

# Selectboard & Finance Committee Meeting

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## Transcript

00:01 - 00:07

**Town Hall**

This conference will now be recorded you're today.

00:07 - 00:09

**Town Hall**

I'm at 534 gallons.

00:10 - 00:14

**Town Hall**

Okay So so Christine we have that did you hear that.

00:18 - 00:19

**C Kellogg**

I did hear.

00:19 - 00:20

**Town Hall**

That okay.

00:23 - 00:27

**Town Hall**

So Joe do you think it's too late to think about moving?

00:29 - 00:32

**Town Hall**

Some of the gas money out of highway and into police.

00:38 - 00:40

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Do we have an amount.

00:41 - 00:45

**Town Hall**

Well, we know how much John's used today.

00:46 - 00:48

**Town Hall**

We can probably come up with an estimate.

00:49 - 00:54

**Town Hall**

Not tonight, I don't think, but you figure in, you know, all the driving is going to be doing.

00:55 - 00:57

**Town Hall**

We probably come up with some kind of.

00:57 - 00:59

**Town Hall**

Yeah, we come up with some of the numbers.

00:59 - 01:01

**Town Hall**

So we probably can come up with one by next week.

01:01 - 01:05

**Town Hall**

It was rent plus 34 cents a gallon plus tax.

01:05 - 01:08

**Town Hall**

So I could ask them what, I saw a change.

01:08 - 01:09

**Town Hall**

Oh good, Randy's here.

01:10 - 01:13

**Town Hall**

So we're just waiting for Bart, he did say he's on the way.

01:13 - 01:20

**Town Hall**

So why don't you try and see if you can estimate gallons for, okay, for next week, for the rest of the fiscal year.

01:20 - 01:21

**Town Hall**

Okay, I'll do that.

01:21 - 01:23

**Town Hall**

Okay, great, thanks.

01:23 - 01:29

**Town Hall**

And then we can move that out of highway and then do your budget, make more sense.

01:33 - 01:37

**Town Hall**

And that includes the other vehicle too, all the vehicles.

01:37 - 01:39

**Town Hall**

Because that includes all the vehicles, yeah.

01:40 - 01:42

**Town Hall**

All right, here's my score.

01:45 - 01:48

**Town Hall**

All right, I think this is it, we can get started.

01:50 - 02:01

**Town Hall**

We are recording, first up is talking about winter highway for highway department and request for reserve fund transfer.

02:01 - 02:07

**Town Hall**

Joe, you wanted to address that, You said he's got a number in mind.

02:08 - 02:13

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Well, I did until you said you're going to transfer some money into the police account, which.

02:13 - 02:14

**Town Hall**

You know, but for next year, I'm probably not.

02:14 - 02:17

**JOE BOUDREAU**

This year, just that's for next year, you're saying.

02:17 - 02:17

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

02:17 - 02:25

**Town Hall**

So, so next year, let's budget fuel for the police separate from fuel for the highlight, even though it all comes out of the same tank.

02:25 - 02:27

**JOE BOUDREAU**

But okay.

02:29 - 02:38

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Um, I asked the highway if they could give me the amounts of usage from March through April.

02:39 - 02:59

**JOE BOUDREAU**

The reason for that is once we get to May, we can do either an interdepartmental transfer or we could put an article on the annual town meeting warrant to fund it from May until the end of the year.

03:00 - 03:08

**JOE BOUDREAU**

The response I got was what they needed for the whole year, what was spent.

03:11 - 03:16

**JOE BOUDREAU**

My concern is \$10,000 is the total amount in the reserve fund.

03:17 - 03:20

**JOE BOUDREAU**

As things get tighter, and they certainly.

03:20 - 03:28

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Are, department heads were asked this year to keep their budgets at a minimum.

03:28 - 03:40

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So I'm concerned that we might not have enough money left in various accounts to get enough money for interdepartmental transfers, depending on how much they are.

03:41 - 03:50

**JOE BOUDREAU**

But rather than what's the small stuff, I'm going to suggest that the highway take.

03:54 - 03:55

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And divide.

03:59 - 04:02

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Let's see, \$14 ,000 they're saying for the whole year.

04:02 - 04:05

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Divide that by 4 is \$3 ,500.

04:06 - 04:09

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Multiply that by 2 months is \$7 ,000.

04:10 - 04:17

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I make a suggestion that we'll take \$7 ,000 out of the reserve fund.

04:18 - 04:26

**JOE BOUDREAU**

That will just leave us a very little bit of \$3 ,000 left for other departments, but it should get us to May.

04:26 - 04:26

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Does that.

04:30 - 04:32

**Town Hall**

Make sense to me?

04:33 - 04:35

**Town Hall**

Somebody want to start.

04:35 - 04:35

**JOE BOUDREAU**

With the.

04:35 - 04:35

**Town Hall**

Finance?

04:35 - 04:35

**Town Hall**

I.

04:35 - 04:36

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Can make that motion.

04:37 - 04:39

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I just explained it, but.

04:40 - 04:41

**Town Hall**

Might as well.

04:41 - 04:41

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Okay.

04:42 - 04:49

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I make a motion that the finance committee approve \$7 ,000 from the reserve fund.

04:51 - 04:52

**Bart Niswonger**

Second that.

04:55 - 04:56

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So discussions.

04:57 - 04:57

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Do you guys.

04:57 - 04:58

**Randy Zucco**

Have the.

04:58 - 04:59

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Form there?

05:00 - 05:02

**Town Hall**

Do you have it Peggy?

05:02 - 05:05

**Town Hall**

No, she said she was going to bring it and send it.

05:05 - 05:09

**Town Hall**

I told her, you saw the email, so I don't have anything.

05:09 - 05:12

**Town Hall**

So is the form still sitting at the Highway Department?

05:12 - 05:13

**Town Hall**

No.

05:13 - 05:15

**Town Hall**

I'm asking, Christine.

05:16 - 05:21

**C Kellogg**

No, it was sent at 422 this afternoon.

05:21 - 05:22

**Town Hall**

So it was email.

05:23 - 05:24

**Town Hall**

Ok, Peggy's looking.

05:27 - 05:29

**Town Hall**

So in the meantime, go ahead, sorry.

05:29 - 05:36

**C Kellogg**

Yeah, I just wanted to say that we were are totally fine with Joe's suggestion.

05:36 - 05:42

**C Kellogg**

We had calculated that we've spent 94% of our fuel so far.

05:45 - 05:54

**C Kellogg**

And so we calculated that last year between now and July 1 was approximately \$14,000 worth of fuel.

05:54 - 06:02

**C Kellogg**

So we had asked for 10 because the last two months of the fiscal year last year was about two grand.

06:03 - 06:06

**C Kellogg**

So we knew that we had a little wiggle room.

06:06 - 06:14

**C Kellogg**

We did not know that then the cap for the entire town was \$10 ,000 in the reserve.

06:14 - 06:20

**C Kellogg**

So we're totally accepting whatever help we can get to get through to the next step.

06:24 - 06:26

**Town Hall**

Any other discussion?

06:28 - 06:31

**Town Hall**

Okay, hearing none, Joe, have you vote?

06:32 - 06:33

**Town Hall**

Yes.

06:34 - 06:34

**Town Hall**

Bart?

06:35 - 06:36

**Town Hall**

Yes.

06:37 - 06:38

**Town Hall**

Randy?

06:39 - 06:39

**Town Hall**

Yes.

06:41 - 06:42

**Town Hall**

And I vote yes.

06:44 - 06:48

**Town Hall**

Hey, Randy, for future reference, before we forget, can we get your phone number?

06:51 - 06:55

**[speaker unknown]**

413-230-9123.

06:56 - 06:57

**Town Hall**

Great, thank you.

06:57 - 07:03

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Well, before we move on there's just peg know how to make somebody know how to make out that form.

07:03 - 07:09

**Town Hall**

I'm making it out now and I'll send it to you Joe or I'll have a Linda sign.

07:12 - 07:20

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Well, who is do how many people from the finance committee is in there.

07:22 - 07:25

**Town Hall**

The only people in the room are Melinda myself.

07:30 - 07:30

**Town Hall**

The.

07:32 - 07:39

**JOE BOUDREAU**

You'll have to kind of send it around to make a PDF of it and send it around for all for at least three of us to sign.

07:42 - 07:45

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And there's a spot on there to transfer a number that would be Fy.

07:45 - 07:47

**JOE BOUDREAU**

26-1.

07:52 - 07:55

**Town Hall**

So when you guys want to move.

08:00 - 08:07

**Amy Wang**

Select board approve the transfer as a as proposed by the finance committee.

08:07 - 08:10

**JOE BOUDREAU**

You know you guys don't get the vote.

08:10 - 08:13

**Town Hall**

Okay.

08:13 - 08:16

**Deb Rocque**

If.

08:16 - 08:19

**JOE BOUDREAU**

You want to go right ahead but I'm just trying.

08:19 - 08:19

**Town Hall**

To say.

08:19 - 08:32

**Town Hall**

All right so it's done so was there anything else regarding the that we needed to talk about tonight?

08:32 - 08:36

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Did you approve them overspending snow and ice?

08:38 - 08:39

**Town Hall**

Yeah, we need to do that.

08:39 - 08:40

**Town Hall**

So we do that?

08:41 - 08:43

**Town Hall**

So the select board does that?

08:44 - 08:44

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Yes.

08:45 - 08:47

**Town Hall**

Okay, so I'll take a motion for that.

08:48 - 08:49

**Amy Wang**

I will move that.

08:49 - 08:56

**Amy Wang**

We permit the highway department to overspend on snow and ice.

08:57 - 08:57

**Deb Rocque**

Second.

08:59 - 09:00

**Town Hall**

Any discussion?

09:01 - 09:02

**Town Hall**

All in favor.

09:02 - 09:03

**Town Hall**

Aye.

09:03 - 09:03

**Town Hall**

Aye.

09:04 - 09:04

**Town Hall**

Aye.

09:05 - 09:05

**Town Hall**

Okay.

09:05 - 09:06

**Town Hall**

Passes unanimously.

09:08 - 09:09

**[speaker unknown]**

All right.

09:10 - 09:10

**Town Hall**

Good.

09:10 - 09:11

**Town Hall**

So that's that, right?

09:12 - 09:14

**Town Hall**

We can move on to police.

09:19 - 09:20

**Town Hall**

Christine, you have anything else while you're here?

09:23 - 09:23

**C Kellogg**

No.

09:23 - 09:24

**C Kellogg**

Am I good to go?

09:25 - 09:25

**Town Hall**

Yeah, for sure.

09:25 - 09:26

**Town Hall**

Thank you so much.

09:27 - 09:27

**C Kellogg**

Good night, guys.

09:28 - 09:29

**Amy Wang**

Good Good night.

09:29 - 09:29

**Amy Wang**

Good night.

09:32 - 09:34

**Town Hall**

All right, John, your turn.

09:38 - 09:42

**Town Hall**

I think I've got your salary correct in here.

09:43 - 09:45

**Town Hall**

The sheet's not right though.

09:46 - 09:47

**Town Hall**

I think I put it on there.

09:48 - 09:48

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

09:49 - 09:49

**Town Hall**

What's yours say?

09:53 - 09:55

**Town Hall**

It should be \$94 ,000 or \$515 ,000.

09:58 - 10:00

**Town Hall**

It's just your \$7 ,000, right?

10:00 - 10:00

**Town Hall**

That's right.

10:01 - 10:01

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

10:01 - 10:02

**Town Hall**

Okay.

10:02 - 10:04

**Town Hall**

All right.

10:10 - 10:10

**[speaker unknown]**

So.

10:15 - 10:17

**Town Hall**

There's not a whole lot here to talk about.

10:17 - 10:20

**Town Hall**

Your salary is just up for the account schedule.

10:24 - 10:26

**Town Hall**

You're dropping police wages.

10:27 - 10:28

**Town Hall**

That's part-time wages?

10:28 - 10:28

**Town Hall**

Yes.

10:30 - 10:33

**Town Hall**

So you think that's, did you spend anything this year?

10:35 - 10:39

**Town Hall**

Just what was paid out earlier.

10:39 - 10:39

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

10:41 - 11:02

**Town Hall**

We're going to drop that completely because it's just not necessary the 5,000 is going to be for traffic control offices In case like if we need them for any sort of emergency situation Other than that, it's gonna be me and a dog We don't foresee

any any help.

11:03 - 11:03

**Town Hall**

Nope.

11:07 - 11:07

**[speaker unknown]**

Expenses.

11:10 - 11:14

**Town Hall**

You're up \$6 ,450, I'm sorry.

11:14 - 11:20

**Town Hall**

Yeah, well, we have to pay for Lexapol, which is \$2 ,000, policy and procedure.

11:22 - 11:24

**Town Hall**

Unfortunately, that is, it's required.

11:25 - 11:26

**Town Hall**

It's the craziest thing.

11:26 - 11:30

**Town Hall**

I actually asked, I said, well, I'm the only person on the department.

11:30 - 11:32

**Town Hall**

Do I have to tell myself how to do policing?

11:33 - 11:35

**Town Hall**

And their answer was yes, it has to be in writing.

11:35 - 11:42

**Town Hall**

So Lexapol is a program that they run in Massachusetts that does follow the same procedures that's required for any police department.

11:43 - 11:47

**Town Hall**

So that's why that was added into it into our last year's budget.

11:47 - 11:52

**Town Hall**

Also the other expense is the DTS system, Detail Tracking System.

11:53 - 11:54

**Town Hall**

So that's for the details.

11:55 - 12:01

**Town Hall**

So what that does is what will happen is say Marius calls and says we need 10 offices tomorrow.

12:02 - 12:06

**Town Hall**

I go into the system, I type in 10 offices traffic detail Marias.

12:07 - 12:21

**Town Hall**

This is the area it will send out text messages and emails that all offices They'll go on they bid according to the ranking on the system, whether they're a full-time officer A retired officer or a tco they'll get ranked they can bid for jobs.

12:21 - 12:25

**Town Hall**

Once the jobs vote like awarded to them They know that they have to go there.

12:25 - 12:34

**Town Hall**

So they go they sign everything's done Tammy will at the end of the day print out all the billing One button billing.

12:34 - 12:34

**Town Hall**

She'll hit the button.

12:35 - 12:36

**Town Hall**

Everyone has signed their forms.

12:36 - 12:37

**Town Hall**

She'll mail it off.

12:37 - 12:44

**Town Hall**

We get paid We ran it last year, too So again, we added that into the budget.

12:44 - 12:49

**Town Hall**

That's why it wasn't in the budget last year But we also get back the money.

12:50 - 13:10

**Town Hall**

So each TCO officer last year we had I think we had 11 at the beginning of the year Right now I think we're up to like 19, but each TCO is required to pay \$120 To become a tco in that town to remain a tco in that town And what that does is that helps pay for the expense of dts.

13:10 - 13:13

**Town Hall**

It comes back to the town We sent it back to the town.

13:13 - 13:15

**Town Hall**

I think you guys probably put it in a general fund.

13:15 - 13:20

**Town Hall**

Yeah, I assume so So just so you know, okay, we pay up front, but we will get most of it back.

13:20 - 13:21

**Town Hall**

Okay, just the man.

13:22 - 13:31

**Town Hall**

I was alone We'll get it back just like not wasting not having to waste our time for me to call 10 people to see if they want jobs Yeah, no, that's not.

13:31 - 13:32

**Town Hall**

Yeah, we're gonna make the money.

13:32 - 13:34

**Town Hall**

So this pasture you haven't had to do.

13:34 - 13:40

**Town Hall**

No, we use DTS and Didn't bother what we do policies and procedures before we left.

13:40 - 13:43

**Town Hall**

Yeah, but it's still it's a it's a paid thing You have to pay every year for it.

13:43 - 13:44

**Town Hall**

You have to do it every year.

13:44 - 13:45

**Town Hall**

Yeah, that's a pull.

13:46 - 13:53

**Amy Wang**

There are changes that happen from time to time and there are ways in which they continually update it.

13:53 - 14:07

**Amy Wang**

There's also there was a part of it, as he explained it to me, when you log in at the police station, they ask you a question based upon the policies and procedures manual, which you have to answer in order to continue.

14:08 - 14:08

**Amy Wang**

Yeah.

14:09 - 14:13

**Town Hall**

It's supposed to be a continuing education on policy and procedures that we're always learning.

14:14 - 14:15

**Town Hall**

Again, I'm a single person.

14:16 - 14:17

**Town Hall**

I said, I know how to be policing.

14:18 - 14:19

**Town Hall**

I have to police myself.

14:20 - 14:23

**Town Hall**

And they said, yes, according to the way it's written in the law, they.

14:23 - 14:23

**Town Hall**

Do.

14:23 - 14:28

**Town Hall**

A lot of these things are the things that I knew was coming and I knew that it was there.

14:28 - 14:39

**Town Hall**

And that's like one of the main reasons why I say like, you know, even if you could do it administratively to tie into another department to help pay for these backdoor funded craziness of one officer.

14:39 - 14:40

**Town Hall**

You know what I mean?

14:40 - 14:41

**Town Hall**

Like, it's like I'm one guy.

14:41 - 14:46

**Town Hall**

If I have one guy here, one guy there, then we have three of us paying the \$2 ,000, it'd be a lot different.

14:46 - 14:48

**Town Hall**

You know, we're all good on, but that's just the way it is.

14:49 - 14:57

**Town Hall**

I know at least we get the money back for the DTS system and we will definitely

make back in cruiser fees and you know the other money that comes in.

15:00 - 15:02

**Town Hall**

Anybody else have questions about the expense line?

15:07 - 15:26

**Town Hall**

Okay um clerical um I just up the Tammy's pay per the pound schedule I think I've got the right number there and uh So the other two are \$500, it looks like IMC and CGIS.

15:27 - 15:30

**Town Hall**

Yep, it's also mandatory payments.

15:31 - 15:32

**Town Hall**

So regional lockup went away?

15:33 - 15:34

**Town Hall**

Yes.

15:37 - 15:40

**Town Hall**

Because they do the courtesy booking and the lockup for everybody.

15:43 - 15:44

**Town Hall**

So that's just a nice thing the sheriff did?

15:45 - 15:46

**Town Hall**

I don't know how it happened.

15:47 - 15:48

**Town Hall**

I doubted something nice.

15:52 - 15:52

**Town Hall**

Is Bart here?

15:53 - 15:54

**Town Hall**

Yes, Bart's here.

15:55 - 15:58

**Town Hall**

So anybody have any questions for John?

15:58 - 16:00

**Randy Zucco**

Charlie, I have a question.

16:00 - 16:00

**Randy Zucco**

It's Randy.

16:02 - 16:11

**Randy Zucco**

I'm not seeing it reflected in the spreadsheet that you have in the document, the Collins raise for the clerical.

16:14 - 16:14

**[speaker unknown]**

What.

16:14 - 16:18

**Randy Zucco**

Would that new amount be?

16:22 - 16:30

**Town Hall**

13,722, it's not in the appropriations when we say police clerical.

16:32 - 16:35

**Town Hall**

Actually, it should be 13.

16:35 - 16:36

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

16:36 - 16:38

**Town Hall**

Yeah, it's 13722.

16:38 - 16:42

**Town Hall**

Well, actually 13946 is what's plugged into the appropriations.

16:42 - 16:44

**Town Hall**

I mean, I've got the schedule here in a moment.

16:46 - 16:47

**JOE BOUDREAU**

13946 is in the Collins.

16:48 - 16:50

**Town Hall**

Okay, so it should be 13946.

16:51 - 16:52

**Town Hall**

Go ahead, Randy.

16:52 - 16:56

**Randy Zucco**

Is the police chief right at 90 ,397?

16:56 - 16:58

**Town Hall**

No, you've got the old one there.

16:58 - 17:01

**Town Hall**

It's 94.550.

17:01 - 17:02

**Town Hall**

Okey-dokey.

17:04 - 17:12

**Town Hall**

So if you look at the spreadsheet I sent out today, which is the one Joe had sent out last week, I think.

17:12 - 17:13

**Town Hall**

Sorry, guys.

17:15 - 17:19

**Town Hall**

It's FY27, T-O-W-F-Y27 spreadsheet.

17:19 - 17:20

**Town Hall**

Okay.

17:20 - 17:26

**Town Hall**

There's an appropriations tab in there and every expenditures in there, including these.

17:26 - 17:30

**Town Hall**

And that one is Joe and I both agree on.

17:30 - 17:32

**Town Hall**

So I think we're pretty good.

17:32 - 17:33

**Randy Zucco**

Ok.

17:33 - 17:33

**Randy Zucco**

Gotcha.

17:37 - 17:40

**Town Hall**

All right, any other questions for John?

17:46 - 17:47

**Town Hall**

Do we vote to accept?

17:47 - 17:47

**Town Hall**

I don't remember.

17:48 - 17:50

**Town Hall**

We do it just one after week.

17:53 - 17:57

**JOE BOUDREAU**

The only comment I have for John is, I'm glad to see you here.

17:57 - 17:59

**JOE BOUDREAU**

They're not on my floor picking me up.

18:00 - 18:01

**Town Hall**

Me too.

18:01 - 18:02

**Town Hall**

I'm glad to see you're operating OK.

18:02 - 18:04

**Town Hall**

I think we all can agree on that.

18:06 - 18:07

**Town Hall**

Totally.

18:10 - 18:14

**Town Hall**

Okay, so we don't vote on these individually, do we typically?

18:14 - 18:15

**Town Hall**

I don't recall doing that.

18:16 - 18:20

**Town Hall**

We go through, don't we go through it all at once and do the recommendations and so.

18:20 - 18:22

**Town Hall**

Well, when we do the work.

18:22 - 18:25

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I have one more question for John.

18:25 - 18:35

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Are you gonna come up with a number for fuel for next year that should we, when we get that, Should we create another account called Police Fuel?

18:36 - 18:55

**Town Hall**

So I will come up with a number, but concern wise, my concern would be the number of details because officers will drive the additional police vehicle, which usually doesn't get driven, we're down to one vehicle that gets driven most of the time, but we will have officers using other vehicles.

18:56 - 19:05

**Town Hall**

And depending on how many details, if they're doing five details a week for six months, We're gonna have to add that a little fuel that's gonna burn off that vehicle.

19:05 - 19:16

**Town Hall**

I think you just need to estimate based on this past year Because with this past year, they didn't they weren't running both vehicles They weren't why because the other vehicle had issues, but now it's all fixed.

19:17 - 19:19

**Town Hall**

We're ready to go with it You'll let them use both vehicles.

19:19 - 19:29

**Town Hall**

Yeah, so they're gonna so we could add more but you're going to be bringing in a lot more money You're talking almost \$120, \$130 a day.

19:29 - 19:32

**Town Hall**

Yeah, we just want to account for the fuel in the right places.

19:33 - 19:34

**Town Hall**

Yeah, so I will do the best estimate.

19:35 - 19:43

**Town Hall**

So if we have to later on and I have to come back and say, hey, you know, my estimate was a little low, we're up to this right now, then you guys will at least understand.

19:43 - 19:45

**Town Hall**

I just want to make sure that you guys understand.

19:45 - 19:48

**Town Hall**

I'll do the best I can, but I can't tell how many details.

19:48 - 19:53

**Town Hall**

I mean, they've moved telephone poles three times before they even wires on them.

19:53 - 19:54

**Town Hall**

I have no idea what they're doing up there.

19:55 - 19:56

**Town Hall**

So yeah.

19:56 - 20:05

**JOE BOUDREAU**

There's another issue also is going to be the price of gasoline which nobody knows what's going on in Iran and how that's going to affect.

20:05 - 20:08

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So it's got to be your best guess and that's it.

20:09 - 20:10

**Town Hall**

Okay well I appreciate it.

20:10 - 20:12

**Town Hall**

I would do my best to give you a solid number.

20:13 - 20:25

**Town Hall**

So if you could come up with something for next week that'd great absolutely all right so Joey didn't answer my question we don't vote individually on the budgets right.

20:25 - 20:33

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Oh we do eventually but i surely say we should not until we have the how bad it is.

20:33 - 20:34

**Town Hall**

I'm not prepared to.

20:34 - 20:34

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Vote.

20:34 - 20:38

**Town Hall**

Until until we get to the one just.

20:38 - 20:53

**Randy Zucco**

Finalized one more question i'm sorry to do this because I'm still not seeing that tab, the, the entire, I was excited to see the whole police budget tab, but I'm not seeing it in whatever Joe's.

20:53 - 20:53

**Town Hall**

Day.

20:54 - 21:00

**Town Hall**

No, you want to look at the appropriations for the entire town and the police is in there along with everything else.

21:00 - 21:00

**Randy Zucco**

Gotcha.

21:01 - 21:05

**Randy Zucco**

Is it, is it level funded or less than or more than last year?

21:05 - 21:06

**Town Hall**

Well, it's more.

21:06 - 21:08

**Town Hall**

We just went through the whole thing.

21:08 - 21:08

**Town Hall**

Sorry.

21:08 - 21:09

**Town Hall**

It is.

21:09 - 21:11

**Randy Zucco**

More than last year's.

21:11 - 21:11

**Town Hall**

Absolutely.

21:12 - 21:12

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

21:12 - 21:12

**Town Hall**

Okay.

21:13 - 21:31

**Town Hall**

Well, the total Well, it's probably it is a little less because he reduced the police wages by 15 000 So even with his raise and the increase in expenses, that's still and a little bit and the raise for tammy That's all probably less than 15 000 total.

21:31 - 21:34

**Town Hall**

So it probably is a reduction from last year.

21:34 - 21:41

**Town Hall**

I haven't done the math But yeah, I'm sorry, what'd you say?

21:42 - 21:44

**Randy Zucco**

Yeah, I was just happy to see that.

21:45 - 21:47

**Randy Zucco**

But I kept hearing numbers that were higher.

21:48 - 21:50

**Randy Zucco**

And so if it's still less, that's kind.

21:50 - 21:53

**Town Hall**

Of- Well, the big change is police wages.

21:56 - 21:59

**Town Hall**

Which is Tammy's wages for clerical work.

22:00 - 22:06

**Town Hall**

Excuse me, police wages, which is the wages for part-time policemen, We reduce by 15 ,000, because we don't manage.

22:07 - 22:09

**Bart Niswonger**

So last year was 146.

22:09 - 22:10

**Bart Niswonger**

This year is 142.

22:11 - 22:11

**Town Hall**

Thank you very much.

22:12 - 22:12

**Randy Zucco**

Thank you, Bart.

22:15 - 22:20

**Town Hall**

I mean, if it would help, we can even reduce the police wage account from 5 ,000 to 2 ,500.

22:20 - 22:21

**Town Hall**

Well, let's see.

22:22 - 22:22

**Town Hall**

That's.

22:22 - 22:23

**Randy Zucco**

Ok.

22:24 - 22:24

**Town Hall**

Keep.

22:24 - 22:24

**Randy Zucco**

It in mind.

22:24 - 22:27

**Randy Zucco**

The thing that goes down is great in my book.

22:28 - 22:33

**Town Hall**

Yeah, well, I want to be fiscally responsible, as well as do a good job as a policeman.

22:33 - 22:35

**Town Hall**

And I don't want to waste money either.

22:37 - 22:39

**Town Hall**

Well, let's see how everything else plays out.

22:39 - 22:40

**Town Hall**

We may come back to you.

22:42 - 22:43

**Randy Zucco**  
Appreciate it.

22:43 - 22:44

**Town Hall**  
All right, good.

22:44 - 22:46

**Town Hall**  
We move on to the school.

22:48 - 22:49

**Randy Zucco**  
Everybody's good with that?

22:49 - 22:50

**Town Hall**  
Hey, thank you guys.

22:50 - 22:51

**Town Hall**  
Yeah, thanks.

22:51 - 22:51

**Town Hall**  
Have a good night.

22:51 - 22:52

**Town Hall**  
Be careful.

22:52 - 22:52

**Bart Niswonger**

Going home.

22:52 - 22:53

**Town Hall**

Well, you too.

22:53 - 22:54

**Town Hall**

You got the long.

22:54 - 22:54

**Randy Zucco**

Drive.

22:54 - 22:54

**Randy Zucco**

Yeah, you.

22:55 - 22:55

**Amy Wang**

Yeah, really.

22:56 - 22:57

**Town Hall**

We can see our house from here.

22:58 - 22:58

**Town Hall**

So we're good.

22:58 - 22:59

**Town Hall**

That's the famous last words.

23:00 - 23:01

**Town Hall**

I can see my house.

23:01 - 23:04

**Town Hall**

You have a nice night.

23:08 - 23:13

**Town Hall**

All right, school, budget, let me get the big one here.

23:18 - 23:24

**Town Hall**

I'm not bothering to put this up on the screen because everybody's got everything I believe.

23:28 - 23:32

**Town Hall**

Do you want to, Allison, you want to start here?

23:34 - 23:35

**Alison Todd**

Go ahead, Gretchen.

23:35 - 23:41

**Bart Niswonger**

Can I just jump in before that, just to, Charlie, can I get clarification that.

23:41 - 23:46

**Bart Niswonger**

The spreadsheet you sent out today, does it have.

23:46 - 23:48

**Town Hall**

The best.

23:48 - 23:50

**Bart Niswonger**

Town, best school numbers in it?

23:51 - 23:57

**Town Hall**

It has the latest ones from, you know, what Lisa sent, and yes.

23:57 - 23:58

**Bart Niswonger**

Okay, great.

23:58 - 23:59

**Bart Niswonger**

Thank you.

24:00 - 24:01

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Hi, everybody.

24:01 - 24:03

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Let me clarify the numbers if I could.

24:03 - 24:10

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Your original budget number that you sent out on the regular budget request.

24:10 - 24:19

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Form versus the spreadsheet, the big long spreadsheets that you sent out, there seems to be a discrepancy.

24:20 - 24:21

**Town Hall**

And.

24:21 - 24:25

**JOE BOUDREAU**

What was on the budget request form.

24:27 - 24:46

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Was \$2,217,475 in what is on that big spreadsheet now is 2,142,06438, or a reduction of 75,41096.

24:47 - 24:48

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Can you confirm that?

24:49 - 24:51

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Because then we have to change our spreadsheet.

24:52 - 24:58

**Town Hall**

Yeah, because I did leave the original number in there, even though I plugged in the individual numbers.

25:00 - 25:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Joe, can you say the numbers again, because you were choppies.

25:05 - 25:06

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I'm sorry.

25:08 - 25:09

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Maybe it's easier.

25:09 - 25:16

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Can you tell me what the current school budget request is?

25:16 - 25:17

**JOE BOUDREAU**

That would be easier.

25:18 - 25:23

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The total school budget request is 2142064.38.

25:24 - 25:28

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Okay, that's a change from your original budget request.

25:29 - 25:32

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So we need to change the spreadsheet to reflect that.

25:33 - 25:35

**Town Hall**

Okay, I'll fix that.

25:37 - 25:38

**Town Hall**

So can I just.

25:38 - 26:02

**Alison Todd**

Add that it's just one of those times of year, as it always is with budget season, that we are getting updated information, for instance, as we find out which students are going to go to Smith Boak versus which ones are going to go to Hampshire, confirming actual staffing versus projected staffing.

26:02 - 26:11

**Alison Todd**

And so there will probably continue to be updates, but Gretchen and Lisa will keep you apprised of the newest numbers.

26:12 - 26:18

**Alison Todd**

And I think I speak accurately when I say I don't predict them to go up significantly.

26:20 - 26:21

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

You're right, Allison.

26:22 - 26:23

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We're looking to go on the downward trend.

26:25 - 26:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Joe, are you all set?

26:27 - 26:27

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yep.

26:28 - 26:30

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Okay, so why don't we start with the building budget?

26:30 - 26:32

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I sent over this morning a.

26:32 - 26:36

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Summary of the budget all of you, so if you've had a chance.

26:36 - 26:43

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

To read through that summary, and I'm gonna use that as kind of the guide for the talking.

26:43 - 26:43

**Amy Wang**

Points.

26:44 - 27:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So first I wanna say the building budget, Lisa does an amazing job keeping that building budget, you know, pretty stable and works really hard to check in with the contractors and make sure, or the providers that we have and contractual agreements to make sure that we're getting the best deals.

27:05 - 27:06

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So thank you, Lisa, for.

27:06 - 27:07

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

That.

27:08 - 27:12

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So the building budget remains stable with a 2.03% increase over last year.

27:13 - 27:19

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The custodial line remains level funded as we have two part-time custodians.

27:23 - 27:28

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The automated logic heating service agreement reflects just a standard contractual increase.

27:28 - 27:31

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So that is an increase in the budget.

27:32 - 27:34

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And we are seeing a decrease in the phone costs.

27:34 - 27:38

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So that's why that was decreased due to the getting the E rate reimbursement.

27:38 - 27:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And that's something that we've been working really hard over the last few years with our IT director to get that reimbursement, which really helps with those expenses.

27:55 - 27:56

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, wanted to highlight.

27:57 - 28:03

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Lisa, was there anything in particular that you wanted to say about the budget that we haven't touched on?

28:05 - 28:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

No.

28:05 - 28:07

**Lisa Ouellet**

No, you covered it all.

28:07 - 28:08

**Town Hall**

I don't have any.

28:08 - 28:09

**Town Hall**

Questions.

28:10 - 28:11

**Town Hall**

So why is custodian flat?

28:12 - 28:13

**Town Hall**

Maybe you said that and I missed.

28:13 - 28:13

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It.

28:13 - 28:14

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yep, you did.

28:14 - 28:15

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

You missed it.

28:15 - 28:16

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's in the summary.

28:16 - 28:21

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's because we have two part-time custodians versus a full-time.

28:21 - 28:24

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, they're working part-time hours.

28:25 - 28:32

**Town Hall**

But they're not getting, so you didn't fully spend last year's appropriation, is that it?

28:33 - 28:34

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, spent.

28:34 - 28:36

**Town Hall**

Today...

28:36 - 28:38

**Town Hall**

Are they getting columns and steps?

28:38 - 28:40

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yep, they're following the call-in schedule.

28:41 - 28:43

**Lisa Ouellet**

I can answer that real quick, Charlie.

28:43 - 28:51

**Lisa Ouellet**

Our previous custodian made a lot more than the two part-time custodians due to the amount of years of work experience.

28:51 - 28:57

**Lisa Ouellet**

And so we were under to keep coming in just under that full amount, even with the two of them combined.

28:58 - 28:59

**Town Hall**

Got it, thank you.

29:06 - 29:10

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So if there are any questions about the building budget, we are happy to answer those.

29:11 - 29:13

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's, I feel.

29:13 - 29:17

**Town Hall**

Like- Is the boiler pretty much hanging in there?

29:17 - 29:21

**Town Hall**

Don't anticipate any major expenses there?

29:22 - 29:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We continue to work with all three boilers.

29:28 - 29:30

**Town Hall**

I have a question.

29:30 - 29:30

**Town Hall**

Go ahead.

29:31 - 29:36

**Town Hall**

I was wondering about so you have two part-time custodians.

29:37 - 29:41

**Town Hall**

How many hours do each of them work each week?

29:42 - 29:44

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Lisa, we can give them our approximate.

29:45 - 29:51

**Lisa Ouellet**

I want to say one is that each for a two-week period it's 30 and.

29:54 - 29:56

**Lisa Ouellet**

I would say 15 to 20.

29:57 - 30:00

**Town Hall**

Okay, so then they're not.

30:11 - 30:20

**Town Hall**

Benefited Okay, anybody with questions about the building budget I'm gonna let off with that.

30:24 - 30:38

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Okay Alright Moving on to the school budget So there are several adjustments driven by contractual obligations and our student needs in this budget.

30:39 - 30:42

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So you know this budget is kind of broken into three categories.

30:42 - 30:47

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We have the elementary budget, which is a 1.16 gross increase over last year.

30:47 - 30:53

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Then we have the secondary budget, which is our tuition agreement to Hampshire Regional for our middle and high school students.

30:53 - 31:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

That includes the tuition agreement, the special ed costs for any required IEP services, and then a portion of the busing.

31:05 - 31:09

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

That's at a 64.46 gross increase over last year.

31:10 - 31:15

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then the third section that we highlighted was the out of district budget.

31:15 - 31:19

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And so that is a 37.89 increase over last year.

31:21 - 31:22

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So just to give you those percentages.

31:22 - 31:30

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, starting kind of with the elementary, the bulk of the budget, the Line 6 is an increase.

31:30 - 31:38

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It reflects a contractual increase with PowerSchool, which is our data student information software.

31:40 - 31:43

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, there's an increase there, and that's just a contractual increase.

31:43 - 31:46

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Line 17 is advertising and bids.

31:47 - 31:54

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We had to increase that due to some postings that we know that we're going to need to do for next year for advertising.

31:55 - 31:55

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's one of those things.

31:55 - 32:03

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We always have the annual town or the budget hearing that we have to post for.

32:04 - 32:11

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then it's always nice to get any school opening postings in the paper and those advertisements can be up to \$300.

32:13 - 32:20

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We have our teacher salaries line, which just reflects the negotiated salary schedule increases.

32:22 - 32:31

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

You'll see on line 22, that line has been reduced.

32:32 - 32:41

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The interventionist, so that's been taken completely out due to a shift in the student needs.

32:41 - 32:44

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So that has been completely reduced.

32:45 - 33:04

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And at the same time, we have on line 37, increased the school counselor by one day per week based on the social and emotional needs of our students and required IEPs that we need to have those needs met by a school counselor.

33:07 - 33:10

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then line 45 is new equipment.

33:10 - 33:23

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And that just is an increase to replace some laptops and some very outdated projectors for the classrooms, which we really have two in the whole building that work well right now.

33:25 - 33:31

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So I'm going to just pause there because that's those are the bulk of the elementary budget increases.

33:32 - 33:40

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So those would be lines one all the way down to line 47 and just see if anybody has any questions.

33:44 - 33:46

**Town Hall**

When you do I, I, it is that.

33:46 - 33:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Ieps, IEPs, yep.

33:49 - 33:49

**Town Hall**

Individual.

33:49 - 33:50

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Education plans.

33:51 - 33:52

**Town Hall**

Thank you.

33:52 - 33:57

**Town Hall**

Who said does the, does Desi sign up on those or who ultimately says, yeah, that's okay.

33:57 - 33:58

**Town Hall**

So.

33:58 - 34:01

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

No, we have a special ed director, Lori Farkas.

34:02 - 34:11

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So she's the one who oversees the IEPs, sorry, I'm going to have dogs barking for a minute.

34:11 - 34:15

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So she's the one who oversees the IEPs and the meetings.

34:16 - 34:23

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then we have a special ed teacher and then the team itself, which includes our OT PT speech psychiatrist.

34:24 - 34:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So it's a team decision.

34:26 - 34:32

**Town Hall**

So the amount you spend is completely determined in house, though, nobody outside of your district.

34:33 - 34:35

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So that's a great question, Charlie.

34:35 - 34:38

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Every three years, we have a special ed audit.

34:38 - 34:42

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And so that's extensive, and we're actually going to be gearing up for that.

34:43 - 34:46

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's going to be a six month audit with the state.

34:47 - 35:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And so somebody comes and evaluates every single folder, every single IEP service, every meeting minute note to make sure that we're doing our job and making sure all kids needs are being met and they meet with teachers and parents.

35:05 - 35:12

**Town Hall**

Okay so that makes sense it just seemed like it was hard to believe there wasn't some oversight there somewhere.

35:12 - 35:12

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Not.

35:12 - 35:17

**Town Hall**

Not to criticize you guys at all but just in general schools are creating these.

35:17 - 35:23

**Town Hall**

You think there'd be a strong incentive in cases to \*\*\*\*\* the kids and not spend as much.

35:23 - 35:24

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yeah.

35:26 - 35:28

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I think Randy had his hand up.

35:31 - 35:31

**Randy Zucco**

Hey, Gretchen.

35:32 - 35:34

**Randy Zucco**

I know you said line 19.

35:35 - 35:36

**Randy Zucco**

I think the teacher salaries were.

35:36 - 35:37

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Just like.

35:37 - 35:37

**Randy Zucco**

The.

35:37 - 35:40

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Contractual thing, but like.

35:40 - 35:43

**Randy Zucco**  
It's \$136 ,000 more than.

35:43 - 35:44

**Randy Zucco**  
Last year.

35:44 - 35:44

**Randy Zucco**  
Is.

35:44 - 35:45

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
That right?

35:45 - 35:54

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Yeah, Randy, that's revenue that I'm planning to apply to that line.

35:56 - 35:59

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
So the salaries are 458 ,000.

35:59 - 36:10

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
I'm looking to apply 136 ,000 in revenue from federal and state grants, which will bring the request to \$322 ,005.

36:10 - 36:11

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Gotcha.

36:12 - 36:13

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Good question.

36:14 - 36:15

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Gotcha.

36:15 - 36:22

**Alison Todd**

Can I just add to that Gretchen that while that line item is approximately a 10% increase.

36:23 - 36:28

**Alison Todd**

That doesn't mean that the faculty that we have are getting a 10% raise.

36:28 - 36:46

**Alison Todd**

It means that as you have people retire or leave and new people come in or you need to hire an additional position for some particular need, the added up salaries equal a 10% increase this year.

36:47 - 36:58

**Alison Todd**

And so each person's salary is determined by where they fall on the level of education and years of seniority salary schedule that we have.

36:58 - 37:06

**Alison Todd**

But that increases the total of all of a current year's salaries added up.

37:09 - 37:10

**[speaker unknown]**

Thanks, Allison.

37:14 - 37:21

**Bart Niswonger**

I just wanted to say that 1.16 or 1.29 percent increase is pretty good.

37:22 - 37:23

**Bart Niswonger**

So well done.

37:24 - 37:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Thanks Bart.

37:25 - 37:29

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Well, it was the next two are.

37:29 - 37:33

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The tough increases, but they are what they are.

37:34 - 37:37

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yeah, the secondary budget if we're ready to move on there.

37:38 - 37:42

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So you can see that section.

37:42 - 38:02

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And we are currently budgeting for 40 students, but as Allison said earlier, we've got students that are considering, you know, Smith Vogue and those applications are currently being signed.

38:02 - 38:12

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Peg and I are kind of flagging those down and they're due to Smith Vogue within the and then they're going to make some decisions during our April break.

38:13 - 38:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So Joe, when you ask about this number that's going to be fluctuating, you know, I think that that will be one of those last minute if we can get it in before the warrant is written.

38:28 - 38:32

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I think Peg and I will have a clearer picture on the town side and the school side where kids are going.

38:33 - 38:34

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

But it's always a moving target.

38:36 - 38:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So Right now I'm just budgeting for 40 students at the \$15 ,000, which is the one year contractual tuition agreement that we agreed upon for the year.

38:49 - 38:52

**JOE BOUDREAU**

It might reduce the school budget.

38:52 - 38:52

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yeah, I.

38:52 - 38:53

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Know.

38:53 - 38:56

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Most definitely increase the vocad budget.

38:56 - 39:00

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I know, it might take off of one and add it to the other.

39:00 - 39:01

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I know.

39:02 - 39:02

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So.

39:02 - 39:05

**Town Hall**

How many students are there currently at Pantry?

39:06 - 39:09

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The And we're adding 10.

39:14 - 39:18

**Town Hall**

And where do we pay for choice kids that go to go elsewhere?

39:20 - 39:21

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Comes off the cherry sheet, Joe.

39:22 - 39:23

**Town Hall**

That's your real house.

39:24 - 39:24

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Yep.

39:25 - 39:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's.

39:25 - 39:25

**Town Hall**

It's it's.

39:25 - 39:26

**JOE BOUDREAU**

A on the cherry sheet.

39:26 - 39:27

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Right.

39:27 - 39:28

**JOE BOUDREAU**

It's up in line.

39:28 - 39:28

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Okay.

39:32 - 39:32

**[speaker unknown]**

Yep.

39:32 - 39:43

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And I will say you guys, if I on that spreadsheet that Charlie sent out and I sent out  
There's a tab for cherry sheets, at least on mine.

39:43 - 39:57

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I don't know if Charlie updated his, but mine that has JLB at the end, there's an  
update showing the governor's first round and there will be other rounds.

39:57 - 40:01

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And you can see on there the line item.

40:01 - 40:10

**JOE BOUDREAU**

For the tuition for school choice out and also for charter school out.

40:11 - 40:21

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And I believe, well, I guess I could check it out, but I believe actually it went down, at least in the first round of the cherry sheets.

40:23 - 40:27

**Town Hall**

So the spreadsheet I sent out is the same one as yours, except for appropriations.

40:27 - 40:28

**Town Hall**

That's the only thing I updated.

40:29 - 40:33

**Town Hall**

So with the cherry sheet, you updated, then it's updated on the one I sent.

40:37 - 40:37

**[speaker unknown]**

It.

40:37 - 40:39

**Town Hall**

Okay, other questions.

40:39 - 40:42

**Town Hall**

For the school?

40:43 - 40:45

**Bart Niswonger**

Yeah, so can you help me understand?

40:45 - 40:55

**Bart Niswonger**

I think that the sped cost for the Hampshire Regional sped cost, that's kids who are being served at Hampshire Regional, like in the building, is that accurate?

40:55 - 40:57

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

They are, and thanks for pointing that out.

40:57 - 41:03

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I was going to address that and a couple of other things once we get through the out of district, the next section.

41:04 - 41:19

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

But so that's a \$25 ,000 cost, And I just had a meeting with Amy Drake, the special ed director, and our special ed director, because they had to analyze all of the special ed grids, they call them, and the kids that are going to.

41:19 - 41:21

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Be going up for seventh grade.

41:22 - 41:28

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And so Amy Drake and Lori were able to give me a final number just yesterday that will go up \$10 ,000.

41:29 - 41:30

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yeah.

41:32 - 41:49

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's a particularly interesting group across kind of our hill towns across the state, these kiddos, because they're the students that, you know, COVID really impacted.

41:49 - 41:49

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Them.

41:49 - 41:52

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And so we're finding these sixth and seventh graders in.

41:52 - 41:56

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Particular have significant learning profiles.

41:57 - 41:58

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So it's not just.

41:58 - 41:59

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Us.

42:02 - 42:09

**Bart Niswonger**

And then the line 50, the Hampshire Regional Transportation, is that something paid to Hampshire Regional or is that just getting the kids to Hampshire Regional?

42:09 - 42:11

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Just getting the kids to Hampshire Regional.

42:11 - 42:12

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

That's our contract with the.

42:12 - 42:13

**Town Hall**  
Lekwinske.

42:14 - 42:15

**Town Hall**  
Good.

42:15 - 42:15

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Question.

42:17 - 42:17

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Okay.

42:17 - 42:23

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
If there aren't any other questions around the secondary, I'm happy to move on to the out of district.

42:23 - 42:24

**Town Hall**  
Costs.

42:24 - 42:27

**Town Hall**  
I guess.

42:27 - 42:31

**Bart Niswonger**  
That increase, I like the round.

42:31 - 42:34

**Bart Niswonger**  
Numbers, but do you have.

42:35 - 42:36

**Town Hall**

I'm quickly.

42:36 - 42:36

**Bart Niswonger**

Trying to go back to see.

42:39 - 42:42

**Bart Niswonger**

Do you have an idea of how that's getting presented at town meeting?

42:43 - 42:43

**Bart Niswonger**

Like, what's.

42:46 - 42:48

**Bart Niswonger**

We don't have to talk about it now, but.

42:49 - 42:50

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's.

42:50 - 42:53

**Alison Todd**

Your question, how we'll explain that.

42:53 - 42:53

**Alison Todd**

Increase?

42:54 - 42:54

**Alison Todd**

Yeah.

42:55 - 42:56

**Alison Todd**

In the secondary?

42:57 - 42:57

**Alison Todd**

Yeah, it is.

42:57 - 42:58

**Alison Todd**

Big.

42:58 - 43:19

**Alison Todd**

I mean, this is me sort of off the cuff, and we'll certainly think carefully about it, but our explanation is that we have been paying for years now significantly less than the actual cost of educating our secondary.

43:19 - 43:29

**Alison Todd**

Students, and our tuition agreement with Hampshire was that risk because of that, because it was creating a drag.

43:29 - 43:36

**Alison Todd**

On the Hampshire finances and they're actually in a significant budget crisis right now.

43:36 - 43:39

**Alison Todd**

And I think our agreeing to.

43:39 - 43:40

**Town Hall**

This.

43:40 - 43:54

**Alison Todd**

Increase from around 11,000 for this school year to 15,000 per student next year is really essential to them not having to cut even more services than they're proposing

to cut.

43:55 - 44:01

**Alison Todd**

And we have somewhere between 35 and 40 students going next year.

44:02 - 44:04

**Alison Todd**

Goshen has around.

44:04 - 44:06

**Town Hall**

25.

44:06 - 44:07

**Alison Todd**

To 30 usually.

44:07 - 44:10

**Alison Todd**

Chesterfield has around 25 to 30 usually.

44:11 - 44:14

**Alison Todd**

So we're a big part of their student body.

44:14 - 44:19

**Alison Todd**

And their per pupil rate this year is 23 ,000.

44:19 - 44:20

**Town Hall**

So.

44:20 - 44:27

**Alison Todd**

15 is still significantly less, even if you add in the transportation and the special ed

costs that we're paying.

44:28 - 44:29

**Alison Todd**

And so, we.

44:29 - 44:29

**Town Hall**

Are.

44:29 - 44:46

**Alison Todd**

In the process of trying to negotiate a longer-term contract, and we're hoping to wrap in some of our special ed costs into the contract, so we have less uncertainty up and down every year in that contract.

44:46 - 44:47

**Town Hall**

But this.

44:47 - 44:48

**Alison Todd**

15 ,000 was sort.

44:48 - 44:49

**Town Hall**

Of.

44:49 - 45:00

**Alison Todd**

A middle-of-the-road compromise, which I think eased a lot of the resentment and pressure that was happening on the Hampshire end as they were facing serious budget crisis.

45:04 - 45:05

**[speaker unknown]**

Thank you.

45:07 - 45:15

**Alison Todd**

I guess the other thing we would say, too, is just that the number of students that go to Hampshire fluctuates year to year, depending on the size of our class.

45:15 - 45:21

**Alison Todd**

And so this coming year, on the outside, it would be 40.

45:21 - 45:31

**Alison Todd**

Next year, on the outside, it would be around 32, unless we suddenly have a whole bunch of secondary kids move into Worthington.

45:32 - 45:33

**Town Hall**

So it goes up and.

45:33 - 45:33

**Town Hall**

Down.

45:35 - 45:36

**Town Hall**

Well, that all sounds.

45:36 - 45:36

**Bart Niswonger**

Good.

45:37 - 45:37

**Bart Niswonger**

Thank.

45:37 - 45:37

**Bart Niswonger**

You.

45:38 - 45:40

**Town Hall**

Have you had your budget hearing yet?

45:40 - 45:41

**Town Hall**

You haven't, have you?

45:43 - 45:43

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

No.

45:44 - 45:44

**Alison Todd**

It's.

45:44 - 45:45

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

April 2nd.

45:45 - 45:46

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Is that correct?

45:46 - 45:47

**Alison Todd**

That's right.

45:47 - 45:50

**Town Hall**

So that'll be a good dry run.

45:50 - 45:53

**Alison Todd**

Yeah except nobody ever comes.

45:53 - 45:54

**Town Hall**

So.

45:54 - 45:56

**Alison Todd**

Hopefully you can come and ask some questions.

45:56 - 45:58

**Alison Todd**

We'll.

46:00 - 46:01

**Town Hall**

Plant some questions.

46:03 - 46:08

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Are you ready for me to move on to the kind of the last big category the.

46:08 - 46:11

**Town Hall**

Out-of- district okay.

46:11 - 46:20

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So last year we moved a student that had been ours into an of district placement to suit their needs.

46:20 - 46:27

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It was a, it's a program that specializes in their learning profile.

46:28 - 46:38

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then this summer we had a family move in to school into the district and they had a student already placed in an out of district program.

46:40 - 46:42

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So now we have to students.

46:43 - 46:47

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Financially, we're not having to pay for that second student until this fall.

46:47 - 46:48

**Town Hall**

That second.

46:48 - 46:53

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Student's tuition is roughly \$135 ,000.

46:54 - 47:06

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, Charlie, when you talked about you know, special ed oversight, one of the things that the sending district, the financially.

47:06 - 47:13

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Responsible sending district gets to do is make as many visits to out of district programming as they want.

47:13 - 47:19

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So when we found out about this new kiddo, Emily Lack and I went to.

47:19 - 47:19

**Town Hall**

Visit the.

47:19 - 47:21

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Program and the student.

47:22 - 47:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I spent 20 minutes there and said, we're all done.

47:25 - 47:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We can do much.

47:26 - 47:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Better.

47:27 - 47:30

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then I sent my special ed director because.

47:30 - 47:32

**Town Hall**

She's got.

47:32 - 47:32

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Decades.

47:32 - 47:33

**Town Hall**

Of.

47:33 - 47:35

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Experience and building lots of programs.

47:35 - 47:40

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And I said, I need you to go visit this because I feel like, you.

47:40 - 47:40

**Town Hall**

Know.

47:40 - 47:42

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Somebody else needs to put their eyes on the program.

47:42 - 47:44

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And she too said, oh no.

47:44 - 47:45

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We could do better.

47:46 - 47:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So it started the conversation.

47:48 - 47:50

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So we have budgeted.

47:50 - 47:54

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

For two kiddos for these out of district placements.

47:54 - 48:07

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

But it did start a conversation with my special ed director, special ed teacher, and a consultant that currently built the program that one of the.

48:07 - 48:08

**Town Hall**

Students that.

48:08 - 48:09

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We sent out.

48:09 - 48:09

**Town Hall**

Is.

48:09 - 48:11

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

At, is a very successful program.

48:11 - 48:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So we started the conversation about how to build capacity in our own building in order to reduce costs and bring our kids back to really great goals, bring our kids back to Worthington and have it.

48:25 - 48:28

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Financially be better.

48:28 - 48:29

**Town Hall**

For the town.

48:30 - 48:32

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So we've started those conversations.

48:33 - 48:40

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We're looking at the financial parts of it.

48:40 - 48:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Um, and, and looking to bring one kiddo back sooner rather than later, um, to help reduce costs.

48:48 - 48:58

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, so yes, these are costs that we have in the budget right now, um, but we're looking at cost comparisons and kind of doing a three year projection with.

48:58 - 49:03

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Trying to create a program within our building, um, create capacity within.

49:04 - 49:04

**Town Hall**

Um.

49:05 - 49:08

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then that hopefully down the road in.

49:08 - 49:09

**Town Hall**

Three years.

49:09 - 49:13

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We could bring tuition students in.

49:13 - 49:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

If we build kind of capacity in our building and have highly trained teachers within our building to be able to execute those IEP plans.

49:27 - 49:31

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So that's kind of the numbers large right now.

49:31 - 49:34

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yes, that number is mandated.

49:34 - 49:35

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We are required to pay it.

49:35 - 49:38

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Those are students that are on ed plans and in programming.

49:39 - 49:40

**Town Hall**

But.

49:40 - 49:42

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I'm looking to bring them back and reduce.

49:42 - 49:42

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Costs.

49:44 - 49:50

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Right now, it was looking, just again, don't quote me on it, but Lori and I were looking at kind of some of.

49:50 - 49:53

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The cost comparisons of keeping them out of district and in district.

49:54 - 49:57

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We're looking at a potential \$130 ,000 savings.

49:59 - 50:19

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So we're going to present our findings at the next school committee meeting to kind of get the, you know, make sure we've got all our, our I's dotted T's cross and that we feel confident and ready to maybe move forward with this and go from there.

50:20 - 50:22

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So, so that is a line that, that could change.

50:24 - 50:30

**Town Hall**

So you think you're bringing, did I understand you said maybe one for next year and then maybe the other one.

50:30 - 50:31

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

This year.

50:31 - 50:32

**Town Hall**

For.

50:32 - 50:33

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The remainder of.

50:33 - 50:33

**Town Hall**

The school.

50:33 - 50:34

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Year and then have.

50:34 - 50:34

**Town Hall**

Them.

50:34 - 50:36

**Town Hall**

This this current year.

50:36 - 50:36

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Actually.

50:36 - 50:37

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yes this current year.

50:37 - 50:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

There's a little bit of a transition that has unfortunately happened at that district and so that was something that kind of sped up the like oh could we do this this year and bring this kiddo back.

50:51 - 51:00

**Alison Todd**

So sorry can I just clarify so one student may come home this.

51:00 - 51:01

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Spring.

51:02 - 51:05

**Alison Todd**

Both students may be in house next fall.

51:06 - 51:18

**Alison Todd**

This number of 268 ,880 would be the cost of maintaining both students out of district next year.

51:18 - 51:19

**Alison Todd**

Correct.

51:20 - 51:38

**Alison Todd**

But that number would go down significantly if one or both is in district, but the staffing numbers at the elementary level, those costs may go up some to accommodate these additional services in-house.

51:38 - 51:40

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Both would need one-to-ones.

51:41 - 51:53

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And when I say that the savings from the 268 would be significant, I also projected in that those two one-to-ones.

51:53 - 52:00

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So again, don't quote me on all the numbers, but we were doing some rough numbers today and it was looking.

52:00 - 52:01

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Incredibly positive.

52:01 - 52:14

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then each year, because the way that the contract with this behavioral firm would go is year one is the highest amount we would be paying for the contractual services, for the training and the support.

52:14 - 52:20

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And then they're looking to phase out as we gain the knowledge, right?

52:23 - 52:28

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Joe would spend circuit breaker plan.

52:28 - 52:45

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It would on both ends right that we would be getting circuit breaker because they would they both they're both above that threshold which I believe is like 57 000 62 000 so their.

52:45 - 52:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Their placements are both that right.

52:48 - 52:55

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Now um so could you transfer some this 268 to be paid for by Circuit Breaker?

52:56 - 52:57

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yes.

52:57 - 53:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So typically what I what we do is reduce amount, reduce the out of district amount with Circuit Breaker.

53:05 - 53:06

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yes.

53:09 - 53:16

**Alison Todd**

Can I just sorry I should know this as the chair but I get so mixed up with the different reimbursements.

53:17 - 53:20

**Alison Todd**

Is Circuit Breaker within the same school year or is.

53:20 - 53:21

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It the.

53:21 - 53:23

**Alison Todd**

Following year for the previous year?

53:23 - 53:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It's the following year for the previous.

53:25 - 53:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Year.

53:26 - 53:31

**Alison Todd**

So we can't really offset it until the future year.

53:31 - 53:33

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

You have funds, yes.

53:33 - 53:36

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I mean, and that's the, yes, you're right.

53:36 - 53:39

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

You can't offset the full amount.

53:41 - 53:42

**Town Hall**

But.

53:42 - 53:47

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

What can happen is that is a fund that can roll over to the following year too.

53:47 - 53:50

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So you can essentially, if you don't spend it all just because.

53:50 - 53:55

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Of changes in IEP plans or whatnot, you can kind of end up having a savings.

53:55 - 54:02

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We've had that happen before in Circuit Breaker where we're like, oh, we didn't spend the amount that we thought we were gonna spend.

54:03 - 54:14

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I've been gone from DOR now for 14 years, but there was a limit of what you could roll over or DOR would make it get close to the general fund.

54:14 - 54:17

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So you gotta be careful of that as well.

54:18 - 54:18

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Thank.

54:18 - 54:18

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

You, Joe.

54:22 - 54:31

**Town Hall**

Do the two kids currently get transported together or are they separate transportation costs?

54:31 - 54:33

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

They're totally different locations.

54:35 - 54:39

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So one has a transportation cost and then the other doesn't.

54:39 - 54:41

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

The other is transported by the family.

54:41 - 54:46

**Town Hall**

Just by choice.

54:47 - 54:53

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We could have been, you know, if that family wanted transportation, they could get transportation by law.

54:54 - 54:57

**Town Hall**

And do we reimburse the family for doing that or not?

54:58 - 55:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Because we're not the fiscal agent for that student, another town is.

55:06 - 55:10

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We informed the family that they can be fiscally reimbursed.

55:11 - 55:14

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So they're investigating that with that town right.

55:14 - 55:14

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Now.

55:15 - 55:16

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Okay.

55:17 - 55:18

**Town Hall**

I want to ask how that happens.

55:24 - 55:29

**Bart Niswonger**

I like the idea of \$135 ,000 coming out of the total budget.

55:29 - 55:40

**Bart Niswonger**

I think I'm understanding that the 268 might reduce more than that, but that's because some amount goes up above the elementary school line.

55:40 - 55:42

**Bart Niswonger**

To cover additional staff, right?

55:42 - 55:42

**Bart Niswonger**

Okay.

55:42 - 55:44

**Bart Niswonger**

The second.

55:44 - 55:57

**Bart Niswonger**

Is, I never understand quite how the sped stuff works, but do the families have to agree to have, if you guys are bringing the kid back, the family, I think, has to agree to that?

55:57 - 56:00

**Bart Niswonger**

And is your sense that that is something that they're interested in?

56:01 - 56:03

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Bart, excellent question, yes, they do.

56:04 - 56:11

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And one of the things that I think is a great strength of mine is developing relationships with people, and both have agreed.

56:11 - 56:12

**Bart Niswonger**

Right.

56:12 - 56:12

**Bart Niswonger**

Okay.

56:13 - 56:23

**Bart Niswonger**

And then I'm just curious, you talked about sort of developing capacity in the school to serve kids from other towns in the future.

56:24 - 56:33

**Bart Niswonger**

I'm sort of hearing you that these kids have a similar set of needs, and it's that need that you're trying to sort of build capacity and serve.

56:33 - 56:35

**Bart Niswonger**

Is that a need that.

56:35 - 56:40

**Bart Niswonger**

Is common in other towns, or is there a need for that service?

56:40 - 56:47

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yeah, it's huge, Bart, and unfortunately, there's just no, there's no, there are, there.

56:47 - 56:49

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Are no schools taking these kiddos.

56:50 - 56:57

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And, and you're, and we have that requirement of, you know, you can't transport for longer than an hour.

56:58 - 57:05

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Well, we're in the Hilltown, you know, and Hadley is pretty darn close to an hour or Hatfields.

57:05 - 57:27

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And so, it would be, I think, a where, you know, we're not talking a whole classroom, Bart, we're talking probably two kiddos, but two kiddos that say, you know, I have not built an out-of-district kind of, or a substantially separate program in a school before, but so I'm throwing numbers out here just based on what Laurie has talked to me about.

57:27 - 57:31

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

But, you know, say 70, 80 ,000, right, for a kiddo, you know.

57:31 - 57:32

**Bart Niswonger**

That's.

57:32 - 57:36

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

160 ,000 coming into, you know a fund for us.

57:36 - 57:37

**Town Hall**

To offset.

57:37 - 57:38

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Those costs.

57:40 - 57:42

**Bart Niswonger**

It's not the five thousand dollar school choice.

57:47 - 57:48

**Town Hall**

Thank.

57:48 - 57:49

**Bart Niswonger**

You guys.

57:50 - 57:51

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Thank you.

57:52 - 58:06

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And again I have a section on that summary that the revenue we're still shoring up some of the exact numbers of the federal and state grants but for the most we're looking to apply about 156 ,000 in revenue.

58:06 - 58:08

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It is less than last year, but.

58:08 - 58:09

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

That's because we.

58:10 - 58:11

**Town Hall**

Have.

58:11 - 58:15

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Pretty much reduced our school choice number because we're applying everything to.

58:15 - 58:15

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

That.

58:16 - 58:19

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So it's less because we have more last year in school choice.

58:22 - 58:22

**[speaker unknown]**

So.

58:22 - 58:22

**Bart Niswonger**

We're.

58:22 - 58:23

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Applying every.

58:23 - 58:26

**Bart Niswonger**

An existing balance that was high.

58:26 - 58:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yeah, exactly.

58:27 - 58:32

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And last year we made a conscious effort of saying to help with the budget, pretty much use.

58:32 - 58:33

**Town Hall**

All of it.

58:34 - 58:34

**Bart Niswonger**

Except for the third.

58:38 - 59:02

**Bart Niswonger**

So just out of curiosity, I saw that number reduced, and I assumed that there was just less money in the, particularly federal, but maybe state level two grants, but that's not what you're seeing that...

59:02 - 59:03

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

At.

59:03 - 59:08

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

This point, we are staying pretty level with those federal and state.

59:08 - 59:10

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

We haven't heard otherwise.

59:12 - 59:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I'm still kind of, I did lowball the Title I just because that number seems to be the trickier one based off of your low income number at the federal level.

59:26 - 59:28

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So I'm just, Gail Lucy.

59:29 - 59:39

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Our title one grant writer is working to make sure that we probably will still get that larger amount versus the smaller amount.

59:40 - 59:41

**Town Hall**

So, yeah.

59:41 - 59:44

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So I was just trying to be pretty conservative with those numbers.

59:45 - 59:46

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

It'd be great if we got more.

59:49 - 59:50

**Bart Niswonger**

Right, that makes sense.

59:50 - 59:51

**Bart Niswonger**

Thank.

59:51 - 59:51

**Town Hall**

You.

01:00:00 - 01:00:01

**Town Hall**

Anybody else?

01:00:04 - 01:00:06

**Town Hall**

Good job, thanks for there.

01:00:06 - 01:00:07

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Thanks everybody.

01:00:08 - 01:00:09

**Alison Todd**

Thank you everybody.

01:00:10 - 01:00:11

**Town Hall**

I.

01:00:11 - 01:00:11

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Feel like.

01:00:11 - 01:00:12

**Town Hall**

It's.

01:00:12 - 01:00:16

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

A little easier in the sense of explaining all the moving parts.

01:00:17 - 01:00:18

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

01:00:18 - 01:00:20

**Town Hall**

Well, thank you for being so well prepared as always.

01:00:22 - 01:00:23

**Alison Todd**

That's very.

01:00:23 - 01:00:23

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Good questions.

01:00:24 - 01:00:24

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yeah.

01:00:24 - 01:00:25

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Great questions.

01:00:25 - 01:00:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And thank you for your support.

01:00:27 - 01:00:32

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

And for folks who aren't as familiar with the budget, please don't hesitate or if you

are.

01:00:32 - 01:00:33

**Town Hall**

Familiar with the.

01:00:33 - 01:00:36

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Budget, please don't hesitate to stop by school.

01:00:36 - 01:00:45

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

You can have coffee with me and Lisa and I would be happy to review the lines, explain exactly what, you know, Power School does.

01:00:45 - 01:00:46

**Town Hall**

Or.

01:00:46 - 01:00:46

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Whatnot.

01:00:46 - 01:00:48

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

So happy to review it all.

01:00:50 - 01:01:08

**Alison Todd**

And if you have in your sort of crystal ball or intuition any sense of questions that you feel like are going to be important for us to be prepared to answer at annual town meeting differently than we're usually prepared, let us know because we definitely want to feel like.

01:01:08 - 01:01:09

**Town Hall**

We're.

01:01:09 - 01:01:14

**Alison Todd**

Ready to help voters understand why we're doing what we're doing.

01:01:17 - 01:01:18

**[speaker unknown]**

Thank you.

01:01:19 - 01:01:22

**Town Hall**

You always are and nobody ever says it.

01:01:22 - 01:01:26

**Town Hall**

So we'll see if we can keep that streak going.

01:01:29 - 01:01:30

**[speaker unknown]**

All right.

01:01:30 - 01:01:31

**Town Hall**

Thank you guys very much.

01:01:32 - 01:01:32

**Lisa Ouellet**

Thank.

01:01:32 - 01:01:33

**Alison Todd**

You.

01:01:34 - 01:01:34

**Bart Niswonger**

Thank you.

01:01:39 - 01:01:46

**Town Hall**

So do we want to discuss the budget as a whole before we move on here at all?

01:01:56 - 01:01:59

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I've obviously got to come up with ways of how we're going to balance.

01:02:00 - 01:02:00

**Town Hall**

But.

01:02:00 - 01:02:04

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I for one, I can't do that until I figure out how, until I know how bad it.

01:02:04 - 01:02:05

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Is.

01:02:05 - 01:02:09

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So we need to get what's not in, in.

01:02:12 - 01:02:12

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

01:02:12 - 01:02:18

**Town Hall**

Okay, so Peggy's got a good chunk of hers done and she's going to get them to us sooner rather than later.

01:02:18 - 01:02:23

**Town Hall**

And she's promising to have the rest of her budget stuff done for next Tuesday.

01:02:23 - 01:02:26

**Town Hall**

Yeah, I have, I'm just going to do it for the next few minutes.

01:02:27 - 01:02:27

**Town Hall**

Start.

01:02:28 - 01:02:40

**Bart Niswonger**

Just, I was closing tabs and I saw that the school sent us Conwell building projects, a little spreadsheet of building projects, and I don't know if Alison and Gretchen are still there, but I'm not sure what.

01:02:40 - 01:02:41

**Town Hall**

That.

01:02:41 - 01:02:41

**Bart Niswonger**

Document.

01:02:41 - 01:02:42

**Bart Niswonger**

Is.

01:02:42 - 01:02:43

**Town Hall**

I think.

01:02:43 - 01:02:43

**Alison Todd**

It was.

01:02:43 - 01:02:44

**Town Hall**

Just a heads up.

01:02:45 - 01:02:45

**Alison Todd**

I can.

01:02:45 - 01:02:46

**Town Hall**

Answer that.

01:02:48 - 01:02:49

**Town Hall**

Yeah, go ahead.

01:02:52 - 01:03:03

**Alison Todd**

Devin and Alex Lack worked together to kind of go through the building and make a list of projects.

01:03:03 - 01:03:10

**Alison Todd**

That need to be attended to for the building well-being over the next five ish years.

01:03:10 - 01:03:14

**Alison Todd**

Gave a very back of the envelope estimate for how much they might cost.

01:03:14 - 01:03:18

**Alison Todd**

This was not based on bids or formal estimates.

01:03:18 - 01:03:20

**Town Hall**

It was kind of.

01:03:20 - 01:03:23

**Alison Todd**

People in the biz having sort of a general sense.

01:03:23 - 01:03:26

**Alison Todd**

And they also prioritized them in order of urgency.

01:03:28 - 01:03:47

**Alison Todd**

And I had mentioned in our meeting a week ago that we had this and sometime after the budget season wanted to meet with select board to then form a committee like the committee that oversaw the siding and windows project at Conwell.

01:03:47 - 01:04:04

**Alison Todd**

So someone from select board, somebody with building expertise who can be sort of a clerk of the works and somebody at school so that they could sort of collaborate on getting those projects done and getting bids out and so forth.

01:04:06 - 01:04:13

**Alison Todd**

And Charlie and Joe asked for us to go ahead and send the list now because Joe especially wanted to have just a sense.

01:04:13 - 01:04:15

**Town Hall**

Of what to.

01:04:15 - 01:04:15

**Alison Todd**

Expect over the next.

01:04:15 - 01:04:16

**Town Hall**

Years.

01:04:16 - 01:04:18

**Alison Todd**

So nothing is in motion.

01:04:19 - 01:04:22

**Alison Todd**

We're happy to have that conversation whenever seems timely.

01:04:24 - 01:04:28

**Alison Todd**

But we just wanted you all to know we're thinking about it and we'd.

01:04:28 - 01:04:28

**Town Hall**

Like.

01:04:28 - 01:04:30

**Alison Todd**

To.

01:04:30 - 01:04:36

**Alison Todd**

At some point soon formulate, form some kind of group who will then take that ball and run with.

01:04:36 - 01:04:37

**Town Hall**

It.

01:04:38 - 01:04:43

**JOE BOUDREAU**

My concern is we need to keep in mind all of the capital projects townwide.

01:04:43 - 01:04:49

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I, you know, we, we have a town garage, which will be the biggest capital project ever.

01:04:51 - 01:04:56

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Um, the fire department has listed a whole bunch of stuff that they need fixing.

01:04:56 - 01:04:57

**Alison Todd**

And then.

01:04:57 - 01:04:58

**JOE BOUDREAU**

The school.

01:04:58 - 01:05:05

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So I kind of want to see the big thing and see, and then we're going to start thinking what's going to go first, how are we going to fund it?

01:05:06 - 01:05:12

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And so we just can't zero in just on one, um, the whole, the whole thing first.

01:05:12 - 01:05:23

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And inform Tom Eading that so they're prepared that their taxes will have to go up.

01:05:23 - 01:05:25

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I don't see any way around it.

01:05:27 - 01:05:27

**Alison Todd**

Thanks, Joe.

01:05:27 - 01:05:36

**Alison Todd**

Yeah, that was exactly our thinking was to be able to develop some sort of coordinated plan with all of the projects rather than them being piecemeal.

01:05:36 - 01:05:41

**Alison Todd**

And so we were really wanting to ask the select board and finance committee to kind.

01:05:41 - 01:05:47

**Alison Todd**

Of read that overall blueprint for what's going to happen when.

01:05:48 - 01:05:50

**Alison Todd**

And we're happy to collaborate in that.

01:05:52 - 01:05:53

**Bart Niswonger**

Great, thank you.

01:06:03 - 01:06:07

**Town Hall**

So we really not anything to discuss on the total budget at this point.

01:06:08 - 01:06:13

**Town Hall**

So we'll wait for next week on that, unless somebody else has something they want to say about the budget.

01:06:15 - 01:06:15

**Town Hall**

Or ask.

01:06:17 - 01:06:30

**Bart Niswonger**

I just clarification, looking at the spreadsheet you sent out today, the budget request line that column R, there's gray bits and there's non-gray bits.

01:06:31 - 01:06:38

**Bart Niswonger**

The gray I assume is outstanding, like as in not in or am I backwards?

01:06:38 - 01:06:39

**JOE BOUDREAU**

No.

01:06:40 - 01:06:42

**JOE BOUDREAU**

The items that are gray have not been submitted.

01:06:44 - 01:06:47

**Town Hall**

So by and large, they are just last year's numbers.

01:06:59 - 01:07:04

**Town Hall**

There may be an exception, but for the most part, they're just last year's numbers pumped in.

01:07:11 - 01:07:11

**Town Hall**

Anything else?

01:07:14 - 01:07:14

**Town Hall**

Okay.

01:07:17 - 01:07:21

**Town Hall**

So I've signed Nicole's letter already, so that's done.

01:07:21 - 01:07:24

**Town Hall**

Coa lease agreement with Corners Groceries.

01:07:24 - 01:07:30

**Town Hall**

I signed, you should probably vote accepting the increase.

01:07:31 - 01:07:37

**Town Hall**

It's just a standard 2% increase that we have every year.

01:07:37 - 01:07:39

**Town Hall**

But Sonny, do you want to make a motion on that?

01:07:40 - 01:07:41

**Amy Wang**

Sure.

01:07:41 - 01:07:46

**Amy Wang**

I move that we accept the increased rent for these COA facilities at the store.

01:07:50 - 01:07:50

**Town Hall**

Okay.

01:07:51 - 01:07:51

**Town Hall**

That's.

01:07:51 - 01:07:52

**Amy Wang**

Seconded.

01:07:54 - 01:07:56

**Town Hall**

All in favor, aye.

01:07:56 - 01:07:57

**Amy Wang**

Aye.

01:07:58 - 01:07:59

**Town Hall**

Okay, good.

01:08:01 - 01:08:03

**Town Hall**

So at least one of you guys got to stop in on the sign.

01:08:03 - 01:08:05

**Town Hall**

No, I only need one.

01:08:05 - 01:08:06

**Town Hall**

Oh, really?

01:08:06 - 01:08:08

**Town Hall**

You have three lines there.

01:08:09 - 01:08:10

**Town Hall**

Oh, yeah, that's right.

01:08:11 - 01:08:12

**Town Hall**

Do you need it or.

01:08:12 - 01:08:12

**Amy Wang**

Not?

01:08:13 - 01:08:14

**Town Hall**

Well, there's a lot to do, you guys.

01:08:16 - 01:08:18

**Town Hall**

Nicole's letter, okay, just.

01:08:18 - 01:08:18

**Town Hall**

Me.

01:08:18 - 01:08:27

**Town Hall**

And then we have the Cunnington MVP grant letter of support, which I signed.

01:08:27 - 01:08:29

**Town Hall**

If everybody's okay with that, I assume.

01:08:34 - 01:08:37

**Town Hall**

Maybe we, why don't we vote to support that at least?

01:08:37 - 01:08:40

**Amy Wang**

I thought we did last week, last time.

01:08:41 - 01:08:45

**Town Hall**

This is a Berkshire Trail building revitalization project.

01:08:45 - 01:08:47

**Town Hall**

I don't think we voted on it.

01:08:47 - 01:08:48

**Amy Wang**

Oh, maybe not that.

01:08:48 - 01:08:49

**Amy Wang**

Yeah, we didn't do that one, I don't think.

01:08:52 - 01:08:54

**Amy Wang**

Okay, so then I move that.

01:08:54 - 01:08:54

**Town Hall**

We.

01:08:54 - 01:08:55

**Amy Wang**

Approve the...

01:08:56 - 01:08:56

**Town Hall**

Sorry, go ahead.

01:08:57 - 01:09:00

**Town Hall**

This is for the y'all coming to the school and coming.

01:09:00 - 01:09:09

**Town Hall**

To, and it looks like they finally got some money to upgrade that building and especially get a commercial kitchen going.

01:09:09 - 01:09:11

**Town Hall**

That's what CDC has been working on.

01:09:11 - 01:09:13

**Town Hall**

So that's most of it this year.

01:09:15 - 01:09:17

**Amy Wang**

Okay, so then I move that.

01:09:17 - 01:09:17

**Town Hall**

We.

01:09:17 - 01:09:18

**Amy Wang**

I'm not sure what we're doing, wait.

01:09:18 - 01:09:20

**Amy Wang**

It's a letter to...

01:09:21 - 01:09:22

**Town Hall**

It's a letter of support.

01:09:22 - 01:09:23

**Amy Wang**

For their.

01:09:23 - 01:09:25

**Town Hall**

Project to revitalize that school.

01:09:26 - 01:09:33

**Amy Wang**

Okay, I move that we approve the letter of support for their project to revitalize the old Cummington school.

01:09:34 - 01:09:35

**Deb Rocque**

I'll second that.

01:09:38 - 01:09:39

**Town Hall**

Any other discussion?

01:09:40 - 01:09:41

**Town Hall**

Okay, all in favor?

01:09:42 - 01:09:42

**Amy Wang**

Aye.

01:09:43 - 01:09:44

**Town Hall**

Aye, okay.

01:09:45 - 01:09:53

**Town Hall**

There's minutes to sign here when you got to get a chance but maybe somebody could make a motion to accept minutes for January 13th and.

01:09:53 - 01:09:54

**Amy Wang**

27th.

01:09:54 - 01:09:56

**Amy Wang**

Hang on, Joe's got his hand up.

01:09:57 - 01:09:58

**Town Hall**

I'm sorry, Joe, go ahead.

01:09:58 - 01:10:01

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I'm just wondering, have we decided when our next meeting will be?

01:10:02 - 01:10:04

**JOE BOUDREAU**

And who are we gonna meet with?

01:10:05 - 01:10:07

**Town Hall**

So the answer's no.

01:10:09 - 01:10:09

**Town Hall**

So I just.

01:10:09 - 01:10:18

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Think while the finance committee is still here, or at least most of them, to find out what day is good.

01:10:21 - 01:10:26

**Town Hall**

So we have a regular meeting next Tuesday, if that works for everyone.

01:10:28 - 01:10:33

**JOE BOUDREAU**

I prefer to do it on another night in the Slechtman's cause you guys got your own business, but.

01:10:33 - 01:10:34

**Town Hall**

It'll do.

01:10:34 - 01:10:34

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Fine.

01:10:36 - 01:10:39

**Town Hall**

I told anybody that the budget comes first.

01:10:42 - 01:10:43

**[speaker unknown]**

Regardless.

01:10:44 - 01:10:45

**Town Hall**

How about.

01:10:45 - 01:10:45

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Wednesday?

01:10:49 - 01:10:50

**Town Hall**

I can do Wednesday.

01:10:53 - 01:10:58

**Deb Rocque**

I would rather tack it on a select board meeting than to do two nights in a row.

01:10:59 - 01:11:01

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Well, I know that.

01:11:04 - 01:11:09

**Randy Zucco**

Well, it's at the beginning and you're going to select people who don't mind.

01:11:10 - 01:11:12

**Randy Zucco**

What's going off of our backs is it?

01:11:15 - 01:11:16

**Town Hall**

I agree.

01:11:16 - 01:11:18

**Town Hall**

I mean, I'd rather do one night than two.

01:11:20 - 01:11:22

**Amy Wang**

As would I.

01:11:27 - 01:11:39

**Randy Zucco**

So I would propose Tuesday then at the beginning of the meeting we take care of the finance business and we can we can adjourn while you guys continue on your merry way after we're.

01:11:39 - 01:11:42

**Town Hall**

Done what do you think Bart.

01:11:42 - 01:11:53

**Bart Niswonger**

I'm okay with that and unless there's a reason to have the Finance Committee meet without the select board which we certainly used to but we haven't for a bunch of years.

01:11:55 - 01:11:58

**Randy Zucco**

And I'm fine with that as well, Joe and Bart.

01:12:02 - 01:12:03

**Randy Zucco**

You could do that Wednesday if you wanted.

01:12:06 - 01:12:10

**Randy Zucco**

But I'm down with meeting with the select board too on Tuesday.

01:12:12 - 01:12:16

**Town Hall**

Yeah, I can go for that as well.

01:12:18 - 01:12:20

**Town Hall**

I mean, we front loaded the meeting tonight.

01:12:21 - 01:12:22

**Town Hall**

I front loaded the last one too.

01:12:22 - 01:12:26

**Town Hall**

It just did have one item that slipped in later.

01:12:27 - 01:12:30

**Town Hall**

But regardless, Joe, at this point, you don't have to, didn't have to be here.

01:12:30 - 01:12:33

**Town Hall**

You're right, we should have talked about when the next meeting is.

01:12:33 - 01:12:34

**Town Hall**

That's my mistake.

01:12:34 - 01:12:37

**Town Hall**

But regardless, seems like the consensus here is.

01:12:37 - 01:12:38

**Bart Niswonger**

Tuesday night.

01:12:39 - 01:12:41

**Town Hall**

So as.

01:12:41 - 01:12:56

**Bart Niswonger**

A related issue, I've been talking with Cynthia Manley of the Cemetery Commission because she's been confused about various things and she's talked with Joe and I both trying to figure out how their accounts work.

01:12:57 - 01:12:57

**Bart Niswonger**

And.

01:12:57 - 01:12:58

**Bart Niswonger**

I think we.

01:12:59 - 01:13:03

**Bart Niswonger**

The way I left it with her is that they should come and talk to the finance committee.

01:13:03 - 01:13:07

**Bart Niswonger**

I don't know if it would be useful to have the select board there too.

01:13:08 - 01:13:14

**Bart Niswonger**

It feels like they're struggling a bit to figure out what they're doing.

01:13:16 - 01:13:23

**Bart Niswonger**

So that might be useful for the select board, but it also can imagine that it could take some time that select board doesn't want to sit there.

01:13:30 - 01:13:32

**Town Hall**

I don't mind being part of that.

01:13:33 - 01:13:37

**Town Hall**

It usually seems like it's killing two birds once down for the most part.

01:13:44 - 01:13:47

**Amy Wang**

I was just going to say I would have no objections.

01:13:48 - 01:14:02

**Amy Wang**

Sometimes I think it might make people feel better that they know from both sides that what the what you know they get an answer from both the FINCOM and the select board and then they feel more.

01:14:02 - 01:14:03

**Town Hall**

Comfortable.

01:14:03 - 01:14:08

**Amy Wang**

Because sometimes I think with one answer they think well you know is FINCOM going to say something different?

01:14:08 - 01:14:10

**Amy Wang**

Or is the select board going to say something different?

01:14:11 - 01:14:13

**Amy Wang**

You know, I don't, it's fine.

01:14:20 - 01:14:24

**Amy Wang**

Yeah, Deb is doing the, you know, the, what is it, the Buddhist goddess.

01:14:24 - 01:14:26

**Amy Wang**

Routine thing, you know.

01:14:29 - 01:14:37

**Town Hall**

So we should be ready to go over all the select board's budgets, and that's a big one, because it's several different ones that Peggy prepares.

01:14:39 - 01:14:43

**Town Hall**

So why don't we do that next Tuesday at the beginning of the meeting.

01:14:48 - 01:14:48

**Randy Zucco**

That sounds good.

01:14:48 - 01:14:48

**Bart Niswonger**

To me.

01:14:48 - 01:14:49

**Bart Niswonger**

You want to come.

01:14:49 - 01:14:51

**Randy Zucco**

Too, like, after that?

01:14:53 - 01:14:53

**Bart Niswonger**

To answer.

01:14:53 - 01:14:54

**Town Hall**

The questions?

01:14:56 - 01:14:57

**Town Hall**

Say that again, Randy, sorry.

01:14:58 - 01:15:00

**Randy Zucco**

Would the Cemetery Commission want to.

01:15:00 - 01:15:00

**Town Hall**

Come.

01:15:00 - 01:15:02

**Randy Zucco**

After that to get.

01:15:02 - 01:15:03

**Town Hall**

The questions answered.

01:15:03 - 01:15:04

**Randy Zucco**

Or first?

01:15:05 - 01:15:10

**Town Hall**

Yeah, actually, it would probably be better to do first, because it would be a more finite period of time.

01:15:11 - 01:15:11

**Town Hall**

Sure.

01:15:11 - 01:15:11

**Town Hall**

I'm not sure.

01:15:12 - 01:15:15

**Town Hall**

You think they're ready to come talk next week?

01:15:16 - 01:15:18

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Don't forget the fire department.

01:15:18 - 01:15:20

**JOE BOUDREAU**

That's the other big budget as well.

01:15:20 - 01:15:21

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Yeah.

01:15:21 - 01:15:22

**Town Hall**

Oh, you're right.

01:15:22 - 01:15:23

**Town Hall**

He is anxious to talk.

01:15:24 - 01:15:24

**Town Hall**

Yeah.

01:15:24 - 01:15:25

**Town Hall**

Is that what you're saying?

01:15:25 - 01:15:33

**Town Hall**

I don't have a strong it's a better to get fired in first probably but rather than last time.

01:15:35 - 01:15:41

**Town Hall**

So, why don't we do fire next week and select board And cemetery, do you want to do the cemetery?

01:15:41 - 01:15:43

**Town Hall**

They won't be long, I guess.

01:15:44 - 01:15:45

**Town Hall**

I think that's why.

01:15:45 - 01:15:46

**Town Hall**

Okay.

01:15:46 - 01:15:48

**Town Hall**

No, I'm just, it's my opinion, go ahead.

01:15:50 - 01:16:01

**Bart Niswonger**

The cemetery budget isn't very big, it's just that they're really confused about how they're supposed to spend money and it feels like they're all kind of doing different things, which doesn't seem like a great approach.

01:16:03 - 01:16:11

**Bart Niswonger**

To really anything, but so it's not a, as much budget-related as it is process.

01:16:13 - 01:16:20

**Town Hall**

Yeah, I mean, my sense is they've been doing things the same way for a while and Cindy's now new on the board and it's saying, why are you doing it this way?

01:16:20 - 01:16:22

**Town Hall**

She's not new, but I think she's taking over.

01:16:23 - 01:16:25

**Town Hall**

Okay, well, she's just taking a more active interest.

01:16:25 - 01:16:26

**Town Hall**

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

01:16:26 - 01:16:28

**Bart Niswonger**

I think I would put it a little differently.

01:16:28 - 01:16:33

**Bart Niswonger**

I think that some people think that there's a lot of money and that they should spend it all and other people don't.

01:16:34 - 01:16:37

**Town Hall**

Well, we definitely wanted to go with the latter one, right?

01:16:39 - 01:16:41

**[speaker unknown]**

Yeah, for sure.

01:16:43 - 01:16:46

**Town Hall**

Well, the cemetery would probably take less time than fire, correct?

01:16:47 - 01:16:48

**Town Hall**

Is that fair to say?

01:16:48 - 01:16:49

**Bart Niswonger**

Yes.

01:16:50 - 01:16:50

**Bart Niswonger**

Yeah.

01:16:50 - 01:16:50

**Town Hall**

Probably.

01:16:50 - 01:17:03

**Town Hall**

What if we budget, what if we 630 to seven cemetery and then seven and then seven fire, and then we're all here anyway for select board and when we get there, we get there.

01:17:05 - 01:17:09

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Keep in mind that Mike's a talker, so give him time.

01:17:10 - 01:17:18

**Town Hall**

Yeah, that's why I'm saying if we put the select board after the fire and even if it's getting late We could always you know table some of that.

01:17:22 - 01:17:29

**Town Hall**

Yeah And then I won't even put a time on well, it's estimate 745.

01:17:34 - 01:17:36

**Town Hall**

Yeah, is that okay with everyone.

01:17:43 - 01:17:44

**Town Hall**

I feel like a.

01:17:44 - 01:17:50

**Bart Niswonger**

Lot of the flood board members are contractual things that there's not a lot of discussion anyway.

01:17:50 - 01:17:52

**Town Hall**

Yeah, they almost are all.

01:17:52 - 01:17:52

**Amy Wang**

Being the.

01:17:52 - 01:17:52

**Town Hall**

Same.

01:17:53 - 01:17:53

**Town Hall**

Yeah, they are.

01:17:53 - 01:17:57

**Town Hall**

There's not a lot to talk about, but they're just a lot of line items.

01:17:59 - 01:18:00

**Town Hall**

Okay.

01:18:00 - 01:18:02

**Randy Zucco**

Let's try to squeeze it in if we can.

01:18:03 - 01:18:05

**Town Hall**

You know, insurance and stuff like that.

01:18:06 - 01:18:07

**Town Hall**

And that's even a decent one.

01:18:07 - 01:18:10

**Town Hall**

And that's the most flat funded this year, except for health.

01:18:10 - 01:18:11

**Town Hall**

No, not health insurance.

01:18:11 - 01:18:15

**Town Hall**

But that, yeah, that one had 40, 14%, but all the property and casualties.

01:18:16 - 01:18:17

**Town Hall**

Okay.

01:18:18 - 01:18:18

**Town Hall**

All.

01:18:18 - 01:18:18

**Town Hall**

Right.

01:18:19 - 01:18:20

**Town Hall**

Is that good, Joe?

01:18:20 - 01:18:21

**Town Hall**

Does that work for you?

01:18:22 - 01:18:22

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Fine with me.

01:18:23 - 01:18:25

**Town Hall**

Okay, so I think we got a plan.

01:18:25 - 01:18:25

**Town Hall**

Thank you.

01:18:26 - 01:18:30

**Town Hall**

Who's gonna tell Don Diego, Mike Don Diego?

01:18:31 - 01:18:32

**Town Hall**

Peggy will tell him.

01:18:32 - 01:18:33

**Town Hall**

What do you, Mike?

01:18:33 - 01:18:35

**Randy Zucco**

You'll tell Mike and.

01:18:35 - 01:18:35

**Town Hall**

He's on, let's see.

01:18:36 - 01:18:37

**Town Hall**

And the.

01:18:37 - 01:18:38

**Bart Niswonger**

Consulate the.

01:18:38 - 01:18:42

**Town Hall**

Whatever cemetery Commission and you at the cemetery.

01:18:51 - 01:18:55

**Town Hall**

Do we have the cemetery numbers and we don't.

01:19:02 - 01:19:06

**Bart Niswonger**

They said that there was submitted I didn't see it come in, so I don't.

01:19:06 - 01:19:08

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Know it is.

01:19:08 - 01:19:15

**Town Hall**

Okay So you have did you update the spreadsheet with them for some time.

01:19:15 - 01:19:15

**JOE BOUDREAU**

So.

01:19:16 - 01:19:23

**Town Hall**

Okay, all right They put it she put in a number she thought it okay, and I updated this salary.

01:19:27 - 01:19:27

**[speaker unknown]**

Okay.

01:19:29 - 01:19:30

**Town Hall**

Alright, so that's a plan.

01:19:32 - 01:19:33

**Town Hall**

Anything else?

01:19:33 - 01:19:34

**Town Hall**

Finance related.

01:19:34 - 01:19:35

**Town Hall**

Here?

01:19:36 - 01:19:37

**Town Hall**

We're almost done anyway.

01:19:40 - 01:19:42

**JOE BOUDREAU**

Well, if the finance committee is done, I'm going to say good night.

01:19:43 - 01:19:43

**JOE BOUDREAU**

People.

01:19:45 - 01:19:45

**Town Hall**

I.

01:19:45 - 01:19:46

**Randy Zucco**

Will.

01:19:46 - 01:19:46

**JOE BOUDREAU**

As well.

01:19:47 - 01:19:48

**Randy Zucco**

Good night.

01:19:48 - 01:19:48

**Randy Zucco**

Good.

01:19:48 - 01:19:48

**Deb Rocque**

Night.

01:19:48 - 01:19:48

**Amy Wang**

Joe.

01:19:49 - 01:19:50

**Amy Wang**

Good night, Randy.

01:19:55 - 01:20:02

**Town Hall**

So minutes you guys we didn't actually do vote on that I don't think did somebody make a motion to accept these notes.

01:20:02 - 01:20:07

**Deb Rocque**

I moved to accept the minutes of old.

01:20:07 - 01:20:08

**Deb Rocque**

\*\*\*\* the.

01:20:08 - 01:20:09

**Town Hall**

Date.

01:20:09 - 01:20:13

**Deb Rocque**

January 13th and 27th.

01:20:13 - 01:20:14

**Deb Rocque**

I second.

01:20:16 - 01:20:17

**Town Hall**

All in favor.

01:20:18 - 01:20:18

**Town Hall**

Aye.

01:20:20 - 01:20:20

**Town Hall**

Aye.

01:20:20 - 01:20:20

**Town Hall**

Aye.

01:20:21 - 01:20:23

**Town Hall**

So you just need to stop and sign those.

01:20:24 - 01:20:28

**Town Hall**

Poll hearing, you set the date last time, right?

01:20:28 - 01:20:30

**Town Hall**

Yeah, I just put it in there.

01:20:30 - 01:20:32

**Town Hall**

Okay, so poll hearing March 25th.

01:20:37 - 01:20:38

**Town Hall**

Did you anticipate it?

01:20:39 - 01:20:40

**Town Hall**

How many polls are we talking about?

01:20:40 - 01:20:41

**Town Hall**

Not too many.

01:20:41 - 01:20:46

**Town Hall**

Okay, no, I'm almost nobody ever comes right once in a while isn't about her who cares.

01:20:46 - 01:20:48

**Town Hall**

Yeah, did you know.

01:20:48 - 01:20:49

**Amy Wang**

Did we set the date for the poll hearing?

01:20:50 - 01:20:52

**Amy Wang**

I thought it was a questionable.

01:20:52 - 01:20:57

**Town Hall**

Well, we were waiting for Charlie and so he 24th and yeah, I can for the next day.

01:20:58 - 01:21:09

**Town Hall**

Yeah That's why I put it on there because we did wait We didn't say at the meeting but the 24th or the 25th equit so we're gonna meet on 25th instead of the 24 both Charlie and I aren't here.

01:21:11 - 01:21:14

**Amy Wang**

Right, so it's the poll hearing on the 25th at what time?

01:21:14 - 01:21:15

**Amy Wang**

The same 6.30?

01:21:16 - 01:21:16

**Town Hall**

6.30.

01:21:17 - 01:21:20

**Town Hall**

Yes, it will be our regular select board meeting that week.

01:21:22 - 01:21:26

**Amy Wang**

Oh, are we moving it, oh right, we're moving it from the 24th to the 5th because you.

01:21:26 - 01:21:26

**Town Hall**

Two won't be.

01:21:26 - 01:21:26

**Amy Wang**

There.

01:21:26 - 01:21:27

**Amy Wang**

That's right.

01:21:27 - 01:21:27

**Amy Wang**

I.

01:21:27 - 01:21:27

**Town Hall**

Remember.

01:21:28 - 01:21:30

**Town Hall**

It's all coming back to you now.

01:21:31 - 01:21:32

**Amy Wang**

Oh yeah, I'm not too slow.

01:21:35 - 01:21:37

**Deb Rocque**

Know about the poll.

01:21:37 - 01:21:39

**Town Hall**

Hearing did what did.

01:21:39 - 01:21:42

**Deb Rocque**

Somebody let Ben know tree warden person.

01:21:42 - 01:21:45

**Town Hall**

No that's a good idea I will because he.

01:21:45 - 01:21:45

**Amy Wang**

Asked to.

01:21:45 - 01:21:58

**Town Hall**

Know that stuff yes do we have the list and do they notify the butters or do you we they send us the cards and They have all the butterless.

01:21:58 - 01:21:59

**Town Hall**

Yeah, have they gone out yet?

01:22:01 - 01:22:04

**Town Hall**

Yep So where where what area are we talking about?

01:22:16 - 01:22:18

**Amy Wang**

Is it down somewhere near Cudworth Road I.

01:22:18 - 01:22:20

**Town Hall**

Don't know.

01:22:20 - 01:22:21

**Town Hall**

I have no idea.

01:22:24 - 01:22:30

**Town Hall**

Yeah, yeah, there are and there's three packets but that's just because they have one for the town one for our source and one for Verizon.

01:22:33 - 01:22:36

**Town Hall**

I was going to make something up but I might have got them right here.

01:22:42 - 01:22:44

**Town Hall**

It's just these three.

01:22:44 - 01:22:45

**Town Hall**

Where's Cudworth?

01:22:47 - 01:22:48

**Town Hall**

Cudworth is.

01:22:48 - 01:22:49

**Amy Wang**

It's off.

01:22:49 - 01:22:50

**Town Hall**

Of Dingle.

01:22:50 - 01:22:51

**Amy Wang**

Always good, except.

01:22:51 - 01:22:51

**Town Hall**

It may.

01:22:51 - 01:22:53

**Amy Wang**

Not be called Dingle then.

01:22:54 - 01:22:59

**Town Hall**

Yeah, do you know where the Bryant Homestead is?

01:22:59 - 01:23:00

**Town Hall**

It's kind of out in the woods.

01:23:00 - 01:23:01

**Town Hall**

Yes.

01:23:03 - 01:23:05

**Town Hall**

So it's not like very much anyway.

01:23:06 - 01:23:07

**Town Hall**

Who are you about it?

01:23:07 - 01:23:08

**Town Hall**

Anybody that's going to care?

01:23:09 - 01:23:09

**Town Hall**

Probably not.

01:23:10 - 01:23:10

**Town Hall**

Okay.

01:23:10 - 01:23:10

**Town Hall**

All right.

01:23:10 - 01:23:12

**Town Hall**

That's all I care about.

01:23:13 - 01:23:14

**Town Hall**

Thank you.

01:23:14 - 01:23:17

**Town Hall**

All right, so moving forward here, um, vermin eyes.

01:23:17 - 01:23:25

**Town Hall**

I don't have anything new to report there Um, I I have not had a chance to forward the corrections jeff made to them.

01:23:25 - 01:23:34

**Town Hall**

I'll do that tomorrow So hopefully we can get that moving forward And we'll see whether They're okay with his changes.

01:23:34 - 01:23:39

**Town Hall**

Otherwise jeff suggested I just get him together with their attorney and study with the meeting.

01:23:42 - 01:23:45

**Town Hall**

So I will do, we'll see how it goes, and I'll do one of the others.

01:23:46 - 01:23:57

**Town Hall**

The calendar, I'm continuing to make progress there, so Deb, whenever you have some time that we can sit down and I can show you how to use it and give you your login.

01:23:59 - 01:24:03

**Town Hall**

I'm sitting down with Susan Warner tomorrow to show her how to post her own

meetings.

01:24:03 - 01:24:11

**Town Hall**

I've created a login and I already gave info to Bart who already was pretty much up to speed anyway.

01:24:14 - 01:24:17

**Town Hall**

So he's already been posting his own meetings, but he's been logging in as me.

01:24:18 - 01:24:32

**Town Hall**

But now I have this separate login for all the board chairs to use and share to go in and post their own meetings without any approval needed.

01:24:33 - 01:25:03

**Town Hall**

And then I emailed somebody emailed me last night asking if they could post the next no Kings stand out on the town website so I emailed her today and said she could definitely put it on the calendar and I said I just said and told her I just set up the calendar so people can post their own stuff and that and I actually gave her the login for that for community members and the community member posts.

01:25:04 - 01:25:05

**Town Hall**

Deb and I will have to approve.

01:25:05 - 01:25:07

**Town Hall**

They won't just automatically go on.

01:25:07 - 01:25:10

**Town Hall**

So that's pretty much all set and working I think.

01:25:11 - 01:25:12

**Deb Rocque**

It looks good.

01:25:12 - 01:25:13

**Deb Rocque**

I like it better.

01:25:14 - 01:25:16

**Town Hall**

Yeah, I do too.

01:25:17 - 01:25:17

**Town Hall**

Thanks.

01:25:17 - 01:25:18

**Amy Wang**

Yeah.

01:25:18 - 01:25:18

**Town Hall**

I liked.

01:25:18 - 01:25:19

**Amy Wang**

It when I looked at it.

01:25:19 - 01:25:22

**Amy Wang**

It was just so much clearer.

01:25:22 - 01:25:25

**Amy Wang**

You could actually tell what was going on easily, so I like that.

01:25:28 - 01:25:31

**Town Hall**

Okay, so those are my updates on that stuff.

01:25:32 - 01:25:35

**Town Hall**

Anybody else have anything they want before we shut down?

01:25:36 - 01:25:37

**Town Hall**

Eight o'clock, not bad.

01:25:38 - 01:25:38

**Amy Wang**

Yeah, no.

01:25:39 - 01:25:39

**Deb Rocque**

Not bad.

01:25:39 - 01:25:39

**Deb Rocque**

Good job.

01:25:41 - 01:25:41

**Town Hall**

Yep.

01:25:43 - 01:25:48

**Amy Wang**

I'll try and stop in tomorrow to sign some stuff tomorrow afternoon.

01:25:49 - 01:25:53

**Amy Wang**

But it really was quite exciting coming home.

01:25:53 - 01:25:54

**Amy Wang**

Some people.

01:25:54 - 01:25:54

**Town Hall**

Wouldn't over.

01:25:54 - 01:25:56

**Amy Wang**

20 miles an hour.

01:25:56 - 01:26:03

**Amy Wang**

You know, it takes a long time to get home from Worthington if you're going to Worthington from Northampton if you're only going 20.

01:26:04 - 01:26:07

**Town Hall**

Yeah, so yeah, I mean I had to come from Amherst so.

01:26:07 - 01:26:09

**Town Hall**

Oh god.

01:26:11 - 01:26:13

**Town Hall**

It was surprising how much snow we got.

01:26:14 - 01:26:15

**Town Hall**

I had to do some shoveling.

01:26:15 - 01:26:17

**Town Hall**

It was at least four or five inches.

01:26:17 - 01:26:18

**Town Hall**

At least, yeah.

01:26:18 - 01:26:19

**Deb Rocque**

It's great, isn't it?

01:26:19 - 01:26:20

**Deb Rocque**

It's great.

01:26:24 - 01:26:28

**Deb Rocque**

I too will try to.

01:26:29 - 01:26:32

**Town Hall**

All right, so I think we're adjourned.

01:26:32 - 01:26:32

**Town Hall**

Thanks everyone.

01:26:33 - 01:26:33

**Deb Rocque**

All right.

01:26:33 - 01:26:33

**Deb Rocque**

Thank you.

01:26:34 - 01:26:35

**Amy Wang**

Thank you.

01:26:35 - 01:26:35

**Amy Wang**

Good night all.