

# Selectboard Meeting

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## Transcript

00:01 - 00:03

**Selectboard Office**

This conference will now be recorded.

00:04 - 00:14

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, now the meeting officially starts and we can begin with a review of the draft town warrant and approval of the world law.

00:17 - 00:19

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, I do.

00:19 - 00:20

**Selectboard Office**

This is the first.

00:21 - 00:43

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so first up to see if the town will vote pursuant to the provisions of section 15, chapter 39, asked John Wall to allow a voice vote is not unanimous but clear as to a two-thirds majority that moderators to our correlation of such vote will be sufficient for taking any action they always do.

00:43 - 00:44

**Selectboard Office**

I never saw this before.

00:44 - 00:45

**Selectboard Office**

Where'd that come from?

00:45 - 00:46

**Selectboard Office**

Kevin, my friend Kevin.

00:47 - 00:48

**Selectboard Office**

So please explain.

00:49 - 01:07

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so Catherine and I go back and forth in these weeks building up to either type of meeting and with this one coming up it seems there will be several votes that should have a significant number of people who want to vote for it.

01:08 - 01:14

**Selectboard Office**

So we have gone back through Massachusetts general law and we can either do.

01:14 - 01:58

**Selectboard Office**

This or we are meeting where we think we want to expedite bylaw changes, it's only bylaw changes, by a voice vote clearly signifying two-thirds majority rather than having to do a hand count we're anticipating possibly the 200 signers of vision made me in the room so counting certainly i'm sure a good number of 200 or so in a situation like that several times would be will be there until midnight so we at massachusetts general law this section allows us to do this.

02:00 - 02:09

**Selectboard Office**

If it's a majority vote, if the majority of the room said, let's do that to expedite the process.

02:10 - 02:15

**Selectboard Office**

So in the future, we can amend our bylaws to say that.

02:16 - 02:25

**Selectboard Office**

And I'm saying in the future because we want to amend bylaws in the future, either in May or next year.

02:25 - 02:30

**Selectboard Office**

And just keep this meeting to do the critical things.

02:31 - 02:32

**Selectboard Office**

This only applies to this one meeting?

02:32 - 02:33

**Selectboard Office**

Correct.

02:34 - 02:37

**Selectboard Office**

Doesn't say that, but it doesn't need to.

02:37 - 02:39

**Selectboard Office**

It doesn't need to, I can explain that.

02:40 - 02:45

**Selectboard Office**

And is Maths section 1539 strictly about bylaws?

02:45 - 02:47

**Selectboard Office**

And what, because it doesn't say that either.

02:48 - 02:53

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, we can continue to make that clear or I can explain that.

02:53 - 02:58

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it's it's about any any vote that would be two-thirds and that's really only by law.

02:58 - 03:02

**Selectboard Office**

Correct bylaws or money new funds.

03:02 - 03:05

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah New funds four-fifths and nine-tenths.

03:05 - 03:08

**Selectboard Office**

So would those be included with this or not?

03:08 - 03:08

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

03:08 - 03:10

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, okay So the anything that requires it.

03:10 - 03:12

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, two-thirds or more.

03:13 - 03:14

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

03:16 - 03:21

**Selectboard Office**

So it doesn't say that either no, but I'll I'll email introduce it.

03:21 - 03:23

**Selectboard Office**

We tried to keep this as brief as possible.

03:23 - 03:27

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, but if it doesn't say it, you can't just say it yourself.

03:27 - 03:29

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think I can have it apply, does it?

03:29 - 03:29

**Selectboard Office**

Can you?

03:30 - 03:32

**Selectboard Office**

That's what the article says.

03:33 - 03:33

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, I see.

03:33 - 03:36

**Selectboard Office**

So that's what the article, the actual law says.

03:36 - 03:37

**Selectboard Office**

Ok, sorry.

03:37 - 03:38

**Selectboard Office**

A little slow here.

03:40 - 03:42

**Melinda Rose**

Does this article need a two-thirds vote?

03:44 - 03:46

**Selectboard Office**

No, it's a majority vote.

03:47 - 03:48

**Selectboard Office**

Trouble maker.

03:48 - 03:49

**Selectboard Office**

That seems.

03:49 - 03:50

**Selectboard Office**

Weird.

03:54 - 03:55

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, you sure?

03:56 - 03:56

**Selectboard Office**

I'll.

03:56 - 03:57

**Melinda Rose**

Make absolutely.

03:57 - 03:57

**Selectboard Office**

Sure.

03:57 - 04:00

**Selectboard Office**

We go through this line by line before the meeting too.

04:00 - 04:05

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so the select board has to vote to put this on the warrant, I assume?

04:07 - 04:09

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know, is that the case?

04:09 - 04:10

**Selectboard Office**

It's your warrant.

04:10 - 04:11

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, so of course.

04:12 - 04:13

**Selectboard Office**

Are we doing it one by one?

04:14 - 04:15

**Selectboard Office**

We should, yeah.

04:15 - 04:17

**Selectboard Office**

So we need a motion first.

04:17 - 04:22

**Selectboard Office**

May I do a That is just says article one rather than repeating.

04:22 - 04:33

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, whatever is here comfortable I make a motion that we adopt article that we pass article one or the special town meeting on February.

04:36 - 04:36

**Amy Wang**

Second.

04:41 - 04:50

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, yeah, yeah Hi Hi Okay passed Good to go.

04:50 - 04:53

**Selectboard Office**

We don't really need to recommend or not recommend on this.

04:53 - 04:56

**Selectboard Office**

No, it's just money All right.

04:56 - 05:16

**Selectboard Office**

So next one is appropriating and transferring money from police part-time wages to Expense account is this because of the dog Which is supposed to be for parties for it for the toll for the tolls to pay for all the gas and the tolls We must pay in mileage for all No.

05:16 - 05:24

**Selectboard Office**

He's using But we're paying that way seven thousand one hundred ten dollars in tolls that doesn't seem right.

05:26 - 05:33

**Selectboard Office**

I Think we should know what this is Okay, do you know Amy?

05:34 - 05:48

**Amy Wang**

No, I understood that it was for four tolls and Possibly for gasoline because I'm not sure that he would be able to fill up in town and have enough you know, only in town and have enough fuel.

05:48 - 05:51

**Amy Wang**

He has to go there every day for...

05:51 - 05:53

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, so he doesn't come home from...

05:53 - 05:55

**Selectboard Office**

He's not coming here from Agawam to fill up, yeah.

05:56 - 05:58

**Amy Wang**

Right, he's just gonna go from home.

05:58 - 05:59

**Selectboard Office**

Obviously.

05:59 - 06:01

**Selectboard Office**

All right, that makes more sense.

06:01 - 06:02

**Selectboard Office**

I was thinking he doesn't pay for gas.

06:02 - 06:07

**Selectboard Office**

I would assume this is for the whole, all the training yet to come too, like it's for the

anticipated.

06:08 - 06:08

**Selectboard Office**

Impresumable, yeah.

06:09 - 06:11

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, I'll buy that.

06:11 - 06:15

**Selectboard Office**

Can we make sure we get a better explanation for the meeting, though?

06:15 - 06:17

**Amy Wang**

For the annual town meeting?

06:18 - 06:18

**Amy Wang**

Sure.

06:18 - 06:19

**Selectboard Office**

Special.

06:19 - 06:19

**Selectboard Office**

Town meeting.

06:20 - 06:20

**Selectboard Office**

Sure.

06:22 - 06:23

**[speaker unknown]**

Okay.

06:24 - 06:31

**Selectboard Office**

So I make a motion that we adopt article two for the special town meeting.

06:32 - 06:33

**Amy Wang**

Second.

06:35 - 06:35

**[speaker unknown]**

Second.

06:36 - 06:37

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

06:37 - 06:38

**Selectboard Office**

Discussion.

06:43 - 06:44

**Selectboard Office**

So all in favor?

06:45 - 06:45

**Amy Wang**

Aye.

06:45 - 07:02

**Selectboard Office**

All right now let's vote to recommend a motion to recommend passage I make a motion to recommend that we pass article 2 for the special town meeting on February.

07:02 - 07:04

**Selectboard Office**

24th.

07:04 - 07:23

**Selectboard Office**

Second all in favor aye aye okay seems somewhat redundant to me yes I make a motion that the finance committee recommends article 2.

07:28 - 07:40

**Melinda Rose**

Second so you're Are you comfortable with the complete vagueness of this request?

07:41 - 07:50

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I think it does probably add up to what it would cost to drive back and forth to Boston for, let's say, what, how long?

07:51 - 07:51

**Selectboard Office**

Six weeks?

07:52 - 07:54

**Selectboard Office**

Well, it's a ridiculous amount of time.

07:54 - 07:55

**Selectboard Office**

Every day.

07:56 - 07:57

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

07:58 - 07:58

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

08:00 - 08:06

**Selectboard Office**

We don't have to recommend, I just made a motion that I'm happy for someone to do that.

08:09 - 08:12

**Melinda Rose**

Well, I mean, that gives me some idea of what we're talking about.

08:12 - 08:17

**Melinda Rose**

I had no idea like how often he does this or where he's going to and from.

08:18 - 08:32

**Selectboard Office**

So he's always started going, he's already started going, and he lives in Agawam, and I don't know where in Boston he's actually going, but he's literally going five days a week and he picks up the dog, we think, in the next week or so.

08:32 - 08:35

**Selectboard Office**

And then goes back and forth with that, I guess.

08:36 - 08:37

**Selectboard Office**

It's a long training period.

08:38 - 08:39

**Selectboard Office**

Like, until like June or something.

08:41 - 08:44

**Selectboard Office**

Maybe it'll be done by Tommy.

08:45 - 08:45

**Melinda Rose**

Anyway.

08:45 - 08:51

**Melinda Rose**

Can we get confirmation that this is, this will cover the whole training period, at least?

08:52 - 08:55

**Melinda Rose**

Or is this just for his training?

08:59 - 09:01

**Amy Wang**

Well, it's, yeah, it's him and the dog.

09:01 - 09:03

**Melinda Rose**

I mean some training is.

09:03 - 09:07

**Amy Wang**

Just him and some training he has the dog and he's training with the dog.

09:08 - 09:08

**Melinda Rose**

So yeah.

09:08 - 09:18

**Amy Wang**

It's I mean we can I could ask him for a breakdown on it but I don't have that at this moment.

09:18 - 09:19

**Randy Zucco**

This is Randy here too.

09:20 - 09:20

**Randy Zucco**

I was.

09:20 - 09:21

**Selectboard Office**

Just I.

09:21 - 09:25

**Randy Zucco**

Just want to be sure that you know that this.

09:25 - 09:27

**Selectboard Office**

Is that he's cool.

09:27 - 09:32

**Randy Zucco**

With the fact that this is coming from any part-time you know, he's robbing Peter to pay Paul here.

09:33 - 09:37

**Randy Zucco**

And once he takes the money from this part-time wages, there's no going back.

09:37 - 09:37

**Randy Zucco**

You know.

09:40 - 09:40

**Selectboard Office**

Well.

09:40 - 09:41

**Amy Wang**

The.

09:41 - 09:43

**Selectboard Office**

Reality is there's no part-timer.

09:43 - 09:45

**Randy Zucco**

Working here on that.

09:45 - 09:46

**Amy Wang**

Correct.

09:46 - 09:46

**Amy Wang**

And.

09:46 - 09:47

**Randy Zucco**

He was the one who.

09:47 - 09:48

**Amy Wang**

Proposed it.

09:49 - 09:52

**Amy Wang**

He was the one who said, can we take it from that to do this?

09:53 - 09:53

**Randy Zucco**

So I.

09:53 - 09:54

**Amy Wang**

Don't think.

09:54 - 09:57

**Amy Wang**

He's not going to be surprised by this.

09:58 - 09:59

**Randy Zucco**

Great.

10:00 - 10:02

**Selectboard Office**

But no, it's a fair point for.

10:02 - 10:03

**Selectboard Office**

Sure.

10:04 - 10:14

**Selectboard Office**

Was in the police part-time wages is that the is it 20 ,000 last year, but that's not something you're been expensive.

10:15 - 10:19

**Selectboard Office**

So we remember we just put in an amount for a place over it was around.

10:22 - 10:27

**Randy Zucco**

So we will come in like well under budget on that, just even taking the \$7.

10:27 - 10:28

**Randy Zucco**

,000.

10:29 - 10:30

**Selectboard Office**

We should, yeah.

10:30 - 10:31

**Randy Zucco**

As.

10:31 - 10:31

**Selectboard Office**

Far as I know.

10:32 - 10:32

**Selectboard Office**

Well.

10:33 - 10:34

**Randy Zucco**

Sounds good to me.

10:36 - 10:38

**Selectboard Office**

Joe, do you have that budget in front of you?

10:39 - 10:43

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, but do you have how much is, whether anything's been spent on that account?

10:45 - 10:50

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Um, I don't you'd have to look at the a current expense account, but I believe it's.

10:55 - 10:57

**Selectboard Office**

Peggy's looking right now.

11:08 - 11:10

**Selectboard Office**

Carry on when I find it out.

11:10 - 11:13

**Selectboard Office**

Well, no because this is we're waiting on whether the finance.

11:28 - 11:32

**Selectboard Office**

Is he likely to be there at that time meeting or are you guys introducing this?

11:33 - 11:34

**Selectboard Office**

He should be there.

11:34 - 11:37

**Selectboard Office**

Amy, can you see if he could be there?

11:37 - 11:43

**Selectboard Office**

Part time there's been some spent, some money is out of the extended, like almost five grand.

11:44 - 11:46

**Selectboard Office**

There's \$15 ,048.

11:49 - 11:50

**Amy Wang**

Okay.

11:51 - 11:55

**Amy Wang**

Yeah, I could certainly ask him if he'll be there or.

11:55 - 11:55

**Selectboard Office**

Ask him.

11:55 - 11:56

**Amy Wang**

To be there.

11:56 - 11:59

**Selectboard Office**

Well, and if he can't make it, then just make sure.

11:59 - 12:00

**Selectboard Office**

I'd recommend he's there.

12:00 - 12:38

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, okay given some things have happened in meetings before and spoken up in currently yeah feels like making the like this is the time I don't think most people know that there's a dog like make that case yes yes but I think the motivation is to give him support that he would have gotten from another police.

12:38 - 12:45

**Selectboard Office**

Officer it's basically it is our time officer.

12:45 - 12:46

**Selectboard Office**

It's his backup.

12:47 - 12:47

**Selectboard Office**

Totally makes sense.

12:47 - 12:49

**Selectboard Office**

To spend some money.

12:49 - 12:49

**Melinda Rose**

On.

12:49 - 12:49

**Melinda Rose**

It.

12:50 - 12:51

**Melinda Rose**

They bite.

12:56 - 12:58

**Amy Wang**

Okay, so.

12:58 - 12:59

**Selectboard Office**

You guys.

12:59 - 13:01

**Selectboard Office**

We have a motion on the floor, I don't know.

13:01 - 13:01

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

13:01 - 13:02

**Randy Zucco**

Randy's seconded.

13:02 - 13:03

**Randy Zucco**

Yeah, it's seconded.

13:09 - 13:10

**Selectboard Office**

Well Linda, I think you're chair.

13:11 - 13:15

**Melinda Rose**

Well, I can't see who's in the room beside you, Bart.

13:15 - 13:16

**Melinda Rose**

Is somebody else there?

13:17 - 13:20

**Selectboard Office**

No, that's it.

13:21 - 13:22

**Selectboard Office**

It's everybody.

13:22 - 13:23

**Selectboard Office**

But well, I don't know.

13:24 - 13:25

**Selectboard Office**

Somebody's on the phone now.

13:25 - 13:26

**Selectboard Office**

Unless that's Daniel.

13:26 - 13:27

**Selectboard Office**

I doubt it.

13:28 - 13:29

**Selectboard Office**

Daniel's out of the country.

13:30 - 13:30

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

13:30 - 13:31

**Randy Zucco**

Okay.

13:31 - 13:32

**Randy Zucco**

Okay.

13:32 - 13:33

**Melinda Rose**

Yeah.

13:33 - 13:33

**Melinda Rose**

All right.

13:34 - 13:36

**Melinda Rose**

So, Bart, how do you vote?

13:36 - 13:37

**Selectboard Office**

I vote aye.

13:38 - 13:38

**Melinda Rose**

Joe?

13:39 - 13:39

**Melinda Rose**

Aye.

13:40 - 13:41

**Melinda Rose**

Randy?

13:42 - 13:43

**Melinda Rose**

Aye.

13:43 - 13:45

**Melinda Rose**

And I vote aye.

13:48 - 13:49

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Just a side note.

13:50 - 13:50

**Selectboard Office**

Do you guys.

13:50 - 13:54

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Watch a television program, Hudson and Rex?

13:56 - 13:57

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I guess not.

13:58 - 13:59

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I.

13:59 - 14:00

**Selectboard Office**

Guess we're not.

14:00 - 14:01

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Going to get Toby and.

14:01 - 14:02

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Rex.

14:06 - 14:06

**Amy Wang**

Right.

14:07 - 14:09

**Amy Wang**

Can Charlie, can you follow them with the drone?

14:11 - 14:12

**Selectboard Office**

Why not?

14:14 - 14:22

**Selectboard Office**

Isn't there some other tv show with a cop and a dog way back when yeah It was a sitcom It.

14:22 - 14:26

**Melinda Rose**

Was a.

14:26 - 14:26

**Selectboard Office**

Movie.

14:26 - 14:27

**Melinda Rose**

Turner and hooch.

14:27 - 14:29

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, okay, that's what.

14:29 - 14:29

**Amy Wang**

I'm thinking.

14:30 - 14:30

**Amy Wang**

Okay.

14:30 - 14:32

**Selectboard Office**

Not that we're getting on track.

14:32 - 14:49

**Selectboard Office**

All right article three Um 701 dollars and 75 cents from recording secretary wages to election expense account to cover the cost of special time election held in November seems pretty routine.

14:50 - 14:54

**Selectboard Office**

I might point out that while you're looking at these please check for typos.

14:54 - 14:56

**Selectboard Office**

Nobody sent back there's any typos.

14:56 - 14:57

**Selectboard Office**

That's highly unlikely.

14:58 - 14:59

**Selectboard Office**

That never happens.

14:59 - 15:00

**Selectboard Office**

No it never does.

15:01 - 15:04

**Selectboard Office**

So I will entertain a motion on Article 3.

15:04 - 15:18

**Selectboard Office**

I will offer a motion that we approve Article three for special town meeting on February 24 Second Okay, so moved.

15:20 - 15:25

**Selectboard Office**

Discussion I assume that the recording secretary wages account was chosen for a particular reason.

15:26 - 15:27

**Selectboard Office**

Well, that's what captain gets paid.

15:34 - 15:36

**Selectboard Office**

They usually use for.

15:39 - 15:41

**Selectboard Office**

But yeah, that's where it comes in.

15:41 - 15:42

**Selectboard Office**

We can't raise an approval.

15:42 - 15:44

**Selectboard Office**

Right, no, I just wanted to.

15:44 - 15:47

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's like, there's usually some extra.

15:48 - 15:48

**Selectboard Office**

Good question.

15:49 - 15:52

**Selectboard Office**

I guess I just was assuming that was.

15:52 - 15:53

**Selectboard Office**

The job.

15:53 - 15:55

**Selectboard Office**

She's a town secretary.

15:55 - 15:56

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, sorry.

15:57 - 16:01

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so select board, Deb?

16:01 - 16:01

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

16:02 - 16:03

**Selectboard Office**

Lee, aye.

16:03 - 16:03

**Amy Wang**  
Damien?

16:03 - 16:04

**Amy Wang**  
Aye.

16:04 - 16:06

**Amy Wang**  
Okay, passes.

16:06 - 16:12

**Selectboard Office**

I make a motion that the select board recommend article 3 as written.

16:13 - 16:14

**Selectboard Office**  
Got it.

16:14 - 16:15

**Amy Wang**  
2.3.

16:15 - 16:15

**Amy Wang**  
Second.

16:17 - 16:17

**Selectboard Office**  
Okay.

16:18 - 16:21

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think we have any more to discuss here, so all in favor?

16:21 - 16:22

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

16:22 - 16:22

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

16:23 - 16:24

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

16:24 - 16:25

**Selectboard Office**

Your turn.

16:25 - 16:30

**Selectboard Office**

I make a motion that the Finance Committee recommend, vote to recommend that article 3 as written.

16:33 - 16:33

**[speaker unknown]**

Second.

16:38 - 16:39

**Melinda Rose**

Bart, how do you vote?

16:39 - 16:42

**Selectboard Office**

I'm okay with it, aye.

16:44 - 16:44

**Selectboard Office**

Joe?

16:45 - 16:45

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Aye.

16:46 - 16:47

**Melinda Rose**

Randy?

16:47 - 16:48

**Melinda Rose**

Aye.

16:49 - 16:50

**Melinda Rose**

And I vote aye.

16:52 - 16:53

**Melinda Rose**

Okay, great.

16:53 - 16:59

**Selectboard Office**

Next up, transfers \$570.57 from the Tent Account.

17:01 - 17:09

**Selectboard Office**

Since we're not renting tents these days, to the Accounting treasury software accounts to pay outstanding balances due.

17:09 - 17:11

**Selectboard Office**

So it's just trying to find money to pay.

17:12 - 17:21

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and the reason for that is they gave me, when I asked them at the time of year what their estimate was for next year, they gave me a price, and then it was more.

17:21 - 17:23

**Selectboard Office**

And then they raised it.

17:24 - 17:30

**Selectboard Office**

And I contacted billing and different people, you know, my contacts there, they just went a budget on it.

17:31 - 17:33

**Selectboard Office**

That's soft, right?

17:33 - 17:33

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

17:36 - 17:45

**Selectboard Office**

I move that the select board approve article four for a special town meeting.

17:47 - 17:47

**Amy Wang**

I second.

17:48 - 17:49

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

17:49 - 17:51

**Selectboard Office**

Any other discussion, questions?

17:52 - 17:53

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor?

17:53 - 17:54

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

17:55 - 17:56

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, three ayes.

17:57 - 18:03

**Selectboard Office**

I make a motion that the select board recommend article four as written for the special town meeting.

18:03 - 18:04

**Selectboard Office**

Do you know how she thinks about it?

18:04 - 18:05

**Amy Wang**

I second.

18:06 - 18:07

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor?

18:08 - 18:08

**Amy Wang**

Aye.

18:10 - 18:15

**Selectboard Office**

I make a motion that the Finance Committee vote to recommend Article IV as written.

18:17 - 18:17

**[speaker unknown]**

Second.

18:22 - 18:22

**Selectboard Office**

Bart?

18:23 - 18:24

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

18:25 - 18:25

**Selectboard Office**

Joe?

18:26 - 18:27

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Aye.

18:27 - 18:28

**Melinda Rose**

Randy?

18:29 - 18:29

**Melinda Rose**

Aye.

18:30 - 18:31

**Melinda Rose**

And I vote aye.

18:34 - 18:37

**Selectboard Office**

You really put up chairs for this, thinking people were going to come find you.

18:40 - 18:55

**Selectboard Office**

So article 5 is paying a prior year bill \$54 and 70 cents from fire department operating expense account to pay Rockwood egg grid which is the cow power that we get or somewhere like 15% of our electricity.

18:59 - 19:01

**Selectboard Office**

So who knows why they didn't pay the bill.

19:03 - 19:10

**Selectboard Office**

I want to make a motion to vote to approve cow power but I will say article 5.

19:11 - 19:13

**Selectboard Office**

We already approved cow power.

19:15 - 19:16

**[speaker unknown]**

I second.

19:19 - 19:20

**Selectboard Office**

Not much to discuss there.

19:21 - 19:22

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor, Deb?

19:23 - 19:23

**Selectboard Office**

I.

19:25 - 19:25

**Selectboard Office**

I.

19:28 - 19:33

**Selectboard Office**

I make a motion for the select board to vote to recommend Article.

19:33 - 19:34

**Melinda Rose**

5.

19:35 - 19:35

**Melinda Rose**

Second.

19:37 - 19:38

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor.

19:38 - 19:38

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

19:39 - 19:39

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

19:40 - 19:44

**Selectboard Office**

I make a motion that the Finance Committee would like to recommend Article 5 as written.

19:48 - 19:49

**Randy Zucco**

I'll second that.

19:52 - 19:52

**[speaker unknown]**

Okay.

19:53 - 19:54

**Melinda Rose**

All those in favor.

19:56 - 19:56

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

19:59 - 20:00

**Selectboard Office**

That's everybody.

20:00 - 20:01

**Melinda Rose**

Are you voting Joe?

20:01 - 20:02

**Melinda Rose**

Did you vote?

20:03 - 20:03

**Selectboard Office**

No.

20:03 - 20:04

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I'll say it again.

20:05 - 20:05

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Aye.

20:05 - 20:06

**Selectboard Office**

And I'm.

20:06 - 20:06

**Selectboard Office**

Sorry.

20:08 - 20:09

**Melinda Rose**

All right.

20:09 - 20:09

**Melinda Rose**

Cool.

20:09 - 20:09

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

20:10 - 20:10

**Selectboard Office**

Now onto.

20:10 - 20:13

**Amy Wang**

The.

20:13 - 20:13

**Selectboard Office**

Fun stuff.

20:13 - 20:17

**Selectboard Office**

So the first one here is the citizen petitioner.

20:17 - 20:17

**Selectboard Office**

Is that correct?

20:17 - 20:18

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

20:18 - 20:19

**Selectboard Office**

Ok.

20:19 - 20:22

**Selectboard Office**

So can I ask a question?

20:22 - 20:22

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

20:23 - 20:25

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know what the right order should be.

20:26 - 20:27

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that was my question.

20:27 - 20:28

**Selectboard Office**

No, go ahead.

20:28 - 20:29

**Selectboard Office**

And I didn't know either.

20:29 - 20:31

**Selectboard Office**

And so I left it.

20:31 - 20:34

**Selectboard Office**

When she asked me, I was like, well, let's talk about it.

20:34 - 21:15

**Selectboard Office**

So this seems logical to me to do this one then do yours and then do the Home rule, but I'm not sure why but some I think it's however I mean Kevin, I don't know what you think but I think however the discussion would flow best is really Seems to me the most I think the reason I sort of wonder about doing hours first is because I would imagine introducing them Which will introduce the topic whereas I don't know that I want to introduce the citizens Yeah Technically we can't so the petitioner Propose.

21:15 - 21:16

**Selectboard Office**

You know, it does the motion.

21:19 - 21:22

**Selectboard Office**

Without I don't give any explanation ahead of.

21:22 - 21:22

**Selectboard Office**

Time.

21:22 - 21:35

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so so I think from the But the limit on discussion can be decided in advance.

21:36 - 21:40

**Selectboard Office**

So I can say that we.

21:40 - 21:49

**Selectboard Office**

Will limit discussion to, let's say, 15 or 20 minutes on this one.

21:50 - 21:51

**Selectboard Office**

And then I can do that.

21:52 - 21:56

**Selectboard Office**

And then limit the amount of time each person can.

21:56 - 22:08

**Selectboard Office**

Present and and my colleagues that can be as little as three minutes That probably should also apply To yours and maybe we'll say five minutes.

22:08 - 22:15

**Selectboard Office**

I'm gonna do a minute in the hearing No, I mean and then we could have 20 little to 20 discussion errors times five minutes.

22:15 - 22:17

**Selectboard Office**

So No, I'm serious.

22:17 - 22:23

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, the hearing also like we're literally an hour before right exactly the same thing in the hearing.

22:23 - 22:28

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah But the plan is a one minute limit because yeah, we need to we gotta wrap it up.

22:28 - 22:34

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, you have to be done Yeah, but mainly you're you're working Kind of it's a

hearing to hear input.

22:34 - 22:38

**Selectboard Office**

No, we've got both Yeah, Wednesday a meeting and a hearing, right?

22:39 - 22:42

**Selectboard Office**

That one's just a This is the 24th.

22:42 - 22:45

**Selectboard Office**

That's just a hearing This week this week.

22:45 - 22:47

**Selectboard Office**

We have a meeting first and then a hearing.

22:47 - 23:03

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, this one is so but on when you do your hearing aren't you going to also meet after the hearing to make a decision on this yeah to formally we need to make a recommendation yeah but it can be.

23:03 - 23:06

**Selectboard Office**

Very I think it's.

23:06 - 23:18

**Selectboard Office**

About so that our people yeah I feel like there's a Jeff Blake I was talking to you about the what form that recommendation takes that.

23:18 - 23:20

**Selectboard Office**

I didn't check with him again.

23:21 - 23:28

**Selectboard Office**

Well, your only option then, whether you recommend or not, is amending on the floor.

23:29 - 23:32

**Selectboard Office**

No, I think- Or actually you can amend in the motion.

23:33 - 23:39

**Selectboard Office**

It's not an amendment, that's not, it's we have to present, in order for this.

23:39 - 23:39

**Melinda Rose**

Not.

23:39 - 23:46

**Selectboard Office**

In order for the hearing and the town meeting to be within three weeks of each other, the finance committee, finance.

23:47 - 23:58

**Selectboard Office**

A planning board has to vote to recommend, whether it's a positive or a negative, they have to present a recommendation to town meeting, and I think that we have to do that on the floor of town meeting.

23:58 - 24:06

**Selectboard Office**

I think we could do it in writing, but that seems onerous in this case, but I think we actually have to stand up in town meeting and say, we just voted, we're all here.

24:06 - 24:08

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, yeah, you are authoritative.

24:08 - 24:12

**Selectboard Office**

To recommend or to not recommend these.

24:14 - 24:15

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, wonderful.

24:15 - 24:21

**Selectboard Office**

I guess I'll have to get, yeah, more answers from the council, because.

24:21 - 24:22

**Selectboard Office**

You guys just start a list.

24:22 - 24:29

**Selectboard Office**

So after you're hearing him before the town meeting, you will have a brief meeting to close the recommendations.

24:30 - 24:30

**Selectboard Office**

Deliberate.

24:31 - 24:31

**Selectboard Office**

Deliberate.

24:31 - 24:31

**Selectboard Office**

Yep.

24:32 - 24:33

**Selectboard Office**

Yep.

24:34 - 24:51

**Selectboard Office**

So back to the original discussion that when these are introduced, will you give the person introducing each one a chance to comment up front to some degree?

24:51 - 24:52

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

24:52 - 24:54

**Selectboard Office**

So the three minutes or five minutes?

24:55 - 24:55

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

24:55 - 24:56

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

24:56 - 25:01

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and that will advantage both, not only you.

25:02 - 25:04

**Randy Zucco**

Are there supposed to be two article.

25:04 - 25:05

**Randy Zucco**

Sixes?

25:09 - 25:11

**Randy Zucco**

The one is the petition and then the next one is the bylaw.

25:12 - 25:12

**Randy Zucco**

They're both articles.

25:12 - 25:13

**Selectboard Office**

Six.

25:13 - 25:14

**Selectboard Office**

That's the type of one I was looking for.

25:15 - 25:16

**Selectboard Office**

Where?

25:16 - 25:18

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, that's the old one maybe.

25:18 - 25:19

**Selectboard Office**

I changed that.

25:19 - 25:20

**Selectboard Office**

No, the ones we have are fancy.

25:20 - 25:21

**Selectboard Office**

The ones we got now were.

25:22 - 25:22

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, you got...

25:22 - 25:23

**Randy Zucco**

Oh, okay.

25:23 - 25:23

**Randy Zucco**

Sorry.

25:24 - 25:24

**Selectboard Office**

Sorry.

25:24 - 25:24

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, no.

25:24 - 25:26

**Selectboard Office**

I noticed it today.

25:27 - 25:27

**Selectboard Office**

Good catch.

25:27 - 25:28

**Selectboard Office**

Good catch.

25:29 - 25:30

**Randy Zucco**

I'm looking at an old one, huh?

25:31 - 25:33

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's what I said on Friday.

25:34 - 25:37

**Selectboard Office**

So back to the original discussion, what should go first there?

25:38 - 25:39

**Selectboard Office**

I think this should go first.

25:40 - 25:41

**Selectboard Office**

The as-is, the citizen petition?

25:41 - 25:43

**Selectboard Office**

It has to be as-is, really.

25:45 - 25:47

**Selectboard Office**

That isn't what I was saying.

25:47 - 26:05

**Selectboard Office**

But I still think in terms of the substantial discussion, there'll be some after this, but we kind of know that this may not go anywhere, so the substantial discussion will happen after on Decide on the playing boards.

26:07 - 26:09

**[speaker unknown]**

Recommended Articles.

26:12 - 26:32

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it seems like when you get to yours pretty much the grounds been covered and you're just Offering a version that might get kind of us a better chance of passage Yeah, and a lot of so it's not should not a reason for people to make the same comments over again That's what I am very determined not to have.

26:32 - 26:34

**Selectboard Office**

I've attended just about every meeting, so every time.

26:34 - 26:35

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it's always hard, yeah.

26:38 - 26:41

**Selectboard Office**

What happens typically at the end of your meetings is not going to happen.

26:42 - 26:47

**Selectboard Office**

About posting, about posting online that came up last time.

26:47 - 26:48

**Selectboard Office**

We don't have it.

26:48 - 26:50

**Selectboard Office**

So that was our regular meeting.

26:50 - 26:50

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

26:53 - 26:55

**Selectboard Office**

Only about what's here.

26:57 - 26:59

**Selectboard Office**

Just so we'll leave it as is, then?

26:59 - 27:00

**Selectboard Office**

Is that why we agreed?

27:01 - 27:02

**Selectboard Office**

I'm fine with any order.

27:02 - 27:03

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, whatever.

27:03 - 27:05

**Selectboard Office**

It doesn't matter to me.

27:05 - 27:12

**Selectboard Office**

I think that I can get up and say my bit there as easily as I can hear.

27:12 - 27:14

**Selectboard Office**

The point is, they're all kind of standing.

27:15 - 27:18

**Selectboard Office**

They're sitting on top of each other, so it's going to be a.

27:18 - 27:21

**Selectboard Office**

So there's nothing for us to vote on.

27:21 - 27:24

**Selectboard Office**

This is why we're giving the meeting.

27:25 - 27:27

**Selectboard Office**

So just a comment, then.

27:28 - 27:44

**Selectboard Office**

My expectation as planning board is that we will both, we will move to amend this article because they numbered in Roman numerals and our zoning bylaws are not numbered in Roman numerals anymore, they used to be.

27:44 - 27:46

**Selectboard Office**

And so section XX.

27:46 - 27:48

**Selectboard Office**

In case this is adopted.

27:49 - 27:51

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, yeah, it comes out of town meaning it.

27:52 - 27:53

**Selectboard Office**

As well be.

27:53 - 27:54

**Selectboard Office**

Actually, you know what?

27:56 - 27:57

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and the reference.

27:59 - 28:50

**Selectboard Office**

Amending petitions is you can recommend they amend but the person who's giving

the petition this is more tradition than law should realize he or she is representing two minute signatures so they're whether they're in the room or not and have an opinion on is always a problem in amending petitions but you point that out and and say that an amendment may be in order to align this I don't know if it well the AG may look at our bylaws to see if these correspond and if it's if it's a mistake it's another reason to yeah so you can point that out is it Joe.

28:50 - 29:28

**Amy Wang**

No it's Amy I think you need to just check in with council because my memory of a conversation I had with town council said that you know this petition was is numbered xx.1 xx.2 you know and so on and I believe that what town council said was we cannot as you know we cannot amend it only they can but that it that those are sort of placeholders that they would not regard them as legitimate numbers that we would have to work them into the correct numbers of hours but that it's you.

29:28 - 29:39

**Amy Wang**

Know it's not necessary to make them change the numbers the numbers will be changed to correspond with ours but you need to verify that with town council.

29:39 - 29:48

**Amy Wang**

I talked to them a long time ago about this I think when it was first coming up there was an occasion that I had to speak.

29:48 - 29:51

**Amy Wang**

With I don't remember who about it.

29:52 - 29:53

**Selectboard Office**

That makes sense.

29:54 - 29:55

**Selectboard Office**

I agree.

29:57 - 29:59

**Selectboard Office**

So, um, you want to do that?

29:59 - 30:00

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

30:01 - 30:03

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

30:03 - 30:07

**Selectboard Office**

So is there anything else on article six really to talk about?

30:08 - 30:09

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think there is.

30:09 - 30:09

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

30:09 - 30:16

**Selectboard Office**

So why don't we move on to seven, which is the amendment, the bylaws from the planning board.

30:18 - 30:19

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know if there's a whole lot to talk about.

30:21 - 30:25

**Selectboard Office**

So, I guess it's a, again, an order question.

30:26 - 30:27

**Selectboard Office**

This is not a moratorium.

30:27 - 30:29

**Selectboard Office**

This is an actual permanent change to the bylaw.

30:29 - 30:32

**Selectboard Office**

This is changing our cycle interview process.

30:33 - 30:33

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, sorry.

30:35 - 30:39

**Selectboard Office**

So part of me thinks it should come after the moratorium languages.

30:39 - 30:41

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I didn't even read it.

30:41 - 30:43

**Selectboard Office**

I just assumed the next one was the moratorium.

30:43 - 30:46

**Selectboard Office**

So seven should go after...

30:46 - 30:55

**Selectboard Office**

So eight is the is the we have two we split it um so eight and nine are both.

30:58 - 31:11

**Selectboard Office**

And then ten is the only one okay so and so we really want to put um eight nine first and then seven so eight will be seven and then nine will be eight.

31:19 - 31:22

**Selectboard Office**

So, seven, it's going to be nine.

31:27 - 31:31

**Selectboard Office**

Seven stations, seven becomes nine, seven becomes nine.

31:40 - 31:41

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

31:42 - 31:44

**Selectboard Office**

Is there really anything to discuss here?

31:44 - 31:47

**Selectboard Office**

I guess we have to vote to put it into the law, right?

31:49 - 32:00

**Selectboard Office**

So a motion on what is now going to be Article 7 which says 8 on the sheet.

32:01 - 32:03

**Selectboard Office**

So why don't you at least read the title.

32:05 - 32:23

**Selectboard Office**

I move that we vote to approve Article 7, large-scale ground-mounted solar

photovoltaic installations, moratorium, and limited areas for special town meeting.

32:28 - 32:29

**Amy Wang**

I second.

32:31 - 32:31

**Amy Wang**

Okay.

32:33 - 32:34

**Amy Wang**

Discussion?

32:35 - 32:35

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor?

32:37 - 32:37

**Selectboard Office**

I.

32:38 - 32:38

**Selectboard Office**

I.

32:39 - 32:39

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

32:39 - 32:40

**Selectboard Office**

So that's good.

32:40 - 32:46

**Selectboard Office**

So now we move on to on what says nine, but is really eight.

32:49 - 33:03

**Selectboard Office**

I move that we vote to approve now article eight, large capacity energy storage system moratorium in limited areas for special town meeting.

33:05 - 33:06

**Amy Wang**

I second.

33:07 - 33:08

**Amy Wang**

Session.

33:10 - 33:10

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor.

33:11 - 33:11

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

33:12 - 33:12

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

33:14 - 33:30

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, and now I move that we vote to approve now Article 9, revised site plan review procedure for special town meeting.

33:31 - 33:33

**Selectboard Office**

We didn't need to vote on Article 6, is that right?

33:34 - 33:36

**Selectboard Office**

The one from the Citizens' Petition Review.

33:38 - 33:41

**Selectboard Office**

So revised site plan review procedure now, Article 7.

33:42 - 33:43

**Amy Wang**

I second.

33:46 - 33:48

**Selectboard Office**

Can you explain a little bit?

33:48 - 33:59

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so currently there's not, let's see, several things are allowed either by right or special permit with site plan review.

34:00 - 34:05

**Selectboard Office**

That site plan review procedure is something that is not defined in state law.

34:05 - 34:11

**Selectboard Office**

It's defined in every municipality And so our procedure is its own little special beast.

34:12 - 34:20

**Selectboard Office**

It's worked pretty well for the very few things that it is used for, which are really ADUs because they're really small projects.

34:20 - 34:29

**Selectboard Office**

But the process today is the applicant comes, they hand in some paperwork, the planning board looks at it and decides whether it's complete or not.

34:29 - 35:03

**Selectboard Office**

There's a list of things that it has to meet to be complete, which works well when somebody shows up and they've little sketch on a napkin and they're like I want to build this as an ADU and we can say well it doesn't actually have dimensions right but for this kind of so solar is another use that's allowed by right with site plan review and so it's a much more complicated thing to show up and so deeming it complete was its own special challenge but once that application is deemed complete the board has 65 days to review it and issue a decision.

35:03 - 35:07

**Selectboard Office**

And if they fail to act in that 65 days, it's approved.

35:08 - 35:10

**Selectboard Office**

It's instructive approval, it just gets approved.

35:11 - 35:22

**Selectboard Office**

Which is a, I think it made sense again, if somebody comes with an ADU and the planning board is unresponsive and just doing their own thing and doesn't pay any attention, eventually they get it.

35:23 - 35:30

**Selectboard Office**

You know, they wait 65 days and then they can build their ADU, which for a small project, it isn't a huge impact on the town, that makes sense.

35:31 - 35:45

**Selectboard Office**

The problem is that the way it is today, if we haven't made our, we haven't understood the project, they can just say, look, you've used your clock, 65 days is up, it's approved.

35:46 - 35:58

**Selectboard Office**

So for a complicated project like solar, it's got, there's this threat of constructive

approval unless we get our ducks lined up, which, you know, would that happen?

35:58 - 36:06

**Selectboard Office**

In fact, I don't know, we're going to find out whenever they get around to the 105 Old Post Road, because that's allowed by right.

36:07 - 36:17

**Selectboard Office**

The only reason that this, the 190 Ridge Road project, isn't falling into this is the water district, which requires special permit, which slows the whole thing down anyway, so it worked in our favor.

36:17 - 36:22

**Selectboard Office**

And they agree delay, but that won't necessarily happen.

36:23 - 36:30

**Selectboard Office**

No, and I think that, you know, that we'll get to that project, but what.

36:30 - 36:38

**Selectboard Office**

This change is saying is doing is getting rid of that constructive approval, getting rid of the 65-day limit.

36:42 - 36:44

**Selectboard Office**

What am I trying to say?

36:47 - 36:58

**Selectboard Office**

Most of the world is fairly familiar with hearings that result from an application for a special permit, and the kind of hearing that we're engaged in right now with 190 Intro.

36:59 - 37:03

**Selectboard Office**

We in Worthington aren't very familiar with them, but the rest of the world is.

37:03 - 37:05

**Selectboard Office**

It's well-described in mass law.

37:06 - 37:10

**Selectboard Office**

It's a concept that is not defined in our bylaws.

37:10 - 37:20

**Selectboard Office**

And so what this is trying to do is say, let's use mass general law's definition of a hearing process to make these site plan review decisions.

37:21 - 37:22

**Selectboard Office**

And so we get the application.

37:22 - 37:25

**Selectboard Office**

We have to hold a hearing within 65 days.

37:25 - 37:27

**Selectboard Office**

We have to open a hearing within 65 days.

37:27 - 37:32

**Selectboard Office**

The hearing can be continued for unlimited amounts of time as long as the applicant agrees.

37:33 - 37:34

**Selectboard Office**

Eventually, it gets closed.

37:34 - 37:36

**Selectboard Office**

And then the planning board has 90 days to make a decision.

37:38 - 37:47

**Selectboard Office**

So the planning board, I think, is a little bit uncomfortable with the fact that if the planning board is responsive.

37:47 - 37:50

**Selectboard Office**

Somebody's project could just sort of go into limbo.

37:51 - 38:05

**Selectboard Office**

It's not our favorite, but it felt like we could get this done in terms of drafting it in the time to get it in place because it's the next solar project that's not here yet.

38:06 - 38:07

**Selectboard Office**

That's the concern.

38:07 - 38:09

**Selectboard Office**

So our plan, which is not...

38:09 - 38:10

**Selectboard Office**

So that isn't here yet?

38:10 - 38:11

**Selectboard Office**

So this would apply to it?

38:12 - 38:15

**Selectboard Office**

No, because they just were zoning through a preliminary subdivision plan.

38:15 - 38:17

**Selectboard Office**

So they did do something.

38:17 - 38:21

**Selectboard Office**

No, I mean, it's the one that isn't quite, you know, that we don't know about.

38:22 - 38:26

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know, maybe there aren't any, but this is trying to just like act quickly.

38:29 - 38:38

**Selectboard Office**

The plan of the planning board is to look at our bylaws a little more comprehensively and try to figure out a better solution than this.

38:39 - 38:41

**Selectboard Office**

So for us, it's not a temporary thing.

38:41 - 38:58

**Selectboard Office**

It's not a moratorium, we didn't put a date deadline on it, but I think from our perspective, we're aware of this, like, it's not quite right to not have some sort of constructive approval, but how do you do that in a way that is fair but doesn't get us bitten.

39:00 - 39:02

**Selectboard Office**

Are you working with a consultant?

39:02 - 39:03

**Selectboard Office**

Have you worked with them at all?

39:04 - 39:05

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, no.

39:05 - 39:06

**Selectboard Office**

On this?

39:06 - 39:06

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

39:07 - 39:07

**Selectboard Office**

No.

39:08 - 39:09

**Selectboard Office**

I thought you had one, no?

39:09 - 39:11

**Selectboard Office**

Well not for this by-watch.

39:11 - 39:17

**Selectboard Office**

No, I know, but I need a consultant who might have something like that or might be aware of how...

39:17 - 39:20

**Selectboard Office**

Well, so this was written by a town council.

39:20 - 39:20

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

39:22 - 39:24

**Selectboard Office**

But we have, no, we haven't gone to...

39:24 - 39:32

**Selectboard Office**

Because that's, I do that a lot, like with the bridge IFB is going out for a bid, and I know nothing about bridges.

39:32 - 39:32

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

39:33 - 39:37

**Selectboard Office**

So I talked to an engineer that I worked with on bridges and asked him for...

39:38 - 39:42

**Selectboard Office**

I was just wondering, so if your consultant does this, kind of, maybe...

39:42 - 39:44

**Selectboard Office**

No, but if they went to town council, that's easy.

39:44 - 39:45

**Selectboard Office**

That's okay.

39:46 - 39:47

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, yeah.

39:48 - 39:49

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so you're comfortable.

39:50 - 39:58

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so I don't understand, so is there still a deadline for you to act or not, if this...

39:58 - 40:01

**Selectboard Office**

If this passes and passes AG's review, there will be no deadline.

40:02 - 40:03

**Selectboard Office**

For anything or zero-hour scale?

40:04 - 40:05

**Selectboard Office**

For site plan review projects.

40:05 - 40:07

**Selectboard Office**

Any project that needs site plan.

40:07 - 40:08

**Selectboard Office**

So that would include ADUs?

40:09 - 40:11

**Selectboard Office**

It would, well, except state law changed.

40:12 - 40:18

**Selectboard Office**

So ADUs are allowed by right without site plan review as long as they're under 900 square feet.

40:18 - 40:18

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

40:18 - 40:26

**Selectboard Office**

So the places that site plan review shows up in Worthington are mostly when things cross a scale threshold.

40:27 - 40:40

**Selectboard Office**

So for, I'm not going to get it quite right, but I think for residential projects They have to be over 10 ,000 square feet, or they cover more than half the land in impervious surfaces.

40:40 - 40:42

**Selectboard Office**

They start to be quite large.

40:44 - 40:46

**Selectboard Office**

And then the site plan review kicks in.

40:47 - 40:52

**Selectboard Office**

For most stuff, that's why we never had done a site plan review.

40:52 - 40:57

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know, Amy, if you ever did site plan review, but I hadn't while I was on the planning board.

40:58 - 41:00

**Amy Wang**

No, I don't think we ever did.

41:01 - 41:06

**Selectboard Office**

I guess the the senior center came to us for site plan review and none of us knew what that meant.

41:09 - 41:23

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it wasn't a good process So it's really rare This would protect us from those cases where it's So it's basically if it's something large.

41:26 - 41:34

**Selectboard Office**

And because it's open-ended then it doesn't matter then you don't need the language of the application being deemed complete.

41:34 - 41:37

**Selectboard Office**

Right, we just got rid of that whole notion of deemed completeness.

41:38 - 41:39

**Selectboard Office**

Deemed completeness.

41:39 - 41:43

**Selectboard Office**

It was not a full thing.

41:44 - 41:48

**Selectboard Office**

You know, I think these bylaws, our bylaws are written by people like D.D.

41:48 - 42:03

**Selectboard Office**

From County Valor Planning Commission who are looking at other towns and many towns have a planner and so the role that the deemed complete, like it's an administrative task, but the application comes in to a paid planner who looks at it and says, yep, hits the boxes.

42:03 - 42:06

**Selectboard Office**

And then it goes on to the board to make the decision.

42:06 - 42:07

**Selectboard Office**

But we don't have that.

42:07 - 42:10

**Selectboard Office**

So we're making that determination ourselves.

42:12 - 42:13

**Selectboard Office**

Becomes fuzzy.

42:13 - 42:15

**Selectboard Office**

So this just gets rid of the notion of deeming complete.

42:15 - 42:17

**Selectboard Office**

The application comes in, we hold a hearing.

42:18 - 42:18

**Selectboard Office**

Ok, thank you.

42:18 - 42:19

**Selectboard Office**

That sounds good.

42:20 - 42:24

**Selectboard Office**

I don't see why everybody would oppose that, except the sole company.

42:25 - 42:26

**Selectboard Office**

They don't get the votes.

42:32 - 42:36

**Selectboard Office**

So did we make a motion on this one the motion was made we need to go.

42:36 - 42:38

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so all in favor.

42:38 - 42:38

**Selectboard Office**

Hi.

42:39 - 42:41

**Amy Wang**

Hi Okay.

42:43 - 42:43

**Amy Wang**

Good.

42:43 - 42:44

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

42:44 - 42:46

**Selectboard Office**

You have to do that all over again.

42:48 - 42:48

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

42:52 - 42:59

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so next up is 10 then which is petition, right?

43:01 - 43:09

**Selectboard Office**

So, Dave Christopoulos put together a meeting at the CDC last Friday and invited me

after hearing some of our discussion.

43:10 - 43:19

**Selectboard Office**

Actually, we had a senior center meeting and towards the end it kind of devolved into a slower discussion, which turned out to be a good thing.

43:19 - 43:22

**Selectboard Office**

It enlightened Dave on the whole issue and then he made some calls.

43:22 - 43:30

**Selectboard Office**

I think he talked to people in field and Goshen and and realized that maybe you should get involved.

43:31 - 43:51

**Selectboard Office**

So anyway he invited me to this meeting with Lindsay Sabadosa and Paul Mark along with, actually I was the only government official there, but there were people from the, the director of the House Center was there, the hometown helping hands people, and Reverend from the West Covington Church, and I think the rest the people were mostly CDC people.

43:51 - 43:53

**Selectboard Office**

So it was sort of a not group of people.

43:53 - 44:03

**Selectboard Office**

But I got to make a pitch for some help from the state on not having our hands so tight on these projects.

44:04 - 44:08

**Selectboard Office**

And they are aware, and they are working on a number of different fronts.

44:09 - 44:18

**Selectboard Office**

But Paul did speak up and say, send me your moratorium language, and I'll introduce a home rule petition.

44:18 - 44:19

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, okay.

44:20 - 44:21

**Selectboard Office**

Never thought of that.

44:22 - 44:29

**Selectboard Office**

So, and he said it would be, the petition would be to put a moratorium on everything from the point of passage.

44:29 - 44:35

**Selectboard Office**

So, it's not a moratorium on new applications, it would be put a moratorium on the existing applications.

44:36 - 44:42

**Selectboard Office**

So, it would put a stop to everything, but only for a year, is the way he wrote the language.

44:43 - 44:52

**Selectboard Office**

And we're I'm gonna, Bart and I talked and we think we're gonna, I'm gonna talk to Paul and find out a little bit more about Home Rule, I'm no expert on this at all.

44:54 - 45:01

**Selectboard Office**

The only time I can remember being involved was with the school and I was not that involved at that level, so regardless.

45:01 - 45:06

**Selectboard Office**

So I'll talk to Paul about what the options are here and why he put it in for just a year.

45:08 - 45:27

**Selectboard Office**

Exactly how quickly this could happen isn't entirely clear either that the legislature has to act on it and the governor has to sign it but he definitely said it has to start with a vote from the town so that's what this is about so this is a chance for a halt on the current projects.

45:31 - 45:47

**Selectboard Office**

So I would imagine this would be pretty widely received well received yeah it's interesting question I don't know I Like it's private land, you should be able to do it.

45:48 - 45:53

**Selectboard Office**

This is going to not make them happy interfering with people's land.

45:55 - 45:56

**Selectboard Office**

So, I don't know.

45:57 - 45:58

**Selectboard Office**

I'm not even sure what the vote has to be.

45:58 - 45:59

**Selectboard Office**

Do you know?

46:01 - 46:02

**Selectboard Office**

This is majority.

46:02 - 46:04

**Selectboard Office**

There's no two thirds of it.

46:04 - 46:04

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

46:08 - 46:10

**Selectboard Office**

So I'll make a motion since I sort of brought this to the table.

46:10 - 46:27

**Selectboard Office**

That we put Article 10, a request for home rule legislation to put a temporary moratorium on large-scale ground-nodded solar voltaic installations and battery energy storage systems in the town.

46:29 - 46:30

**Selectboard Office**

I.

46:30 - 46:31

**Amy Wang**

Second it.

46:32 - 46:34

**Selectboard Office**

Deb got there first.

46:34 - 46:35

**Amy Wang**

Ok.

46:36 - 46:39

**Selectboard Office**

So, any discussion questions.

46:42 - 46:42

**[speaker unknown]**

Okay.

46:44 - 46:45

**Amy Wang**

Okay.

46:46 - 46:48

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, and you will present this.

46:48 - 47:01

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I'll present it and I will definitely do a little more homework so I can hopefully answer questions, if I could get Paul or Lindsay to come to the meeting I would, but they didn't seem really to be there.

47:01 - 47:02

**Selectboard Office**

But they.

47:02 - 47:17

**Selectboard Office**

Are, but on the other they're being super helpful and there are a number of things that I think they're working on legislative-wise and they're aware of the fact that the law is essentially changing and that's why they're rushing to get these applications in.

47:18 - 47:19

**Selectboard Office**

So they know that that's going on.

47:20 - 47:24

**Selectboard Office**

Do you think it would be helpful to have town council there or at remotely?

47:24 - 47:25

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, you can't meet them up.

47:26 - 47:28

**Selectboard Office**

Are you here?

47:31 - 47:35

**Selectboard Office**

So speaking of remote, I'm just going to go there last.

47:37 - 47:38

**Selectboard Office**

We can talk about it now.

47:39 - 47:47

**Selectboard Office**

So obviously we don't normally broadcast meetings, but and I know you can't remotely participate.

47:48 - 48:19

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I'm not or what you can't vote but could since we're already I assume we're gonna want to be set up for the planning board's hearing the way we have been to broadcast that would it be okay to continue to broadcast this and just not entertain any comments and good good Jeff participate I think there was better He's in the room.

48:19 - 48:19

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, for sure.

48:20 - 48:22

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I'm sure he would come if we asked him.

48:23 - 48:25

**Selectboard Office**

Or send someone if he can.

48:25 - 48:31

**Selectboard Office**

Let me email the Moderate Association to see what the thinking is.

48:31 - 48:34

**Selectboard Office**

And I can't see why it couldn't be.

48:34 - 48:36

**Selectboard Office**

Just basically mute everybody.

48:38 - 48:46

**Selectboard Office**

The Moderate Association is having meetings and questionnaires about going with remote voting.

48:46 - 48:49

**Selectboard Office**

First electronic voting and then remote voting.

48:49 - 48:52

**Selectboard Office**

So right now it's...

48:52 - 48:53

**Selectboard Office**

So there are plenty of towns that electronic vote.

48:54 - 48:55

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, but not remotely.

48:56 - 48:56

**Selectboard Office**

Not remotely.

48:58 - 49:00

**Selectboard Office**

So let me just, I don't see why it couldn't be...

49:00 - 49:01

**Selectboard Office**

Remote from another room.

49:02 - 49:02

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, there are towns that...

49:02 - 49:04

**Selectboard Office**

Remote you can from another room.

49:04 - 49:05

**Selectboard Office**

So that gets back to the whole COA thing.

49:05 - 49:06

**Selectboard Office**

Let's not go there.

49:07 - 49:08

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, I have.

49:09 - 49:16

**Selectboard Office**

So let me, I don't see any reason why it couldn't be broadcast but not participatory.

49:17 - 49:19

**Selectboard Office**

Ok, well, you let me know, and I have to shut it off.

49:19 - 49:20

**Selectboard Office**

I'll shut it off.

49:23 - 49:32

**Selectboard Office**

And interestingly, we've found so far that there's virtually no one that's watching online that seems to want to comment on things.

49:32 - 49:38

**Selectboard Office**

It's really only been your console or Blue-Wave people that participated remotely.

49:38 - 49:42

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, the people like using the chat, which is hard.

49:42 - 49:43

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, well, that's different.

49:44 - 49:47

**Selectboard Office**

I'm not sure if I can shut that off, I don't think I can.

49:49 - 49:49

**Selectboard Office**

But it doesn't matter.

49:51 - 49:54

**Selectboard Office**

No in saying we're not going to pay attention to the child.

49:56 - 49:58

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, we can do that for sure.

50:03 - 50:04

**Selectboard Office**

Speaking of which, Emily, did you have.

50:04 - 50:05

**Emily L**

A question?

50:06 - 50:06

**Emily L**

I do.

50:06 - 50:08

**Emily L**

Can you guys just elaborate what you're discussing?

50:09 - 50:11

**Emily L**

I'm sorry, I joined a little bit late.

50:12 - 50:27

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so I talked with our senator and representative, Paul Mark and Lindsay Sabadosa on Friday, talked to them about the struggle we're having with trying to deal with, you know.

50:29 - 50:35

**Selectboard Office**

What little we're able to regulate some of this stuff and how the state has sort of tied our hands in a lot of respects.

50:35 - 50:37

**Selectboard Office**

And asking for help.

50:37 - 50:45

**Selectboard Office**

And among the things they offered for immediate help was to introduce home rule legislation.

50:45 - 50:46

**Selectboard Office**

Do you know what that is?

50:47 - 50:48

**Emily L**

Yeah.

50:49 - 51:02

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so Paul Mark and Lindsay have offered to introduce home rule legislation that would put a temporary moratorium on any large-scale solar and battery installation.

51:02 - 51:05

**Selectboard Office**

So that would include the present projects.

51:05 - 51:11

**Selectboard Office**

It wouldn't just be future projects, but it would be for a limited period of time.

51:12 - 51:18

**Emily L**

Yeah, I'm curious about the commenting online part or not commenting online.

51:18 - 51:20

**Emily L**

I'm sorry if that wasn't clear.

51:20 - 51:23

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so this is going to be a town meeting.

51:24 - 51:30

**Selectboard Office**

It's a special town meeting, but there's no remote participation allowed by state law.

51:30 - 51:32

**Selectboard Office**

At least there's definitely no remote voting.

51:33 - 51:39

**Selectboard Office**

I'm pretty sure there's no like commenting and questioning either allowed for town meetings.

51:40 - 51:41

**Selectboard Office**

Basically, you gotta be there.

51:41 - 51:42

**Selectboard Office**

That's the way the state.

51:42 - 51:43

**Emily L**

Is.

51:43 - 51:44

**Emily L**

Okay, thanks.

51:45 - 51:48

**Emily L**

It would choose me for that one town meeting, right?

51:49 - 51:56

**Selectboard Office**

Well, since we're gonna be set up for the planning board hearing anyway, my question was, can we still go ahead and broadcast the town meeting?

51:56 - 51:56

**Emily L**

So.

51:56 - 51:59

**Selectboard Office**

People can't participate, but they could still listen.

52:00 - 52:00

**Emily L**

Got it.

52:00 - 52:01

**Emily L**

Thanks, Charlie.

52:02 - 52:03

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, no problem.

52:07 - 52:14

**Selectboard Office**

I think that I talked to Jeff Blake at some point about this hearing and he said he took the date down and put it on his calendar.

52:14 - 52:15

**Selectboard Office**

So I think he may be available.

52:16 - 52:16

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, good.

52:16 - 52:17

**Selectboard Office**

That of course could change.

52:18 - 52:20

**Selectboard Office**

All right, well, we should reach out right away.

52:20 - 52:24

**Selectboard Office**

We've been back and forth to them all day about this petition to get the right...

52:24 - 52:25

**Selectboard Office**

I could certainly...

52:25 - 52:26

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, why don't you?

52:27 - 52:28

**Selectboard Office**

So did we vote on this already?

52:29 - 52:29

**Selectboard Office**

Sorry.

52:30 - 52:30

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

52:30 - 52:31

**Selectboard Office**

We did.

52:31 - 52:31

**Selectboard Office**

You're all done.

52:32 - 52:33

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

52:33 - 52:35

**Selectboard Office**

Moving on the agenda.

52:41 - 52:43

**Selectboard Office**

So the the bullets are all part of what we just did.

52:44 - 52:44

**Selectboard Office**

Yep.

52:45 - 52:45

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

52:45 - 52:48

**Selectboard Office**

So Whiting Street Fund requests.

52:58 - 53:02

**Selectboard Office**

So this is a request for funds for auto repair for someone.

53:03 - 53:06

**Selectboard Office**

Obviously they they remain anonymous.

53:15 - 53:19

**Selectboard Office**

So they've recommended it, so a vote.

53:19 - 53:21

**Selectboard Office**

So if I have a motion.

53:24 - 53:25

**Selectboard Office**

I.

53:25 - 53:33

**Amy Wang**

Move that we approve the Whiting Street Fund request for \$1 ,026.96.

53:35 - 53:35

**Selectboard Office**

Second.

53:36 - 53:37

**Selectboard Office**

Discussion.

53:39 - 53:40

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor?

53:41 - 53:41

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

53:42 - 53:44

**Selectboard Office**

If they had a place on here, you could sign.

53:44 - 53:47

**Selectboard Office**

Charlie, maybe you could just sign on yours.

53:48 - 53:48

**Selectboard Office**

You got mine.

53:51 - 53:52

**Selectboard Office**

See if I have mine.

53:52 - 53:54

**Selectboard Office**

You can put a little sticker on it.

53:54 - 53:55

**Selectboard Office**

I love it.

53:56 - 53:58

**Selectboard Office**

Is that something you want to sign?

53:59 - 54:00

**Selectboard Office**

Just sign it.

54:00 - 54:04

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's the way you shoot one that you have right there.

54:05 - 54:05

**Selectboard Office**

I didn't understand.

54:05 - 54:08

**Selectboard Office**

I'm just going to put the stack up.

54:09 - 54:09

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

54:13 - 54:14

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

54:16 - 54:17

**Selectboard Office**

New co-arrays.

54:19 - 54:20

**Selectboard Office**

Amy, did you figure this?

54:21 - 54:21

**Amy Wang**

Yep.

54:21 - 54:36

**Amy Wang**

It's the same formula that we always use, and actually in the printout it probably even shows the formula, which is the average of three months in year one, which is the past year one and year two.

54:36 - 54:40

**Amy Wang**

And so you take, it's the last two years.

54:40 - 54:42

**Amy Wang**

It's based upon the last two years.

54:42 - 54:59

**Amy Wang**

So in this particular case, it's the average of the CPIW for 2025, three months in 2025 minus the three months in 2021, which gives you a number divided by the three months in 2021.

54:59 - 55:00

**Selectboard Office**

Gives you.

55:00 - 55:03

**Amy Wang**

The COLA percentage times 100.

55:03 - 55:06

**Amy Wang**

But it's always the same three months.

55:06 - 55:15

**Amy Wang**

It is not the last three months of the year because those numbers are never available until much farther into the year, like they're not available now.

55:15 - 55:20

**Amy Wang**

So if we suddenly said, oh, we'd like to do it through December, it's not gonna happen at this time of year.

55:21 - 55:25

**Amy Wang**

So it's just the same way social security calculates it actually.

55:28 - 55:40

**Selectboard Office**

And all we're really doing is approving a number that I will then plug into the Collins schedule that we will then, you know, be part of the budget process.

55:40 - 55:43

**Selectboard Office**

So we're really not raising anybody's pay at this point.

55:46 - 55:48

**Selectboard Office**

I move that we approve Amy's.

55:51 - 55:56

**Selectboard Office**

Math works for the 2027 COLA rate at 2.8%.

55:56 - 56:00

**Selectboard Office**

Percent I second.

56:00 - 56:04

**Amy Wang**

Yeah I was gonna say probably somebody else should second yeah.

56:04 - 56:19

**Selectboard Office**

So what it was last year's 2.5 yes 2.5 how could it possibly be going up Somebody was gonna fix that yeah, right?

56:20 - 56:20

**Selectboard Office**

Okay?

56:23 - 56:24

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor, all.

56:24 - 56:25

**Amy Wang**

Right, hi.

56:33 - 56:45

**Selectboard Office**

Hit cheaper Okay now we're gonna talk about mileage which goes up every year even though the price of gas has gone down It'll be that one Batman.

56:48 - 57:16

**Selectboard Office**

So yes so 70 cents to 72 and a half cents and that's the state number i assume is that what it is the irs number it's an irs number right i move that we approve the um mileage rate for uh from 70 to 72.5 cents per mile for as of February 9th.

57:16 - 57:17

**Selectboard Office**

2026.

57:19 - 57:19

**Selectboard Office**

Hi, one second.

57:20 - 57:22

**Selectboard Office**

And so would this go into effect immediately?

57:23 - 57:24

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it was in January.

57:25 - 57:25

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

57:25 - 57:27

**Selectboard Office**

So it's even back, we're back.

57:27 - 57:32

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, Lisa sent me a thing, asked me what it was and I said, oh well I forgot about it.

57:33 - 57:35

**Selectboard Office**

So, you get nothing.

57:37 - 57:38

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, all in favor?

57:39 - 57:39

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

57:40 - 57:40

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

57:41 - 57:41

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

57:43 - 57:48

**Selectboard Office**

So I told her to hold off on the mileage she wanted to put in for her until after the Okay.

57:50 - 57:56

**Selectboard Office**

Um, Travis's letter barbed his rise rate of pay from our last meeting, um, which really just means my signature.

57:57 - 58:01

**Selectboard Office**

And then his after, so yours is the one right from immediately below.

58:03 - 58:03

**Selectboard Office**

Oh.

58:04 - 58:04

**Selectboard Office**

No.

58:04 - 58:05

**Selectboard Office**

And then the rest is for him.

58:06 - 58:06

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

58:07 - 58:07

**Selectboard Office**

Is that him?

58:07 - 58:09

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's what I meant to say.

58:10 - 58:11

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so that's thank you.

58:13 - 58:13

**Selectboard Office**

Now what?

58:13 - 58:16

**Selectboard Office**

Because they already asked Kirsten about it.

58:17 - 58:22

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so I gave her a copy of that letter and told her that you guys approved it.

58:23 - 58:29

**Selectboard Office**

Next is just an FYI that we have something from Mark Brooks.

58:30 - 58:34

**Selectboard Office**

Data received on January 6.

58:35 - 58:41

**Selectboard Office**

And do we want to refer to town council for a response and I can't remember what this one is about.

58:41 - 58:42

**Selectboard Office**

Is this?

58:42 - 58:46

**Selectboard Office**

It's the open meeting law that has the screening committee and that.

58:46 - 58:46

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

58:46 - 58:47

**Selectboard Office**

So what's the complaint through?

58:48 - 58:49

**Selectboard Office**

We send them the.

58:49 - 58:50

**Selectboard Office**

With the minutes.

58:51 - 59:01

**Selectboard Office**

Yes and they're on the, they're on tonight's agenda and I did ask now that it's a resolved issue and we've hired Riel.

59:02 - 59:15

**Selectboard Office**

So they can, you can, once you vote anyway, you can either to refer this issue, the open meeting lot complaint won't go away, but you want to probably refer it to town council to deal with.

59:15 - 59:16

**Selectboard Office**

And then you can.

59:16 - 59:16

**Amy Wang**

Open.

59:17 - 59:21

**Selectboard Office**

You can release the minutes because it's a done deal anyway, sorry.

59:22 - 59:27

**Selectboard Office**

But I thought that Tim asked for an extension already.

59:29 - 59:36

**Amy Wang**

Well, he asked for an extension, but I think that, I don't know if it was Tim or if it was Mike.

59:36 - 59:37

**Selectboard Office**

But the.

59:37 - 59:45

**Amy Wang**

Mike D 'Ortenzio, but he actually called me because he was unable to reach you, Charlie, but he had, he didn't have your phone number.

59:45 - 59:48

**Amy Wang**

I gave it to him, but then he tried calling you and you didn't answer.

59:49 - 01:00:01

**Amy Wang**

So I said, he called me back and he said that we would, we should probably do what we did last time, which was to vote to authorize Mike D 'Otenzio to respond.

01:00:02 - 01:00:03

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:00:03 - 01:00:06

**Selectboard Office**

He'll join the big cluster stuff that he has there.

01:00:06 - 01:00:08

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so that sounds like a good idea.

01:00:08 - 01:00:10

**Selectboard Office**

And then we're going to vote on the minutes after this.

01:00:11 - 01:00:11

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, okay.

01:00:12 - 01:00:13

**Selectboard Office**

Is the committee minutes?

01:00:14 - 01:00:15

**Selectboard Office**

They're all there, I think.

01:00:15 - 01:00:15

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:00:17 - 01:00:17

**Selectboard Office**

They should be.

01:00:18 - 01:00:19

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, the screening committee is there.

01:00:20 - 01:00:21

**Selectboard Office**

The select board, the minutes are there.

01:00:21 - 01:00:31

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so let's, I'll take a motion then to refer Mark's complaint to Mike and KP Laws.

01:00:31 - 01:00:37

**Amy Wang**

So I will move that we authorize Mike D 'Otenzia of KP Law to respond to this open meeting law complaint.

01:00:39 - 01:00:39

**Amy Wang**

Second.

01:00:41 - 01:00:42

**Selectboard Office**

Any other discussion?

01:00:43 - 01:00:44

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor?

01:00:45 - 01:00:45

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

01:00:46 - 01:00:48

**Selectboard Office**

Aye, okay, good.

01:00:49 - 01:01:00

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so let's consider our minutes here next, So is the first one, so is the committee part of this or not?

01:01:00 - 01:01:03

**Selectboard Office**

It should be December 1st is the committee's meeting.

01:01:04 - 01:01:06

**Selectboard Office**

That's not on the, oh, it's the next after this.

01:01:08 - 01:01:10

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so we'll have motions to approve.

01:01:11 - 01:01:12

**Selectboard Office**

We just signed, right?

01:01:12 - 01:01:14

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, you've already reviewed them.

01:01:15 - 01:01:16

**Selectboard Office**

I think we still have to vote.

01:01:17 - 01:01:19

**Selectboard Office**

So I'll take a motion.

01:01:20 - 01:01:40

**Selectboard Office**

I vote that we, I move that we vote to approve the minutes before us, December 4th, 16th, January 6th of this year, and December 1st minutes for superintendent screening, superintendent screening.

01:01:42 - 01:01:42

**Amy Wang**

Okay.

01:01:42 - 01:01:43

**Amy Wang**

I second.

01:01:44 - 01:01:47

**Amy Wang**

But I do want to say we don't usually vote to approve minutes.

01:01:47 - 01:01:48

**Amy Wang**

We just.

01:01:48 - 01:01:48

**Selectboard Office**

Signed it.

01:01:48 - 01:01:51

**Selectboard Office**

I know, but I think we should be, because it.

01:01:51 - 01:01:52

**Amy Wang**

Definitely comes in.

01:01:53 - 01:01:56

**Selectboard Office**

So I think in the future, we ought to be voting in two or three months.

01:01:56 - 01:01:57

**Amy Wang**

Not.

01:01:57 - 01:01:57

**Selectboard Office**

Just signing it.

01:01:59 - 01:01:59

**Selectboard Office**

Do you want to move?

01:02:00 - 01:02:01

**Selectboard Office**

Doesn't hurt.

01:02:02 - 01:02:02

**Selectboard Office**

Nope.

01:02:07 - 01:02:10

**Amy Wang**

So shall we vote, having moved.

01:02:10 - 01:02:10

**Selectboard Office**

In?

01:02:10 - 01:02:10

**Selectboard Office**

All.

01:02:10 - 01:02:11

**Selectboard Office**

In favor?

01:02:11 - 01:02:11

**Amy Wang**

Aye.

01:02:11 - 01:02:12

**Amy Wang**

Aye.

01:02:13 - 01:02:13

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

01:02:14 - 01:02:14

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

01:02:15 - 01:02:15

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:02:16 - 01:02:24

**Selectboard Office**

So now a motion to take your minutes out of, or approve your, what, make public?

01:02:24 - 01:02:29

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, release the executive session minutes.

01:02:31 - 01:02:43

**Selectboard Office**

I move that we release the executive session minutes for the Highway Department Superintendent interviews and hiring.

01:02:44 - 01:02:45

**Selectboard Office**

On December 1st.

01:02:47 - 01:02:48

**Amy Wang**

I Second.

01:02:48 - 01:02:52

**Selectboard Office**

Discussion all in favor.

01:02:54 - 01:02:59

**Selectboard Office**

So I guess you probably don't know that he's assigned that we weren't at the meeting.

01:03:05 - 01:03:06

**[speaker unknown]**

Thanks.

01:03:09 - 01:03:09

**Selectboard Office**

Alright.

01:03:13 - 01:03:22

**Selectboard Office**

So Emily at our last meeting you asked about the town getting a second legal

opinion.

01:03:24 - 01:03:26

**Selectboard Office**

Did you want to speak to that tonight?

01:03:32 - 01:03:33

**Emily L**

Not particularly.

01:03:36 - 01:03:42

**Emily L**

We had, we kind of discussed it a bit at the planning board.

01:03:44 - 01:03:48

**Emily L**

So maybe Bart would be able to speak to it a little better than I can.

01:03:48 - 01:03:56

**Emily L**

But I think I kind of addressed my concerns in the last or in the message that I had sent.

01:03:58 - 01:04:05

**Emily L**

I actually was gonna write you guys or I had a letter written, but yeah, go ahead.

01:04:06 - 01:04:06

**Emily L**

I'm sorry.

01:04:06 - 01:04:10

**Selectboard Office**

I have the chat message that you sent in front of.

01:04:10 - 01:04:10

**Emily L**

Me.

01:04:10 - 01:04:11

**Emily L**

Oh, okay.

01:04:12 - 01:04:19

**Selectboard Office**

But you didn't, they're just, You're not giving me any examples of any of these things.

01:04:19 - 01:04:22

**Selectboard Office**

You're just giving me reasons.

01:04:22 - 01:04:25

**Selectboard Office**

So these concerns stem from dissatisfaction with current legal advice.

01:04:26 - 01:04:28

**Selectboard Office**

Well, what advice are you dissatisfied with?

01:04:28 - 01:04:29

**Selectboard Office**

Procedural issues.

01:04:29 - 01:04:31

**Selectboard Office**

What procedural issues do you have a problem with?

01:04:32 - 01:04:32

**Selectboard Office**

Response times.

01:04:33 - 01:04:35

**Selectboard Office**

Give me some examples of poor response time.

01:04:35 - 01:04:36

**Selectboard Office**

You understand what I'm going here?

01:04:36 - 01:04:44

**Selectboard Office**

I can't entertain an idea for somebody to second guess things that you haven't given examples of.

01:04:44 - 01:04:51

**Selectboard Office**

And I've talked to legal counsel, and they are happy to address concerns if there are some.

01:04:51 - 01:04:58

**Selectboard Office**

In other words, if you feel they haven't done their job well, then tell us what, give me the examples, and he's happy to respond, or they're happy.

01:04:58 - 01:04:59

**Selectboard Office**

To respond.

01:05:00 - 01:05:00

**Selectboard Office**

Sure.

01:05:00 - 01:05:05

**Selectboard Office**

And then we can decide whether we're getting adequate responses and if we need to do something different.

01:05:05 - 01:05:06

**Selectboard Office**

But you're really.

01:05:06 - 01:05:06

**Amy Wang**

Not giving.

01:05:06 - 01:05:09

**Selectboard Office**

Me anything concrete here at all.

01:05:10 - 01:05:29

**Emily L**

Yeah, so I think just procedural interpretation, there had been some back and forth with other residents talking about, and I also feel like using our bylaws as a checklist is just improper.

01:05:30 - 01:05:44

**Emily L**

I think also if you just look at, it's not that easy, I mean, you could put hours in looking into when KP Law went against other.

01:05:46 - 01:05:50

**Emily L**

Or went up against other solar companies.

01:05:52 - 01:05:56

**Emily L**

Petersham was one I took down, Anthol.

01:05:59 - 01:06:00

**Emily L**

Let's see.

01:06:03 - 01:06:05

**Emily L**

I thought there was another one also.

01:06:05 - 01:06:14

**Emily L**

Sorry, I've just been incredibly busy at work, so I haven't been able to dig into stuff as much as I have previously.

01:06:15 - 01:06:22

**Emily L**

So I know one thing that was pointed out was the procedural accepting it as complete.

01:06:24 - 01:06:28

**Emily L**

I can't speak to response times myself.

01:06:28 - 01:06:32

**Emily L**

Strategic guidance also goes under that.

01:06:33 - 01:06:33

**Selectboard Office**

I think.

01:06:33 - 01:06:47

**Emily L**

First of all, I think the issue is just the specialty required for this huge project people are concerned about.

01:06:47 - 01:06:53

**Emily L**

I think having a specialized lawyer would be better in this situation.

01:06:55 - 01:06:56

**Emily L**

Well, again.

01:06:56 - 01:07:01

**Selectboard Office**

We're perfectly happy with our legal representation.

01:07:02 - 01:07:02

**Emily L**

So.

01:07:02 - 01:07:08

**Selectboard Office**

If you feel they're inadequate, you need to take an opinion they've given us and tell us where you think it's wrong.

01:07:08 - 01:07:10

**Selectboard Office**

You're just too general here.

01:07:10 - 01:07:12

**Selectboard Office**

You're not giving me anything to go on.

01:07:13 - 01:07:18

**Selectboard Office**

You haven't given me a single specific example other than the fact that they've lost legal.

01:07:18 - 01:07:21

**Selectboard Office**

Cases with other towns.

01:07:22 - 01:07:28

**Selectboard Office**

Although I suspect nobody's winning cases for any town, regardless of who the lawyer is.

01:07:28 - 01:07:34

**Selectboard Office**

But that's a thing you're giving me here.

01:07:34 - 01:07:40

**Selectboard Office**

So if you've got specific legal opinions that you feel were incorrect, you need to point those out.

01:07:41 - 01:07:43

**Emily L**

Charlie, I know I'm sorry.

01:07:44 - 01:07:47

**Emily L**

I've been, like I said, I literally have the thing open.

01:07:47 - 01:07:49

**Emily L**

I just want what's best for the town.

01:07:49 - 01:07:52

**Emily L**

I'm not trying to step on any toes.

01:07:52 - 01:08:01

**Emily L**

I just know how important a passionate lawyer is when it comes to situations like this.

01:08:02 - 01:08:09

**Emily L**

And I just want what's best for the town, and I think having extra legal help would be helpful.

01:08:09 - 01:08:12

**Emily L**

And I'm sorry if I offended for asking.

01:08:13 - 01:08:14

**Selectboard Office**

No, you haven't offended anybody.

01:08:15 - 01:08:19

**Selectboard Office**

I think you're misunderstanding me, and I'm sorry if I'm coming across that way.

01:08:19 - 01:08:22

**Selectboard Office**

Nobody's offended here, including KP Law.

01:08:22 - 01:08:27

**Selectboard Office**

I talked to KP Law about whether this ever happens.

01:08:29 - 01:08:43

**Selectboard Office**

And Jeff, who's handling most this said you know maybe twice in his career somebody's had gotten a second opinion but there's certainly nothing to no reason that we can't other than you know we have to find the money to do that.

01:08:43 - 01:08:53

**Emily L**

So well wouldn't wouldn't blue it I mean I don't doesn't blue wave cover our legal are they not covering our legal costs with KP because we're no.

01:08:53 - 01:09:01

**Selectboard Office**

Well they cover consultant expenses but not legal Is that right Bert?

01:09:01 - 01:09:02

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, that's correct.

01:09:03 - 01:09:09

**Selectboard Office**

So when we hire an engineer, they pay for that and you have another consultant you hired as well, right?

01:09:09 - 01:09:10

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

01:09:10 - 01:09:15

**Selectboard Office**

So they have two consultants that Blue Waves pay for, but unfortunately we have to pay all the legal expenses.

01:09:16 - 01:09:16

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:09:17 - 01:09:32

**Emily L**

So do you think having, do you think KP Law, are you saying that you think KP Law is aggressive enough and I don't even know what you would call it in a nice.

01:09:32 - 01:09:39

**Selectboard Office**

Way What There's no lawsuit here.

01:09:39 - 01:09:39

**Selectboard Office**

What is it?

01:09:40 - 01:09:40

**Selectboard Office**

What is it?

01:09:40 - 01:09:41

**Selectboard Office**

You want them to be aggressive?

01:09:42 - 01:09:56

**Emily L**

Oh, I just well well blue wave had said that Or they wouldn't answer the question if they were gonna sue the town and historically if if the Planning Board votes that this

is An issue to health and safety they're gonna sue the town.

01:09:56 - 01:09:59

**Emily L**

Like if you look at it, they do it every single time.

01:09:59 - 01:10:01

**Emily L**

It's a part of their business plan.

01:10:01 - 01:10:08

**Emily L**

So I'm just trying to look ahead and make sure we're crossing all our T's and dotting our I's here.

01:10:09 - 01:10:14

**Emily L**

Any little misstep we make, they're gonna attack and that's what they do.

01:10:14 - 01:10:17

**Emily L**

That's what these private equity companies do.

01:10:17 - 01:10:18

**Emily L**

They just go after you.

01:10:18 - 01:10:23

**Emily L**

And when they have the time and money to do it legally, that's what they do.

01:10:23 - 01:10:26

**Emily L**

Just, it's just scary.

01:10:26 - 01:10:31

**Emily L**

Like I want our town to be well-protected.

01:10:32 - 01:10:34

**Selectboard Office**

And I think we all do.

01:10:35 - 01:10:40

**Selectboard Office**

And, you know, again, we have legal representation that served us very well.

01:10:40 - 01:10:49

**Selectboard Office**

I think they're the largest municipal legal group and that's all they do is represent municipalities in the state, as far as I know.

01:10:49 - 01:11:09

**Selectboard Office**

And they're the largest and you know, most experienced with this stuff of probably anyone in the state But and so far we don't feel we've gotten bad representation or advice from them but if you have an example of something they've told us we should do or not do or are they not giving us advice.

01:11:09 - 01:11:12

**Selectboard Office**

It should get or whatever Give me some examples.

01:11:13 - 01:11:17

**Selectboard Office**

You can't just say they're giving doing a crappy job or they're not good enough.

01:11:17 - 01:11:23

**Selectboard Office**

I want somebody better That's really not you know that doesn't say anything You understand.

01:11:26 - 01:11:29

**Selectboard Office**

Of course we all want the best representation.

01:11:29 - 01:11:30

**Selectboard Office**

We can get.

01:11:37 - 01:11:38

**[speaker unknown]**

You there.

01:11:41 - 01:11:42

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:11:42 - 01:11:43

**Emily L**

I'm here.

01:11:51 - 01:11:55

**Selectboard Office**

Go ahead, sorry I.

01:11:55 - 01:11:56

**Emily L**

Just have a lot of.

01:12:01 - 01:12:02

**Emily L**

It's fine, never mind.

01:12:03 - 01:12:04

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:12:04 - 01:12:05

**Selectboard Office**

I'm sorry, too.

01:12:05 - 01:12:07

**Selectboard Office**

I did not mean to upset you.

01:12:07 - 01:12:08

**Selectboard Office**

I come on a little strongly.

01:12:08 - 01:12:09

**Emily L**

Oh, it's fine.

01:12:09 - 01:12:10

**Emily L**

Yeah.

01:12:10 - 01:12:14

**Emily L**

I just, I feel like.

01:12:17 - 01:12:17

**Emily L**

I'm sorry.

01:12:17 - 01:12:19

**Emily L**

I'm trying to clear myself.

01:12:22 - 01:12:26

**Amy Wang**

Emily, I want to say that I understand how you're feeling.

01:12:26 - 01:12:27

**Amy Wang**

I think we all do.

01:12:27 - 01:12:37

**Amy Wang**

And part of that frustration at the fact that we seem to be powerless, We're trying not to be, though.

01:12:38 - 01:12:46

**Amy Wang**

I mean, the planning board is coming up with some recommendations or some proposed bylaw changes that can help in the future.

01:12:46 - 01:12:57

**Amy Wang**

And the home rule petition, if it goes through, and we don't know how long that would take, but presumably they would try and rush it, that would help us as well.

01:12:57 - 01:13:02

**Amy Wang**

And it would stop things right now, right where they are.

01:13:02 - 01:13:13

**Amy Wang**

But this is a really almost, you know, Herculean battle because the state has said that we can't stop it.

01:13:13 - 01:13:17

**Amy Wang**

And we're saying, but we aren't willing to accept that.

01:13:18 - 01:13:22

**Amy Wang**

We would like more control over this, which is what Lindsay and Paul are trying to help us with.

01:13:22 - 01:13:23

**Amy Wang**

So we understand that.

01:13:23 - 01:13:26

**Amy Wang**

And we understand that it's overwhelming.

01:13:27 - 01:13:29

**Amy Wang**

We're feeling overwhelmed as well.

01:13:29 - 01:13:30

**Selectboard Office**

But we're.

01:13:30 - 01:13:31

**Amy Wang**

Trying our best.

01:13:35 - 01:13:47

**Selectboard Office**

So I was, and I was just going to say, by all means, keep an eye on it and, and particularly if you think there's legal opinions being given us that aren't correct or inadequate in some way, by all means, point it out.

01:13:51 - 01:14:00

**Emily L**

Yeah, I've just had the letter open to you guys on my computer for the last two weeks and doing research and stuff.

01:14:00 - 01:14:12

**Emily L**

I work full time, I have two kids and this all just feels like the epitome of everything going on in the world.

01:14:13 - 01:14:13

**Emily L**

And to be.

01:14:13 - 01:14:29

**Emily L**

Honest, like, sorry, my husband and I talk about politics a lot in our family and it's always, you know, feels like everything's going really bad in this country.

01:14:30 - 01:14:38

**Emily L**

And like almost always we would end our conversations saying like, oh, we're safe in Worthington.

01:14:38 - 01:14:39

**Emily L**

We're so privileged.

01:14:40 - 01:14:42

**Emily L**

We have good people around us.

01:14:42 - 01:14:53

**Emily L**

And I think just having this private equity come into our town and feeling so powerless has been very overwhelming.

01:14:53 - 01:14:58

**Emily L**

And I just want to do everything I can to protect our town.

01:14:59 - 01:14:59

**Emily L**

And that's all.

01:15:00 - 01:15:03

**Emily L**

And I will get you a list.

01:15:03 - 01:15:04

**Emily L**

I will work on it.

01:15:04 - 01:15:07

**Emily L**

It's not just me that's been asking for this.

01:15:07 - 01:15:13

**Emily L**

I think a lot of people that are passionate about this project are just very burnt out already.

01:15:14 - 01:15:16

**Emily L**

As I assume you guys are too.

01:15:17 - 01:15:20

**Emily L**

Just hearing about this and attending meetings.

01:15:20 - 01:15:27

**Emily L**

But yeah, I'll work on examples and get that to you.

01:15:28 - 01:15:31

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, or like I said, just keep an eye on things.

01:15:31 - 01:15:36

**Selectboard Office**

And if something strikes you as not being correct, then point it out.

01:15:36 - 01:15:38

**Selectboard Office**

And if we need to make a change.

01:15:39 - 01:15:41

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I.

01:15:41 - 01:15:55

**Emily L**

Feel like we tried to do that in regards to marking the proposal as complete and seeing it as checklist, Seeing it as a checklist and our concerns weren't heard which was why I was bringing it up.

01:15:56 - 01:16:02

**Emily L**

Um but yeah, I can work on getting you guys a list and Things like that.

01:16:03 - 01:16:04

**Selectboard Office**

Okay All.

01:16:04 - 01:16:12

**Emily L**

Right Is there any way we could get it not even i'm not asking to replace the council Like you said you're you're happy with them and how they've served the town.

01:16:12 - 01:16:32

**Emily L**

I know they've been the council for for many years, I just think with the like complexity and specialty of this, I think, I mean, I don't know every single town that KP law covers, but I think a lot of those towns have had protective bylaws and are pretty rural.

01:16:32 - 01:16:35

**Emily L**

I mean, I can be wrong, but I'll look into it.

01:16:36 - 01:16:36

**Emily L**

So.

01:16:38 - 01:16:41

**Selectboard Office**

They represent big towns, little town cities.

01:16:41 - 01:16:51

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, they're- And one of the things we really like about them is the fact that whatever we have an issue, usually there's somebody who specializes in it.

01:16:51 - 01:16:51

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:16:52 - 01:16:56

**Selectboard Office**

So, and they have a lot of experience with these kinds of projects.

01:16:57 - 01:17:07

**Selectboard Office**

But again, if you want to recommend somebody else that you think would do a better job, then by all means make the recommendation and we can look into it.

01:17:12 - 01:17:13

**Selectboard Office**

Is that fair?

01:17:16 - 01:17:16

**Emily L**

Yeah.

01:17:17 - 01:17:30

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, and you know that We haven't said no and gotten sued yet either so You know when and if that time comes then I sure will want to think long and hard about our representation.

01:17:30 - 01:17:48

**Emily L**

Yeah, my my thing is for my thought is They're gonna If it does vote no and or if the planning board vote no votes no when it goes to court they're going to push back on

every little procedure that we've done.

01:17:48 - 01:17:50

**Emily L**

And at that point, it's too late.

01:17:50 - 01:17:58

**Emily L**

I mean, not entirely too late, but we will be criticized for all the procedure, how everything went, every little thing.

01:17:59 - 01:18:01

**Emily L**

So that's just my thought on it.

01:18:01 - 01:18:05

**Emily L**

I'm not a lawyer, obviously, but yeah.

01:18:06 - 01:18:07

**Emily L**

Okay.

01:18:08 - 01:18:10

**Selectboard Office**

But yeah, of course that's the way it works.

01:18:10 - 01:18:12

**Selectboard Office**

When you sue someone, you look for all the problems.

01:18:15 - 01:18:24

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, thank you So and if you want to discuss this in the future then just you know, give me a heads up So we put it back on the agenda.

01:18:24 - 01:18:25

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:18:30 - 01:18:31

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, thanks.

01:18:31 - 01:18:32

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:18:32 - 01:18:37

**Selectboard Office**

So moving on we've got Three contingency fund requests when I first started it was in the world.

01:18:38 - 01:18:49

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah So this is pretty standard these are All I've you know, this is money that's already set aside for this purpose hopefully we don't use it up.

01:18:50 - 01:19:12

**Selectboard Office**

The good news about this was when he added two other ones in there, he said that Dave Reynolds, their engineer, found these when he was going through the project, getting ready for next spring, and he said that there's also a bunch of under runs that would equal like \$400 ,000.

01:19:13 - 01:19:14

**Selectboard Office**

So but it's almost like a wash.

01:19:14 - 01:19:14

**Selectboard Office**

Awesome.

01:19:15 - 01:19:17

**Selectboard Office**

I hope it wasn't just saying that to make you feel good.

01:19:18 - 01:19:19

**Selectboard Office**

But it worked.

01:19:19 - 01:19:21

**Selectboard Office**

Now we get to vote on those.

01:19:21 - 01:19:22

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, right.

01:19:23 - 01:19:24

**Selectboard Office**

So anyway, that was today.

01:19:24 - 01:19:26

**Selectboard Office**

If there's money left over at the end, we don't get it back.

01:19:27 - 01:19:27

**Selectboard Office**

No.

01:19:28 - 01:19:30

**Selectboard Office**

They don't give it to us to spend on something else.

01:19:30 - 01:19:31

**Selectboard Office**

There's rarely money left.

01:19:32 - 01:19:36

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so I need a motion to approve.

01:19:36 - 01:19:58

**Selectboard Office**

I vote, I move that we vote to approve the contingency fund requests and the amount of \$112 ,000, \$91 ,000.99, \$167 ,370 for the Route 143 contingency fund.

01:20:00 - 01:20:01

**Amy Wang**

I second.

01:20:04 - 01:20:04

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:20:08 - 01:20:08

**Selectboard Office**

I'm not sure.

01:20:08 - 01:20:12

**Selectboard Office**

I'm looking at them to see if I could actually tell you what they're for here.

01:20:12 - 01:20:15

**Selectboard Office**

Class B rock excavation.

01:20:15 - 01:20:16

**Selectboard Office**

Drainage, structure, evacuation.

01:20:17 - 01:20:20

**Selectboard Office**

Sub-drainage, drainage, and...

01:20:20 - 01:20:22

**Selectboard Office**

Just like talk about not being an expert on it.

01:20:22 - 01:20:24

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, sure, there's an overrun.

01:20:26 - 01:20:28

**Selectboard Office**

Pavement milling mulch for shoulders.

01:20:29 - 01:20:31

**Selectboard Office**

Why do we have to pay for that?

01:20:32 - 01:20:34

**Selectboard Office**

We have to buy the millings back after they...

01:20:35 - 01:20:36

**Selectboard Office**

Well, that was weird.

01:20:37 - 01:20:37

**Selectboard Office**

Whatever.

01:20:38 - 01:20:39

**Selectboard Office**

He's not here to tell us.

01:20:39 - 01:20:40

**Selectboard Office**

The length was wrong.

01:20:40 - 01:20:45

**Selectboard Office**

The calculation book used the total length for one side of the road.

01:20:45 - 01:20:49

**Selectboard Office**

Oh Good delving into that info.

01:20:49 - 01:20:53

**Selectboard Office**

I know because there's two sides of the road and to every story.

01:20:56 - 01:21:01

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so we have a motion in the second All in favor.

01:21:01 - 01:21:01

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:21:01 - 01:21:02

**Amy Wang**

Hi.

01:21:03 - 01:21:05

**Selectboard Office**

Hi Okay, I'll sign these.

01:21:07 - 01:21:08

**[speaker unknown]**

Well.

01:21:15 - 01:21:23

**Selectboard Office**

I'm glad Charlie's signing those I don't want my signature, you don't want my responsibility.

01:21:25 - 01:21:27

**Selectboard Office**

Someday, it'll be your turn.

01:21:31 - 01:21:32

**Selectboard Office**

There's probably not much to talk about on the budget.

01:21:32 - 01:21:33

**Selectboard Office**

No, there's not.

01:21:33 - 01:21:36

**Selectboard Office**

But I'll tell you, I'm set inside the next few days.

01:21:36 - 01:21:42

**Selectboard Office**

And I have already started all the yearly procurement stuff, but all the line items, I have not.

01:21:42 - 01:21:45

**Selectboard Office**

But that's just sitting on the phone and calling everybody.

01:21:45 - 01:21:49

**Selectboard Office**

I think you saw that one design your case, right?

01:21:49 - 01:21:50

**Selectboard Office**

I'm scared.

01:21:53 - 01:21:56

**Melinda Rose**

Right, sorry, I wasn't paying attention.

01:22:05 - 01:22:05

**[speaker unknown]**

Yeah.

01:22:10 - 01:22:14

**Melinda Rose**

Well we haven't gotten the police yet either and that's a big one.

01:22:16 - 01:22:17

**Selectboard Office**

Can you work on that in.

01:22:18 - 01:22:21

**Amy Wang**

Yes, I will add that to my list to talk to John.

01:22:22 - 01:22:23

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

01:22:23 - 01:22:27

**Selectboard Office**

So other than that, you probably do have enough to kind of get started on stuff.

01:22:28 - 01:22:32

**Melinda Rose**

Yeah, yeah, I'm going to send an email to everybody and see what day works for them.

01:22:32 - 01:22:41

**Melinda Rose**

If Wednesday's like we usually had, because we've got the school and we've got the highway department and, you know, we can at least get started.

01:22:45 - 01:22:53

**Selectboard Office**

And I'll try to get the salary stuff done with Alan's survey done this week.

01:22:54 - 01:22:56

**Melinda Rose**

Well, if you don't, no dinner for you.

01:22:59 - 01:23:09

**Selectboard Office**

Melinda, I was just going to say that thank you for getting us started, because I feel like the school on the highway, like I talked to Joe a while ago, and he was like, well, we don't know everything.

01:23:09 - 01:23:11

**Selectboard Office**

And I just we got to start earlier.

01:23:11 - 01:23:15

**Selectboard Office**

We can't wait till every bean is yeah right.

01:23:16 - 01:23:20

**Randy Zucco**

Yep, I agree with that Yep Okay.

01:23:27 - 01:23:34

**Selectboard Office**

Well, you could just try to set us up now if you want everybody's here except Daniel He's that well.

01:23:34 - 01:23:34

**Melinda Rose**

Joe.

01:23:34 - 01:23:35

**Amy Wang**

Joe Joe's not here.

01:23:37 - 01:23:45

**Selectboard Office**

Joe was always home anyway, so I don't think he's going anywhere Whatever up, but

okay.

01:23:45 - 01:24:03

**Selectboard Office**

Well we can move on then so website community calendar meeting postings Deb proposed that we Well came from the from your hearing where it was like can we put this on the website and honestly I'm bamboozled by it yourself said, I'm a farmer, I don't go anywhere.

01:24:03 - 01:24:05

**Selectboard Office**

And I really identified with that.

01:24:05 - 01:24:07

**Selectboard Office**

And it is just, it is.

01:24:08 - 01:24:15

**Selectboard Office**

So I'm projecting what's perhaps a little onerous on me to like physically show up to see if there's a meeting or whatever.

01:24:16 - 01:24:31

**Selectboard Office**

And so I just talked with Charlie, and I think I mean, it is 2026, I think we should be posting things to a website, and to the best of our ability, we can start small and incorporate, but I think all of us have the ability.

01:24:31 - 01:24:35

**Selectboard Office**

I've agreed to take on some of the responsibility to do it.

01:24:36 - 01:24:38

**Selectboard Office**

And so I don't want it to all fall on you.

01:24:38 - 01:24:45

**Selectboard Office**

I think everybody, I mean, you can take turns and it's incumbent upon everybody to figure out how to do it and everything else.

01:24:45 - 01:24:51

**Selectboard Office**

So I'm happy to help where I can, but I think it might help with meeting participation as well.

01:24:51 - 01:24:52

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, sure.

01:24:53 - 01:24:55

**Selectboard Office**

I'm all in favor.

01:24:56 - 01:25:11

**Selectboard Office**

My only issue is the logistics because right now any committee or department head who needs to post a meeting knows that all I have to do is get those two pieces of paper on a bulletin board 48 hours in advance.

01:25:12 - 01:25:19

**Selectboard Office**

And right now the only way to get stuff on the community calendar, Bart has a log on and does his own stuff.

01:25:19 - 01:26:05

**Selectboard Office**

But beyond I'm the only one and you got to get it to me and I got to be available and I try to get stuff up as quick as I can but sometimes I don't so and I don't want it to fall on me if it's gonna be in the bylaws that that's an official place I don't want to be the one guy that's right so that is something it has to be a bylaw change yeah it is a general bylaw change so it would have to go to town meeting and then get approved I mean it doesn't mean you can't do it right so So what I so what I think we should do is try to start doing a better job of it And then think about maybe an annual town meeting I am okay with getting everybody used to the idea and kind of doing a Dry or a moist run-up until town meeting one.

01:26:05 - 01:26:12

**Selectboard Office**

I think that's not overwhelmingly approved this change Yeah It doesn't make anybody work except us.

01:26:12 - 01:26:14

**Selectboard Office**

It's easy for them.

01:26:15 - 01:26:22

**Selectboard Office**

I just, I think that, you know, whatever that, I think the conversation you're referring to, whatever, meeting, hearing, whatever it was.

01:26:23 - 01:26:24

**Selectboard Office**

It was that all boards thing.

01:26:24 - 01:26:25

**Selectboard Office**

The all boards, yeah.

01:26:25 - 01:26:49

**Selectboard Office**

You had said something earlier about getting minutes online and that there was some kind of process or the, where my mind went was, if this was something that we could really streamline, Like I send an email and it becomes a post That would be really different than me having to use Firefox because Safari won't work having to use Charlie's login.

01:26:49 - 01:27:10

**Selectboard Office**

Which somehow Firefox has lost the email address, but it knows the password So I have to type in the password that you know, it's like this is ridiculous I use pages for whatever reason for the the posting But you can't copy and paste pages into the stupid calendar thing because it changes the formatting you have to face it in the work, then face it in the calendar.

01:27:10 - 01:27:13

**Selectboard Office**

It's like, no, I'd rather not.

01:27:15 - 01:27:29

**Selectboard Office**

So what I'd be more supportive of is finding a way that makes it easy, because sending everything to Charlie, like whoever that person is who has to get the stupid things online, they have to be within 48 hours, it hurts my head.

01:27:29 - 01:27:30

**Selectboard Office**

I don't want to deal with that.

01:27:30 - 01:27:34

**Selectboard Office**

Especially when I ask to get paid for this and somebody complains, I'm not going to pay.

01:27:36 - 01:27:46

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I just it's a bunch of rigmarole and I've got to get we have to approve something though That's you be my boss and it seems like a clue Which is fine.

01:27:46 - 01:27:55

**Selectboard Office**

I don't really care But it seems like I'm just going around that in reality is should be asking town meeting to approve letting me Hold a position a second.

01:27:55 - 01:28:05

**Selectboard Office**

I forget what it's called special position so probably just do that and give it up for this year, but I just, I mean, going to your point, it's 2025.

01:28:06 - 01:28:07

**Selectboard Office**

I agree.

01:28:07 - 01:28:08

**Selectboard Office**

It's 2026.

01:28:09 - 01:28:09

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, for me?

01:28:11 - 01:28:13

**Selectboard Office**

So, so let me just ask that.

01:28:13 - 01:28:15

**Selectboard Office**

I think we're putting it, like, who's reading these things?

01:28:15 - 01:28:16

**Selectboard Office**

I have no idea.

01:28:17 - 01:28:17

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:28:17 - 01:28:19

**Selectboard Office**

I've been pondering this question.

01:28:19 - 01:28:24

**Selectboard Office**

Could we streamline, like, so your solution maybe is to put it online.

01:28:24 - 01:28:30

**Selectboard Office**

That's one official posting, but then the other one's in paper on one of these boards.

01:28:30 - 01:28:32

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think you can dispose of the pit both.

01:28:33 - 01:28:33

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it would be both.

01:28:34 - 01:28:51

**Selectboard Office**

You can't not have In fact, I'm pretty sure mass general law says it has to be posted at the town hall And so then I would like can we get a screen says actually at the town court meeting because I went and watched open town meeting Because I haven't been out in the field a screen So cool.

01:28:55 - 01:29:20

**Selectboard Office**

Could could we have a screen out somewhere that had to hear the postings So I could just email the \*\*\*\* thing and not have to drive to town hall So so a couple things so so one is and I don't want to make work for Peggy But yeah by and large but sending E-mailing the posting as long as you give a reasonable amount of time Is okay.

01:29:20 - 01:29:28

**Selectboard Office**

Is it not if you get you can give it to really it's the town clerk's job to post them So you really you could just send them to get hurt to Catherine.

01:29:28 - 01:29:39

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and she'll do it I just wonder if there's not She's going to the post office every day so getting the two spots just you can't wait till so last minute.

01:29:40 - 01:29:42

**Selectboard Office**

For posting method, official method for posting meetings.

01:29:43 - 01:29:48

**Selectboard Office**

Clerk must still keep a paper copy and that's it.

01:29:48 - 01:29:59

**Selectboard Office**

Like we don't actually have to, it just, I mean I don't know what that means is that you know the clerk must keep a paper copy but I think that satisfies that or it's on the desk.

01:30:00 - 01:30:03

**Selectboard Office**

Yes but it has to be posted so it doesn't mean you could just give a copy.

01:30:03 - 01:30:05

**Selectboard Office**

No no no and then have the electronic version.

01:30:06 - 01:30:08

**Selectboard Office**

You can't just have the electronic version.

01:30:08 - 01:30:13

**Selectboard Office**

I'm just I'm telling you what I just think what I just read the clerk.

01:30:13 - 01:30:17

**Selectboard Office**

No that's after the fact she has to keep the paper is what you're saying.

01:30:19 - 01:30:19

**Selectboard Office**

What?

01:30:19 - 01:30:22

**Amy Wang**

Because everybody doesn't have access to internet.

01:30:23 - 01:30:27

**Amy Wang**

Everybody doesn't use the internet in town which we well know.

01:30:28 - 01:30:46

**Amy Wang**

You know so it basically So posting it at two places, to have it posted at Town Hall, if you send it, or even for Katrin to post it at the store, you do have to give extra time because there are days when Katrin isn't here.

01:30:46 - 01:30:54

**Amy Wang**

And you don't necessarily know that in advance unless you call and say, I'm going to send you this, would you be there tomorrow to post it?

01:30:54 - 01:30:57

**Amy Wang**

If she says no, I you know, I'm taking a sick day.

01:30:57 - 01:31:04

**Amy Wang**

I'm taking a vacation day You know, it's like now you've you're kind of screwed because it's not going up in time any longer.

01:31:05 - 01:31:23

**Selectboard Office**

Well, you know in this case so Catherine and I could both learn how to do it Postings must be filed with the town clerk and for local bodies published online and on a public bullet, but I don't that's not But I'm positive it has to be a paper.

01:31:23 - 01:31:23

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:31:23 - 01:31:28

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think I think we're in violent agreement here Like it's easy to post it out there.

01:31:28 - 01:31:30

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, everybody agrees to that.

01:31:30 - 01:31:57

**Selectboard Office**

Maybe the one at the post office doesn't have to be Yeah until we well, we have well, right and then I mean, I don't I don't know what you're using for a calendar but like Microsoft has a shared calendar, Google has a shared calendar, like it's it just doesn't need to be this hard like we can all kind of share access to a shared calendar that's posted on the website.

01:31:58 - 01:32:14

**Selectboard Office**

All right so I talked to the company that I use for the calendar that's on the website today and I can upgrade to a better plan that gives me two users and will allow me to set up community postings, so anybody can go online and post something.

01:32:16 - 01:32:16

**Amy Wang**

So.

01:32:16 - 01:32:18

**Selectboard Office**

It'll cost you \$100.

01:32:18 - 01:32:23

**Selectboard Office**

I have zero experience with the work with Firefox.

01:32:24 - 01:32:26

**Selectboard Office**

Well, it's literally a form.

01:32:26 - 01:32:27

**Selectboard Office**

I can't imagine it.

01:32:28 - 01:32:31

**Selectboard Office**

I never have an issue, and I use at least five different browsers.

01:32:32 - 01:32:36

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, I don't use a Mac, so maybe Safari's an issue.

01:32:36 - 01:32:39

**Selectboard Office**

I don't use Safari, but I use Firefox occasionally.

01:32:39 - 01:32:39

**Selectboard Office**

I use Chrome.

01:32:40 - 01:32:40

**Selectboard Office**

I use ARC.

01:32:40 - 01:32:51

**Selectboard Office**

I use comment I use Use all of those if I have a problem I just switch to a different browser because usually that solves the problem Right.

01:32:51 - 01:33:04

**Amy Wang**

I will say there are some there are some weird things about our website because for instance I believe it still says on our website that our state rep is Natalie Blay and that our senator is whoever Who is it before Paul Mark?

01:33:04 - 01:33:09

**Amy Wang**

I I don't even remember any longer I tried to change it once, but it would not let me.

01:33:09 - 01:33:09

**Selectboard Office**

And.

01:33:09 - 01:33:17

**Amy Wang**

I had a tremendous amount of difficulty trying to even get an email address in to contact them.

01:33:18 - 01:33:24

**Amy Wang**

So I mean, those are like, so anybody who moves to town and says, oh, look, who's my state officers?

01:33:24 - 01:33:25

**Amy Wang**

You're gonna get the wrong answer.

01:33:26 - 01:33:29

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so that's a money thing, sorry.

01:33:29 - 01:33:32

**Selectboard Office**

That's me is the only one that maintains a website.

01:33:32 - 01:33:35

**Selectboard Office**

And if somebody tells me there's a problem, I do my best to fix it.

01:33:35 - 01:33:43

**Selectboard Office**

If somebody else wants to have access and and knows how to use WordPress and help me, I'm all open to that.

01:33:43 - 01:33:45

**Selectboard Office**

I have never said no to anyone.

01:33:45 - 01:33:51

**Selectboard Office**

So if you want to spend more money and hire more people to do the web, that's how you get those things fixed.

01:33:51 - 01:33:56

**Selectboard Office**

It is a never-ending job to go through that website and keep things updated.

01:33:56 - 01:33:58

**Selectboard Office**

I was never so happy as when you took over.

01:33:58 - 01:34:18

**Selectboard Office**

So Amy, I don't know what you doing but all the things you just said are certainly easily fixed and I don't know why you were having a problem but and if you want to point out where some of these issues are and people do not constantly but regularly fix them all you got to do is tell.

01:34:18 - 01:34:25

**Amy Wang**

Me right well go in and see if you can it's going in if would change the names.

01:34:25 - 01:34:26

**Selectboard Office**

To our.

01:34:26 - 01:34:27

**Amy Wang**

Correct reps.

01:34:27 - 01:34:44

**Selectboard Office**

Because somebody came to me and said you know you've got all this ridiculously old stuff up there would you please fix it and they gave me some example the what they

were seeing and I fixed it and.

01:34:44 - 01:34:45

**Amy Wang**

And I.

01:34:45 - 01:34:59

**Selectboard Office**

Just talked to Pat Kennedy today and there's minutes from 2019 on the cemetery page and nothing newer and there's bylaws that nobody knows where they came from or Whether they're even valid for the cemetery.

01:34:59 - 01:35:01

**Selectboard Office**

It's just do we even need to have bylaws?

01:35:01 - 01:35:15

**Selectboard Office**

So so yeah the websites full of \*\*\*\* And if everybody wants to just look and see where their problems are and tell me I'll fix them It's not that big a deal, but I can't I can't sit and read the \*\*\*\* websites excuse my language.

01:35:19 - 01:35:20

**Selectboard Office**

I just find.

01:35:20 - 01:35:21

**Amy Wang**

It clumsy.

01:35:21 - 01:35:23

**Amy Wang**

I find it very clumsy.

01:35:25 - 01:35:25

**Selectboard Office**

And I don't know.

01:35:26 - 01:35:27

**Amy Wang**

Is that a function of WordPress?

01:35:27 - 01:35:28

**Amy Wang**

I don't really know.

01:35:32 - 01:35:33

**Selectboard Office**

I guess I'm interested.

01:35:34 - 01:35:36

**Selectboard Office**

This is a problem that every town faces.

01:35:37 - 01:35:39

**Selectboard Office**

Is there another solution?

01:35:40 - 01:35:42

**Selectboard Office**

Our website doesn't cost that much, I assume.

01:35:43 - 01:36:03

**Selectboard Office**

It's the cost-effective way to take advantage volunteers, and if we're going to start relying on it for official business, is it worth making it so that it's easier to actually use for all the volunteers who are trying to post their stupid meetings and manage the stuff?

01:36:03 - 01:36:04

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know.

01:36:04 - 01:36:07

**Selectboard Office**

Maybe there may not be anything better than WordPress.

01:36:08 - 01:36:17

**Selectboard Office**

Well, is there redesigned the website.

01:36:17 - 01:36:35

**Selectboard Office**

I got proposals from the most of the big players in the municipal website business and then Melinda had the connection at Elms and we got somebody to do the basically the designer for free as a class project and it saved us a lot of money.

01:36:38 - 01:36:41

**Selectboard Office**

Chesterfield's website was one of the companies I looked at, Civic Plus.

01:36:41 - 01:36:43

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think their website's that great.

01:36:45 - 01:36:53

**Selectboard Office**

I And no matter who designs it and does it for you, the maintenance is always the job.

01:36:53 - 01:36:56

**Selectboard Office**

And I think I totally get that.

01:36:57 - 01:37:09

**Selectboard Office**

I think what I'm really looking at is the management of the simple stuff like getting the minutes online, getting the postings online.

01:37:11 - 01:37:13

**Selectboard Office**

So that we can simplify for sure.

01:37:13 - 01:37:17

**Amy Wang**

So the minutes.

01:37:24 - 01:37:30

**Selectboard Office**

We just need to make you a folder on our shared storage place that you can put the stuff into.

01:37:31 - 01:37:32

**Selectboard Office**

It's like a Google Drive only.

01:37:32 - 01:37:33

**Selectboard Office**

It's a different company.

01:37:34 - 01:37:40

**Selectboard Office**

So do we, Amy said that we don't normally approve, verbally approve the minutes.

01:37:40 - 01:37:43

**Selectboard Office**

We just kind of go and sign off on them.

01:37:43 - 01:37:44

**Selectboard Office**

You said it's a good idea.

01:37:45 - 01:37:46

**Selectboard Office**

Would it make more sense?

01:37:46 - 01:37:48

**Selectboard Office**

We see them electronically.

01:37:48 - 01:38:06

**Selectboard Office**

And if everybody if the three of us for just our minutes go yep yep yep then we could do we actually visit I mean we could have a signature spot where you put your electronic signature and up they go and then I don't think that's legal I think that's deliberating you got to do that.

01:38:11 - 01:38:20

**Selectboard Office**

And that's why I shared shared calendars shared documents just like big no-no's, open meeting law.

01:38:21 - 01:38:23

**Selectboard Office**

Well, there might be a way to do a share.

01:38:23 - 01:38:24

**Selectboard Office**

Well, we're open meeting now, we're written when?

01:38:26 - 01:38:27

**Selectboard Office**

I mean.

01:38:29 - 01:38:31

**Selectboard Office**

Don't, don't, don't give me stories.

01:38:33 - 01:38:40

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, you know, the, you know, the fucking legislature and the governor are subject to open meeting law.

01:38:40 - 01:38:41

**Selectboard Office**

It's totally unfair.

01:38:43 - 01:38:45

**Selectboard Office**

They just finally opened up committee hearings.

01:38:46 - 01:38:54

**Selectboard Office**

So your minutes, you have some sort of shared drive that the minutes are getting deposited into, and then they're available to the public?

01:38:54 - 01:38:56

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, or you could just upload them to the...

01:38:56 - 01:38:57

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's what I did.

01:38:57 - 01:38:59

**Selectboard Office**

I've got a plan board minutes page.

01:38:59 - 01:39:00

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and that's fine.

01:39:00 - 01:39:01

**Selectboard Office**

You can just upload them to the website.

01:39:02 - 01:39:03

**Selectboard Office**

There's no storage limit that I'm aware of.

01:39:05 - 01:39:10

**Selectboard Office**

To take advantage of the fact that we're in 2026 to streamline these things and

actually make them easier.

01:39:10 - 01:39:13

**Selectboard Office**

So is that an issue for you or not?

01:39:13 - 01:39:14

**Selectboard Office**

It's as much as well.

01:39:14 - 01:39:31

**Selectboard Office**

It's not as big an issue as the postings But it's yeah, it's it takes a lot of time to come up with an agenda Get the distributed the right people get it posted in the right places get it online get it like they're all slightly different versions It's just like yeah like do it once and have a.

01:39:33 - 01:39:44

**Selectboard Office**

And the fact that you can't have a shared document where everybody just I mean that that And that is a barrier to getting things done effectively.

01:39:45 - 01:39:47

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know what you mean by that.

01:39:49 - 01:39:51

**Selectboard Office**

Because shared meaning law is an issue.

01:39:52 - 01:39:54

**Selectboard Office**

Ok, but that's what I'm saying.

01:39:54 - 01:39:57

**Selectboard Office**

It's like, if we had a shared document, that's what I said to Charlie.

01:39:57 - 01:39:59

**Selectboard Office**

It's like, let's do the agenda together.

01:39:59 - 01:40:00

**Selectboard Office**

We can have a shared document.

01:40:00 - 01:40:02

**Selectboard Office**

He's like, no, you can't have a shared document.

01:40:02 - 01:40:08

**Selectboard Office**

It's crazy that writing documents with a meeting is really hard.

01:40:09 - 01:40:13

**Selectboard Office**

So the chair comes up with the agenda and then the chair gets to figure out how to put in every word.

01:40:13 - 01:40:16

**Selectboard Office**

But I take suggestions if I remember.

01:40:17 - 01:40:18

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

01:40:19 - 01:40:35

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so anyway, let me, so I'm going to go ahead and pursue this revision to the calendar, make it simpler so that anybody can go ahead and go online and won't need, they can have their own personal log on to do it, or I will play with it.

01:40:35 - 01:40:39

**Selectboard Office**

I think it's possible to literally make it possible for anybody to post anything.

01:40:39 - 01:40:41

**Selectboard Office**

So as long as it doesn't get out of hand.

01:40:41 - 01:40:41

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:40:42 - 01:40:43

**Selectboard Office**

Is there a way to moderate?

01:40:43 - 01:40:47

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, I can decide whether to make it moderator or not.

01:40:47 - 01:40:54

**Selectboard Office**

So I'll try to make it as easy as possible and then give a little bit of training to anybody that needs it to post meetings.

01:40:55 - 01:41:00

**Selectboard Office**

You know, it'll be nice to make it more available to other people in time as well to post events.

01:41:00 - 01:41:05

**Selectboard Office**

So just because if people send them to me, I never say no, I'm pretty much out of it.

01:41:10 - 01:41:12

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you for the discussion.

01:41:12 - 01:41:13

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, of course.

01:41:13 - 01:41:19

**Selectboard Office**

So let me get that going and then I'll present it and we'll see whether that helps.

01:41:20 - 01:41:22

**Selectboard Office**

As far as a single place to do everything, I don't know.

01:41:24 - 01:41:30

**Selectboard Office**

I just feel like this is a problem that people face, so surely there's no solution out there, I don't know what it is.

01:41:31 - 01:41:32

**Selectboard Office**

You pay somebody, you see?

01:41:32 - 01:41:33

**Selectboard Office**

They all look into it.

01:41:33 - 01:41:36

**Selectboard Office**

All you have to do is email it to this person and they have to do it.

01:41:36 - 01:41:37

**Selectboard Office**

That'd be great.

01:41:37 - 01:41:38

**Selectboard Office**

But you gotta pay them.

01:41:38 - 01:41:39

**Selectboard Office**

Costs a lot of money.

01:41:39 - 01:41:40

**Selectboard Office**

A lot of money.

01:41:41 - 01:41:41

**Selectboard Office**

Something.

01:41:42 - 01:41:49

**Selectboard Office**

So, Tripp has his hand up, but you also send a chat message, I believe, and ask him about the ethics.

01:41:50 - 01:41:52

**Selectboard Office**

So, I did talk to the ethics commission.

01:41:52 - 01:41:53

**Selectboard Office**

I do not have a conflict.

01:41:53 - 01:42:09

**Selectboard Office**

I do need to fill out a form and file it with the town clerk, and I'm in the process of doing that, that states I have this relationship, I guess, for lack of a better term.

01:42:09 - 01:42:22

**Selectboard Office**

But there's no reason I can't deliberate on issues that involve Blue Wave, because I have no financial interest, and I'll have a written document from the ethics commission that essentially says that as well.

01:42:22 - 01:42:25

**Selectboard Office**

So, it's in the process, but yes, I did do that.

01:42:26 - 01:42:31

**Selectboard Office**

Did you have anything else you want to ask about that or go ahead if you do.

01:42:34 - 01:42:35

**Selectboard Office**

Good question.

01:42:36 - 01:42:37

**Selectboard Office**

Did you want to say anything else.

01:42:39 - 01:42:40

**[speaker unknown]**

Okay.

01:42:40 - 01:42:43

**Selectboard Office**

Randy you had your hand up I'm sorry I forgot.

01:42:47 - 01:42:48

**Randy Zucco**

It's no biggie.

01:42:49 - 01:42:49

**Randy Zucco**

It was just about the.

01:42:49 - 01:42:51

**Selectboard Office**

Website stuff, but I.

01:42:51 - 01:42:53

**Randy Zucco**

Don't need to talk about it.

01:42:55 - 01:42:58

**Randy Zucco**

You guys have talked enough.

01:42:58 - 01:42:59

**Selectboard Office**

Don't need that.

01:42:59 - 01:43:00

**Randy Zucco**

Anymore muck to the water.

01:43:02 - 01:43:03

**Selectboard Office**

You're a documents guy.

01:43:05 - 01:43:09

**Randy Zucco**

Yeah, no, I'll say it now, because now you made me.

01:43:09 - 01:43:10

**Selectboard Office**

I just.

01:43:10 - 01:43:17

**Randy Zucco**

The idea of having, I do the website for the consortium of COAs in the old towns.

01:43:18 - 01:43:18

**Selectboard Office**

And.

01:43:18 - 01:43:27

**Randy Zucco**

The web manager for them and the idea of having any more than one person putting

things on that website just fills me with dread.

01:43:27 - 01:43:30

**Randy Zucco**

I would never in a million years do that.

01:43:31 - 01:43:39

**Randy Zucco**

So I'm more for, you know, have an administrator who does it because then it gets done I.

01:43:39 - 01:43:40

**Randy Zucco**

Think it's done right.

01:43:42 - 01:43:43

**Randy Zucco**

So just saying.

01:43:44 - 01:43:44

**Randy Zucco**

That's my two cents.

01:43:45 - 01:43:45

**Randy Zucco**

Okay.

01:43:45 - 01:43:46

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:43:47 - 01:43:48

**Selectboard Office**

I hope that Randy should be the administrator.

01:43:54 - 01:44:00

**Selectboard Office**

My wife has multiple people posting in various ways.

01:44:01 - 01:44:03

**Selectboard Office**

So they're called CMSs basically.

01:44:04 - 01:44:06

**Selectboard Office**

What does that stand for?

01:44:06 - 01:44:08

**Selectboard Office**

Content management system.

01:44:08 - 01:44:08

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

01:44:08 - 01:44:14

**Selectboard Office**

And that's how most big websites are managed and how you get stuff onto the website through a CMS.

01:44:14 - 01:44:17

**Selectboard Office**

So do each have their own like compartmental thing?

01:44:18 - 01:44:18

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, yeah.

01:44:19 - 01:44:20

**Selectboard Office**

And we have that building, certainly.

01:44:21 - 01:44:23

**Selectboard Office**

I can create users.

01:44:24 - 01:44:27

**Selectboard Office**

I can limit what they can access or not access.

01:44:27 - 01:44:28

**Selectboard Office**

You have the power.

01:44:28 - 01:44:28

**Selectboard Office**

But I don't.

01:44:28 - 01:44:30

**Selectboard Office**

But I haven't done that.

01:44:30 - 01:44:34

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, if Bart has access, he could go in and change anything on the website if he wanted.

01:44:34 - 01:44:35

**Selectboard Office**

To.

01:44:35 - 01:44:36

**Selectboard Office**

It doesn't make me happy.

01:44:37 - 01:44:37

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:44:37 - 01:44:39

**Randy Zucco**

I.

01:44:39 - 01:44:39

**Selectboard Office**

Thought you.

01:44:39 - 01:44:45

**Randy Zucco**

Saw a line item in the budget for like \$2 ,000 for the web manager.

01:44:46 - 01:44:46

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

01:44:46 - 01:44:55

**Selectboard Office**

And that was something I requested two years ago and got approved to reimburse me for all the time I put into it.

01:44:56 - 01:45:04

**Selectboard Office**

And there was an ethics complaint this year about me being on the select board and being webmaster.

01:45:05 - 01:45:10

**Selectboard Office**

And it's kind of holding two jobs in town and there are some rules about that.

01:45:10 - 01:45:14

**Selectboard Office**

So, that's what that money was for.

01:45:14 - 01:45:20

**Selectboard Office**

But yeah, it is, we're a master, but we could pay somebody instead of me, I suppose, someday that we're certainly gonna have to do that.

01:45:20 - 01:45:22

**Randy Zucco**

Yeah, not me.

01:45:23 - 01:45:25

**Selectboard Office**

It's someone from the committee, so.

01:45:25 - 01:45:28

**Selectboard Office**

That's all right, you specialist.

01:45:28 - 01:45:39

**Selectboard Office**

But I am happy to give access to the website to anybody, you know, in town government at least who needs to get on there and do stuff, it just hardly anybody wants to.

01:45:39 - 01:45:40

**Selectboard Office**

Bart's really the only one.

01:45:40 - 01:45:40

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I mean.

01:45:40 - 01:45:49

**Randy Zucco**

If it's a simple thing, I mean, I'm happy to throw my hat in the ring to volunteer in some way, you know, some couple of hours here and.

01:45:49 - 01:45:50

**Randy Zucco**

There.

01:45:50 - 01:45:51

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, thank.

01:45:51 - 01:45:51

**Selectboard Office**

You.

01:45:52 - 01:45:52

**Randy Zucco**

So, just so you know.

01:45:53 - 01:45:54

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, do you do WordPress?

01:45:57 - 01:45:58

**Randy Zucco**

I've worked on WordPress.

01:45:59 - 01:45:59

**Randy Zucco**

Okay.

01:45:59 - 01:46:00

**Randy Zucco**

You know.

01:46:01 - 01:46:02

**Selectboard Office**

It is not.

01:46:02 - 01:46:02

**Randy Zucco**

Complicated.

01:46:02 - 01:46:07

**Randy Zucco**

I know it's not my own website is wordpress.

01:46:09 - 01:46:12

**Randy Zucco**

Not that not the consortium of my business website.

01:46:17 - 01:46:18

**Randy Zucco**

Okay, all right.

01:46:18 - 01:46:19

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

01:46:20 - 01:46:21

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so to be continued.

01:46:21 - 01:46:58

**Selectboard Office**

Hopefully we can make it easier and better Also gonna be able to make the calendar prettier Okay, it also will have the ability I could charge people to get their their listings featured to charge somebody five bucks to get the listing at the top of the calendar I don't think I can't see any really good planning or get a discount all right so I'm not much left here me my training for town officials what's that about came from Todd.

01:47:01 - 01:47:09

**Selectboard Office**

Ic 402 ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Officials, March 12th, it's in South Deerfield.

01:47:10 - 01:47:12

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I didn't know if anything would be interested, right?

01:47:12 - 01:47:14

**Selectboard Office**

I said just in a highway and a fire and a...

01:47:14 - 01:47:16

**Selectboard Office**

Did you send this to us already?

01:47:16 - 01:47:17

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I think I did.

01:47:18 - 01:47:20

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I'll go home and look at it.

01:47:21 - 01:47:22

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

01:47:22 - 01:47:23

**Selectboard Office**

So it's an FYI more than anything.

01:47:23 - 01:47:26

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I put it under informational items.

01:47:26 - 01:47:30

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, when and if we have an emergency, it'd be nice to actually be prepared.

01:47:32 - 01:47:35

**Selectboard Office**

I already forget what the rules and regulations were about.

01:47:36 - 01:47:36

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:47:37 - 01:47:41

**Selectboard Office**

That is all we have on the agenda, thank God.

01:47:42 - 01:47:48

**Selectboard Office**

And if there's anybody else that wants to make a comment before we adjourn, now's your chance.

01:47:53 - 01:47:55

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, hearing nothing, we're adjourned.

01:47:55 - 01:47:55

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:47:55 - 01:47:56

**Amy Wang**

Good night all.

01:47:56 - 01:47:57

**Randy Zucco**

Thank you guys.