24:35 - 24:37

Selectboard Office

Last year was closer to like six.

24:39 - 24:43

Selectboard Office

But did that feel like a normal year or was that like, oh that was an unusual year?

24:43 - 24:44

Selectboard Office

I don't know, my first year.

24:46 - 25:12

Selectboard Office

I am going to say that I think it was not a normal year because I believe that there were a lot of maintenance that was let go and so last year there was a lot of catch-ups so I think last year could very well have been an unusually expensive year this year may be less expensive but I know that there was some maintenance that was never done yeah for sure yeah I second that and we're continuing to work on more maintenance and things that need to be done.

25:12 - 25:12

Selectboard Office

Right.

25:13 - 25:14

Selectboard Office

Wacked before.

25:14 - 25:16

Selectboard Office

You know, a truck with no oil in it.

25:18 - 25:18

Selectboard Office

Do you need oil?

25:21 - 25:26

Selectboard Office

So, to pull it all together, we definitely need more in machinery maintenance and garage maintenance.

25:27 - 25:34

Selectboard Office

Garage maintenance specific to the cost of electricity going up and other things like that.

25:34 - 25:41

Selectboard Office

As far as general highway, we're happy to keep it at the same because we'll probably won't spend it all.

25:41 - 25:47

Selectboard Office

And then if we do need any of it, we can fill out the correct form and move things around at the end of the year.

25:47 - 25:49

Selectboard Office

That's totally not a problem.

25:50 - 26:05

Selectboard Office

But any clarification on what we actually should be spending that money on, that would be great because if we are spending things in garage maintenance that we should be doing in General Highway, that would help the future for us.

26:05 - 26:07

Selectboard Office

So two things.

26:07 - 26:08

Selectboard Office

One, that's the purpose of this meeting.

26:09 - 26:13

Selectboard Office

That's why we're here and are talking is to is to is to figure this stuff out.

26:13 - 26:19

Selectboard Office

So I know, you know, the idea way to be other meetings before it maybe but can only do so much.

26:19 - 26:21

Selectboard Office

And number two, Randy says hands up.

26:21 - 26:22

Selectboard Office

So, hey.

26:22 - 26:22

Randy Zucco

Randy.

26:22 - 26:27

Randy Zucco

Yeah, guys, I can't find any of your information in the folder.

26:27 - 26:29

Randy Zucco

All right.

26:29 - 26:29

Selectboard Office

Randy, look.

26:30 - 26:30

Randy Zucco

Okay.

26:31 - 26:33

Selectboard Office

Just give me a second here.

26:33 - 26:33

Randy Zucco

So.

26:33 - 26:37

Selectboard Office

So go to, go to the, are you in that folder?

26:38 - 26:38

Randy Zucco

Yep.

26:39 - 26:43

Selectboard Office

So you want the FY27.

26:46 - 26:50

Selectboard Office

It's a spreadsheet called hold on a sec.

26:51 - 26:54

Selectboard Office

It's It's not VRF, it's the other one.

26:55 - 26:55

Selectboard Office

So.

26:55 - 26:56

Selectboard Office

27 budget.

26:57 - 27:06

Selectboard Office

So 27 budget yeah and then go to the appropriations tab and, and scroll down to where all the highway structures is because we can find.

27:06 - 27:06

Randy Zucco

It.

27:06 - 27:06

Randy Zucco

Okay.

27:09 - 27:09

Selectboard Office

Sorry.

27:10 - 27:11

Selectboard Office

It didn't get onto the right form.

27:13 - 27:14

Randy Zucco

All right.

27:17 - 27:18

Selectboard Office

You got you all set.

27:23 - 27:27

Randy Zucco

It's hard for me to it's hard for me to make sense of what you guys are saying without seeing it.

27:28 - 27:29

Selectboard Office

Yeah, of course.

27:29 - 27:29

Selectboard Office

No.

27:33 - 27:34

Selectboard Office

It's a line.

27:34 - 27:36

Selectboard Office

I don't know the line numbers here.

27:36 - 27:38

Selectboard Office

Bottom of the second page.

27:38 - 27:39

Selectboard Office

No, he doesn't.

27:39 - 27:40

Selectboard Office

He's got the spreadsheet.

27:40 - 27:42

Selectboard Office

He doesn't have pages.

27:47 - 27:49

Selectboard Office

Well, the highway is 32.

27:49 - 27:51

Selectboard Office

So it's right at the end of the.

27:52 - 27:58

Selectboard Office

It's it starts with highway line 128 on the.

28:08 - 28:08

[speaker unknown]

Spreadsheet.

28:11 - 28:12

Selectboard Office

I.

28:12 - 28:15

Randy Zucco

Think, yeah, it's a weird thing when I pull it up on my.

28:15 - 28:16

Randy Zucco

Computer.

28:16 - 28:18

Selectboard Office

Well, you have to open it.

28:18 - 28:19

Selectboard Office

Wait a minute.

28:19 - 28:21

Selectboard Office

You got to open it in Excel.

28:21 - 28:24

Selectboard Office

Are you trying to watch it on in that folder in the preview?

28:25 - 28:26

Randy Zucco

Yeah, let me get the Excel.

28:26 - 28:56

Selectboard Office

Then it's down it's down starts around page five or six if you're trying to preview within the folder so anyway let's let's resume here and try to make sense out of this so people were to have an opinion about which direction it should go should we reallocate or should we just leave general the same and then for more money in the other two.

29:00 - 29:02

Selectboard Office

We're fine either way.

29:03 - 29:07

Selectboard Office

I guess I'm confused by that question.

29:09 - 29:09

[speaker unknown]

So.

29:12 - 29:22

Selectboard Office

What you propose is that you need, I don't know what the tally is, but basically what you've got last year.

29:22 - 29:23

Selectboard Office

Like there's not a big change.

29:23 - 29:24

Selectboard Office

There's no change whatsoever.

29:27 - 29:33

Selectboard Office

What I hear you asking is, Should we ask for more money than we used last year or got last year?

29:34 - 29:39

Selectboard Office

Because we're going to leave highway maintenance alone, but add to other places.

29:40 - 29:45

Selectboard Office

I think that if you don't need more money than last year, then you shouldn't ask for

more money than last year.

29:45 - 29:46

Selectboard Office

So maybe I understand there.

29:46 - 29:51

Selectboard Office

I think she's asking about the interest on transfers, like moving garage maintenance to something else.

29:51 - 29:57

Selectboard Office

If you take general highway, garage maintenance, machine maintenance, and total those up.

29:59 - 30:20

Selectboard Office

Oh, so we're saying that if consistency is better for town meeting, town understanding, and anything like that, keeping general highway the same and not taking the general highway funds and dispersing them where we're sort of in a crunch.

30:21 - 30:22

Selectboard Office

That's fine with us.

30:22 - 30:48

Selectboard Office

If the town wants to work towards not having more money in the budget that's what we were thinking was that we could not ask for an exponential amount of money because we were just moving things around to help keep the budget as close to what it was last year to this year so that we weren't raising any any costs of the town.

30:49 - 30:51

Selectboard Office

Does that answer?

30:52 - 30:53

Selectboard Office

Joe, go ahead.

30:54 - 30:59

JOE BOUDREAU

Just so I understand what's happening here, general highway maintenance.

30:59 - 31:01

JOE BOUDREAU

You're asking for \$10 ,000?

31:04 - 31:05

Selectboard Office

Yes.

31:05 - 31:05

Selectboard Office

Yes.

31:05 - 31:06

Selectboard Office

Yes.

31:06 - 31:08

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay, let's see if I want.

31:08 - 31:11

JOE BOUDREAU

Now, let me tell you what general highway maintenance does.

31:11 - 31:13

JOE BOUDREAU

General highway maintenance.

31:13 - 31:13

Selectboard Office

Does.

31:13 - 31:23

JOE BOUDREAU

Everything on the roads, it puts down gravel, it puts every place's culverts, it puts down stone.

31:23 - 31:28

JOE BOUDREAU

Everything that you do in general highway maintenance is all of those things.

31:29 - 31:29

JOE BOUDREAU

I.

31:29 - 31:32

JOE BOUDREAU

Think when we have appropriated in the last.

31:32 - 31:34

Selectboard Office

Few years, 40 to.

31:34 - 31:35

JOE BOUDREAU

50.

31:35 - 31:42

JOE BOUDREAU

,000 and there's a way to look at in this budget of where or what was actually spent.

31:42 - 31:42

Selectboard Office

I find.

31:42 - 31:44

JOE BOUDREAU

It's simply hard to believe.

31:45 - 31:45

Selectboard Office

And.

31:45 - 31:54

JOE BOUDREAU

You're going to be questioned by ex-road superintendents at town meeting, how can you go away with 10 grand and do all that work?

31:55 - 31:57

JOE BOUDREAU

You're not going to be able.

31:57 - 31:57

Selectboard Office

To.

32:00 - 32:06

JOE BOUDREAU

Because general highway maintenance is going to suffer because you're not appropriating enough to do that.

32:06 - 32:06

JOE BOUDREAU

Work.

32:08 - 32:14

Selectboard Office

Where did the money for the gravel that we spent this year come out of this past year?

32:15 - 32:18

Selectboard Office

On Secondary Roads, right?

32:21 - 32:33

Selectboard Office

So Joe, just to be clear, General Highway is paved roads and secondary road improvements, is that the dirt roads, gravel for dirt roads?

32:33 - 32:35

JOE BOUDREAU

It is all roads.

32:35 - 32:37

Selectboard Office

All roads.

32:39 - 32:47

Selectboard Office

And so if they're putting out, you know, they're great What seasons coming if they're buying truckloads of sand to put on on dirt roads?

32:50 - 32:56

Selectboard Office

You'd pay that out of the general highway or you when does the secondary road coming to play I guess where I don't even see secondary.

33:01 - 33:02

Selectboard Office

There is a.

33:05 - 33:06

Selectboard Office

Thousand dollars.

33:06 - 33:07

Selectboard Office

That's what that's for.

33:07 - 33:16

Selectboard Office

And you also have a hundred and ten in winter highway maintenance, which if month, season is cut, I mean you could, you could make the argument that a lot of that gravel and stuff.

33:16 - 33:20

Selectboard Office

The stone is those repercussions of winter maintenance.

33:21 - 33:21

Selectboard Office

Right.

33:22 - 33:30

Selectboard Office

But if, if we're supposed to be doing gravel, stone and culverts and things like that from general highway, then yes, it should be a higher amount.

33:30 - 33:36

Selectboard Office

I, I completely degree I had no knowledge of that's the general I would use for it.

33:36 - 33:39

Selectboard Office

But you've been taking that out of secondary rowdy space.

33:39 - 33:45

Selectboard Office

Right and do you know where secondary, do you have any rough idea where we are now with that?

33:45 - 33:48

Selectboard Office

I don't think it's not up here.

33:48 - 33:52

Selectboard Office

Ok, no, I was just, if you did, but that's fine.

33:53 - 33:56

Selectboard Office

You can always do a reclass.

33:56 - 33:56

Selectboard Office

Yes.

33:56 - 33:57

Selectboard Office

Yes.

33:57 - 33:59

Selectboard Office

I can see where it went.

34:02 - 34:08

Selectboard Office

So I guess the dirt roads are confusing, because there is this secondary road account.

34:09 - 34:10

Selectboard Office

So let's focus on paved roads.

34:10 - 34:17

Selectboard Office

If you had to replace a culvert, which maybe you don't, I don't know, where today, how would you Thank you for that.

34:18 - 34:32

Selectboard Office

So from what I've been trying to research and figure out how, where money comes from to do different things and how it all works is looking into chapter 90 and working with FERCog that would do the bidding.

34:34 - 34:45

Selectboard Office

I would work with them to bid it and then hopefully get their approval for chapter 90 if we have the chapter 90 money to be able to do the work.

34:45 - 34:56

Selectboard Office

If not, now I'm understanding that if we need to spend some town money to put towards that cost and work, it would come out of this account.

34:56 - 34:57

Selectboard Office

So that makes sense.

34:58 - 35:02

Selectboard Office

Just to answer your question, secondary roads, we've spent \$274.

35:04 - 35:04

Selectboard Office

Okay.

35:05 - 35:07

Selectboard Office

It doesn't mean that spring won't change.

35:08 - 35:08

JOE BOUDREAU

Exactly.

35:08 - 35:16

JOE BOUDREAU

Can you show me an account on the chart, The the label for secondary roads.

35:16 - 35:17

JOE BOUDREAU

I don't.

35:17 - 35:17

Selectboard Office

Know.

35:17 - 35:34

Selectboard Office

Yes, it's number 1,000,420,584.00 it's the last line of the highways budget. If you look in general Appropriations it dropped 10 grand from the first year, right?

35:36 - 35:38

Selectboard Office

It's the last line in their budget line.

35:38 - 35:40

JOE BOUDREAU

I got.

35:40 - 35:41

Selectboard Office

It.

35:42 - 35:45

Selectboard Office

That usually is extended mostly in the spring.

35:46 - 35:50

Selectboard Office

But if it's supposed to be John Highway, then 50,000 out of it makes sense.

35:51 - 35:59

Selectboard Office

And we can figure out secondary roads as some more of a clarification for what should go where.

35:59 - 36:00

Selectboard Office

What else would secondary road be?

36:00 - 36:13

Selectboard Office

Well, to me, my understanding of the two different accounts now that I know general highways for the roads like guardrail fixing culverts and paving.

36:15 - 36:26

Selectboard Office

Obviously, if I need to pave a road or fix a road, it's gonna be a lot more than 50 grand and we'd have to work on proposing that to the town down the road if it was gonna come out to be a town expense.

36:26 - 36:29

JOE BOUDREAU

Or or you would use chapter 90 money.

36:30 - 36:30

JOE BOUDREAU

Exactly.

36:30 - 36:44

Selectboard Office

Yep, and so in order to do that, to have this money there for smaller fixes or to put together with Chapter 90 makes sense to have that.

36:51 - 37:04

Selectboard Office

It seems like the institutional knowledge and the safe advice you're getting is don't mess with things because it's going to just bring other discussion items to bear when you really want to focus on the things that you need, right?

37:04 - 37:04

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

37:04 - 37:15

Selectboard Office

So I think, you know, I mean, I'm learning this too, that it's just as easy to go, well, looks like we don't need all that general highway stuff.

37:15 - 37:19

Selectboard Office

So we're going to just do a transfer to whatever it is that we need.

37:19 - 37:19

Selectboard Office

Right?

37:19 - 37:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that was just our, we thought we were being hopeful, but we are totally prepared to tell the town at town meeting with, you know, paperwork and numbers and everything come May why we are asking for an increase for the other two.

37:37 - 37:42

Selectboard Office

So that is totally going to be fine and explained, and we'll be able to speak to it.

37:42 - 37:44

Selectboard Office

So let's keep the focus on that.

37:44 - 38:09

Selectboard Office

And if you guys are OK, and I mean, I think now we're all kind of, I mean, at least the three of us are understanding, there might be some help out there for us to be able to get some advice of how to do things a little bit more the way they were done in the past, But also keeping an eye towards the future if you guys really are like this isn't fitting like you'll have a you know Another year under your belt and then on-campus conversation next year.

38:09 - 38:15

Selectboard Office

Yep, and say you know what we're coming back We're coming back at this one.

38:16 - 38:20

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but we don't want to sit here and say all right Well, then why don't you increase those maintenance budgets?

38:20 - 38:24

Selectboard Office

But don't change the other one and generally increase your overall budget.

38:24 - 38:29

Selectboard Office

Is anybody saying that because that's what I'm hearing No, no, no, I'm just saying keep okay.

38:29 - 38:38

Selectboard Office

No, we're saying go back to what it is And then we have to do the same end of year transfer from the general highway account to cover the others.

38:41 - 38:56

Selectboard Office

I understand where you're coming from, and it's like, I don't know, since we have no way of knowing how things were classified before, the way that you're doing it in a way that makes sense to you, and it makes sense to me as well.

38:56 - 39:01

Selectboard Office

And it just seems to me that if you wanted to shift it and say, okay, put a little more money in this one.

39:02 - 39:06

Selectboard Office

I understand that, but I guess the general highway maintenance can't be that low.

39:06 - 39:08

Selectboard Office

People will be like, what?

39:08 - 39:11

Selectboard Office

You absolutely can go back and see how things are classified before.

39:11 - 39:12

Selectboard Office

There's no mystery.

39:12 - 39:13

Selectboard Office

No, but you got to look through all those records.

39:14 - 39:14

Selectboard Office

Well, yeah.

39:15 - 39:37

Selectboard Office

You just get a report from the Make friends with MassDOT, really, make friends with them, they're a wonderful resource.

39:37 - 39:42

Selectboard Office

So is FERCOG, and Joe knows all the past history of all this stuff.

39:43 - 39:49

Selectboard Office

And he's not the chair anymore, so he's got lots of time to hang out and chat with you.

39:51 - 39:52

Selectboard Office

He's never refused my phone call.

39:52 - 39:59

Selectboard Office

No, he always, you can always turn to him and ask questions, because he knows, and

now he doesn't know he remembers.

40:01 - 40:08

Selectboard Office

Yeah, well and I think it'll be useful to get another year under your belt and be able to go, you know, ask for help, ask for help, ask for help.

40:09 - 40:12

Selectboard Office

So were we asking them to just leave it the way it was last year?

40:12 - 40:12

Selectboard Office

I think so.

40:12 - 40:14

Selectboard Office

15, 40, and 30.

40:14 - 40:16

Selectboard Office

So is that what they're asking for though?

40:16 - 40:17

Selectboard Office

That's what I want to know.

40:17 - 40:18

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

40:18 - 40:19

Selectboard Office

Are you level funding?

40:19 - 40:21

Selectboard Office

I mean the fuel.

40:21 - 40:22

Selectboard Office

One at a time.

40:22 - 40:22

Selectboard Office

I'm worried.

40:22 - 40:35

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'm worried about garage those are more than machinery maintenance at this point I Mean we're down to five thousand dollars for garage maintenance.

40:38 - 40:43

Selectboard Office

And that's I Mean I don't know how much do you have in the general highway.

40:45 - 41:05

Selectboard Office

Since you're looking at your numbers thirty eight thousand dollars 40 yes, so Yeah, because we didn't know what it could be spent on, and we were all just playing off of the emails that we went back and looked at when it was asked what it was used for.

41:05 - 41:06

Selectboard Office

Joe, go ahead.

41:07 - 41:14

JOE BOUDREAU

I have no problem of increasing garage maintenance or machinery maintenance if you people think it needs to happen.

41:15 - 41:20

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm not saying keep it the same as last year just because keep it the same as last year.

41:20 - 41:24

JOE BOUDREAU

We're asking you what you truly think you need to budget based.

41:24 - 41:31

JOE BOUDREAU

On what's going on and what bills you're paying today and what you.

41:31 - 41:32

Selectboard Office

Think.

41:32 - 41:52

JOE BOUDREAU

Materials, you know, parts are going to cost or the state of equipment that needs to do more equipment needs maintenance or in the case of the garage account, we talked about electric going up, maybe there's other things going up.

41:52 - 41:57

JOE BOUDREAU

So if you truly think that those two need to be.

41:57 - 41:59

JOE BOUDREAU

Increased, so be it.

42:00 - 42:18

Selectboard Office

I think though that what I'm interested in usually is trying to make the budget amount as sort of close to a reasonable guess at real numbers, as you can get.

42:18 - 42:22

Selectboard Office

I think we typically want people to try to budget a little bit tight.

42:23 - 42:28

Selectboard Office

Don't give yourself a bunch of extra room, because that is taxation that goes to free cash.

42:28 - 42:34

Selectboard Office

And that's great, it's a way of funding and stabilization, but all good things, but we'd rather not do that.

42:34 - 42:52

Selectboard Office

And so the reason that it's hard to shift these categories is that it's hard sort of looking year to year you lose, as soon as you do that, you lose the ability to see sort of trends or did it kind of work or did it not work?

42:53 - 43:07

Selectboard Office

And I think what I'm, so, I know we're in the middle of the year and that's always hard to figure out who knows what's coming, but to, you're almost out of money in garage maintenance, but you have \$40 ,000 or 38 out of 40 ,000 in general highway maintenance.

43:07 - 43:09

Selectboard Office

We don't wanna hit the end of the year.

43:11 - 43:24

Selectboard Office

I think it would be a mistake to up the garage maintenance to 25 because we're short there, but end next year with basically having not spent your general highway, right?

43:24 - 43:26

Selectboard Office

You want it to match.

43:26 - 43:27

Selectboard Office

You want it to trend, yes.

43:27 - 43:32

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and so I feel like this year you've only got 5 ,000 left.

43:33 - 43:37

Selectboard Office

Let's talk about how to fund whatever is happening there.

43:37 - 43:38

Selectboard Office

We can shift money.

43:38 - 43:43

Selectboard Office

I would say general highway has excess at the moment, but I don't know what your spring plans are or how you think about it, whatever.

43:45 - 44:03

Selectboard Office

And I feel like if you do that, I'm not saying to leave these numbers exactly alone, but if you more or less left them alone for a couple of years, you gain experience and you know what, then you have a track record of like, yes, machinery expenses are, the curve's like this, we are gonna need more money every year.

44:07 - 44:14

Selectboard Office

It's easy to look at the garage maintenance, wanna be like, yeah, the building's ancient, I'm sure it's falling apart, But that's not really what this number is saying, I don't think.

44:15 - 44:20

Selectboard Office

I think it's actually that you're charging things in a different place than maybe they're used to.

44:20 - 44:22

Selectboard Office

And so that just gets confusing.

44:22 - 44:24

Selectboard Office

We don't know if expenses are going up or not.

44:25 - 44:27

Selectboard Office

I don't think that's my question.

44:27 - 44:31

Selectboard Office

Bart is like, so if they're like, I understand.

44:31 - 44:36

Selectboard Office

I understand what you're saying of all of that and trying to track trends.

44:36 - 44:45

Selectboard Office

But if they're like, oh, we gotta do a transfer from one account to another to pay that, then you're not really, you're not seeing those trends.

44:47 - 44:52

Selectboard Office

Yes, except we should be paying attention to the fact that we, I mean, we're all in the room for those transfers.

44:53 - 44:55

Selectboard Office

You went into last year's actuals, and we'll show it.

44:55 - 44:56

Selectboard Office

It's there.

44:57 - 45:02

Selectboard Office

It isn't, I don't, my memory may not be great.

45:02 - 45:07

Selectboard Office

I don't remember big transfers for highway last year, but maybe I'm not remembering.

45:07 - 45:27

Selectboard Office

So if it helps any from my understanding of now knowing what general highway is to be spent on and for how it probably worked when Corp ran it for the several years is he had his projects lined up and he knew what was going on and having the rotation of what it costs.

45:27 - 45:28

Selectboard Office

It makes sense.

45:29 - 45:33

Selectboard Office

It made sense at that time to have that amount of money in that account.

45:33 - 47:01

Selectboard Office

And with what you're saying with experience and now knowing what that account was used for in the next couple years I'll be able to see all right this account might also need to go up or it stay the same and see the trends with that specific account we're just struggling right now with the other two accounts being so low and spent trying to do all the maintenance and keep up things and so I think my question is are they are they are they low you know are they low because the machine rate maintenance costs have gotten well that's not quite the right maybe it's the way to ask it is it because the machinery maintenance costs have gone up or is it because of how things are getting paid that things are getting paid for things that maybe used to get paid for a general highway are now getting paid for out of machinery maintenance and so that the amount is less you see them and maybe machinery is the wrong one but you see what I'm trying to get at that I understand I think I understand what you're trying to say and what I think the difference is is that the cost of parts and the labor and the maintenance that was never done that's the increase it's not a matter of it wasn't spent out of the wrong account it was it stayed

the right account it's just the direction of where things are going and trying to get things under control and taken care of.

47:01 - 47:03

Selectboard Office

Which totally makes sense.

47:03 - 47:08

Selectboard Office

I think it all gets kind of, I think that's sort of Joe's point is that.

47:11 - 47:18

Selectboard Office

If the billing goes to the wrong account or changes accounts, then it's really hard to know what we're looking at.

47:18 - 47:19

Selectboard Office

I completely agree.

47:19 - 47:32

Selectboard Office

I think you're absolutely right that you'll come up with a plan of like here's our projects and here's our machinery It'll make sense what these numbers should be in a year or two, which right now it's all...

47:32 - 47:48

Selectboard Office

It's hard right now trying to figure out what everything is and the possibilities of where money can come from, like Chapter 90, what we have there to be able to do different projects and figure out how to set it all up, make it happen, and then pay for it.

47:48 - 47:56

Selectboard Office

So I would definitely suggest that you ask Haley to get your reports for the past several years of what was spent out of highway maintenance.

47:56 - 48:00

Selectboard Office

And you can get a complete report and see exactly what was spent out of it.

48:00 - 48:01

Selectboard Office

Right, and you're going to want to go back to the police.

48:01 - 48:07

Selectboard Office

And drive maintenance and Well, if there's a question about those, it sounds like the big question is around what highway maintenance is for.

48:07 - 48:15

Selectboard Office

You're going to want to go back at least two years because, you know, when court left is when everything changed because we had no input from Tammy.

48:15 - 48:19

Selectboard Office

So you're going to want to go back at least two years, probably more.

48:19 - 48:22

Selectboard Office

Well, you've been here a year and a half, so you've got that part anyway.

48:22 - 48:39

Selectboard Office

Yeah, except she was not using Tammy system So if we want to see how did they spend the money we don't just say if you're going back a year and a half Doesn't tell me anything because that's what they did At least two years if not more three years.

48:41 - 48:48

Selectboard Office

Right and start by looking at the oldest year, you know the year before So where do we want to land for.

48:48 - 48:49

JOE BOUDREAU

Them?

48:50 - 48:50

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

48:53 - 49:00

JOE BOUDREAU

You can go to accounting and ask them for the detail, not the expenditure report.

49:00 - 49:01

JOE BOUDREAU

You.

49:01 - 49:01

Selectboard Office

Want.

49:01 - 49:05

JOE BOUDREAU

The detail of the various road accounts.

49:05 - 49:10

JOE BOUDREAU

And I certainly would go back at a minimum three.

49:10 - 49:11

JOE BOUDREAU

Years.

49:13 - 49:14

JOE BOUDREAU

And, you know, go.

49:14 - 49:14

Selectboard Office

Back.

49:14 - 49:16

JOE BOUDREAU

Two, three, and four years.

49:16 - 49:21

JOE BOUDREAU

You know, she'll give you an email and you can print it out and it's going to show you, it's going to.

49:21 - 49:26

JOE BOUDREAU

Show the vendor and a description of what it what it was.

49:27 - 49:32

JOE BOUDREAU

So that should help you understand where things normally.

49:37 - 49:38

Selectboard Office

Great.

49:38 - 49:38

Selectboard Office

All right.

49:39 - 49:45

Selectboard Office

So my question is, if you do that and you get the clarity on this stuff.

49:46 - 49:58

Selectboard Office

Um you know, do you think like is this still going to be flat funded or are there areas where you're going to need to increase because you're like, oh, this is comes

out of this pot of money.

49:59 - 50:06

Selectboard Office

I mean, I don't want to you know, have them flat funded if they really know that they're going to need you know, some more money.

50:06 - 50:06

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

50:18 - 50:37

Selectboard Office

I would just have to look and see what the last three years for machinery, you know, once you get that information, meet again.

50:37 - 50:49

Selectboard Office

And of course go over it and yeah yeah yeah does that make sense to you guys yeah 100% thank you joe yeah all right let's move on so we'll come back to.

50:49 - 50:49

JOE BOUDREAU

This.

50:49 - 50:51

Selectboard Office

Can we go whoa.

50:51 - 50:54

JOE BOUDREAU

Whoa whoa can i ask one more thing to no.

50:54 - 50:58

Selectboard Office

Time's up go ahead joe it's fine.

50:58 - 51:15

JOE BOUDREAU

When we talked uh a couple weeks ago um you mentioned uh bay state roads and i think that's an excellent thing that you should look into, and I'm going to do what finance committee person probably should never do, is possibly increase the budget.

51:17 - 51:29

JOE BOUDREAU

If you can contact Base State Roads and find out what programs or what training that you think you and your crew should do for next year.

51:31 - 51:34

JOE BOUDREAU

As you know, there's a host of different things from.

51:34 - 51:36

JOE BOUDREAU

Training from how to.

51:36 - 51:37

Selectboard Office

Grade, how.

51:37 - 51:41

JOE BOUDREAU

To hoist, how to do this or that.

51:41 - 51:46

JOE BOUDREAU

So if you could pick out what you think and then come back.

51:46 - 51:46

Selectboard Office

To.

51:46 - 51:50

JOE BOUDREAU

Us with an amount and to see if we have enough.

51:50 - 51:57

JOE BOUDREAU

Right now, I think it's been charged to road superintendent's expense.

51:58 - 52:00

JOE BOUDREAU

And it certainly still could.

52:00 - 52:03

JOE BOUDREAU

But I want to see, should we increase it.

52:03 - 52:03

Selectboard Office

Based on.

52:03 - 52:04

JOE BOUDREAU

The training.

52:04 - 52:05

Selectboard Office

That you think.

52:05 - 52:07

JOE BOUDREAU

You and your crew should do next year.

52:07 - 52:14

JOE BOUDREAU

Or should we have a separate account altogether that's labeled highly.

52:14 - 52:15

Selectboard Office

Personal.

52:15 - 52:16

JOE BOUDREAU

Training or whatever.

52:17 - 52:17

JOE BOUDREAU

You can do.

52:17 - 52:19

JOE BOUDREAU

That when you can.

52:19 - 52:25

JOE BOUDREAU

We don't need it immediately, but before we finalize the budget, if you could do that, that would be.

52:25 - 52:25

JOE BOUDREAU

Great.

52:26 - 52:26

Selectboard Office

That sounds good.

52:26 - 52:39

Selectboard Office

I've already actually been in contact with Bay State roads to figure out what trainings are available currently and what we might want to look into in the near future and plan for ahead of that.

52:41 - 52:51

Selectboard Office

The only thing for long-distance planning, I can easily look at their website and say hey this training, this training, and this training are things that we want to do.

52:51 - 53:10

Selectboard Office

It's unless we get in contact with Bay State roads and say hey we would like to this training, they're going to ask us if we'll host it, which is a whole nother step compared to waiting for another town or communicating with other towns and when they'll host it or schedule it to go further.

53:10 - 53:11

JOE BOUDREAU

But I.

53:11 - 53:13

Selectboard Office

Am already looking into that and that sounds.

53:13 - 53:14

JOE BOUDREAU

Great.

53:16 - 53:22

Selectboard Office

Is that a training that you would imagine every year or is it kind of a one-off?

53:23 - 53:45

Selectboard Office

So the Bay State Roads program it from I started when I worked in Chesterfield and have numerous hours into it when you've reached so many hours they recognize you as a road scholar you get so many more hours you're a master road scholar I got my road scholar so I've to several of the classes.

53:47 - 54:02

Selectboard Office

And most of the information that they teach and bring is a lot of what superintendents across the country, departments across the country, and all over the world are finding what best works and best practices.

54:02 - 54:10

Selectboard Office

So everything's constantly getting updated, and there's dozens and dozens of all different trainings that can happen.

54:10 - 54:22

Selectboard Office

So it's a matter of personnel coming in and out and leaving and new stuff coming out and Talking about better ways to do things So it sounds like an annual.

54:22 - 54:29

Selectboard Office

Yes, there'd be something each year didn't do Yeah, so like a new one that I went to before I left Chesterfield was talking about.

54:32 - 54:41

Selectboard Office

Pesticides and Invasive species not weed and the different vines and how do we go about that.

54:41 - 54:44

Selectboard Office

The technology for that stuff is still changing and coming out.

54:45 - 54:48

Selectboard Office

So, the classes keep on.

54:48 - 54:48

JOE BOUDREAU

Going.

54:48 - 54:49

Selectboard Office

I.

54:49 - 55:09

JOE BOUDREAU

Became familiar with that when I was, for the last 10 years, when I was town

accountant in West Hampton and Bill Jamblowski, who's the road superintendent over there, all of his crew, I paid the bills to UMass Amherst and all of his crew every year went for different things.

55:10 - 55:11

JOE BOUDREAU

You know, it's an ongoing thing.

55:12 - 55:16

JOE BOUDREAU

So it's certainly, I would think would be ongoing here.

55:18 - 55:25

JOE BOUDREAU

We have a superintendent who's already been to them but I'm not too sure how many of our new road crew members have.

55:26 - 55:31

JOE BOUDREAU

So they, they probably will definitely need, need to, you know, to take part in training.

55:32 - 55:33

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

55:33 - 55:33

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

55:34 - 55:34

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

55:36 - 55:37

Selectboard Office

Okay.

55:37 - 55:39

Selectboard Office

Can we talk about fuel?

55:39 - 55:40

Selectboard Office

We sure can.

55:41 - 55:43

Selectboard Office

So I got \$200 in my fuel account right now.

55:44 - 56:06

Selectboard Office

So we've discussed this previously, and I suspect it fell through the cracks with the changing of the guard, but we, we specifically talked, I know about the police tracking their fuel use and possibly having them pay for their own fuel, regardless of the fact that it's coming out of your tank.

56:07 - 56:09

Selectboard Office

I don't think that's happening.

56:10 - 56:14

Selectboard Office

Is there a meter on the gas tank?

56:15 - 56:17

Selectboard Office

There is a dial that you're...

56:17 - 57:18

Selectboard Office

When this was brought up last year with Devin, he had it forward to us saying hey there I believe the police is keeping track of what they use for fuel okay from my knowledge but since this was brought up to Devon's attention all the gas that we use we reset it to zero and we have a notepad that we write down the gallons what it

was used for an initial so then we know what the police are using because it's whatever you're not so you have those numbers yes we have that notepad in the garage but I believe scoby from what I know he should have a because he was the first one asked to do it because of his TCOs and other people driving the vehicles that need yes okay okay so we want to see if we can get that information yeah and then we can talk about maybe putting that money in the right place so even if it's all to come out of you.

57:18 - 57:20

Selectboard Office

You ought to at least know how we're spending that.

57:20 - 57:21

Selectboard Office

Joe, go ahead.

57:21 - 57:23

JOE BOUDREAU

I said this before.

57:23 - 57:45

JOE BOUDREAU

I believe they make gauges that you punch in your number if you're a highway and it records how much was pumped for highway and then if you're the police department, you punch in a code or put in a card and it keeps track of the gas that the police used.

57:45 - 58:05

JOE BOUDREAU

I would say kind of look to see if that rather than having a piece of paper, you know, back in the last century of how to keep stuff, looking to see if, you know, there's a couple of places in Pittsfield who service pumps, see if they, if you could, you know.

58:06 - 58:09

JOE BOUDREAU

If there's a pump available, we can buy that.

58:09 - 58:11

Selectboard Office

And keep.

58:11 - 58:13

JOE BOUDREAU

Track of it electrically or electronically.

58:13 - 58:15

JOE BOUDREAU

And then when the bill.

58:15 - 58:16

Selectboard Office

Comes.

58:16 - 58:26

JOE BOUDREAU

We'll charge the higher account and the police to the police account.

58:27 - 58:29

Selectboard Office

I agree with you, Joe.

58:29 - 58:38

Selectboard Office

And where I have experience with that from working in Chesterfield, Chesterfield pays or bought that system and has that system for the gas and diesel pump.

58:38 - 58:41

Selectboard Office

And they just recently got a new one.

58:41 - 58:50

Selectboard Office

Uh, from my knowledge and talking to the guy that installed it and did it, it's very expensive to set up and start off with.

58:50 - 59:09

Selectboard Office

And my understanding and hope was that would be, we could very well try to invest that money now, but if we're going to be doing a big change with the highway garage and building and location, it might be better to wait and invest that money at a later date for that purpose.

59:10 - 59:16

Selectboard Office

The system in Chesterfield, each vehicle had a fob that would be getting fuel.

59:17 - 59:35

Selectboard Office

So each person that would be accessing fuel would have their own identification code that they'd have to type in on the screen, scan the key fob, and enter in the mileage or the hours whichever was required for that vehicle so you can keep track of everything.

59:36 - 59:45

Selectboard Office

It's obvious Joe what you're saying is obvious, of course, that's the ideal situation But don't think that's a cheap solution because it's not.

59:52 - 01:00:01

JOE BOUDREAU

If we were to buy that that would come out of the stable stabilization fund So it wouldn't hit the highway budget for the cost of that.

01:00:01 - 01:00:06

JOE BOUDREAU

But I agree with the road superintendent Probably less than a year.

01:00:06 - 01:00:08

JOE BOUDREAU

We're going to have a brand new town garage.

01:00:12 - 01:00:13

Selectboard Office

If.

01:00:13 - 01:00:15

JOE BOUDREAU

You believe that I.

01:00:15 - 01:00:17

JOE BOUDREAU

Have What I have for.

01:00:17 - 01:00:18

Selectboard Office

Sale.

01:00:24 - 01:00:36

Selectboard Office

Okay, so anyway, let's still we have the numbers let's crunch them, yeah, okay And so your thinking is then to add to the police budget fuel line.

01:00:37 - 01:00:38

Selectboard Office

It makes sense to me.

01:00:38 - 01:00:40

Selectboard Office

Well, why wouldn't they pay for their own fuel?

01:00:40 - 01:01:02

Selectboard Office

So, where I've also talked to other people in town and departments is for Chesterfield, since they have this expensive system that tracks everything, it is their police, fire, and highway all in the same account, same umbrella of the fuel system.

01:01:02 - 01:01:31

Selectboard Office

And and this would also be an advantage for the fire department as well and be one less tank and it would be the same system keeping track of everything which you'll

see the usage on every individual truck the mileage and it just documents everything so it wouldn't just be for highway and police we could eventually when we expand to the system it would cover everything.

01:01:33 - 01:01:37

Selectboard Office

But the fire department has their own tank.

01:01:37 - 01:01:38

Selectboard Office

Has their own tank and fuel.

01:01:39 - 01:01:54

Selectboard Office

But it's not kept track of at all on what's being used other than when we do our truck checks or get back from a fall, see the truck's below three quarters of a tank, we make sure we top it off and have it full for the next emergency.

01:01:54 - 01:01:57

Selectboard Office

There's no documentation, no nothing.

01:01:57 - 01:02:02

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so this would this investment would cover everything.

01:02:02 - 01:02:10

Selectboard Office

Yeah if you allow it to unless Do you want to keep it separate and still have the unknown already investing the money?

01:02:11 - 01:02:13

Selectboard Office

Let's talk about tractors and wonders.

01:02:16 - 01:02:22

Selectboard Office

Well, are we done talking about general highway.

01:02:29 - 01:02:30

Randy Zucco

So we're not.

01:02:30 - 01:02:31

Selectboard Office

We're not.

01:02:31 - 01:02:32

Randy Zucco

Firming anything up, we're.

01:02:32 - 01:02:33

Selectboard Office

Just...

01:02:33 - 01:02:33

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:02:33 - 01:02:37

Selectboard Office

Do you want to talk about tractors and welders when you come back, or do you want to touch by the hand?

01:02:38 - 01:02:41

Selectboard Office

Well, we've got the stuff here, let's talk about it.

01:02:47 - 01:02:51

Selectboard Office

So the only two quotes up, they have copies up here of what we submitted.

01:02:52 - 01:02:53

Selectboard Office

We have.

01:03:08 - 01:03:12

Selectboard Office

So let's talk with the truck about the tractor first and why you need a truck.

01:03:17 - 01:03:25

Selectboard Office

No, there's something else to for God's sakes really straightforward with you, why don't you just listen to what they have to say Sure.

01:03:28 - 01:03:30

Selectboard Office

But don't be so testy.

01:03:30 - 01:03:38

Selectboard Office

The highway department's current Kubota tractor is over 15 years old and has reached a point where continued operation is no longer cost effective or reliable.

01:03:38 - 01:03:48

Selectboard Office

During the current fiscal year alone the department has already spent over \$600 in parts and a recent repair estimated total of \$9 ,000.

01:03:49 - 01:04:08

Selectboard Office

These repairs would not guarantee long-term reliability and would continue to place strain on the department's operating budget as the tractor continues to age, downtime, and unexpected failures are becoming more frequent, increasing the risk of service disruptions during critical maintenance periods.

01:04:09 - 01:04:39

Selectboard Office

The Kubota tractor is a crucial piece of equipment for Highway Department use for regular essential tasks, roadside mowing, vegetation control, raking and grading the stone that we spread in the spring, grading the dirt roads as we get through them through spring or spring and summer and again in winter in preparations before

winter or fall in preparations for winter.

01:04:40 - 01:04:47

Selectboard Office

So, would it be pretty close to a one-to-one replacement, or are you looking for some new capabilities with a new character?

01:04:47 - 01:04:51

Selectboard Office

It would be mostly a one-to-one replacement.

01:04:52 - 01:05:22

Selectboard Office

We had inquired quotes on what it would be to get with a loader and a bucket to have more capability of when you're out brush hogging, if there's a log in the side of the road that a tree company had dropped we can push it out of the way and keep on mowing instead of going around it and having to backtrack at a later date rocks and all sorts of other capabilities.

01:05:22 - 01:06:05

Selectboard Office

Also speaking with the multiple companies I contacted for quotes on the tractor they highly try to incentivize and push to sell the equipment with the loader for because it's higher resale value down the road because it has it and the use of it is yeah so the current tractor doesn't have anything on the front at all no yeah so since so it ought to this quote also includes a snowblower so this quote was also including a snowblower because we weren't sure what the what was going happen now that we have sidewalks in town.

01:06:07 - 01:06:15

Selectboard Office

So we're still not sure if there's going to be maintenance and stuff that's going to be mandatory that we have to do now that we have some sidewalks.

01:06:15 - 01:06:26

Selectboard Office

And it could be helpful down the road and expansion and cleaning up of areas around our granite curbs, bridges, guard rails.

01:06:29 - 01:06:32

Selectboard Office

But that's not something you have a capacity for right now.

01:06:32 - 01:06:33

Selectboard Office

We do not have it.

01:06:37 - 01:06:41

Selectboard Office

Are you plowing the school parking lot now?

01:06:41 - 01:06:41

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:06:41 - 01:06:43

Selectboard Office

Okay, so they're not even using that snow blower?

01:06:44 - 01:06:45

Selectboard Office

They're using...

01:06:45 - 01:06:53

Selectboard Office

There's an old broken snow blower that blew up that was outside next to the shed.

01:06:55 - 01:07:09

Selectboard Office

I believe they have a new one in the shed that they had to purchase that they use for the sidewalks and some of the schoolyard area where we can't get to to file, but we file just about everything that we can.

01:07:11 - 01:07:12

Selectboard Office

Randy, go ahead.

01:07:13 - 01:07:13

Randy Zucco

Thanks.

01:07:15 - 01:07:16

Randy Zucco

I just have a couple of questions.

01:07:18 - 01:07:22

Randy Zucco

Having been to a few town meetings, I am.

01:07:22 - 01:07:24

Selectboard Office

Channeling that.

01:07:24 - 01:07:25

Randy Zucco

Spirit here.

01:07:25 - 01:07:28

Randy Zucco

Is there any retail value to the.

01:07:28 - 01:07:29

Randy Zucco

Current Kubota?

01:07:29 - 01:07:32

Randy Zucco

If we were to replace it, we're traded in.

01:07:32 - 01:07:34

Selectboard Office

A, B.

01:07:35 - 01:07:36

Randy Zucco

With that.

01:07:36 - 01:07:36

Selectboard Office

\$9.

01:07:36 - 01:07:38

Randy Zucco

,000 or \$10 ,000 investment.

01:07:40 - 01:07:40

Selectboard Office

Would.

01:07:40 - 01:07:44

Randy Zucco

It add a year or two.

01:07:44 - 01:07:46

Selectboard Office

To the.

01:07:46 - 01:07:47

Randy Zucco

Life of it?

01:07:48 - 01:08:20

Selectboard Office

I would say it's hard to tell what it would add to the life because of how beat and tired it is from being abused and put to work and used up throughout its life there's it goes through a lot of work being run three-quarters of the year without the winter currently and if we were looking to put it into some use to be able to and winter.

01:08:20 - 01:08:25

Selectboard Office

The snow lower capabilities of what we're looking into would help.

01:08:28 - 01:08:38

Selectboard Office

And selling the old one, I believe the quote from Bacon's that we had gotten, which we don't currently have here.

01:08:42 - 01:08:46

Selectboard Office

Had a value of about 10 grand for it.

01:08:47 - 01:08:49

Selectboard Office

How many hours are on the current one, roughly?

01:08:50 - 01:08:52

Selectboard Office

I believe 6 ,500 hours.

01:08:55 - 01:08:59

Selectboard Office

So, are these guys a better price than Bacon's?

01:08:59 - 01:09:01

Selectboard Office

They are all in the same ballpark.

01:09:04 - 01:09:08

Selectboard Office

But Bacon's would be \$10 ,000 less about because of the trade-in?

01:09:08 - 01:09:09

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:09:10 - 01:09:12

Selectboard Office

Would these folks do a trade-in?

01:09:12 - 01:09:16

Selectboard Office

I mean, would any, would all of the ones that you looked at, would they do trade-ins or no?

01:09:16 - 01:09:29

Selectboard Office

I believe so, because farm equipment, typically they do, but they didn't, Bacon's has the history of all the parts we've been buying and service, and they're always here.

01:09:30 - 01:09:33

Selectboard Office

So that's who we got the price through for them.

01:09:35 - 01:09:36

Randy Zucco

Can I ask one more question?

01:09:37 - 01:09:38

Randy Zucco

Sorry, I'm going to blower my hand.

01:09:40 - 01:09:47

Randy Zucco

What do you think the lifespan of the new one would be, particularly if you're going to be running it year-round?

01:09:50 - 01:09:55

Selectboard Office

Hopefully the same, hopefully the same 10 to 15 year lifespan.

01:09:55 - 01:09:56

Selectboard Office

I'd hope.

01:10:00 - 01:10:02

Selectboard Office

We'd do better maintenance on it.

01:10:03 - 01:10:03

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:10:04 - 01:10:04

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:10:05 - 01:10:08

Selectboard Office

6500 hours is good.

01:10:08 - 01:10:08

Selectboard Office

It's pretty good.

01:10:09 - 01:10:09

Selectboard Office

It's a lot of hours.

01:10:09 - 01:10:10

Selectboard Office

It's a lot of hours.

01:10:11 - 01:10:14

Selectboard Office

And as a tractor, like is that the piece of equipment?

01:10:14 - 01:10:19

Selectboard Office

Is that, are you replacing it because you have a tractor or are you replacing it

because no tractor is what you need?

01:10:21 - 01:11:07

Selectboard Office

So looking at what other towns have, what I've used for maintaining gravel roads, having the brush hog like we do to be able to tag team with the mower that we share with Chesterfield to mow our roads in a faster manner and more timely manner is extremely nice and then where other towns have a tractor they have for the purpose of a roadside mower mounted on it that they use and they also use it for the gravel roads but it's harder for them on the of roads because it's a lot larger and don't have the capability to spin around and get out of the way with what we have compared to that.

01:11:08 - 01:11:10

Selectboard Office

So a tractor works well.

01:11:10 - 01:11:11

Selectboard Office

It works very well.

01:11:11 - 01:11:17

Selectboard Office

It's a piece of machinery that you know you're like well we can set we can work with a tractor but it really has to have.

01:11:17 - 01:11:30

Selectboard Office

It's running all spring summer and fall along with the greater on the greater grading roads it's on every road multiple times a year and then mowing the roadsides it's going non-stop.

01:11:34 - 01:11:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah I would think it's it's a multi-tool that you pretty much have to have.

01:11:38 - 01:11:41

Selectboard Office

You gotta have something besides a grader and a giant loader.

01:11:41 - 01:11:42

Selectboard Office

Just asking.

01:11:43 - 01:11:43

Selectboard Office

But this would be.

01:11:43 - 01:11:50

Randy Zucco

Something that you would ask for the you know for the money for it's not in the budget it would.

01:11:50 - 01:11:51

Selectboard Office

Just be Yes.

01:11:54 - 01:11:55

Selectboard Office

That's what this is about.

01:11:59 - 01:12:01

Selectboard Office

I guess I'm curious about the snowblower.

01:12:05 - 01:12:11

Selectboard Office

The tractor seems very clear like got one, you need to replace it.

01:12:11 - 01:12:11

Selectboard Office

Great.

01:12:11 - 01:12:16

Selectboard Office

The snowblower feels like you're thinking it might be useful for things.

01:12:16 - 01:12:23

Selectboard Office

And I don't know what the timing of figuring out Part of its regulatory like do you have to clear them?

01:12:23 - 01:12:29

Selectboard Office

It sounds like so I Guess I wonder So the snowblower could be added later.

01:12:29 - 01:12:32

Selectboard Office

I presume yes, and would it be worth.

01:12:34 - 01:12:41

Selectboard Office

It is it worth considering not going for that that time meeting and really, you know Understand it.

01:12:41 - 01:12:43

Selectboard Office

I just don't I don't know what your timing it.

01:12:43 - 01:12:45

Selectboard Office

You know, you may be like, no snowblower.

01:12:46 - 01:12:55

Selectboard Office

With the winter like we've had this year would be extremely helpful and useful given that we have more winters like we are having this year.

01:12:57 - 01:13:07

Selectboard Office

But it is, or with even not as strong of a winter as we've had this year, past years, it would definitely be helpful in maintaining different areas.

01:13:07 - 01:13:11

Selectboard Office

You see a use, it's not just the sidewalks.

01:13:11 - 01:13:13

Selectboard Office

The sidewalks was the big driver.

01:13:13 - 01:14:10

Selectboard Office

We might have to do something where we don't have the equipment currently to be able to effectively maintain them and then I think it's the might that gets yeah I understand that yeah but maybe you'll I don't know will you know the answer that surprised it hasn't already come up since the DLT put him in and the DLT obviously pause this road whose responsibility is it it seems like we ask them that mm-hmm yeah they're obviously not jumping it and I noticed driving in Huntington on 112 actually the other day that Huntington has a little snowblower thing that they use to clear sidewalks it's smaller than.

01:14:12 - 01:14:16

Selectboard Office

The thing is if you can make the argument you just need to be able to make the argument.

01:14:17 - 01:14:21

Selectboard Office

If you like look these last three years have been really useful in.

01:14:24 - 01:14:28

Selectboard Office

You can almost guarantee if you get the snowblower that we will have another.

01:14:29 - 01:14:30

Selectboard Office

We should say that.

01:14:32 - 01:14:32

Selectboard Office

That'll be all right.

01:14:32 - 01:14:33

Selectboard Office

That's true.

01:14:36 - 01:14:37

Selectboard Office

I would vote for that.

01:14:41 - 01:14:41

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:14:41 - 01:14:43

Selectboard Office

Any other discussion on the tractor?

01:14:43 - 01:14:48

Selectboard Office

Do we want to just agree that that's a good stabilization item?

01:14:50 - 01:14:51

Selectboard Office

Or not?

01:14:52 - 01:14:55

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it seems like it makes sense to me.

01:14:55 - 01:15:01

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I mean we're either gonna pay it now or we're gonna that thing The current one's gonna break and then one scramble.

01:15:01 - 01:15:03

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and we yeah, I agree.

01:15:07 - 01:15:09

Selectboard Office

Go ahead.

01:15:09 - 01:15:17

JOE BOUDREAU

I just kind of looked up, you know, it was bought in I'm sorry lost.

01:15:17 - 01:15:19

JOE BOUDREAU

It 2007.

01:15:20 - 01:15:23

JOE BOUDREAU

And we appropriated \$28 ,000.

01:15:23 - 01:15:24

JOE BOUDREAU

This is the old one.

01:15:24 - 01:15:39

JOE BOUDREAU

I have a spreadsheet I'll send to you as soon as I get it updated that I'm waiting to take for the couple we bought last year and all the equipment, highway, police, fire, so.

01:15:39 - 01:15:42

Selectboard Office

19 years is pretty good.

01:15:42 - 01:15:43

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:15:44 - 01:15:57

Selectboard Office

So in terms of a good stabilization item, there was a very concise one-page discussion, shall we say, of the last piece of equipment you guys bought and it sold.

01:16:02 - 01:16:05

Selectboard Office

Okay, we move on to the welder.

01:16:07 - 01:16:09

Selectboard Office

Nicole, thank you for being patient.

01:16:15 - 01:16:17

Selectboard Office

So the welder is also a generator right?

01:16:18 - 01:16:27

Selectboard Office

No, we have a welder generator that we have out in the trailer that's used for on-the-road repairs.

01:16:28 - 01:16:37

Selectboard Office

This is the shop welder for maintaining equipment and working on the projects in the shop.

01:16:38 - 01:17:14

Selectboard Office

So currently a project that we had to do was I've had the grader out shelving back pushing the snow all the snow back to be ready for the snow that doesn't seem to be stopping and the front plow frame for the plow that goes on the front of the grader was welded together at one point and fabricated in-house that came apart the welds broke and we had to cut things and re-weld it all back together to the best that we can.

01:17:14 - 01:17:16

Selectboard Office

Hopefully, it's gonna stay together.

01:17:17 - 01:17:43

Selectboard Office

The issue with our current welder is it does work, it is very old, and it takes a skill to be able to weld with stick welding, which is an older, it's still used today, but it's an unfamiliar thing for younger people my age going to school for welding or having done it in school.

01:17:43 - 01:17:45

Selectboard Office

It's like the stick shift of welders.

01:17:45 - 01:17:46

Selectboard Office

Yes, basically.

01:17:49 - 01:17:59

Selectboard Office

It's not the easiest to right away pick up and be able to perfect and get to work in a timely manner to repair things.

01:18:00 - 01:18:01

Selectboard Office

So that's what you currently have is a stick welder.

01:18:01 - 01:18:02

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:18:03 - 01:18:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I can see you want me to.

01:18:05 - 01:18:15

Selectboard Office

And what you said, like you know how to use it, but if you hire somebody, they're going to commit and they're going to be, even if they have a welding license, they're

going to go, I don't know what that is.

01:18:15 - 01:18:15

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:18:15 - 01:18:16

Selectboard Office

I don't know how to operate it.

01:18:19 - 01:18:21

Selectboard Office

And the cost of this thing is how much?

01:18:23 - 01:18:24

Selectboard Office

\$5,800.

01:18:27 - 01:18:31

Selectboard Office

And I have included in the book for that a new...

01:18:31 - 01:18:31

Selectboard Office

A snow blower.

01:18:34 - 01:18:43

Selectboard Office

A new welding shield, auto darkening so it helps with the maintenance, new gloves, protection earth.

01:18:43 - 01:18:50

Selectboard Office

It's PPE that we also don't currently have that we need to invest in.

01:18:50 - 01:18:51

Selectboard Office

Makes sense.

01:18:56 - 01:18:56

[speaker unknown]

Questions?

01:18:57 - 01:18:57

[speaker unknown]

Anyone?

01:18:58 - 01:18:58

[speaker unknown]

Comments?

01:19:00 - 01:19:01

Selectboard Office

Seems pretty straightforward.

01:19:01 - 01:19:03

Selectboard Office

Is it also including wire?

01:19:04 - 01:19:04

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:19:05 - 01:19:07

Selectboard Office

So there's some consumables mixed in there?

01:19:07 - 01:19:07

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:19:09 - 01:19:13

Selectboard Office

I had them go down the list and everything that we need.

01:19:14 - 01:19:15

Selectboard Office

Put it together.

01:19:16 - 01:19:25

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I guess I'm, I don't, I mean, I'm not going to be too fussy about it, I don't know about including consumables just because yeah, kind of a you're gonna need them in a few years.

01:19:25 - 01:19:31

Selectboard Office

Yeah but I Get the idea that that's operated out of the door.

01:19:31 - 01:20:17

Selectboard Office

So why yeah, she just That makes sense and I'll make note of that for the future grassy for things We can press the consumer consumables a little separate are they different that are doing the consumables this one packet yeah it is like saying wait and it's not a huge percentage of now correct now it's the only the least the cylinder lease is definitely an annual cost but so this was or all the folks that we got were in the same range the current company that that was the same price that we do lease our acetylene and oxygen bottles from are on the same ballpark for the price of leasing it.

01:20:19 - 01:20:30

Selectboard Office

I don't know, Joe, if you have any opinion on whether the purchase of a welder should include or should not include consumables, does it matter?

01:20:31 - 01:20:34

JOE BOUDREAU

I don't have a problem with it.

01:20:35 - 01:20:38

JOE BOUDREAU

For the first time, you don't want to buy it And then.

01:20:38 - 01:20:39

Selectboard Office

We.

01:20:39 - 01:20:44

JOE BOUDREAU

Have a separate article, and people are going to vote on the consumables also.

01:20:44 - 01:20:53

JOE BOUDREAU

First time, get everything you need to start it, and then next year, when you just buy consumables, it'll come out of the.

01:20:53 - 01:20:56

JOE BOUDREAU

Regular payment system.

01:20:57 - 01:20:57

Selectboard Office

Yep.

01:21:02 - 01:21:03

Selectboard Office

So, are we good with this one?

01:21:04 - 01:21:04

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:21:05 - 01:21:07

Selectboard Office

I assume you're not going to pay sales tax.

01:21:07 - 01:21:08

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:21:09 - 01:21:11

Selectboard Office

Can I ask a question?

01:21:11 - 01:21:15

Selectboard Office

So did you get three quotes from everything and did you document it?

01:21:16 - 01:21:18

Selectboard Office

Yes I have three quotes for everything at the garage.

01:21:18 - 01:21:28

Selectboard Office

Okay so the only reason I say because these will be on you know town meeting warrant and our auditors always look at what's on you know town meeting warrant so they want to make they'll check that it was secured properly.

01:21:28 - 01:21:40

Selectboard Office

So any questions ask me but yeah just you what you ask for you ask for the same thing from person, what you ask for, and the bid price that you get.

01:21:40 - 01:21:41

Selectboard Office

So just so you have it.

01:21:41 - 01:21:43

Selectboard Office

It doesn't have to be in line at all, just that.

01:21:43 - 01:21:46

Selectboard Office

So the warrant has to literally say they got three folks?

01:21:47 - 01:21:52

Selectboard Office

No, no it does not, but they have to do it because the auditors will know that they went out for a bid for that.

01:21:52 - 01:21:54

Selectboard Office

The auditors will come and ask them.

01:21:55 - 01:21:58

Selectboard Office

They always look at those articles to see what they want to check on.

01:22:00 - 01:22:04

Selectboard Office

All right, do we have anything else highway related here?

01:22:05 - 01:22:07

Selectboard Office

Yes Will you have your presentation?

01:22:07 - 01:22:09

Selectboard Office

It's not a presentation.

01:22:09 - 01:22:10

Selectboard Office

Well, you want to talk about getting it.

01:22:10 - 01:22:12

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we just want to talk about having a presentation.

01:22:13 - 01:22:18

Selectboard Office

Do you want to just quickly, in like two minutes, do talk about what Biolytics is?

01:22:18 - 01:22:22

Selectboard Office

And all we need to do is make a decision about scheduling a presentation.

01:22:24 - 01:22:42

Selectboard Office

So Biolytics is a program that uses AI to help, or you mount a phone camera in the dash of a truck, drive across every road in town, and submit the data that the phone records in three to five days.

01:22:42 - 01:22:46

Selectboard Office

You can do this numerous times throughout the year for varying conditions.

01:22:47 - 01:22:57

Selectboard Office

It'll log the data into the system and you'll have easy access for me to pull up at a town meeting.

01:22:57 - 01:23:00

Selectboard Office

Someone's complaining about speeding on a road.

01:23:01 - 01:23:07

Selectboard Office

We need speed limit signs on that road, I can easily look at my phone and say, hey, there's the speed limit sign on this road.

01:23:08 - 01:23:14

Selectboard Office

Pave roads with AI, it uses a scale of one to a hundred of.

01:23:19 - 01:23:42

Selectboard Office

It grades the roads on potholes, cracks, imperfections, and it gives you the ability to log all the data and have it for years down the road and be able to go back on, it gives you budget capability of this fiscal year.

01:23:42 - 01:24:00

Selectboard Office

I wanna attack this project, this project, and this project, or future fiscal years, the projects that I wanna move forward and work on, it'll have, or I can enter it all in the system and also put in order what things need to happen in order to get to that point.

01:24:02 - 01:24:02

Selectboard Office

And.

01:24:06 - 01:24:18

Selectboard Office

It's basically like you're like somebody's full-time job that you're doing with With your phone on the dashboard and they're kind of ranking things Yeah, no, I totally I totally get what it's supposed to do.

01:24:18 - 01:24:21

Selectboard Office

So the question is any how much does it cost and B?

01:24:21 - 01:24:22

Selectboard Office

How long does it really work?

01:24:23 - 01:24:44

Selectboard Office

So to answer your question For what it costs for the rep that I talked to and spoke with it's a three thousand dollar initial setup fee then it's a three to five thousand dollar annual fee to have the system the 5,000 is big cities that are using it.

01:24:44 - 01:24:51

Selectboard Office

We're going to be a lot lower than that though Use of it.

01:24:54 - 01:24:57

Selectboard Office

Or What Deb was just mentioning is?

01:24:59 - 01:25:27

Selectboard Office

What I got in contact talking to other superintendents and people at Bay save road classes networking they have these bigger cities pay someone a yearly salary to just do GIS mapping and have every tree, culvert, catch basin, documented, entered into the system and they have this whole huge map that they can access when this last when this catch basin was last serviced.

01:25:27 - 01:25:30

Selectboard Office

It's all documented in the system.

01:25:33 - 01:25:46

Selectboard Office

They this gives me the opportunity to be able to implement it myself or input the information myself and have it organized and documented to be able to grow and continue with it.

01:25:47 - 01:25:51

Selectboard Office

So again, the question is, does it really do a good job?

01:25:51 - 01:25:53

Selectboard Office

What's the data really look like?

01:25:54 - 01:25:55

Selectboard Office

I agree.

01:25:55 - 01:26:04

Selectboard Office

But I think like all this is, is just like, are we willing to spend an, know, an hour, half an hour, whatever it is to have somebody come and give us a presentation.

01:26:04 - 01:26:08

Selectboard Office

And I'm happy to do that, but I would definitely want to know some references.

01:26:09 - 01:26:10

Selectboard Office

Is anybody using this around here?

01:26:12 - 01:26:14

Selectboard Office

So here specific in the state?

01:26:15 - 01:26:15

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:26:16 - 01:26:22

Selectboard Office

200 minute or there's over 200 municipalities that are currently using it locally in Mass.

01:26:22 - 01:26:27

Selectboard Office

The ones that the record listed off was Charlton Mass, Pembroke, and Hingham.

01:26:27 - 01:26:33

Selectboard Office

Hartford, Connecticut is using it and over New Hampshire, Hartford, Vermont and Rutland, Vermont are also using it.

01:26:33 - 01:26:35

Selectboard Office

So these are all way bigger places.

01:26:35 - 01:26:36

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:26:36 - 01:26:43

Selectboard Office

So I think you want to specifically say, is there any time like us with this kind of dirt roads we have that's using this?

01:26:44 - 01:26:45

Selectboard Office

Otherwise it seems like it's a waste of time.

01:26:46 - 01:27:08

Selectboard Office

So for dirt road use is it doesn't obviously scale the dirt roads because of conditions can rapidly change and a dirt road is very much different than a paved road is it gives you the mapping capability to document where everything is and have a maintenance record of where everything is digital.

01:27:09 - 01:27:18

Selectboard Office

I think my experience with this sort of thing is how long does it really document and what do you end up with for usable data and how much work do you have to do to actually get any use out of it?

01:27:19 - 01:27:23

Selectboard Office

I mean, Peggy did survey the Stam list, she only got two responses.

01:27:24 - 01:27:29

Selectboard Office

Was it West Hampton where the guy said he used something like that a different company.

01:27:33 - 01:27:36

Selectboard Office

You said you got data we couldn't really make.

01:27:41 - 01:27:46

Selectboard Office

So for this system when I mean, I love you do this.

01:27:46 - 01:27:47

Selectboard Office

Don't get me wrong.

01:27:47 - 01:27:59

Selectboard Office

You do the initial When you do the initial drive and the presentation that you've given me is it takes a photo every five to 10 feet down the road for the documentation.

01:27:59 - 01:28:00

Selectboard Office

That's what it analyzes.

01:28:02 - 01:28:10

Selectboard Office

And it all populates into a map that is color coded to how bad conditions are, where different things are.

01:28:10 - 01:28:18

Selectboard Office

And you can easily zoom in on the map, say I wanna zoom in on Starkweather Road at the intersection of Ridge Road.

01:28:18 - 01:28:21

Selectboard Office

I can see what's there for signage.

01:28:21 - 01:28:37

Selectboard Office

If there's a culvert right there, I can enter in what the culvert is myself and have that there or a catch basin that needs to be cleaned and have record of when it was cleaned to have things like that to be able to put on a schedule for maintenance.

01:28:38 - 01:29:02

Selectboard Office

And as I've learned this past year working with Devon, there are a lot of catch basins, culverts that are hidden in the weeds and everywhere throughout town that did get forgotten about and can easily be forgotten about that you can't find or locate in the tall grasses of August when we're trying to mow and find where it is.

01:29:02 - 01:29:16

Selectboard Office

We can easily look on the map and go, all right, we're coming up on a culvert, it's gonna be a hole, we can avoid it compared to driving in it and abusing the equipment like what was previously done.

01:29:17 - 01:29:22

Selectboard Office

Do they have a trial that you could yes, can you run it down one of our roads?

01:29:23 - 01:29:23

Selectboard Office

Yep.

01:29:24 - 01:29:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah So I'm fine with the presentation.

01:29:30 - 01:29:51

Selectboard Office

Well, we're not in a hurry and we'll just move forward with getting something I Did but I think there is a question if it is something you want to do then obviously got a budget for it you also have to get other bids, and you have to go to other companies, yeah, and like I think DRT recommended one, I don't know if it's the same deal.

01:29:51 - 01:29:53

Selectboard Office

Did you see the email that I sent out?

01:29:54 - 01:30:01

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so again, it's the same thing, because that'll show up on an article on the board.

01:30:01 - 01:30:04

Selectboard Office

It's how you should do it anyway, but that really flags it much on the board.

01:30:06 - 01:30:13

Selectboard Office

Okay All right good so um, we let these guys go unless you want to talk about mailboxes.

01:30:13 - 01:30:27

Selectboard Office

Oh, yeah Sorry Which is another we have a mailbox replacement policy and new people following the roads and a lot of snow that we're getting hit with these charges and I think that comes out of general highway maintenance.

01:30:30 - 01:31:07

Selectboard Office

I would I would suggest winter road maintenance, but regardless it probably should have come out of your budget somewhere unless you disagree it was put in place before we were here so well it's a relatively yeah there's a Joe what makes sense to you would not be winter highway maintenance.

01:31:09 - 01:31:15

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm gonna ask where was it charged before I know you replaced mailboxes in the past.

01:31:16 - 01:31:22

Selectboard Office

No, this is like a brand new thing and maybe we replaced one, do you know where the money came out?

01:31:24 - 01:31:27

Selectboard Office

It might have been super Because I think we did one Yeah.

01:31:28 - 01:31:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:31:29 - 01:31:32

Selectboard Office

And then we had a few but the other person didn't bother you in the turn.

01:31:33 - 01:31:35

Selectboard Office

It's not like there's a lot of history on us.

01:31:36 - 01:31:42

JOE BOUDREAU

Again, I think if it if it happens in the wintertime, we can name.

01:31:42 - 01:31:43

Selectboard Office

It.

01:31:46 - 01:31:50

Selectboard Office

Since that's the one that can go just totally make sense.

01:31:51 - 01:31:52

Selectboard Office

Just don't hit it on the side.

01:31:56 - 01:31:57

Selectboard Office

Don't mow it down.

01:31:58 - 01:31:59

Selectboard Office

Good point, I guess.

01:32:00 - 01:32:01

Selectboard Office

Different issue right now.

01:32:03 - 01:32:04

Selectboard Office

Okay, good.

01:32:04 - 01:32:05

Selectboard Office

Thank you guys.

01:32:05 - 01:32:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah, thank you.

01:32:06 - 01:32:06

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:32:06 - 01:32:07

Selectboard Office

Sorry for the grilling.

01:32:08 - 01:32:09

Selectboard Office

It's all good.

01:32:09 - 01:32:09

Selectboard Office

Brilliant.

01:32:10 - 01:32:12

Selectboard Office

I feel like I can drill you back.

01:32:12 - 01:32:13

Selectboard Office

Okay, all right.

01:32:13 - 01:32:14

Selectboard Office

That was fair.

01:32:15 - 01:32:15

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:32:19 - 01:32:22

Selectboard Office

All right, Nicole's been very patiently waiting.

01:32:23 - 01:32:25

Selectboard Office

I hope we didn't rush to get here by 730.

01:32:26 - 01:32:29

Selectboard Office

No, that's the worst thing so far.

01:32:31 - 01:32:36

Selectboard Office

So, um, Gretchen just left, unfortunately, but Alison, do you want to speak?

01:32:39 - 01:32:39

Selectboard Office

Hi.

01:32:40 - 01:32:40

Alison Todd

Everybody.

01:32:40 - 01:32:41

Alison Todd

Hi, Nicole.

01:32:41 - 01:32:43

Alison Todd

Thanks so much for joining us.

01:32:45 - 01:32:45

Selectboard Office

As.

01:32:45 - 01:32:59

Alison Todd

You on the slideboard know, because we had a resignation from the committee in order to fill that seat before the next election, the school committee.

01:32:59 - 01:32:59

Selectboard Office

Needs.

01:32:59 - 01:33:01

Alison Todd

To nominate somebody.

01:33:01 - 01:33:02

Alison Todd

So we did post an.

01:33:02 - 01:33:04

Selectboard Office

Announcement in school.

01:33:04 - 01:33:10

Alison Todd

Newsletter and also on the town email to just notify people.

01:33:11 - 01:33:18

Alison Todd

Nicole is the one good soul who responded that she was interested and she's expressed interest in the.

01:33:18 - 01:33:19

Selectboard Office

Past.

01:33:19 - 01:33:19

Alison Todd

Running.

01:33:20 - 01:33:24

Alison Todd

She met with us in our meeting earlier in February.

01:33:26 - 01:33:33

Alison Todd

She's got a lot of board experience, library board, and is a I would say.

01:33:33 - 01:33:34

Selectboard Office

You're.

01:33:34 - 01:33:35

Alison Todd

On the...

01:33:38 - 01:33:39

Selectboard Office

I'm on the cultural council.

01:33:40 - 01:33:40

Selectboard Office

Right, the cultural.

01:33:40 - 01:33:41

Alison Todd

Council, great.

01:33:42 - 01:33:43

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and.

01:33:43 - 01:33:44

Alison Todd

So, and she's really.

01:33:44 - 01:33:44

Selectboard Office

Excited.

01:33:45 - 01:33:46

Alison Todd

And you're also on the wellness committee at.

01:33:46 - 01:33:47

Alison Todd

Conwell.

01:33:50 - 01:33:50

Alison Todd

Lots of.

01:33:50 - 01:33:50

Selectboard Office

Great.

01:33:50 - 01:33:56

Alison Todd

Experience, and we're delighted to have her interest in serving the rest of this term.

01:33:59 - 01:34:03

Alison Todd

We nominated her, and you just need to vote.

01:34:04 - 01:34:11

Alison Todd

Whether to approve that nomination and appoint her to serve for the rest of this term until the May elections.

01:34:12 - 01:34:14

Selectboard Office

Was Alex's term actually up in May?

01:34:16 - 01:34:17

Alison Todd

Yes, it was.

01:34:18 - 01:34:18

Alison Todd

Okay.

01:34:21 - 01:34:23

Selectboard Office

So would you like to say something about it?

01:34:23 - 01:34:25

Selectboard Office

I feel like Alex has just covered it.

01:34:25 - 01:34:27

Selectboard Office

Well, about why you'd want to do this?

01:34:27 - 01:34:37

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so I think it's really important to serve on local boards on a basis, especially, I'm not saying I'm young, but younger people need to be doing that.

01:34:38 - 01:34:42

Selectboard Office

So I'm trying to get a little more involved in my community.

01:34:42 - 01:34:46

Selectboard Office

Like I said, I'm on the Reddington Library Board, the Cultural Council, etc.

01:34:47 - 01:34:48

Selectboard Office

I have two kids at the school.

01:34:48 - 01:34:54

Selectboard Office

Houston is six, Marguerite is three, and we've had a really good experience.

01:34:54 - 01:35:04

Selectboard Office

And so I just want to be a part of helping the school sustainable resource for Reddington, the heart of the community in many ways so.

01:35:06 - 01:35:06

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:35:09 - 01:35:19

Selectboard Office

I move that we approve the appointment of Nicole Schultz to the school committee until annual town meeting.

01:35:19 - 01:35:20

Selectboard Office

I second.

01:35:22 - 01:35:23

Selectboard Office

Any discussion?

01:35:25 - 01:35:26

Selectboard Office

All Aye.

01:35:26 - 01:35:27

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:35:28 - 01:35:29

Selectboard Office

It's official.

01:35:29 - 01:35:29

Alison Todd

Thank.

01:35:29 - 01:35:30

Selectboard Office

You.

01:35:30 - 01:35:30

Selectboard Office

And.

01:35:30 - 01:35:31

Alison Todd

Thank you, Nicole.

01:35:31 - 01:35:32

Selectboard Office

We're delighted.

01:35:32 - 01:35:36

Alison Todd

To have you and looking forward to hearing your.

01:35:36 - 01:35:36

Alison Todd

Input.

01:35:38 - 01:35:40

Selectboard Office

You don't have a letter yet, do you, Peggy?

01:35:40 - 01:35:40

Selectboard Office

No.

01:35:40 - 01:35:41

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:35:41 - 01:35:43

Selectboard Office

We will have it, though, and we will sign it.

01:35:44 - 01:35:45

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:35:45 - 01:35:46

Alison Todd

Great.

01:35:46 - 01:35:46

Alison Todd

And.

01:35:46 - 01:35:47

Alison Todd

Nicole.

01:35:49 - 01:35:49

Selectboard Office

I know.

01:35:49 - 01:35:51

Selectboard Office

I'm always fascinated.

01:35:51 - 01:35:51

Selectboard Office

I'd like to volunteer.

01:35:52 - 01:35:52

Selectboard Office

I'm always fascinated.

01:35:53 - 01:35:54

Selectboard Office

Yeah, careful when you say that.

01:35:54 - 01:35:55

Selectboard Office

Yeah, really.

01:35:56 - 01:36:02

Alison Todd

So, Nicole, I think that also Katherine will need to contact you to have you swear in.

01:36:03 - 01:36:03

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:36:03 - 01:36:04

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:36:05 - 01:36:09

Alison Todd

So, I will email her and CC you.

01:36:09 - 01:36:11

Alison Todd

And ask her to be.

01:36:11 - 01:36:13

Alison Todd

In touch with you, but you can also just reach out to her.

01:36:14 - 01:36:14

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:36:14 - 01:36:15

Selectboard Office

I can do that.

01:36:16 - 01:36:16

Selectboard Office

Great.

01:36:17 - 01:36:17

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:36:17 - 01:36:17

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:36:18 - 01:36:19

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:36:19 - 01:36:20

Selectboard Office

Good night.

01:36:20 - 01:36:21

Selectboard Office

Good night.

01:36:21 - 01:36:22

Selectboard Office

Allison, don't go yet.

01:36:23 - 01:36:23

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:36:25 - 01:36:27

Selectboard Office

I did put a school update.

01:36:27 - 01:36:27

Selectboard Office

I'm not sure.

01:36:28 - 01:36:29

Selectboard Office

Did you make it to the school?

01:36:29 - 01:36:32

Selectboard Office

Helen Pollard is going to zoom in.

01:36:32 - 01:36:33

Selectboard Office

I told her, I just called her.

01:36:34 - 01:36:36

Selectboard Office

For the next time.

01:36:36 - 01:36:36

Selectboard Office

Oh, yeah.

01:36:37 - 01:36:40

Selectboard Office

Yes, I did make it.

01:36:40 - 01:36:42

Selectboard Office

I didn't stay for the whole meeting, but I did make it there.

01:36:42 - 01:36:47

Selectboard Office

So between the two of you, is there anything to discuss or talk about or inform us of?

01:36:52 - 01:37:09

Selectboard Office

So what I was going to say was that my understanding is that the district tentatively agreed to our proposal to increase what we are paying for tuition to 15 ,000 per student, but it had to be voted on.

01:37:09 - 01:37:11

Selectboard Office

So it was tentatively approved.

01:37:12 - 01:37:13

Alison Todd

They voted on it.

01:37:13 - 01:37:14

Alison Todd

They.

01:37:14 - 01:37:15

Selectboard Office

Did approve it.

01:37:15 - 01:37:16

Selectboard Office

And I have.

01:37:16 - 01:37:27

Alison Todd

The document that their superintendent or their chair signed, and then our committee will vote on it in our March meeting, and then I will sign it.

01:37:28 - 01:37:28

Selectboard Office

And so that's a.

01:37:28 - 01:37:36

Alison Todd

One-year extension of our current, the terms of our current agreement, and the rate will be \$15 ,000 per student.

01:37:37 - 01:37:41

Alison Todd

And that's less than they were initially proposing, but more than we're.

01:37:41 - 01:37:42

Selectboard Office

Paying now.

01:37:43 - 01:37:43

Alison Todd

Right.

01:37:43 - 01:37:45

Alison Todd

And we also got an.

01:37:45 - 01:37:54

Alison Todd

Update from our student representatives about the Hampshire regional budget, which is.

01:37:54 - 01:37:55

Selectboard Office

Really.

01:37:55 - 01:37:58

Alison Todd

They're really suffering from their.

01:37:58 - 01:37:59

Selectboard Office

Mostly from their health.

01:37:59 - 01:38:01

Alison Todd

Insurance increases.

01:38:02 - 01:38:02

Alison Todd

The.

01:38:02 - 01:38:04

Alison Todd

Regional school committee.

01:38:04 - 01:38:05

Selectboard Office

Asked the.

01:38:05 - 01:38:07

Alison Todd

Principal of high school.

01:38:07 - 01:38:11

Alison Todd

And middle school to cut \$400,000 from their budget.

01:38:11 - 01:38:13

Selectboard Office

And.

01:38:13 - 01:38:13

Alison Todd

So.

01:38:13 - 01:38:19

Alison Todd

The things that they notified the committee, they would be looking at cutting our JV.

01:38:19 - 01:38:27

Alison Todd

Sports, asking students to pay their own testing fees for AP tests, which is \$100 a.

01:38:27 - 01:38:37

Alison Todd

Test, cutting the consumer finance or consumer economics class, which has been a required course for every student.

01:38:37 - 01:38:39

Alison Todd

And I can't remember if there.

01:38:39 - 01:38:40

Selectboard Office

Were other.

01:38:40 - 01:38:41

Selectboard Office

Cuts, but.

01:38:41 - 01:38:42

Alison Todd

Yeah, they.

01:38:42 - 01:38:46

Selectboard Office

Were honored Spanish was one thing they wanted to cut as well.

01:38:47 - 01:38:47

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:38:47 - 01:38:48

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:38:48 - 01:38:49

Alison Todd

Yeah.

01:38:49 - 01:38:52

Alison Todd

And so the students are understandably really upset about.

01:38:52 - 01:38:53

Selectboard Office

That.

01:38:54 - 01:39:32

Alison Todd

And there have been discussions on the student council about how to get information out to different towns and visit the different town committees to ask for those towns to support those funds being restored but we don't have a vote on that as a Worthington member of the school committee and as a town we won't vote to approve that budget because we're not in the district formally but we can go to

those other towns and let them know.

01:39:32 - 01:39:44

Alison Todd

That this affects our students too and let them know that we are we have significantly increased our tuition agreement to help cover these increasing.

01:39:44 - 01:39:44

Alison Todd

Costs.

01:39:47 - 01:39:48

Selectboard Office

Is that what you're doing?

01:39:50 - 01:39:52

Alison Todd

We are not doing anything yet.

01:39:52 - 01:39:55

Alison Todd

We can talk about that in our next meeting.

01:39:56 - 01:39:59

Alison Todd

It wasn't on our agenda, we just learned about it.

01:39:59 - 01:40:09

Alison Todd

I don't know when those towns are meeting, but certainly there's conversation over my dinner table about, mom, what are you gonna.

01:40:09 - 01:40:09

Selectboard Office

Do to.

01:40:09 - 01:40:11

Alison Todd

Make sure they don't cut sports?

01:40:12 - 01:40:15

Alison Todd

So we'll.

01:40:15 - 01:40:16

Selectboard Office

Try to figure out what.

01:40:16 - 01:40:17

Alison Todd

To do.

01:40:17 - 01:40:19

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's pretty sad.

01:40:20 - 01:40:36

Alison Todd

Yeah, and the point that one of the student representatives made was that other districts like Mohawk Regional District had a similar dilemma a number of years ago and needed to cut back what they offered.

01:40:37 - 01:40:40

Alison Todd

And whether it's causative or just.

01:40:40 - 01:40:41

Selectboard Office

Correlative.

01:40:42 - 01:40:44

Alison Todd

A lot of students left the district.

01:40:44 - 01:40:45

Alison Todd

And so we certainly.

01:40:45 - 01:40:57

Selectboard Office

Don't want All right, thank you for the update.

01:40:58 - 01:41:01

Alison Todd

Of course, was there anything else that stood out to you?

01:41:02 - 01:41:23

Selectboard Office

Yeah, the thing that interested me a lot, but it's gonna take a long time, I think, was Gretchen's report about testifying on Beacon Hill about the impact of choice on our budgets that at this time, because we're an elementary school, but they say that we have to pay for school choice up through high school.

01:41:23 - 01:41:26

Selectboard Office

And that just doesn't seem right, you know?

01:41:26 - 01:41:31

Selectboard Office

So apparently there's some noise being made about it that it just does not seem to be fair.

01:41:31 - 01:41:38

Selectboard Office

If we're just an elementary school, why do we have to keep paying for a student to do school choice all the way through high school?

01:41:39 - 01:41:44

Selectboard Office

And if they do change that, that would have a significant impact on our budget.

01:41:45 - 01:41:45

Selectboard Office

Well.

01:41:45 - 01:41:50

Alison Todd

Just to be, just to let me clarify, Amy, we do not currently pay that.

01:41:50 - 01:42:00

Alison Todd

It was only a year or two ago that somehow as another district was separating from a regional district.

01:42:01 - 01:42:06

Alison Todd

Desi ended up challenging their sense that they would not have to pay that.

01:42:06 - 01:42:10

Alison Todd

It's two different interpretations of the current school choice law.

01:42:11 - 01:42:13

Alison Todd

The law says you need.

01:42:13 - 01:42:15

Selectboard Office

To.

01:42:15 - 01:42:18

Alison Todd

Cover education for those students up through the grade that you offer.

01:42:18 - 01:42:28

Alison Todd

And so the traditional interpretation for the last 40 years has been, if you're only in

elementary school, you don't offer grades beyond.

01:42:28 - 01:42:28

Alison Todd

That.

01:42:29 - 01:42:39

Alison Todd

But Desi's new interpretation was that receiving districts should then pay tuition for wherever they send their other kids.

01:42:40 - 01:42:43

Alison Todd

And so, we haven't.

01:42:43 - 01:42:51

Alison Todd

If we've had school choice kids and they've gone to Hampshire, their own sending district has paid.

01:42:52 - 01:42:56

Alison Todd

They've just applied to Hampshire as a school choice student and been accepted.

01:42:56 - 01:42:57

Selectboard Office

But.

01:42:57 - 01:43:10

Alison Todd

This bill that is before the Joint Commissions, if it gets out of committee and before the House would.

01:43:10 - 01:43:11

Selectboard Office

Change.

01:43:11 - 01:43:12

Helen

That.

01:43:12 - 01:43:14

Alison Todd

Clarify that law to limit school.

01:43:14 - 01:43:18

Alison Todd

Choice being to the school that you actually.

01:43:18 - 01:43:23

Alison Todd

Offer in your own district and would not obligate to pay tuition agreement out of your district.

01:43:24 - 01:43:30

Selectboard Office

Right, okay, I thought they had already ruled that you had to pay it out of, so it would be good.

01:43:30 - 01:43:36

Alison Todd

Well, Desi, it's Desi's interpretation of the law.

01:43:39 - 01:43:52

Selectboard Office

And we're talking about kids who choice into our system, then going on to an out-of-district school for their wherever they're from and whether we would have to pay for that.

01:43:56 - 01:43:59

Alison Todd

It's important that people know we are not currently paying that.

01:44:00 - 01:44:04

Alison Todd

So this law would allow us to continue doing what we have been doing.

01:44:06 - 01:44:06

Alison Todd

But.

01:44:06 - 01:44:07

Selectboard Office

It wouldn't.

01:44:07 - 01:44:08

Alison Todd

Really save us any money.

01:44:11 - 01:44:12

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:44:12 - 01:44:12

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:44:13 - 01:44:14

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:44:14 - 01:44:15

Selectboard Office

Anything else?

01:44:16 - 01:44:17

Selectboard Office

I don't think so.

01:44:17 - 01:44:21

Selectboard Office

I had to leave the meeting arrived about then, so I don't know if you...

01:44:21 - 01:44:23

Selectboard Office

What was the rest of the agenda?

01:44:23 - 01:44:24

Selectboard Office

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

01:44:24 - 01:44:25

Selectboard Office

I will.

01:44:25 - 01:44:25

Alison Todd

Be.

01:44:25 - 01:44:26

Selectboard Office

Discussing.

01:44:26 - 01:44:29

Alison Todd

Gretchen's evaluation coming up.

01:44:29 - 01:44:31

Alison Todd

We do that every two years.

01:44:31 - 01:44:33

Alison Todd

We.

01:44:33 - 01:44:33

Selectboard Office

Will also.

01:44:33 - 01:44:34

Alison Todd

Be negotiating her.

01:44:34 - 01:44:35

Alison Todd

Contract.

01:44:36 - 01:44:49

Alison Todd

We will be voting in March on whether to create an in-house program to serve the needs of students with autism.

01:44:49 - 01:44:50

Selectboard Office

Because of.

01:44:50 - 01:44:54

Alison Todd

The out-of-disc replacement that we have been sending them had a.

01:44:54 - 01:44:55

Selectboard Office

Big.

01:44:55 - 01:44:58

Alison Todd

Change in leadership and staffing.

01:44:58 - 01:45:00

Selectboard Office

And.

01:45:00 - 01:45:10

Alison Todd

May not meet the needs of our kids and for less money we may be able to meet their needs in-house and so we're going to vote on whether to add that program.

01:45:12 - 01:45:15

Alison Todd

I think that is about it.

01:45:16 - 01:45:17

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think so.

01:45:17 - 01:45:18

Selectboard Office

That was the other one.

01:45:18 - 01:45:21

Alison Todd

Sorry, one more thing just to mention.

01:45:22 - 01:45:39

Alison Todd

Gretchen shared with us the report that Alex and Gavin put together about the various capital projects that will need to happen at the school building over the next, I don't know, five or so years in order of priority.

01:45:39 - 01:45:44

Alison Todd

So we have that list with very back of the envelope estimates on what they will cost.

01:45:44 - 01:45:57

Alison Todd

Nobody's gotten bids, but we'd like to share that list with you all at some point, and I think we'll need to form kind of a subcommittee, again, the way you did for the siding and insulation.

01:45:57 - 01:45:58

Selectboard Office

Project.

01:45:59 - 01:46:09

Alison Todd

Someone from the select board, somebody hopefully with some building experience who can oversee that, and somebody from the school.

01:46:11 - 01:46:12

Selectboard Office

I wonder who.

01:46:13 - 01:46:14

Selectboard Office

Can.

01:46:14 - 01:46:19

JOE BOUDREAU

You send that list, even though it's not been bit just so we can have a handle on what it is?

01:46:20 - 01:46:21

Alison Todd

Yeah, sure.

01:46:21 - 01:46:26

Alison Todd

I mean, it's not anything that we need to worry about for this upcoming budget season.

01:46:27 - 01:46:28

Alison Todd

And so I was.

01:46:28 - 01:46:32

JOE BOUDREAU

What we have a lot of stuff that all of a sudden needs to get addressed.

01:46:32 - 01:46:37

JOE BOUDREAU

So I think we kind of need to know what we'd like to know what's on the horizon.

01:46:38 - 01:46:46

Alison Todd

Would you like us I mean, it's in sort of a draft form, would you like us to send it as is, do you want us to bring it with us when we meet with you all to talk about our budget?

01:46:47 - 01:46:50

JOE BOUDREAU

Send it as is, so we can have it before you come.

01:46:52 - 01:46:52

Alison Todd

Sounds.

01:46:52 - 01:46:53

Selectboard Office

Good, we'll.

01:46:53 - 01:46:53

Alison Todd

Do.

01:46:53 - 01:46:53

Selectboard Office

That.

01:46:54 - 01:47:00

Selectboard Office

Speaking of which, we don't have your actual line item budget yet, do we?

01:47:00 - 01:47:02

Selectboard Office

Because I couldn't find it anywhere.

01:47:03 - 01:47:03

Selectboard Office

I couldn't find it either.

01:47:04 - 01:47:05

Selectboard Office

All I had was two numbers.

01:47:08 - 01:47:10

Selectboard Office

I will ask Gretchen.

01:47:10 - 01:47:12

Alison Todd

And Lisa to send that to you.

01:47:12 - 01:47:18

Selectboard Office

Okay, because we we got a two-line budget we are overall budget in the building budget.

01:47:18 - 01:47:19

Selectboard Office

That was it.

01:47:19 - 01:47:20

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:47:20 - 01:47:21

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:47:21 - 01:47:28

Alison Todd

I Think I think we were under the impression that what you needed was the the numbers But that.

01:47:28 - 01:47:30

Selectboard Office

He but when.

01:47:30 - 01:47:33

Alison Todd

You're ready for that other budget and it sounds like you are we can send it to.

01:47:33 - 01:47:37

Selectboard Office

You Yeah, anytime because we need to get you scheduled.

01:47:37 - 01:47:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah Yeah.

01:47:38 - 01:47:39

Alison Todd

When do you want to do that?

01:47:41 - 01:47:43

Selectboard Office

Well, why don't we try to figure that out?

01:47:44 - 01:47:44

Selectboard Office

Great.

01:47:46 - 01:47:49

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so you said Wednesday doesn't work for you.

01:47:53 - 01:47:55

Selectboard Office

And is Thursday bad for you?

01:47:56 - 01:48:02

Selectboard Office

So this coming week, we already have a police schedule.

01:48:02 - 01:48:03

Selectboard Office

This is just odds and ends.

01:48:03 - 01:48:06

Selectboard Office

Thursday is usually fine, as long as it's not a wedding.

01:48:06 - 01:48:07

Selectboard Office

Ok.

01:48:09 - 01:48:10

Alison Todd

The Thursday.

01:48:10 - 01:48:11

Selectboard Office

The.

01:48:11 - 01:48:13

Alison Todd

12th, we have a school committee meeting.

01:48:16 - 01:48:22

Alison Todd

So we could do Tuesday the 10th, but not Thursday the 12th, because of the school committee meeting.

01:48:26 - 01:48:27

Selectboard Office

So next Tuesday.

01:48:27 - 01:48:28

Helen

Is.

01:48:28 - 01:48:30

Selectboard Office

Free, there's no select board meeting.

01:48:30 - 01:48:32

Alison Todd

The third, that would be fine.

01:48:33 - 01:48:34

Alison Todd

I mean, it's fine with me.

01:48:34 - 01:48:35

Alison Todd

I need to double check with.

01:48:35 - 01:48:35

Selectboard Office

Gretchen and.

01:48:35 - 01:48:36

Alison Todd

Lisa.

01:48:36 - 01:48:36

Alison Todd

But.

01:48:40 - 01:48:42

Selectboard Office

Did you say we're doing the police on the fifth?

01:48:43 - 01:48:44

Selectboard Office

We haven't scheduled the police.

01:48:44 - 01:49:02

Selectboard Office

We have Yeah, I was gonna say I haven't told him yet That's more okay She said the 12th Or the third is that what you guys said or Allison, don't you do you have a meeting on the 12th or can you meet with us on the 12th?

01:49:03 - 01:49:03

Selectboard Office

We have a.

01:49:03 - 01:49:04

Alison Todd

School committee meeting on the 12th.

01:49:05 - 01:49:06

Selectboard Office

So we.

01:49:06 - 01:49:07

Alison Todd

Cannot meet with you.

01:49:07 - 01:49:08

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:49:10 - 01:49:20

JOE BOUDREAU

Joe can I make just one request if it's going to be on a night that the board of select ones meets Can we have the budget in the beginning?

01:49:21 - 01:49:26

JOE BOUDREAU

We did you want to stay and listen to the board of select ones stuff we can but can you least?

01:49:27 - 01:49:29

JOE BOUDREAU

Make that agreeable.

01:49:29 - 01:49:29

Selectboard Office

Or to.

01:49:29 - 01:49:30

JOE BOUDREAU

Your finance me.

01:49:31 - 01:49:34

Selectboard Office

Yeah, absolutely, which is what we tried to do tonight.

01:49:35 - 01:49:37

JOE BOUDREAU

But you didn't Well.

01:49:37 - 01:49:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we did highly was first.

01:49:38 - 01:49:39

Selectboard Office

I mean.

01:49:39 - 01:49:43

JOE BOUDREAU

Yes, but don't we have more budget stuff to talk about.

01:49:45 - 01:49:46

Selectboard Office

No, no.

01:49:49 - 01:49:51

JOE BOUDREAU

27 budget way down the bottom of the page.

01:49:51 - 01:49:57

Selectboard Office

Oh, I just gotta put that on everyone for I'll move it up though next time.

01:49:57 - 01:49:58

JOE BOUDREAU

Thank.

01:49:58 - 01:49:59

Selectboard Office

You You're welcome.

01:50:00 - 01:50:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and and and i and nicole was sitting here and I didn't really think was fair to make her wait but.

01:50:05 - 01:50:10

JOE BOUDREAU

No no but it's what the agenda said but uh i'm just saying in the future could.

01:50:10 - 01:50:16

Selectboard Office

You yes absolutely for sure and and i did try it tonight right it wasn't perfect.

01:50:16 - 01:50:16

JOE BOUDREAU

So.

01:50:16 - 01:50:17

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:50:17 - 01:50:19

JOE BOUDREAU

Now so let me.

01:50:19 - 01:50:20

Selectboard Office

Just for something.

01:50:20 - 01:50:49

JOE BOUDREAU

Can i just simply say that we got a big problem with the fy 97 budget based on what was sent um it appears that there's a budget deficit of 13 grand i have a way over hundred thousand dollars and I tried to figure it out but it's gonna take me a while but saying the next few days I'll try to reconcile why we are so much different.

01:50:49 - 01:50:59

Selectboard Office

So so as you can see that you know there are a number of departments in there that are just last year's numbers because they haven't submitted yet.

01:50:59 - 01:51:04

JOE BOUDREAU

No but they did there's a number of them that have and they haven't been I think that's what I'm centered.

01:51:04 - 01:51:05

Selectboard Office

In.

01:51:05 - 01:51:05

Selectboard Office

I.

01:51:05 - 01:51:07

JOE BOUDREAU

Can look.

01:51:07 - 01:51:16

JOE BOUDREAU

I can look at just like the budget summary and the total appropriations seems to be off that there's a one of the problems are.

01:51:16 - 01:51:17

Helen

There.

01:51:17 - 01:51:18

Helen

Again.

01:51:19 - 01:51:22

JOE BOUDREAU

It's too hard for me to do right now.

01:51:22 - 01:51:22

Selectboard Office

But I.

01:51:22 - 01:51:23

JOE BOUDREAU

Send.

01:51:23 - 01:51:37

JOE BOUDREAU

You on I think it's January 24th a complete budget book that show what happened when the first budget came in, and that was Catherine's, the town clerk's budget.

01:51:38 - 01:51:40

JOE BOUDREAU

I don't know if you're using that one or.

01:51:40 - 01:51:45

JOE BOUDREAU

Not, but you should go back to that email again, January 24th.

01:51:45 - 01:51:53

JOE BOUDREAU

And in the body of the email, I explain how to deal with the appropriations and so forth.

01:51:53 - 01:51:56

JOE BOUDREAU

So I'll forward that tomorrow.

01:51:56 - 01:51:57

Selectboard Office

And then.

01:51:57 - 01:52:02

JOE BOUDREAU

In a couple of days, I'll try to reconcile why we are off so much.

01:52:03 - 01:52:03

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:52:03 - 01:52:05

Selectboard Office

Well, town clerk is one I couldn't find.

01:52:05 - 01:52:07

Selectboard Office

So I didn't, that's not in there.

01:52:07 - 01:52:08

Selectboard Office

That's not the one you were using then.

01:52:08 - 01:52:09

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:52:09 - 01:52:14

Selectboard Office

So can we decide about next Tuesday, the third, if that would work?

01:52:15 - 01:52:16

Randy Zucco

I'm good.

01:52:17 - 01:52:17

Randy Zucco

Okay.

01:52:19 - 01:52:20

Alison Todd

I just texted Gretchen.

01:52:21 - 01:52:24

Alison Todd

I haven't heard back, but I can come either way.

01:52:25 - 01:52:29

Alison Todd

I'm hoping she will be able to too, because it may be hard for me to answer questions about the budget.

01:52:30 - 01:52:32

Alison Todd

I'm getting three dots.

01:52:32 - 01:52:33

Alison Todd

So hold on.

01:52:34 - 01:52:36

Selectboard Office

So we beat the third and the fifth.

01:52:37 - 01:52:39

Selectboard Office

No, we do police the same night.

01:52:40 - 01:52:41

Selectboard Office

That makes sense.

01:52:43 - 01:52:46

Selectboard Office

There's the woman who doesn't want to be here tonight.

01:52:46 - 01:52:49

Selectboard Office

The police budget usually doesn't take a lot of time.

01:52:50 - 01:52:50

JOE BOUDREAU

The third is.

01:52:50 - 01:52:51

Selectboard Office

Fine.

01:52:51 - 01:52:54

JOE BOUDREAU

The fire, get the fire budget in there also.

01:52:54 - 01:52:58

JOE BOUDREAU

He's asking for a lot of repairs to the building.

01:53:00 - 01:53:05

Alison Todd

Would you rather we come on the 5th if you already have the 5th set?

01:53:06 - 01:53:11

Alison Todd

Gretchen said the 3rd and the 10th both work for her, but I can ask her if the 5th would work.

01:53:12 - 01:53:13

Selectboard Office

I prefer the 3rd.

01:53:13 - 01:53:15

Selectboard Office

Yeah, the 3rd.

01:53:15 - 01:53:16

Selectboard Office

I think the.

01:53:16 - 01:53:16

Alison Todd

3rd is good.

01:53:19 - 01:53:22

Selectboard Office

So, what order would you like it to be in?

01:53:22 - 01:53:28

Selectboard Office

Um, let's do police and get that out of the way it's at six thirty or.

01:53:28 - 01:53:33

Selectboard Office

And then and then do school if you think a half hour is enough for police.

01:53:35 - 01:53:35

Selectboard Office

I would think so.

01:53:35 - 01:53:36

Selectboard Office

There's not that.

01:53:36 - 01:53:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think so.

01:53:38 - 01:53:41

Selectboard Office

Joe, does that make sense to you?

01:53:42 - 01:53:42

JOE BOUDREAU

Why me?

01:53:43 - 01:53:45

Alison Todd

So we'll join a little before seven.

01:53:45 - 01:53:46

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:53:46 - 01:53:46

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:53:47 - 01:53:47

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:53:50 - 01:53:50

Alison Todd

Okay.

01:53:51 - 01:53:51

Alison Todd

Great.

01:53:52 - 01:53:53

Alison Todd

Thanks.

01:53:53 - 01:53:54

Selectboard Office

See ya.

01:53:55 - 01:53:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, thank you.

01:53:56 - 01:53:57

Selectboard Office

Now Helen's waiting there, I see.

01:53:57 - 01:54:10

Selectboard Office

And, right, and let's just try to find out when Mike, when it's good for Mike and try to get that scheduled to, like Joe said, probably sooner rather than later, maybe the following Tuesday at the beginning of the slide board meeting.

01:54:11 - 01:54:13

Selectboard Office

Or see if you can come in on the same night.

01:54:13 - 01:54:14

Selectboard Office

Do you think that would be too much?

01:54:14 - 01:54:15

Selectboard Office

No, that's too much.

01:54:15 - 01:54:16

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:54:16 - 01:54:17

Selectboard Office

Oh.

01:54:17 - 01:54:21

Selectboard Office

Because we really need to do a review of the whole budget and we will be ready for that.

01:54:22 - 01:54:29

Alison Todd

Gretchen will send you those budget spreadsheets and that list of capital projects.

01:54:30 - 01:54:30

Selectboard Office

Perfect.

01:54:31 - 01:54:33

Alison Todd

Thanks a lot, you.

01:54:33 - 01:54:33

Alison Todd

Guys.

01:54:34 - 01:54:34

Alison Todd
See you next.

01:54:34 - 01:54:35
Selectboard Office
Week.

01:54:36 - 01:54:37
Selectboard Office
Bye.

01:54:37 - 01:54:37
Selectboard Office
Bye.

01:54:40 - 01:54:43
Selectboard Office
Three, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10.

01:54:43 - 01:54:45
Selectboard Office
All right, Helen, thank you for zooming in here.

01:54:47 - 01:54:48
Helen
Oh yeah, absolutely.

01:54:48 - 01:54:49
Helen
Thank you for entertaining.

01:54:49 - 01:54:51
Selectboard Office
Me.

01:54:51 - 01:54:52
Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:54:52 - 01:54:52

Selectboard Office

In.

01:54:52 - 01:54:53

Helen

Every aspect of the world.

01:54:54 - 01:54:54

Selectboard Office

I'm working.

01:54:55 - 01:54:56

Selectboard Office

That's an interesting way to put.

01:54:56 - 01:54:57

Helen

It.

01:54:59 - 01:55:00

JOE BOUDREAU

So- Good night, everyone.

01:55:00 - 01:55:00

Randy Zucco

Good night.

01:55:00 - 01:55:01

Randy Zucco

Good.

01:55:01 - 01:55:02

Selectboard Office

Night, Joe.

01:55:05 - 01:55:06

[speaker unknown]

All right.

01:55:06 - 01:55:08

Selectboard Office

So we just wanted to get a little up.

01:55:08 - 01:55:09

Selectboard Office

You going to Randy.

01:55:09 - 01:55:11

Randy Zucco

If we're done with the finance.

01:55:11 - 01:55:11

Randy Zucco

Yeah.

01:55:11 - 01:55:12

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we are.

01:55:12 - 01:55:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:55:13 - 01:55:13

Randy Zucco

All right.

01:55:13 - 01:55:14

Randy Zucco

Thank you guys.

01:55:14 - 01:55:15

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:55:16 - 01:55:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:55:20 - 01:55:32

Selectboard Office

Peggy mentioned that the you might have a suggestion for another historical commission member and I thought it might be good to maybe put the horse before that Carter.

01:55:35 - 01:55:37

Selectboard Office

Is doing at this point.

01:55:37 - 01:55:45

Helen

Yeah, and that's totally a fine affair and if I if you would like a letter to put on the record to I'm happy to do it.

01:55:45 - 01:56:05

Helen

Yeah, I just, I just started thinking about this or I've been thinking about some of the properties that I own, that it would be great to have them on the historic register and I know that there was a really functioning town historical commission maybe about 15 years ago where the South Worthington district got established.

01:56:06 - 01:56:07

Helen

And I was just really.

01:56:07 - 01:56:10

Helen

Busy at the time, so I wasn't able to get involved with that.

01:56:10 - 01:56:11

Helen

And I.

01:56:11 - 01:56:11

Selectboard Office

Was on the.

01:56:11 - 01:56:12

Helen

Historical Society.

01:56:13 - 01:56:15

Helen

So I thought, all right, I'll resurrect it.

01:56:15 - 01:56:17

Helen

And I was looking.

01:56:17 - 01:56:26

Helen

To talk to the Circle Commission members and then kind of found out that the board was somewhat defunct at the moment.

01:56:27 - 01:56:29

Helen

And so I asked if I could start it.

01:56:29 - 01:56:32

Helen

And that was maybe October-ish.

01:56:34 - 01:56:38

Helen

And since then, Cassie Ford resigned from the board.

01:56:38 - 01:56:41

Helen

Maddie Cahill is still on it.

01:56:41 - 01:56:45

Helen

And I've reached out to Kevin O 'Connor and Dean.

01:56:46 - 01:56:49

Helen

I can't think of his last name, but I reached.

01:56:49 - 01:56:49

Selectboard Office

Out a couple.

01:56:49 - 01:56:50

Helen

Of times.

01:56:50 - 01:56:52

Helen

And I hadn't heard back.

01:56:52 - 01:56:55

Helen

So I'm just assuming that they don't want to be involved, which is totally fine.

01:56:57 - 01:57:29

Helen

But I was thinking it would be great for us create a historic building and farm register for the town and just see what we have finish it if it's not finished and then you know potentially work towards defining historic sites and and get it getting them on the national register which could be really good for the town because we in the last 40 or 50 years since we've been discussing things we always talk about the and preserving

the.

01:57:29 - 01:57:30

Selectboard Office

Historical.

01:57:30 - 01:57:31

Helen

Character of Worthington.

01:57:31 - 01:57:34

Helen

And it only happens if we actively do it.

01:57:34 - 01:57:48

Helen

So the difference between the Historical Society and the Historical Commission is that Historical Society is a not-for-profit and the Historical Commission is Massachusetts body, it's an official governing body.

01:57:48 - 01:57:51

Helen

And so we're able to go for grants and things like that.

01:57:51 - 01:57:58

Helen

So just, like I said, wanted to resurrect it and see what we could do to preserve more of the historic sites in Worthington.

01:58:00 - 01:58:07

Selectboard Office

Sure, and I absolutely applaud that and just wanted to, I guess, so you're having no luck getting in touch.

01:58:07 - 01:58:09

Selectboard Office

Fortunately, Kevin's in the room.

01:58:10 - 01:58:10

Selectboard Office

Oh, good.

01:58:10 - 01:58:11

Helen

Hi Kevin.

01:58:12 - 01:58:14

Helen

Well, you know, not everybody gets emails from people.

01:58:14 - 01:58:17

Helen

You know, sometimes they go into spam folders, so.

01:58:19 - 01:58:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah, the activity last fall, I think Maddie was the only one who said would be interested in meeting before June.

01:58:27 - 01:58:46

Selectboard Office

I think June is still months away and with that email, if it were going to be June and we're through town meeting, we're through special town meeting, we're through this budget's part of it, part of assembling the warrant, then yeah June I would be interested.

01:58:47 - 01:59:01

Selectboard Office

But we're just rolling from one thing to the next and actually I'm going to be going into the next item on the agenda because I'm involved with the little addition to the Mables.

01:59:01 - 01:59:07

Selectboard Office

So, and I also just realized I may be on board for the school budget item.

01:59:07 - 01:59:09

Selectboard Office

So anyway, June, fine.

01:59:10 - 01:59:15

Selectboard Office

But until June, I'm more than busy.

01:59:16 - 01:59:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I.

01:59:16 - 01:59:17

Helen

Understand, yeah.

01:59:18 - 01:59:21

Selectboard Office

And Peggy, you said Maddie, you know, is still interested in it?

01:59:21 - 01:59:23

Selectboard Office

Yeah, because, yeah, Helen told me she is, and yes.

01:59:23 - 01:59:24

Selectboard Office

You've talked to Maddie.

01:59:24 - 01:59:25

Helen

I have, yep.

01:59:26 - 01:59:29

Helen

Yep, and so it's a five-person board.

01:59:30 - 01:59:33

Helen

Really, I tried Dean several times, and I did call him.

01:59:33 - 01:59:35

Helen

I did not call Kevin, in all.

01:59:35 - 01:59:37

Helen

Fairness.

01:59:37 - 01:59:42

Helen

I guess I thought I'd talk to him at a meeting, and just never, you know, always difficult to get through them.

01:59:43 - 01:59:44

Selectboard Office

But- So who's the other.

01:59:44 - 01:59:45

Helen

Person?

01:59:45 - 01:59:52

Helen

So there's a gentleman named Stephen Best, and I think he's from Huntington, do you?

01:59:52 - 01:59:56

Helen

Yeah, he lives in Parrish Road, but I think his family comes from Huntington or Chester.

01:59:57 - 02:00:00

Helen

And he told me that he was really interested in it.

02:00:00 - 02:00:05

Helen

So like, okay, well, with him and Maddie, that gave us three.

02:00:05 - 02:00:06

Helen

Which at least we could have a quorum.

02:00:07 - 02:00:15

Helen

And if Kevin's interested, that's four, I'd be happy to try to find a fifth person so we could have an actively functioning board moving forward.

02:00:16 - 02:00:17

Selectboard Office

And an odd number.

02:00:18 - 02:00:18

Selectboard Office

It's good to have an odd number.

02:00:19 - 02:00:22

Selectboard Office

So who are the other persons that are supposedly on the board now though?

02:00:22 - 02:00:23

Selectboard Office

Who's the?

02:00:24 - 02:00:26

Selectboard Office

The other one is Dean Katz.

02:00:27 - 02:00:28

Selectboard Office

And he's the one you can't get all of.

02:00:28 - 02:00:29

Helen

Dean Katz?

02:00:29 - 02:00:29

Helen

Yeah.

02:00:31 - 02:00:34

Selectboard Office

They sold their place over on Gossill Road.

02:00:34 - 02:00:36

Selectboard Office

They do own land on Kinneybrook.

02:00:36 - 02:00:37

Selectboard Office

I don't remember.

02:00:37 - 02:00:38

Selectboard Office

So they don't even live in town?

02:00:39 - 02:00:40

Selectboard Office

Well, I don't know.

02:00:40 - 02:00:40

Selectboard Office

I don't know.

02:00:40 - 02:00:41

Selectboard Office

I haven't seen them in a long time.

02:00:42 - 02:00:42

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:00:43 - 02:00:53

Helen

But Peggy, you also, when I first applied for this, long before Solar, when I first applied for this, you had reached out to him, too.

02:00:53 - 02:00:53

Helen

Did you not?

02:00:54 - 02:00:55

Helen

I think you reached out to everybody.

02:00:56 - 02:00:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:01:01 - 02:01:14

Selectboard Office

So it seems like to me that maybe at least the three of you, you, Kevin and Maddie, ought to at least get in the same room and come up with a plan before we appoint more people.

02:01:20 - 02:01:21

Selectboard Office

How many do you need?

02:01:23 - 02:01:28

Selectboard Office

Well, if it's five, you would need a minimum of three to actually exist.

02:01:30 - 02:01:34

Selectboard Office

So because if it's five, if you only have two, you can't vote for anything.

02:01:35 - 02:01:36

Selectboard Office

So you need a minimum of three.

02:01:37 - 02:01:42

Selectboard Office

And it sounds like if you had Stephen Best, you would have four.

02:01:43 - 02:01:45

Selectboard Office

And then I think you should not count on Dean Kent.

02:01:45 - 02:01:47

Selectboard Office

I think you should look for somebody else.

02:01:47 - 02:01:49

Selectboard Office

Because clearly he's not responded to you.

02:01:49 - 02:01:57

Selectboard Office

He's not responded to Peggy and they sold the house on Goss Hill I suspect that they're not very active in things going on in town.

02:01:57 - 02:02:07

Selectboard Office

So perhaps you'd want to look for someone else um But I'd like to see it come from all three Whatever, uh, you mean no, it's hard.

02:02:07 - 02:02:09

Selectboard Office

It's hard to get people to volunteer for anything.

02:02:09 - 02:02:12

Selectboard Office

I get it Oh, I know No, what do you mean by come from all three?

02:02:12 - 02:02:17

Selectboard Office

I'd like to see the whole the three of them that are interested to be coming together on this, that's all.

02:02:19 - 02:02:21

Selectboard Office

Okay, and then present to us like another name?

02:02:22 - 02:02:22

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:02:23 - 02:02:28

Selectboard Office

Well, and if we're looking, actively looking with people, let me post that we have vacancies.

02:02:29 - 02:02:31

Helen

Yeah, that'd be great.

02:02:31 - 02:02:31

Helen

That'd be great.

02:02:31 - 02:02:35

Selectboard Office

Yeah, because it is a five member, it's a five member.

02:02:36 - 02:02:41

Selectboard Office

So does it make sense for me to just go ahead and do that sooner rather than later?

02:02:41 - 02:02:43

Selectboard Office

Do they have vacancies on the historical commission?

02:02:45 - 02:02:45

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:02:47 - 02:02:53

Selectboard Office

All right, and if Stephen's interested then definitely, you know, he had to send us a letter to or stop the.

02:02:54 - 02:02:55

Helen

Okay.

02:02:55 - 02:02:56

Helen

All right.

02:02:56 - 02:02:56

Helen

I'll suggest it.

02:02:56 - 02:03:00

Helen

He sent something over to you I know he's.

02:03:00 - 02:03:05

Selectboard Office

Been coming to most of the solar meetings and he worked on my house once upon a time when he worked for.

02:03:05 - 02:03:06

Helen

Gave Well.

02:03:06 - 02:03:07

Selectboard Office

He was he.

02:03:07 - 02:03:09

Helen

Was enthusiastic about it, which.

02:03:09 - 02:03:09

Selectboard Office

I would.

02:03:09 - 02:03:14

Helen

Surprise me and I was thrilled I mean, I just love to have different thoughts, you.

02:03:14 - 02:03:17

Selectboard Office

Know Yeah, for sure.

02:03:17 - 02:03:18

Selectboard Office

Okay, and he's young.

02:03:22 - 02:03:31

Selectboard Office

And anybody who does want to be on they we would want them yellow letter and also for them to Come appear before us so we could ask them questions like so.

02:03:31 - 02:03:32

Selectboard Office

Why do you want to do this?

02:03:35 - 02:03:40

Helen

All right, I'll reach out to him and do that and thanks very much thanks for.

02:03:47 - 02:03:47

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:03:47 - 02:03:49

Selectboard Office

You're welcome to stay if you want.

02:03:54 - 02:03:57

Selectboard Office

So, letter of support for the MAPLES?

02:03:57 - 02:04:00

Selectboard Office

Has Patty given a presentation for us?

02:04:01 - 02:04:02

Selectboard Office

No.

02:04:02 - 02:04:05

Selectboard Office

No, I've talked to Marie and really that's it.

02:04:07 - 02:04:09

Selectboard Office

Marie sent an email just asking.

02:04:09 - 02:04:10

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's a question for you.

02:04:10 - 02:04:12

Selectboard Office

So it's it's simple.

02:04:12 - 02:04:46

Selectboard Office

I mean the letter is wonderful the what they realized Together there's no room big enough for Significant group of the seniors to gathering Yes square dance movies that when the funding came through that the one In the main building is big enough for that first phase is a small one the second phase They really want one for both and I forget what the number of chairs and tables would be.

02:04:46 - 02:05:00

Selectboard Office

It's mainly a 10 or 12 foot addition to the big room and they're rearranging of Patty's office making her more visible to that room.

02:05:00 - 02:05:08

Selectboard Office

Right now when people come in she can't see them so it's I don't know if you've seen her office it's about as wide as from this to that wall.

02:05:09 - 02:05:21

Selectboard Office

It's also storage so it's I think Bree has numbers on it but the goal is to have one room where more than a minimum number of people can gather.

02:05:21 - 02:05:23

Selectboard Office

It's a really simple addition.

02:05:25 - 02:05:30

Selectboard Office

Yeah I mean there's I know that meaning is the little room they have is tiny and they can hardly have it in there.

02:05:30 - 02:05:33

Selectboard Office

And it's her room is just not perfect.

02:05:33 - 02:05:47

Selectboard Office

I've never been in it but it's like that corner and storage and she can't see people come in and that's pretty much it.

02:05:49 - 02:05:53

Selectboard Office

Somebody like to make a motion that we support this?

02:05:54 - 02:05:55

Selectboard Office

Can I ask?

02:05:55 - 02:06:04

Selectboard Office

Okay, I will move to express our support for this expansion Project of the Maples.

02:06:05 - 02:06:05

Selectboard Office

I'll second.

02:06:07 - 02:06:08

Selectboard Office

Any discussion?

02:06:08 - 02:06:10

Selectboard Office

Yeah, who are we sending this to?

02:06:10 - 02:06:12

Selectboard Office

Whoever they're trying to get money from?

02:06:12 - 02:06:13

Selectboard Office

Oh, yeah.

02:06:13 - 02:06:14

Selectboard Office

Letters of support, yeah.

02:06:14 - 02:06:16

Selectboard Office

Okay, so, but directed to?

02:06:16 - 02:06:18

Selectboard Office

Well, I'm going to send it down to Marie.

02:06:18 - 02:06:19

Selectboard Office

Yeah, yeah.

02:06:19 - 02:06:20

Selectboard Office

Marie?

02:06:20 - 02:06:22

Selectboard Office

Yeah, she's going for a grant.

02:06:22 - 02:06:23

Selectboard Office

She's going for a grant.

02:06:24 - 02:06:25

Selectboard Office

Okay, all right then.

02:06:26 - 02:06:29

Selectboard Office

This will fund itself because they're HUD.

02:06:29 - 02:06:30

Selectboard Office

Right, right.

02:06:30 - 02:06:32

Selectboard Office

That's why I was trying to figure out who is this going to?

02:06:32 - 02:06:35

Selectboard Office

Okay, so it's for a grant.

02:06:35 - 02:06:36

Selectboard Office

Okay, gotcha.

02:06:36 - 02:06:36

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:06:36 - 02:06:39

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

02:06:50 - 02:06:52

Selectboard Office

Okay, thank you.

02:07:03 - 02:07:07

Selectboard Office

And Russ, I saw Russ today and told him what a great job you did.

02:07:08 - 02:07:10

Selectboard Office

He said you made absolutely the right call.

02:07:13 - 02:07:14

Selectboard Office

He said you're driving together, yeah.

02:07:17 - 02:07:20

Selectboard Office

All right, so any other questions, discussion?

02:07:21 - 02:07:23

Selectboard Office

No, it has to be what?

02:07:24 - 02:07:25

Selectboard Office

We've written a little, she has to change one thing.

02:07:26 - 02:07:26

Selectboard Office

Okay, fine.

02:07:27 - 02:07:28

Selectboard Office

So don't sign it.

02:07:29 - 02:07:30

Selectboard Office

All right, moving on.

02:07:30 - 02:07:31

Selectboard Office

We can vote.

02:07:31 - 02:07:32

Selectboard Office

Do we have to do a motion?

02:07:32 - 02:07:33

Selectboard Office

Oh, we do have to vote, yeah.

02:07:33 - 02:07:34

Selectboard Office

All in favor?

02:07:35 - 02:07:35

Selectboard Office

Aye.

02:07:35 - 02:07:36

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:07:37 - 02:07:38

Selectboard Office

Moving on.

02:07:40 - 02:07:43

Selectboard Office

Maya Health Benefits Trust Rachel review.

02:07:43 - 02:07:46

Selectboard Office

So these are the numbers we have no choice.

02:07:46 - 02:07:47

Selectboard Office

Right, exactly.

02:07:47 - 02:07:52

Selectboard Office

We're fortunate that in fact, they only raised rates by about 13%, is that right?

02:07:52 - 02:07:52

Selectboard Office

Or 14?

02:07:52 - 02:07:54

Selectboard Office

Well, this says 14.4.

02:07:54 - 02:07:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but a lot of towns are up around 18.

02:07:57 - 02:07:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah, this isn't that high, so.

02:07:58 - 02:08:09

Selectboard Office

And the way Peggy explained it to me, they're actually leveling the other insurance in order to keep this down.

02:08:10 - 02:08:10

Selectboard Office

Oh, really?

02:08:10 - 02:08:12

Selectboard Office

It's about the same as last year.

02:08:12 - 02:08:12

Selectboard Office

Oh, okay.

02:08:13 - 02:08:13

Selectboard Office

In total.

02:08:13 - 02:08:14

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:08:14 - 02:08:14

Selectboard Office

All right.

02:08:14 - 02:08:17

Selectboard Office

So tell me about the move that we accept this.

02:08:17 - 02:08:25

Selectboard Office

I move that we accept the renewal proposal for fiscal year 2027 for Maya Health Benefits Trust.

02:08:26 - 02:08:27

Selectboard Office

I second that.

02:08:28 - 02:08:29

Selectboard Office

Discussion, all in favor?

02:08:33 - 02:08:33

[speaker unknown]

Aye.

02:08:41 - 02:08:42

Selectboard Office

Poll hearings, yeah.

02:08:42 - 02:08:45

Selectboard Office

So do you have a date in mind for this?

02:08:47 - 02:08:50

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think we should do it in a month.

02:08:51 - 02:08:52

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

02:08:52 - 02:08:55

Selectboard Office

They have to notify all the butters.

02:08:58 - 02:09:00

Selectboard Office

She wants to know what to poll here.

02:09:00 - 02:09:03

Selectboard Office

Okay, so every time they set a new poll.

02:09:03 - 02:09:04

Selectboard Office

I got it.

02:09:04 - 02:09:06

Selectboard Office

All I just really was like, really?

02:09:07 - 02:09:12

Selectboard Office

All I could think was telephone polls and then Amy in fact told me it was telephone polls.

02:09:12 - 02:09:14

Selectboard Office

I need to know nothing more.

02:09:14 - 02:09:17

Selectboard Office

So if they're replacing a pole, we don't have a hearing.

02:09:17 - 02:09:18

Selectboard Office

It's only if they're literally moving it.

02:09:22 - 02:09:27

Selectboard Office

You have two hearings if they want to put a pole where a maple tree or one of our shade trees was?

02:09:27 - 02:09:28

Selectboard Office

Oh, god.

02:09:29 - 02:09:30

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:09:34 - 02:09:36

Selectboard Office

And they do send somebody.

02:09:37 - 02:09:38

Selectboard Office

Yes, they do.

02:09:38 - 02:09:43

Selectboard Office

Yeah, they come with the elaborate drawings and all the specs for where this is going.

02:09:43 - 02:09:49

Selectboard Office

And occasionally, depending on where it is, one of the butters will have an issue and discuss it.

02:09:49 - 02:09:51

Selectboard Office

Maybe they'll move it, maybe not.

02:09:51 - 02:09:52

Selectboard Office

Sounds great.

02:09:52 - 02:10:14

Selectboard Office

So this is, I mean, you guys are just setting the date, but I am interested in this process because the Ridge Road project is going to need polls on Buffington Hill Road, I'm pretty sure, and I would like to understand the process whereby that happens, because that resource is not forthcoming about what side of the plan is.

02:10:15 - 02:10:22

Selectboard Office

I suspect it's going to be mostly replacing poles to maybe make them bigger, stronger, in which case there's not here.

02:10:22 - 02:10:26

Selectboard Office

These guys have seen it happen a lot on Route 143.

02:10:26 - 02:10:26

Selectboard Office

All those.

02:10:27 - 02:10:27

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:10:27 - 02:10:27

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:10:28 - 02:10:31

Selectboard Office

So do we have you can just I fix them?

02:10:32 - 02:10:33

Selectboard Office

I Think so.

02:10:33 - 02:10:33

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:10:33 - 02:10:35

Selectboard Office

Do you know which holes for?

02:10:36 - 02:10:36

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:10:39 - 02:10:47

Selectboard Office

I'm gonna just I give it to them so that Yeah There's three there.

02:10:47 - 02:10:57

Selectboard Office

Well one that it's just all the same one They just go one goes to the town will goes to ever source one goes to Verizon Do you guys want to look at these?

02:10:58 - 02:11:01

Selectboard Office

I'll take off the butters.

02:11:05 - 02:11:17

Selectboard Office

So we normally are meeting on the 10th and 24th.

02:11:17 - 02:11:19

Selectboard Office

That's the recycle conference.

02:11:19 - 02:11:20

Selectboard Office

Are you going?

02:11:20 - 02:11:20

Selectboard Office

Oh, that's right.

02:11:21 - 02:11:23

Selectboard Office

I won't be here, but I don't really need to be here.

02:11:23 - 02:11:24

Selectboard Office

I can have it over here and go.

02:11:26 - 02:11:28

Selectboard Office

But I won't be here.

02:11:28 - 02:11:29

Selectboard Office

You won't be here because you're busy.

02:11:30 - 02:11:32

Selectboard Office

I'm not actually, I'm actually going somewhere else.

02:11:32 - 02:11:33

Selectboard Office

I have to cancel my recycle bin.

02:11:33 - 02:11:34

Selectboard Office

That's right, I remember that.

02:11:34 - 02:11:36

Selectboard Office

But I won't be here either then.

02:11:36 - 02:11:37

Selectboard Office

Okay, so we should do this.

02:11:37 - 02:11:41

Selectboard Office

Well, unless you guys want to meet without me, I don't really care that much.

02:11:44 - 02:11:46

Selectboard Office

On the 24th?

02:11:46 - 02:11:47

Selectboard Office

Is that what somebody said?

02:11:47 - 02:11:49

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we were saying the 24th.

02:11:49 - 02:11:50

Selectboard Office

Would have to sign it.

02:11:50 - 02:11:51

Selectboard Office

So if you're not here, two of us.

02:11:51 - 02:11:56

Selectboard Office

I mean, I may, we may want to decide not to even meet that night.

02:11:57 - 02:11:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah, do Wednesday.

02:11:59 - 02:12:00

Selectboard Office

That's a good idea.

02:12:00 - 02:12:02

Selectboard Office

So not meet the 24th, but do the 25th.

02:12:04 - 02:12:05

Selectboard Office

I think I'm back.

02:12:06 - 02:12:07

Selectboard Office

Charlie's going to a show.

02:12:08 - 02:12:10

Selectboard Office

I'm going to a big show in Boston.

02:12:10 - 02:12:12

Selectboard Office

I'm going to Recycle Conference.

02:12:12 - 02:12:13

Selectboard Office

And Peggy won't be here.

02:12:13 - 02:12:13

Selectboard Office

Oh, that's right.

02:12:14 - 02:12:15

Selectboard Office

And I'm going to be Boston.

02:12:16 - 02:12:21

Selectboard Office

All right, so should we do the 25th instead of the 24th and we'll have the poll hearing on the 25th?

02:12:23 - 02:12:25

Selectboard Office

I gotta double check when we're coming back.

02:12:25 - 02:12:27

Selectboard Office

I have a 25th blocked out.

02:12:27 - 02:12:31

Selectboard Office

I think we're coming back on the 25th, just from Boston, so that's fine.

02:12:40 - 02:12:43

Selectboard Office

For some reason my phone tells me when it's your birthday.

02:12:44 - 02:13:36

Selectboard Office

Doesn't my calendar says Charlie roses okay yeah so let's let me get back to you tomorrow okay for you guys if it's okay for me and if not you have to they won't be able to do any work I know do we have a limited period of time to hold hearing no no I can't imagine that they will be doing anything in right now anyway well no they were sitting on 143 but not now yeah I mean they did them they're not doing them

now I'm in those augers if they drill through rock they can drill through frozen true this is true your macho there's augers Alright gang.

02:13:36 - 02:13:39

Selectboard Office

My watch just told me it's time to get ready for bed.

02:13:42 - 02:13:48

Selectboard Office

All right, what's this great Are you leaving I think so, okay, there's anything else that's.

02:13:50 - 02:13:51

Selectboard Office

You know this is fun.

02:13:52 - 02:13:57

Selectboard Office

That's a CDBG grant with the Hill with the Hill town CD So then I wanted to talk about the calendar.

02:13:57 - 02:13:59

Selectboard Office

So let me just do that real quick.

02:14:01 - 02:14:15

Selectboard Office

So so we paid for so we've had a couple of requests for people to make the website a legal site for meeting postings, which is easier said than done.

02:14:15 - 02:14:20

Selectboard Office

It's way harder than writing something on this paper and putting it onto a bulletin board.

02:14:20 - 02:14:25

Selectboard Office

So that means everybody who posts meetings has to be able to do it relatively easily.

02:14:26 - 02:14:31

Selectboard Office

So I have paid for an upgrade, and the town has paid for an upgrade to the calendar system.

02:14:34 - 02:14:40

Selectboard Office

And now we have two users and we can have submitters.

02:14:41 - 02:14:47

Selectboard Office

So my plan is, and plus the calendar actually looks different now.

02:14:48 - 02:14:53

Selectboard Office

You actually have a choice, you can look at it the old way if you want, but it defaults to this new one.

02:14:53 - 02:14:54

Selectboard Office

I like the new one.

02:14:54 - 02:14:56

Selectboard Office

With pictures and things, so it's very fancy.

02:15:00 - 02:15:02

Selectboard Office

I didn't see the more detail.

02:15:03 - 02:15:04

Selectboard Office

They actually showed me what was going on.

02:15:06 - 02:15:30

Selectboard Office

So anyway, so my plan is that I think I'm going to have, and supposedly they charged me for each submitter, although they're not charged me the way they said they were going to, but regardless I think I'm going to create a submitter that would be and have a logon and a password that I'll give to all the committee chairs in town to just share and show everybody how to post their own things.

02:15:30 - 02:15:31

Selectboard Office

And it's really fill it out for them.

02:15:31 - 02:15:33

Selectboard Office

It's really not tricky.

02:15:33 - 02:15:40

Selectboard Office

And then they have a second one and that one would they can post their own **** and I don't have to prove it or anything.

02:15:41 - 02:15:42

Selectboard Office

And the.

02:15:44 - 02:16:02

Selectboard Office

Create a second one that actually I would make available to people in the community but those would have to be approved and people would have to ask and then I would give them that shared long time and password But but anything they put in would still have to go through Does that make sense?

02:16:08 - 02:16:16

Selectboard Office

So you volunteer to help So I'm gonna make you the other user So you'll be an admin on this thing.

02:16:16 - 02:16:18

Selectboard Office

It shouldn't really Yes.

02:16:23 - 02:16:39

George

If you give out a user name to a individual to post their stuff How do you make it so that individual doesn't continue to use that username and password to post stuff that's not approved?

02:16:40 - 02:16:48

Selectboard Office

So, like I said, the one username will only go to people who are heads of boards, so hopefully they'll behave.

02:16:49 - 02:16:52

Selectboard Office

If they don't, then we'll deal with it.

02:16:52 - 02:17:00

Selectboard Office

And the other one, people would be able to go in and post something, but it would have to get approved before it actually showed up on the calendar.

02:17:01 - 02:17:09

Selectboard Office

So they would submit a post and then one of the approvers would have to go, yes, but this can be posted.

02:17:11 - 02:17:11

Selectboard Office

Ok.

02:17:12 - 02:17:13

George

I was curious.

02:17:14 - 02:17:15

Selectboard Office

Yeah, does that make sense?

02:17:15 - 02:17:16

George

Yeah, I was just.

02:17:16 - 02:17:16

Selectboard Office

Curious.

02:17:17 - 02:17:18

Selectboard Office

That was a good question.

02:17:19 - 02:17:25

Selectboard Office

And if you have a person that's a, so I don't think you could really abuse it, unless it's really annoying you and I.

02:17:26 - 02:17:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's a little bit, yeah.

02:17:28 - 02:17:29

Selectboard Office

So I mean, that's crazy.

02:17:29 - 02:17:30

Selectboard Office

We'll see.

02:17:31 - 02:17:39

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so you can always change the password and start over or go to, you know, I thought about it, all right, I could create a Google form and make people fill out a Google form.

02:17:40 - 02:17:43

Selectboard Office

But then you've got to take that info and transfer it to the calendar.

02:17:44 - 02:17:44

Selectboard Office

And I don't want to.

02:17:44 - 02:17:48

Selectboard Office

I'm trying to get as little extra work for me as possible here.

02:17:49 - 02:17:57

Selectboard Office

And so the submitter, the folks like me, we go to a web page and log in, or do we go through WordPress?

02:17:58 - 02:17:59

Selectboard Office

No, you won't have to go through WordPress.

02:18:00 - 02:18:07

Selectboard Office

You just go to time.ly and log in.

02:18:07 - 02:18:19

Selectboard Office

Actually, you really just go to the calendar page top calendar page and there's a place to literally click and ***** great It's actually there now So that that's a dead buttons actually there.

02:18:30 - 02:18:56

Selectboard Office

So you'll still have a WordPress login because you know for hearings you're still gonna have to if it's a hearing it's still web post it's a little extra step yeah although that legal requirement is really just a calendar so the web post is no I'm happy to manage the planning board page that's fine okay great that's it thank you for saying

for that important announcement You are now at Christmas.

02:18:58 - 02:19:00

Selectboard Office

Not you guys, you still have time.

02:19:00 - 02:19:03

Selectboard Office

I got almost to 26.9.

02:19:03 - 02:19:05

Selectboard Office

Oh my gosh, we had a- What are you talking about?

02:19:05 - 02:19:06

Selectboard Office

A disaster today.

02:19:07 - 02:19:08

Selectboard Office

Must be, must be- I thought it was frozen.

02:19:09 - 02:19:16

Selectboard Office

And then this whole thing broke and then it froze under the culvert so we had to pull the whole line under the culvert and throw hot water on it.

02:19:16 - 02:19:21

Selectboard Office

It was like- And my happy place was, it wasn't like a frenzy day, right?

02:19:21 - 02:19:24

Selectboard Office

It was like, you're not getting that much stuff today if it's gonna happen.

02:19:24 - 02:19:25

Selectboard Office

Worked my *** off.

02:19:38 - 02:19:48

Selectboard Office

This weekend's okay Your dog all covered with snow there That'd be great Christmas card for our holiday card for next year.

02:19:55 - 02:19:56

Selectboard Office

He's adorable.

02:19:56 - 02:20:02

Selectboard Office

He was on our Instagram and Facebook and like was like one of the ones that got like a lot of.

02:20:02 - 02:20:03

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it was adorable.

02:20:04 - 02:20:08

Selectboard Office

My dogs have been face planting, looking for moles.

02:20:10 - 02:20:13

Selectboard Office

They just go out and they just face plant through them.

02:20:13 - 02:20:14

Selectboard Office

They just hear it.

02:20:14 - 02:20:15

Selectboard Office

Alice does that.

02:20:16 - 02:20:17

Selectboard Office

She's involved in the snow.

02:20:17 - 02:20:19

Selectboard Office

She looks like she's up to her shoulders in the snow.

02:20:19 - 02:20:21

Selectboard Office

She always gets it though.

02:20:21 - 02:20:24

Selectboard Office

I heard face plant our dog loves to leap.

02:20:24 - 02:20:25

Selectboard Office

He's looking for the squirrels.

02:20:25 - 02:20:28

Selectboard Office

He's gonna get them He'd leaps over the snow pile, but he does not understand landing.

02:20:28 - 02:20:34

Selectboard Office

So he actually does Do you have a laugh?

02:20:36 - 02:20:37

Selectboard Office

I have multi-button.

02:20:37 - 02:20:38

Selectboard Office

I have multi-button.

02:20:38 - 02:20:40

Selectboard Office

That's great.

02:20:40 - 02:20:43

Selectboard Office

My poodle and my burner do a little multi-button.

02:20:44 - 02:20:45

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's funny.

02:20:46 - 02:20:47

Selectboard Office

Alright, see you next week.

02:20:47 - 02:20:48

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

02:20:48 - 02:20:51

Selectboard Office

See you soon.

02:20:51 - 02:20:52

Selectboard Office

Next week I guess.

02:20:53 - 02:20:54

Selectboard Office

Very soon.

02:20:55 - 02:20:55

Selectboard Office

Alright.

02:20:55 - 02:20:57

Selectboard Office

I do that.

02:20:57 - 02:20:58

Selectboard Office

I have some other updates too.

02:20:58 - 02:21:03

Selectboard Office

I guess I can keep going or we can talk about CDBG grant.

02:21:04 - 02:21:07

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's the one we do combined with all the other towns.

02:21:07 - 02:21:09

Selectboard Office

It's just an FYI, right?

02:21:09 - 02:21:09

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:21:09 - 02:21:10

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:21:10 - 02:21:11

Selectboard Office

Well, they have a sign-in.

02:21:11 - 02:21:12

Selectboard Office

Oh, we do.

02:21:12 - 02:21:14

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's just a signature page for you.

02:21:14 - 02:21:15

Selectboard Office

It's just a support.

02:21:15 - 02:21:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:21:16 - 02:21:16

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:21:16 - 02:21:20

Selectboard Office

And there is a hearing and I'm going to get it posted tomorrow if I can.

02:21:21 - 02:21:22

Selectboard Office

It's a week.

02:21:22 - 02:21:23

Selectboard Office

No, it's a week.

02:21:23 - 02:21:28

Selectboard Office

It's after next week, it's probably the ninth or something, in Chesterfield.

02:21:28 - 02:21:28

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:21:29 - 02:21:33

Selectboard Office

And they have a poll that they'd like people to take, so I'm going to post the link.

02:21:33 - 02:21:34

Selectboard Office

I already did mine.

02:21:34 - 02:21:36

Selectboard Office

P O L L.

02:21:36 - 02:21:38

Selectboard Office

I already did mine.

02:21:39 - 02:21:39

Selectboard Office

Who's his?

02:21:40 - 02:21:44

Selectboard Office

You see everybody probably got a from Faith Williams.

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And Dave Chris.

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They both sent me.

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Selectboard Office

Assuming HUD actually come through.

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Selectboard Office

So far the HUD Senior Center money is still there.

02:22:00 - 02:22:05

Selectboard Office

So budget we're done there, we did school committee.

02:22:05 - 02:22:07

Selectboard Office

So the other updates I have are.

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Selectboard Office

So the permittized people have got bought by a company out of Indianapolis and and I'm dealing with them and they sent the contract and so it's taken a while to back and forth with the contract and I said we, Peggy looked at it and said let's send this to Jeff to look at.

02:22:32 - 02:22:35

Selectboard Office

And so he's made a bunch of corrections.

02:22:36 - 02:22:44

Selectboard Office

I think the Primitize was like a six person company based in Massachusetts, and now it's owned by not a huge company, but a much bigger company, Schneider.

02:22:46 - 02:22:51

Selectboard Office

It does, I think it mostly does municipal stuff and GIS stuff, but there were a lot of problems with the contract.

02:22:52 - 02:22:56

Selectboard Office

So anyway, we're going back and forth with the contract and that's why it hasn't moved forward.

02:22:56 - 02:23:09

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but no change in the No, but it's spread over three years so the amount it's going to cost us this year actually is way less than Then we and just then we budgeted for it.

02:23:09 - 02:23:11

Selectboard Office

So we're not gonna spend the whole eight grand.

02:23:11 - 02:23:13

Selectboard Office

So that's good.

02:23:15 - 02:23:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:23:26 - 02:23:31

Selectboard Office

That's They were, we raised enough money to buy a trailer.

02:23:34 - 02:23:39

Selectboard Office

As you may recall, the whole ambulance is located in an old Eversource building.

02:23:41 - 02:23:46

Selectboard Office

And they really, really can't sleep in there, even though it's a 24 hour thing.

02:23:46 - 02:24:01

Selectboard Office

So basically they just have a couch and a futon and they do sleep in there, but legally, you know, they shouldn't be, and there's no shower or, you know, It's really pretty, pretty, pretty, yeah, only way less space.

02:24:02 - 02:24:23

Selectboard Office

So anyway, we found out this company based in Grafton, South of Worcester, near the Connecticut border actually, specializes in doing emergency trailers, like FEMA

trailers.

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Selectboard Office

But they're not FEMA.

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Selectboard Office

They mostly work with insurance companies somebody's house kids burn burns down.

02:24:28 - 02:24:42

Selectboard Office

They've read a trailer for a year So that's all these guys do is they have about I think it's a 50 trailers out and they and then eventually they sell them So getting this trailer for like 35 grand.

02:24:42 - 02:24:44

Selectboard Office

It's a three-bedroom trailer.

02:24:44 - 02:24:46

Selectboard Office

Oh Nice, and that's installed.

02:24:46 - 02:24:58

Selectboard Office

Oh and they so we raised, we fundraised and somebody gave a ton of money and we wanted to remain anonymous, we don't really know who it is, so the fundraising went pretty well.

02:25:00 - 02:25:00

Selectboard Office

Nice.

02:25:01 - 02:25:08

Selectboard Office

So actually somebody gave 30 ,000 and it's going to be 50 when it's all said and done

by the time we do the plumbing on the electric.

02:25:09 - 02:25:27

Selectboard Office

So that's happening and we'll probably, you know, by spring, you know, this thing will get We went on Saturday, three of us, and looked at it, and I took a bunch of pictures and stuff, so that would be a big help, I think, for the ambulance.

02:25:28 - 02:25:32

Selectboard Office

It'll make our service that much better, make them a way more attractive place to work.

02:25:32 - 02:25:41

Selectboard Office

Yeah, even though it's nicer for the people, you know, it's like to have a real facility where you can sleep and, you know, a nice place to hang.

02:25:41 - 02:25:48

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I mean it got there Saturday morning at 10, and you know So it's all dark and nice.

02:25:59 - 02:26:03

Selectboard Office

So anyway, so that's the update other with other than that you know things are going pretty well.

02:26:06 - 02:26:09

Selectboard Office

We have our new rates right you got them yes.

02:26:11 - 02:26:13

Selectboard Office

I've entered on my budget sheet.

02:26:13 - 02:26:17

Selectboard Office

Oh and and I was specifically told to give you some ****.

02:26:17 - 02:26:40

Selectboard Office

Yeah, you already did Yeah, because it's so hard for me now to me with another It's so it was so hard for me to even not say anything back to you You said that because that you know, it's a weird thing I've been they've I've been paying their invoices for 15 years, right one time I'm late one time I miss it and and really it was just in my you know.

02:26:40 - 02:26:46

Selectboard Office

But it happened twice the first time We didn't pay something because no and it was their fault.

02:26:46 - 02:26:47

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

02:26:47 - 02:26:53

Selectboard Office

Thank you Let me finish we didn't pay the assessment because we were waiting to put it on to a town meeting.

02:26:53 - 02:26:59

Selectboard Office

That's right And that's not that's what the first time and that was but in their mind it was two times.

02:26:59 - 02:27:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah Wine or wine or but actually James really nice to deal with but yeah Jesus.

02:27:06 - 02:27:06

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:27:06 - 02:27:07

Selectboard Office

Yes.

02:27:07 - 02:27:09

Selectboard Office

It's just that maybe pissy there.

02:27:09 - 02:27:12

Selectboard Office

It's Marianne that was complaining about Marianne peas.

02:27:13 - 02:27:21

Selectboard Office

Yes Yes, well, that's different story Yes, I do Okay.

02:27:21 - 02:27:21

Selectboard Office

All right.

02:27:21 - 02:27:28

Selectboard Office

Well, you've been duly Yeah, and I'm not and and are we straightened with Costco with Costco with?

02:27:29 - 02:27:31

Selectboard Office

Cursin says we are but I don't think so.

02:27:31 - 02:27:35

Selectboard Office

I'm gonna do I told you I'm gonna I mean, put it off.

02:27:36 - 02:27:36

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:27:42 - 02:27:49

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'm just gonna send them all our reports and they can dive through them and if they find an invoice that wasn't paid Okay, but just copy your Eileen.

02:27:49 - 02:27:50

Selectboard Office

Okay.

02:27:50 - 02:27:52

Selectboard Office

I'm just yeah, I'm gonna just yes tell her.

02:27:52 - 02:27:56

Selectboard Office

She's the one I'm gonna do Because nobody else gives their email.

02:27:56 - 02:27:59

Selectboard Office

We've been saying this now for weeks for a week.

02:28:07 - 02:28:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah, you know, there's a couple of little info things that So Bobby Dodge died.

02:28:13 - 02:28:14

Selectboard Office

Did you see that?

02:28:15 - 02:28:16

Selectboard Office

Do you know he was a fly guy?

02:28:16 - 02:28:21

Selectboard Office

No, I know exactly Get a heart attack and.

02:28:24 - 02:28:29

Selectboard Office

It was Wednesday, I know it was in less it was in the Bursary Eagle last Saturday.

02:28:34 - 02:28:35

Selectboard Office

Okay, there you go.

02:28:35 - 02:28:39

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and and we have leaking.

02:28:42 - 02:28:46

Selectboard Office

Yeah We have we have leaking yeah.

02:28:49 - 02:28:59

Selectboard Office

There was I had I ended up having any day will come in and clean off the roof But now but now this old rolling over but that's different.

02:28:59 - 02:29:00

Selectboard Office

It's not just sitting.

02:29:00 - 02:29:03

Selectboard Office

It's really it's yeah The water had no place to go, so it came inside.

02:29:05 - 02:29:07

Selectboard Office

Have you mentioned to anyone else, Aviva?

02:29:09 - 02:29:10

Selectboard Office

No, Sue Asher told me, too.

02:29:10 - 02:29:12

Selectboard Office

But I said I already knew, because I read it in the paper.

02:29:13 - 02:29:13

Selectboard Office

No, I haven't read it.

02:29:14 - 02:29:15

Selectboard Office

Well, if it was in the paper.

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Selectboard Office

It was in both papers or something.

02:29:17 - 02:29:18

Selectboard Office

Yeah, right.

02:29:21 - 02:29:22

Selectboard Office

Yeah, he's a nice guy.

02:29:23 - 02:29:27

Selectboard Office

That makes three, really, those three, all bad things become three.

02:29:27 - 02:29:28

Selectboard Office

That's it.

02:29:28 - 02:29:29

Selectboard Office

No more bad things.

02:29:31 - 02:29:32

Selectboard Office

So the leaking is under control?

02:29:33 - 02:29:34

Selectboard Office

Yes, it's not leaking now.

02:29:34 - 02:29:36

Selectboard Office

I check the rug every day.

02:29:36 - 02:29:37

Selectboard Office

Do you know what was causing it?

02:29:37 - 02:29:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it was jammed.

02:29:39 - 02:29:44

Selectboard Office

So right in the valleys where these roofs come together is where it runs to.

02:29:44 - 02:29:45

Selectboard Office

So it's the window seats.

02:29:46 - 02:29:52

Selectboard Office

And you'll see if you look at the wall across from the mailboxes and out here, you'll see too.

02:29:53 - 02:29:55

Selectboard Office

So Eddie actually does that stuff.

02:29:55 - 02:29:56

Selectboard Office

He goes up.

02:29:56 - 02:29:57

Selectboard Office

He went up on it.

02:29:57 - 02:29:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah, yeah.

02:29:59 - 02:30:02

Selectboard Office

I said, I said, I'm sure you're sure, right?

02:30:02 - 02:30:04

Selectboard Office

I said, I'll get it to you.

02:30:04 - 02:30:05

Selectboard Office

We had no ropes or anything.

02:30:05 - 02:30:06

Selectboard Office

No, he didn't.

02:30:06 - 02:30:07

Selectboard Office

Of course not.

02:30:08 - 02:30:08

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

02:30:08 - 02:30:11

Selectboard Office

And then I said, I said, that's a really good idea.

02:30:11 - 02:30:13

Selectboard Office

So, I said, you know, can you come next week and do mine?

02:30:13 - 02:30:14

Selectboard Office

And so, he did come over and do mine.

02:30:14 - 02:30:16

Selectboard Office

I have a contemporary.

02:30:17 - 02:30:17

Selectboard Office

Mm hmm.

02:30:17 - 02:30:20

Selectboard Office

So, some of them are really steep and he was up there with no rope.

02:30:20 - 02:30:25

Selectboard Office

It's like, I like, yeah, yeah, it seemed like a good idea.

02:30:25 - 02:30:27

Selectboard Office

We waited for ours to cut loose.

02:30:27 - 02:30:37

Selectboard Office

And it was exciting when it did, because this massive sheet of ice just, we have one, where the old original building met the new roof.

02:30:38 - 02:30:40

Selectboard Office

And it just, when it cut loose, it was like, holy cow.

02:30:41 - 02:30:47

Selectboard Office

I got extra insulation up there this year, and maybe the new siding helped.

02:30:47 - 02:30:50

Selectboard Office

But it just really seems like it's sliding out way easier.

02:30:50 - 02:30:52

Selectboard Office

I was like, hardly any ice holes or anything.

02:30:53 - 02:30:54

Selectboard Office

I got icicles.

02:30:54 - 02:30:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, well, that's not a good sign.

02:30:57 - 02:30:59

Selectboard Office

No, all right, we can adjourn.

02:30:59 - 02:31:04

Selectboard Office

Yeah All right, Kelly, is there something you want to say?

02:31:07 - 02:31:15

Selectboard Office

Okay, all right, hey Michelle before you go, why don't you toss me a payroll for next week?