

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

00:02 - 00:04

Town Hall

This conference will now be recorded.

00:06 - 00:07

Town Hall

You got a good excuse, I'm sure.

00:09 - 00:13

Town Hall

All right, so we start with highway.

00:15 - 00:27

Town Hall

And those of you who may not have seen Joe sent out a revised budget just at this point, maybe a half hour ago, but I have it and I put it up when we get there.

00:27 - 00:35

Town Hall

But so what is there to discuss here with the highway?

00:35 - 00:40

Town Hall

Are we talking about the capital stuff or is it other stuff that we need to talk about?

00:40 - 00:48

Town Hall

The only thing that got changed and updated to this is my salary from our last meeting.

00:49 - 00:52

Town Hall

Other than that, everything is the same that we discussed.

00:52 - 01:04

Town Hall

And other than adding in the two items that I talked about the last meeting, which was the Daff and the oil container system.

01:16 - 01:25

Town Hall

We haven't straightened out what's going on with your winter over time Or at least we haven't finished negotiating that.

01:31 - 01:38

Town Hall

So questions for real about the highway budget you you.

01:39 - 01:40

Town Hall

Go ahead Joe.

01:41 - 01:47

JOE BOUDREAU

The only thing, I'm not questioning it, but there's sense on the road superintendent's salary.

01:48 - 01:48

Town Hall

When.

01:48 - 01:49

JOE BOUDREAU

I looked.

01:49 - 01:53

JOE BOUDREAU

Up, I think the final Collins report.

01:54 - 01:54

Town Hall

There.

01:54 - 01:56

JOE BOUDREAU

Are no sense in anybody's salary.

01:57 - 01:58

JOE BOUDREAU

They've all been rounded up.

01:58 - 02:02

JOE BOUDREAU

That's why I rounded it up on my spreadsheet.

02:05 - 02:05

Town Hall

I.

02:05 - 02:11

JOE BOUDREAU

Looked at the tax collector's salary, the pleasure of salary, and none of them have ends, they're all rounded.

02:11 - 02:12

JOE BOUDREAU

Up.

02:14 - 02:19

JOE BOUDREAU

That's why I rounded it up and gave a real 20 cent raise.

02:20 - 02:21

Town Hall

Ah, right.

02:25 - 02:26

Town Hall

94 ,765.

02:30 - 02:34

Town Hall

I'm just looking, pulling mine up to see what mine has.

02:34 - 02:41

Town Hall

I'm assuming that would move up the highway wages as well, \$0.20 to \$1 ,120.

02:41 - 02:44

Town Hall

Yeah, that's what I had as the whole time.

02:47 - 02:48

[speaker unknown]

Yeah, that's fine.

02:49 - 02:52

Town Hall

They are rounded on the columns.

02:52 - 02:53

Town Hall

Okay.

03:04 - 03:04

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

03:05 - 03:05

Town Hall

Anything else?

03:05 - 03:06

Town Hall

That was easy.

03:07 - 03:08

JOE BOUDREAU

So the.

03:08 - 03:14

JOE BOUDREAU

Um, additional overtime hours is still not final for the rules here, Lieutenant?

03:17 - 03:17

Town Hall

Correct.

03:21 - 03:24

Town Hall

Joe, is that one of the winter overspendable accounts?

03:25 - 03:25

Town Hall

Yeah.

03:25 - 03:26

Town Hall

That was my question.

03:26 - 03:26

Town Hall

Yes.

03:27 - 03:29

JOE BOUDREAU

Still has to be paid but it can be.

03:29 - 03:32

Town Hall

Overspent so.

03:35 - 03:41

Town Hall

If that's the case then regardless of what we negotiate we ought to just leave it where it is.

03:41 - 03:44

JOE BOUDREAU

Well it's got to be part of the budget though.

03:44 - 03:55

Town Hall

No it is I mean there's the there is five thousand dollars in the budget for that okay well we're gonna list there's something in there for it.

03:58 - 04:02

JOE BOUDREAU

Means it's gonna overspend what was appropriated.

04:03 - 04:06

JOE BOUDREAU

So, we still need to have an appropriation for.

04:06 - 04:07

Town Hall

It.

04:08 - 04:08

Town Hall

Right.

04:08 - 04:12

Town Hall

So, there is a \$2 ,500 appropriation in there.

04:17 - 04:17

[speaker unknown]

Right?

04:18 - 04:18

Town Hall

Yes.

04:18 - 04:19

Town Hall

Yeah.

04:19 - 04:19

Town Hall

Okay.

04:19 - 04:22

Town Hall

So, there's no reason to raise it, is there?

04:26 - 04:26

Town Hall

I don't think so.

04:27 - 04:31

JOE BOUDREAU

We don't put \$95 ,000 in snow.

04:31 - 04:32

Town Hall

Roads.

04:33 - 04:34

JOE BOUDREAU

Even though we can overspend.

04:34 - 04:37

JOE BOUDREAU

It, we put what we're appropriating for.

04:37 - 04:38

Town Hall

It.

04:45 - 04:46

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

04:46 - 04:48

Town Hall

So, are we all clear on the capital stuff?

04:49 - 04:50

Town Hall

Peggy, you have what you need or not?

04:50 - 04:54

Town Hall

I sent an email to Christine Askener for information.

04:55 - 04:55

Town Hall

Okay.

04:55 - 04:56

Town Hall

All right.

04:58 - 05:00

Town Hall

Anything else to discuss last time here?

05:01 - 05:09

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, Amy, in a couple of years, on your email that you had a couple items that you had a different number like for fur cog.

05:10 - 05:11

JOE BOUDREAU

So, if you look at.

05:11 - 05:13

Town Hall

The updated.

05:13 - 05:16

JOE BOUDREAU

Highway budget, you you can see Fertile is a higher number.

05:18 - 05:21

Town Hall

Okay, so it's 3585, okay.

05:22 - 05:25

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah, you had, I think last year's the same number as if it didn't change.

05:26 - 05:28

Town Hall

Yep, I see that now.

05:29 - 05:37

Town Hall

I gotta tell you, after a while of looking at these things, especially comparing one to the other, I just get up and I can't actually look at anything except maybe a bird outside.

05:39 - 05:40

JOE BOUDREAU

I hear you.

05:43 - 05:43

Town Hall

Okay.

05:49 - 05:53

Town Hall

All right, so let's move on school budget explanation.

06:13 - 06:16

Town Hall

So Allison or Gretchen or Lisa.

06:20 - 06:21

Town Hall

Yeah.

06:22 - 06:25

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

We just recently were the standard.

06:25 - 06:26

Town Hall

Explanation.

06:26 - 06:28

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

For the Woodington School.

06:28 - 06:29

Town Hall

District budget.

06:30 - 06:35

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So it's the same format that we've had for the last several years and changed the numbers.

06:41 - 07:02

Town Hall

So I assume everyone's aware at this point, the school committee voted to decrease or to take money from school choice to help pay for it for the new programs that works for the acres of whatever it is opportunity.

07:02 - 07:09

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yes yep so it's not school choice we took it from the special ed revolving fund.

07:09 - 07:19

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

That we've set up over the last how many years we've had it in play to build up a reserve for extraordinary.

07:19 - 07:20

Town Hall

Circumstances.

07:26 - 07:30

Alison Todd

I think it's been about five years that we've had that.

07:31 - 07:34

Alison Todd

It will take a while for us to replenish what.

07:34 - 07:36

Alison Todd

We from it this.

07:36 - 07:39

Town Hall

Because we're.

07:39 - 07:45

Alison Todd

Putting about \$20 ,000 a year in it because we put one third of our school choice revenue in it every.

07:45 - 07:46

Alison Todd

Year.

07:49 - 07:59

Town Hall

So it was nice of the school committee to do that and obviously that's the difference from our last meeting in the excess capacity.

08:04 - 08:15

Town Hall

Anybody have any questions or comments before we or we could take a motion to accept these the town meeting and then we can talk about it if there's anything.

08:16 - 08:17

Town Hall

How do we do that?

08:17 - 08:28

Town Hall

So I move that we accept the school explanation of Worthington school district FY 27 budgets handout for annual town meeting.

08:29 - 08:29

Town Hall

Second.

08:30 - 08:33

Town Hall

Alright, does anybody have any discussion, questions?

08:34 - 08:37

Town Hall

I haven't had a chance to read through it, but I'm sure it's fine.

08:37 - 08:38

Town Hall

I've got a question.

08:38 - 08:40

Town Hall

Will it be posted ahead of time?

08:41 - 08:42

Town Hall

Typically it is, yes.

08:44 - 08:47

Town Hall

So yeah, unless there's some reason not to.

08:50 - 08:50

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

08:51 - 08:52

Town Hall

So all in favor?

08:53 - 08:53

Town Hall

Aye.

08:54 - 08:54

Town Hall

Aye.

08:54 - 08:55

Town Hall

All right.

08:55 - 08:55

Town Hall

Great.

08:55 - 08:56

Town Hall

Thank you.

08:57 - 09:03

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Charlie, can I just mention for annual town meeting, I am coordinating babysitting with some Hampton.

09:03 - 09:05

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Regional students.

09:05 - 09:05

Town Hall

Who.

09:05 - 09:11

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Probably have community hours and we're also going to have the chorus.

09:14 - 09:17

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Will be happening for this annual town meeting.

09:17 - 09:20

Town Hall

Oh wow okay thank you.

09:21 - 09:34

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So Charlie as soon as I have the blurb from the students I'll send that to you so you can get that out to the town website and I'll put it in my community newsletter just so we can really try to recruit some of the younger families to show up for town.

09:34 - 09:35

Town Hall

Meeting.

09:35 - 09:36

Town Hall

Yeah, for sure.

09:37 - 09:40

Town Hall

And I'm posting everything on the Facebook group now, too.

09:42 - 09:43

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Thank you.

09:43 - 09:43

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

All.

09:44 - 09:46

Town Hall

I have a quick question.

09:47 - 09:55

Town Hall

So Lisa sent out an email saying that you didn't need the revolving laptop fund any longer.

09:55 - 09:56

Town Hall

Is that correct?

09:56 - 09:57

Town Hall

That's correct.

09:58 - 09:58

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yep.

09:59 - 10:01

Town Hall

So then I just don't put it on this year.

10:01 - 10:04

Town Hall

There's nothing, anything else I have to do about that, right?

10:05 - 10:06

Town Hall

Just don't put it.

10:06 - 10:06

Town Hall

On.

10:07 - 10:08

Town Hall

Cool.

10:08 - 10:08

Town Hall

That's it.

10:09 - 10:10

Town Hall

That's all I needed to know.

10:12 - 10:13

Town Hall

So how big.

10:13 - 10:13

Alison Todd

Of a.

10:13 - 10:15

Town Hall

Group we're talking about.

10:17 - 10:18

Town Hall

So these kids will sing at the beginning.

10:18 - 10:20

Town Hall

Is that the idea of the meeting?

10:21 - 10:21

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yep.

10:21 - 10:25

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Remember how we used to have Bella **** draw, play the violin, right?

10:25 - 10:26

Town Hall

Show us.

10:26 - 10:26

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

The school.

10:26 - 10:32

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So we have, I want to say 18 students in the course, not all will show up.

10:33 - 10:33

Town Hall

But.

10:33 - 10:35

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

It was definitely an.

10:35 - 10:37

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Eager interest.

10:37 - 10:44

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So we sent out, you know, to the families who would actually be around and could show up.

10:45 - 10:48

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So we could have as many as, you know, two.

10:48 - 10:49

Town Hall

Or.

10:49 - 10:50

Town Hall

15.

10:51 - 10:54

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So I think we'll have a couple of singers.

10:54 - 10:56

Town Hall

So, nice.

10:56 - 10:58

Town Hall

Is it OK to film them?

10:58 - 11:00

Town Hall

I mean, it's a public meeting, so I really.

11:00 - 11:04

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Yeah, I mean, I certainly can get back to you on that, Charlie, when I know who's coming.

11:05 - 11:07

Town Hall

Ok, thanks.

11:08 - 11:09

Town Hall

Allison, you have a question?

11:10 - 11:11

Alison Todd

I did.

11:11 - 11:25

Alison Todd

I'm just wondering if we can get on your agenda sometime, either end of April or

sometime in May, to talk about the drainage work that to be done.

11:25 - 11:30

Alison Todd

Around the school foundation so that we're not getting water in the basement.

11:32 - 11:32

Town Hall

I've.

11:32 - 11:33

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Always had.

11:33 - 11:34

Town Hall

Water in my basement.

11:35 - 11:41

Town Hall

Is that something you've done, you've had engineering work look at?

11:42 - 11:44

Town Hall

I mean, is there a design for this or are.

11:44 - 11:44

Alison Todd

We talking?

11:44 - 11:48

Alison Todd

No, we need to start from zero, right Gretchen?

11:48 - 11:51

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

So I really would defer to Kevin who's in the room.

11:51 - 11:52

Town Hall

Because.

11:52 - 11:53

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

He was.

11:53 - 11:53

Town Hall

A big part.

11:53 - 11:55

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Of those discussions with Devin.

11:56 - 11:59

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And so it's not just the basement, too.

11:59 - 12:02

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

It's like the floor and the cafeteria and in the kitchen.

12:03 - 12:08

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

That's because of how the water is flowing, the water is buckling.

12:08 - 12:15

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

And I'm sure Kevin can speak more fluently to the engineering and design of that than I can.

12:16 - 12:18

Town Hall

Yeah, I don't know about that.

12:18 - 12:34

Town Hall

But yeah, we talked at the most critical area, which is outside of the kitchen, when we re-cladded it of a detail to put some gravel and some impervious fabric a certain distance out from the wall.

12:35 - 12:50

Town Hall

So I think the best thing to do is as Alison is saying, after town meeting, Devin and I can do another walk around because it'll refresh my memory on where the problems were and what we talked about.

12:52 - 12:58

Town Hall

It's a problem for homeowners, it's a problem for the historic society, it's a problem in the hill towns.

13:00 - 13:10

Town Hall

So there'll be a quick assessment and a quick sketch, and then we'll look at where gutters are and are not working.

13:11 - 13:18

Town Hall

So will it cost money to determine what the design is it will be something about it.

13:18 - 13:20

Town Hall

Just go to bid for something.

13:20 - 13:24

Town Hall

We would just go to bid for it would be pretty much fertile and I might be one little sketch.

13:24 - 13:24

Town Hall

Okay.

13:24 - 13:25

Town Hall

I think that's what you got.

13:26 - 13:26

Town Hall

Alright.

13:26 - 13:28

Town Hall

So, because we obviously don't have to appropriate money but yeah.

13:28 - 13:30

Town Hall

So, this would be an upcoming time.

13:31 - 13:31

Town Hall

Yeah.

13:31 - 13:31

Town Hall

Okay.

13:32 - 13:32

Town Hall

Yeah.

13:32 - 13:32

Town Hall

Alright.

13:33 - 13:33

Town Hall

Yeah.

13:33 - 13:36

Town Hall

I assume it would be done in the the off season, right?

13:38 - 13:39

Town Hall

If yeah.

13:41 - 13:50

Town Hall

I mean, it's too late to get it Yeah, yeah, yeah, let's let's Let's talk yep.

13:53 - 14:05

Town Hall

Okay, I'm there's a number of things out there we could very likely end up with a special time meeting into the summer sometime anyway, I Don't know if that would be enough time to do it though Let's figure out what it is first.

14:08 - 14:11

Town Hall

But all the way around we did that here, yeah.

14:14 - 14:15

Town Hall

Steve Hoy.

14:16 - 14:16

Town Hall

Oh boy.

14:16 - 14:16

Town Hall

I know.

14:17 - 14:18

Town Hall

Yeah, yeah.

14:18 - 14:19

Town Hall

Yeah, that's right.

14:19 - 14:19

Town Hall

Yes.

14:20 - 14:21

Town Hall

But he did a good job.

14:24 - 14:27

Town Hall

I don't think he's doing that stuff.

14:27 - 14:27

Town Hall

No, I know.

14:28 - 14:28

Town Hall

It depends.

14:29 - 14:34

Town Hall

Well, I think also he wasn't doing contracting work, so he no longer has insurance.

14:34 - 14:37

Town Hall

Yeah, he doesn't have it since then.

14:37 - 14:38

Town Hall

So I don't think we could.

14:38 - 14:39

Town Hall

Yeah, we don't.

14:40 - 14:40

Town Hall

Yeah.

14:40 - 14:42

Town Hall

That's why I stopped doing work for the town.

14:44 - 14:45

Town Hall

Okay.

14:45 - 14:46

Town Hall

So, um.

14:48 - 15:00

Town Hall

Do we want to talk about how we're going to deal with the, uh, so once we come up with a firm number, what, what, if anything, we want to do about that?

15:02 - 15:03

Town Hall

About the drainage?

15:03 - 15:04

Town Hall

No, no, I'm sorry.

15:04 - 15:16

Town Hall

I'm moving on to the budget to talk about the, uh, you know, the, the 45, 55, whatever is which is.

15:16 - 15:18

JOE BOUDREAU

Next week when we know the final.

15:18 - 15:21

Town Hall

Number okay.

15:23 - 15:47

Town Hall

And so we have two copies here one is well one was the other one was mine Joe and was yours in there too oh is this Joe's yeah meanwhile we have a newer one from Joe Yeah, yeah, it's like it's hard to keep up around it's a rule All right, so I'm fine to leave it to the next meeting is that anybody have anything else about the budget?

15:47 - 16:29

Town Hall

No, but I will send what I have here So it changed a little bit in terms of the budget summary So it's now 56 100 point eight one because we went back to Route we rounded up highway superintendent by 20 cents so it had been 61 now it's 81 so but anyway that's what i think joe and i both have now 56 181 and um so i'm the one with the difference you're the one with the difference yeah 56 180 so i'll try to figure out where the variance is i'm sure i probably have something incorrect well i'm sure we have we have a different number somewhere but i don't know where Yeah.

16:29 - 16:34

Town Hall

Or maybe more than one and I volunteered more than.

16:38 - 16:45

Town Hall

This is why in some ways printouts were nice because you could just take a ruler go Long we will go across them and just go line by line by line by line.

16:45 - 16:57

Town Hall

Yeah, cuz I kind of go Yeah, well the computer also doesn't you're trying to go across and then you clicked in this sheet and it moved over there Yeah, with two people you just say here's the number I have Yeah, it's true.

16:58 - 17:00

Town Hall

Should work with two different highs, but.

17:01 - 17:01

Town Hall

All right.

17:02 - 17:04

Town Hall

So anything else budget related?

17:04 - 17:06

Town Hall

I do have some town meeting.

17:07 - 17:11

Town Hall

Yeah, there's some town meeting stuff, which will.

17:13 - 17:15

Town Hall

Well, I'm trying to say maybe.

17:16 - 17:19

Town Hall

So do we want to meet next week to talk about the budget?

17:19 - 17:20

Town Hall

I assume so.

17:21 - 17:28

Town Hall

I should do up a warrant, because then the week after that is going to have to be.

17:28 - 17:30

Town Hall

We have to sign it, yeah.

17:31 - 17:32

Town Hall

So we should put it on a meeting next week.

17:34 - 17:35

Town Hall

Maybe it won't be long.

17:37 - 17:43

Town Hall

Oh, you know, all right, so but there are a few things that these are just a little outstanding things.

17:44 - 17:52

Town Hall

Depending, of course, depending on how much money we have in May and June, but the law expense account is way overdrawn.

17:52 - 17:53

Town Hall

Um.

17:56 - 18:01

Town Hall

Janek is going to put his name is going to be on the warrant as a wedding street fund.

18:01 - 18:01

Town Hall

Yep, I saw that.

18:02 - 18:15

Town Hall

Um, taking away the revolving, wrapped up by, by watching, um, adding the website, um, as an official posting place, um, that's a warrant article.

18:15 - 18:17

Town Hall

That's not a money article, just a warrant article.

18:19 - 18:22

Town Hall

Uh, I don't know if I should add.

18:22 - 18:24

Town Hall

I want to put it on the agenda.

18:24 - 18:35

Town Hall

So we talked about whether we want to Or not another one is the mullen rule Um, did you want an article on you had mentioned that part?

18:35 - 18:47

Town Hall

That's me Yeah, and and I the conservation commission voted in favor of doing that So that language I'll have to look and see it.

18:47 - 19:10

Town Hall

You said the language is in there somewhere In that Amherst thing they they gave the language that they used to pass it back in the day in like 2007 or something Is like what I sent you was the wanting to update it and expand it when they switched from a select board to Wherever they are now the town manager they had so they were they were town council members.

19:10 - 19:19

Town Hall

They were changing there So they have the warrant article they used the first time which seems like it would be perfectly applicable for us Will you send it to me again?

19:19 - 19:20

Town Hall

No.

19:21 - 19:25

Town Hall

Is it the one that was a black, had a black background to it?

19:26 - 19:26

Town Hall

Yeah.

19:28 - 19:30

Town Hall

I will send it to you again.

19:30 - 19:31

Town Hall

You rock.

19:32 - 19:38

Town Hall

And another one was for permission for Charlie to get paid for as webmaster.

19:38 - 19:41

Town Hall

He's not taking the, he didn't take his salary this year.

19:41 - 19:44

Town Hall

It's still sitting there waiting for him.

19:44 - 19:53

Town Hall

So I have an opinion from the ethics board that's that explains how the town has to basically vote to allow me to have a second job.

19:55 - 19:59

Town Hall

I could technically I could work for Peggy.

19:59 - 20:01

Town Hall

I hate that idea.

20:01 - 20:02

Town Hall

No, I don't mind it.

20:02 - 20:06

Town Hall

It just seems like I'm trying to fall fast when I do that.

20:06 - 20:07

Town Hall

So, just let the town vote.

20:08 - 20:09

Town Hall

Yeah, that's okay.

20:09 - 20:10

Town Hall

I understand.

20:11 - 20:12

Town Hall

And it drives me crazy.

20:12 - 20:14

Town Hall

I don't care.

20:25 - 20:59

Town Hall

Oh and then the other one is I used I didn't send it out to everybody but I sent out today Tim Zesson's email and Kirsten's about this is about the workers comp case that right the whether a retiree can get retiree health Insurance and if we vote to pass that whatever it is They had if they weren't if they didn't have insurance when they left then they can't right and so and he like in this case They don't have He doesn't currently have it.

20:59 - 21:07

Town Hall

So we should put it on the next agenda that so okay It's a select board decision apparently right, but it's too late for us to change it.

21:07 - 21:09

Town Hall

Yeah, because they're meeting it tomorrow.

21:14 - 21:17

Town Hall

So it's not really a town meeting.

21:17 - 21:18

Town Hall

Oh, no, it isn't.

21:18 - 21:20

Town Hall

No, it's a, I thought it wasn't until today.

21:20 - 21:23

Town Hall

And then today told me it wasn't just you guys.

21:23 - 21:24

Town Hall

Yeah, so it's next week's agenda.

21:24 - 21:25

Town Hall

Yeah.

21:25 - 21:26

Town Hall

Got it on that.

21:26 - 21:26

Town Hall

Okay, good.

21:27 - 21:28

Town Hall

All right.

21:28 - 21:30

Town Hall

And then that's it.

21:30 - 21:34

Town Hall

Can we make it an emergency item for this agenda since the meeting tomorrow?

21:34 - 21:35

Town Hall

Yes, Joe.

21:36 - 21:36

Town Hall

Go ahead.

21:37 - 21:40

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm assuming there will be a joint meeting next week.

21:41 - 21:51

JOE BOUDREAU

On next week's agenda, can we put on the highway garage article that I threw together and talk about.

21:51 - 21:52

JOE BOUDREAU

That?

21:52 - 21:52

Town Hall

Yeah, for.

21:52 - 21:53

JOE BOUDREAU

Sure.

21:53 - 21:54

JOE BOUDREAU

The highway garage.

21:55 - 22:02

Town Hall

Yes, and we should pull together the stuff.

22:02 - 22:12

Town Hall

So let's make sure the study goes out to everyone that we already paid for that does consider three locations already.

22:12 - 22:20

Town Hall

So you know that property on 143, there was Alex Lacks property sold.

22:21 - 22:22

Town Hall

I did not know that.

22:22 - 22:23

Town Hall

There's a sold sign on it.

22:23 - 22:25

Town Hall

Oh, I just drove by it today.

22:25 - 22:27

Town Hall

I saw the real estate sign on it.

22:27 - 22:28

Town Hall

Yeah, on top of it, it's sold.

22:28 - 22:29

Town Hall

Oh, well.

22:31 - 22:33

JOE BOUDREAU

One assessor told me that as well.

22:35 - 22:35

Town Hall

Yeah.

22:38 - 22:38

Town Hall

Oh, well.

22:39 - 22:40

Town Hall

There goes that opportunity.

22:41 - 22:41

Town Hall

Yeah.

22:41 - 22:42

Town Hall

Who bought it?

22:42 - 22:42

Town Hall

Blue Wave?

22:49 - 23:00

Town Hall

He said something about, you know, he might not live in Worthington forever, but as long as he still was living there, he was, did not want to go there, you know, basically, I think that's what he said, if I remember.

23:05 - 23:07

Town Hall

Okay so next week.

23:09 - 23:19

Town Hall

Okay so I'm wondering do we want to consider broadcasting the meeting like we did the special time meeting or not?

23:19 - 23:21

Town Hall

I'm getting asked about it.

23:21 - 23:22

Town Hall

You are getting asked.

23:22 - 23:25

Town Hall

I want to know if that is in its attendance or not.

23:26 - 23:27

Town Hall

So there are people who want that.

23:27 - 23:33

Town Hall

Yeah, but they you know, but the thing is they won't be able to vote people are gonna be at no first thing But that's what we did.

23:33 - 23:39

Town Hall

We did it at the last special people got it Nobody tried to even chat us.

23:44 - 23:48

Town Hall

Is it up to us yeah, I have to agree.

23:59 - 24:00

Town Hall

I don't know.

24:00 - 24:07

Town Hall

I mean, it's a bunch more work for me, but if people want, I would, I didn't want to do it unless there really was people that wanted it, but they do then.

24:08 - 24:15

Town Hall

How long before would you have to know, because I'm planning on doing another Saturday before we get together.

24:15 - 24:17

Town Hall

I don't need an advance warning particularly.

24:17 - 24:24

Town Hall

It's just, I got to sit there in the meeting and sort of do a little bit more monitoring and paying attention to it.

24:24 - 24:32

Town Hall

So let me put together an agenda for a pre-meeting, which would probably be the Saturday before, maybe a little later, I can't tell you.

24:33 - 24:36

Town Hall

And just, it's gonna be town meeting, Q and A, you know.

24:36 - 24:38

Town Hall

And will that be a GoToMeeting meeting?

24:39 - 24:40

Town Hall

Or a live meeting?

24:41 - 24:43

Town Hall

It was, you've been doing them on GoToMeeting.

24:43 - 24:47

Town Hall

Yeah, yeah, I think during COVID, that's when it started, and it was, it was both.

24:48 - 24:50

Town Hall

So do you, is that, do you wanna do that?

24:50 - 24:54

Town Hall

And so we're talking about the 25th.

24:56 - 24:58

Town Hall

10th, 25th.

24:58 - 24:58

Town Hall

Ok.

24:58 - 25:00

Town Hall

10th, 30th.

25:00 - 25:03

Town Hall

I'll send you a little blurb.

25:03 - 25:04

Town Hall

Ok.

25:04 - 25:06

Town Hall

It's not about the warrant, per se.

25:06 - 25:09

Town Hall

It's more Q &A, meeting.

25:09 - 25:10

Town Hall

How it all works.

25:10 - 25:11

Town Hall

Yep.

25:11 - 25:12

Town Hall

Yep.

25:12 - 25:17

Town Hall

So we don't have situations like we had in a special time.

25:18 - 25:51

Town Hall

One of the topics will be how to amend yes oh yes thank you we have a regional meeting now which is a drive to Lennox and back so there are four of us in the Western Mass Moderators.

25:52 - 25:54

Town Hall

Which are very different from Eastern Mass.

25:56 - 25:57

[speaker unknown]

Moderators.

25:58 - 26:04

Town Hall

So you're meeting on the 25th, and will it be hybrid, or will it just be go to meeting, or?

26:05 - 26:05

Town Hall

Hybrid.

26:06 - 26:06

Town Hall

Okay.

26:06 - 26:08

Town Hall

So where would you want to do it?

26:08 - 26:09

Town Hall

In town hall, or school?

26:09 - 26:10

Town Hall

Yeah, we'll do it here.

26:10 - 26:10

Town Hall

Okay.

26:15 - 26:24

Town Hall

And at that meeting, it was discussed, it was a question that you guys know the answer that if more than one of you attends, does it become an open meeting?

26:24 - 26:26

Town Hall

If I call a meeting, it's not an open meeting.

26:29 - 26:33

Town Hall

So if two of you attend, does it become an open meeting?

26:33 - 26:38

Town Hall

I mean, only if we're deliberating on something, but sure, it wouldn't be, I don't think so.

26:38 - 26:50

Town Hall

Also, yeah, I think, and one of the things is, if it's somebody else's meeting, and more

than one of us goes, then it's not considered an open meeting, because we're not directly part of the meeting, attending.

26:52 - 27:03

Town Hall

Yeah, and it won't be about this current warrant, unless it's about procedural things, in terms of reading the school's report and things like that.

27:04 - 27:09

Town Hall

Okay, I don't think we've done a hybrid one before, I think they've all been to go to a meeting only, but that's what you want to do.

27:09 - 27:23

Town Hall

There was one in the tent during COVID, and there was one here in person, I can't remember Okay, I can do it.

27:23 - 27:25

Town Hall

I'm setting up the projector.

27:26 - 27:29

Town Hall

Would you want more than one of the select board to attend?

27:30 - 27:34

Town Hall

Is that because you asked the question with if two of us more than one of us goes.

27:36 - 27:46

Town Hall

This is not a right I think we're in the 45 ,000 or 56 ,000 each one Solving the problem.

27:46 - 27:49

Town Hall

It's not like there was one last year.

27:49 - 27:58

Town Hall

It was And that was more about that and people still only 20 20 or so people attended.

27:58 - 28:04

Town Hall

Yeah so But no, it should be a quiet Year, he says.

28:08 - 28:23

Town Hall

Okay All right, so i'll plan on both them and the other procedure i'll ask devin again to uh, come in probably the night before and undo the, Gretchen's still on, undo those tables again.

28:23 - 28:23

Town Hall

Done?

28:24 - 28:24

Town Hall

Right.

28:24 - 28:25

Town Hall

That was that.

28:25 - 28:26

Town Hall

That was a good guy.

28:28 - 28:29

Town Hall

Didn't help too.

28:29 - 28:30

Town Hall

Got you in there.

28:30 - 28:31

Town Hall

There was a lot of busy beavers in there.

28:31 - 28:31

Town Hall

Yeah.

28:31 - 28:32

Town Hall

Oh yeah.

28:35 - 28:35

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

28:37 - 28:37

Town Hall

Anything else?

28:38 - 28:38

Town Hall

Town meeting?

28:39 - 28:40

Town Hall

Budget related?

28:41 - 28:42

Town Hall

We're missing here?

28:42 - 28:43

Town Hall

Okay.

28:43 - 28:46

Town Hall

All right.

28:46 - 28:48

Town Hall

To talk about.

28:49 - 28:54

Town Hall

I took the tonnage out of there because the compost wasn't included in it.

28:56 - 29:00

Town Hall

So you want to talk about this piece?

29:01 - 29:03

Town Hall

Money for D.O.E.R.

29:14 - 29:25

Town Hall

And we had a good meeting with Dave Chrysopoulos and the guy that had prepared that other document, who I didn't realize I know from work last days.

29:26 - 29:28

Town Hall

He's a pretty active guy in Shakespeare, right?

29:31 - 29:33

Town Hall

I saw his email.

29:33 - 29:36

Town Hall

I don't know why I saw it.

29:36 - 29:37

Town Hall

Did you send it out or yeah?

29:37 - 30:02

Town Hall

Well, what happened was I mentioned that the fall mark thing was coming up this Saturday and And at that point I didn't know who was going to be there because they hadn't announced it They just finally announced it today So I told those guys that might be an opportunity and Gobi is going to be there So I forwarded that information to everybody and I figured I better include you and then that other thing came from the MMA of course on town meeting day.

30:03 - 30:03

Town Hall

Yeah.

30:03 - 30:06

Town Hall

So this too bad because that's directly dealing with this.

30:07 - 30:11

Town Hall

I mean I don't know if somebody from the planning board would want to go to that instead of town meeting.

30:13 - 30:22

Town Hall

They were talking about it and he sort of shot it down as being it's probably just a thing.

30:23 - 30:23

Town Hall

Yeah.

30:24 - 30:24

Town Hall

Yeah.

30:25 - 30:27

Town Hall

Excited about it.

30:28 - 30:34

Town Hall

Well, one of the keys here though is trying to get more than just us and other talent to care about this.

30:35 - 30:42

Town Hall

And you know, making sure this issue, especially about the whole local representative person gets raised seems like really important.

30:42 - 30:44

Town Hall

I'm going to definitely bring it up Saturday.

30:45 - 30:47

Town Hall

Saturday at Palm Works.

30:47 - 30:48

Town Hall

I don't know if I'll.

30:55 - 31:28

Town Hall

I thought that what when I saw the only thing I saw was the email from him talking about the 50 using a 53g account modifying their bylaws to allow for that yeah so that came into the end of the discussion there's no way we can get we don't literally have to have the language final but Friday because of publishing deadlines right so to

make the time you know or even then we'd be holding the hearing three days before the or the day before the year.

31:35 - 31:59

Town Hall

Well doesn't seem like there's a huge rush on this one you're not expecting to have to deal with it so two things one is yeah I don't think it's a huge I think we just we should think about having a special time meeting in the fall earlier Because October 1st, I think is the time that we need to And that that is we have to have decided we have to The law changes October 1st.

31:59 - 32:42

Town Hall

And so it would be good to have that in place beforehand Although we are still trying to figure out how much pressure we're really under And the second is it's only sort of a partial solution to me the 50 using the 53g account is lovely but you still have to have it's it's what allows us to hire the peer review and the technical review people and we really should modify the bylaws to let anybody like conservation commission for any special permit but right now it's really only solar which is unfortunate but it's just 53 g is some subsection of some law that allows towns to say that the applicant has to pay for it.

32:43 - 32:56

Town Hall

And so his proposal was to expand our language so that it definitely included the local government representative so we could say to whoever applied, great, you have to hire the person, or at least you have to pay for it.

32:56 - 32:58

Town Hall

Then we have to have somebody ready to go.

32:58 - 33:04

Town Hall

Then we need to actually hire someone, which I was all like, we only have 12 months, but I realized actually you don't.

33:04 - 33:10

Town Hall

You have an unlimited amount of time to review the thing and then the 12-month clock starts.

33:11 - 33:20

Town Hall

At least, I don't know that it's really unlimited, but I think if there's no one there to receive it, you have to hire that person.

33:21 - 33:22

Town Hall

You have some time to hire them.

33:23 - 33:27

Town Hall

I don't think they contemplated that idea that there was no one there.

33:28 - 33:31

Town Hall

So it seems a gray area.

33:31 - 33:34

Town Hall

Well, how are you going to make them pay for it if they haven't actually applied yet?

33:34 - 33:48

Town Hall

Right, it's a little, it feels a little weird and the timing might be hard, it took us whatever three months to hire a technical reviewer, if you only have 12 months the clock ticks fast.

33:50 - 33:55

Town Hall

So it feels like not a bad place to start but not a great long-term solution.

33:55 - 34:05

Town Hall

I mean it seems like they've got to hear this issue, that it's just plainly obvious that

Any small town doesn't have a capacity for this thing they've written into law.

34:05 - 34:08

Town Hall

So they have to come up with a solution.

34:09 - 34:09

Town Hall

Yeah.

34:10 - 34:11

Town Hall

Besides kicking it back to them.

34:12 - 34:13

Town Hall

All right, we'll just do it.

34:13 - 34:15

Town Hall

Right, we'll do it for you, trust us.

34:15 - 34:15

Town Hall

I agree.

34:16 - 34:16

Town Hall

Yeah.

34:20 - 34:29

Town Hall

So I think I'm bringing that up just because it feels like an idea to get them to pay for it, but it doesn't necessarily solve the problem.

34:29 - 34:30

Town Hall

So in your conversations, there's.

34:32 - 34:37

Town Hall

More to it than just hiring someone because hiring someone is not easy.

34:38 - 34:46

Town Hall

I mean Dave heard the argument he said well why don't we just over what then let's all kick it back to the state and overwhelm them because they won't the capacity for it.

34:47 - 34:47

Town Hall

Okay.

34:47 - 34:48

Town Hall

So.

35:03 - 35:06

Town Hall

Um are we doing anything with this?

35:06 - 35:08

Town Hall

This is what was sent to DOER, is that right?

35:09 - 35:09

Town Hall

Yeah.

35:15 - 35:35

Town Hall

Alright, and Dave is putting together a bigger meeting and we're just trying to decide are we going to just focus on this one piece or do we want to focus on that and advocacy for for more change to this law as well or support or something.

35:35 - 36:23

Town Hall

So I think Friday there is a, Kate is going to go to a some kind of presentation by Eversource and blanking who the other utility company is talking about well it's unclear what exactly they're gonna talk about but my hope is that they're gonna talk about how to understand how much pressure a town is under like so again in your conversations with the state it would be really useful if the utility companies just said you know you guys have three in the pipeline or whatever that they could tell us because they know these interconnection agreements happen long before an application for site plan review comes in.

36:24 - 36:28

Town Hall

And they have to be agreed, the utility has to agree to let it move forward.

36:28 - 36:30

Town Hall

So they know what's out there.

36:30 - 36:32

Town Hall

We just can't see it.

36:32 - 36:47

Town Hall

And it feels like the state could be like, you know, just let towns know, just make a way for the town to know because I think there's a good chance there are no other solar projects in the way in the woods will end up wings for us, but we don't know.

36:47 - 36:49

Town Hall

And so we're sort of stressing about that.

36:49 - 36:55

Town Hall

There isn't enough capacity in the Lions for any more projects at the moment anyway, right?

36:55 - 37:06

Town Hall

That I think is what the, I think that's what that thing on Friday is, is they have some sort of interactive map that lets you see where the capacity is or isn't.

37:07 - 37:09

Town Hall

And so hopefully through that, you can learn.

37:09 - 37:11

Town Hall

It's a webinar, I think I signed up for it too.

37:11 - 37:12

Town Hall

Yeah, it's not live.

37:12 - 37:13

Town Hall

It's a wet.

37:15 - 37:20

Town Hall

Yeah, and I'm not around so I can't do it but and they have some mapping.

37:23 - 37:45

Town Hall

Hopefully hopefully we'll be able to look at it I see Worthington's at capacity and there's not commuting solar until this thing is rebuilt over here but if That would solve my problem that the what I've been thinking is in our conversations with the state when they happen, another way to sort of get at this problem is to give us some heads up that's more than just.

37:45 - 37:47

Town Hall

Oh, an application showed up.

37:47 - 37:53

Town Hall

If we knew, oh, in the next two years, we're getting these things, we're getting something, then that would be helpful.

37:55 - 37:59

Town Hall

Just to try to let us get ahead of it.

38:02 - 38:09

Town Hall

And it feels like a pretty light lift for somebody like Eversource to just, Here's how you understand our data.

38:11 - 38:20

Town Hall

It's kind of out there, but I mean, her peer reviewer, Beth Greenblatt, worked for the utility company.

38:20 - 38:21

Town Hall

She understands how to read these.

38:21 - 38:24

Town Hall

She knows what all the lingo means.

38:24 - 38:29

Town Hall

And she's like, hey, the public data doesn't quite give you enough to actually know.

38:31 - 38:32

Town Hall

Well, could it?

38:37 - 39:03

Town Hall

I'm glad you're going because I between you and Kate hopefully we can be sure I now I remember and I do pretty sure I signed up I'm trying to find it I'll make it I'll try to make it up so I'm sure it's not too late yeah yeah speaking of I'm gonna go on tomorrow oh so this is the yeah so can you send me what you sent down I didn't send anybody anything You didn't send anything to document from nester.

39:03 - 39:04

Town Hall

I have.

39:04 - 39:04

Town Hall

Okay.

39:05 - 39:06

Town Hall

Yeah, that's all.

39:06 - 39:07

Town Hall

That's what was running up.

39:07 - 39:08

Town Hall

Okay.

39:08 - 39:11

Town Hall

So he sent this to Side with us or to go.

39:11 - 39:13

Town Hall

Well, no.

39:13 - 39:20

Town Hall

So the hearing you're going to tomorrow is about the special whatever legislation.

39:21 - 39:21

Town Hall

Yeah.

39:22 - 39:25

Town Hall

And the board didn't have any commentary on that.

39:26 - 39:27

Town Hall

Here it is.

39:27 - 39:27

Town Hall

Thank you.

39:27 - 39:29

Town Hall

You sent it out on Monday to.

39:32 - 39:33

Town Hall

Select board and planning.

39:35 - 39:35

Town Hall

Yes.

39:37 - 39:38

Town Hall

No, not that.

39:39 - 39:46

Town Hall

In response to the DOER and their posting of the legislation in the public commentary, is that what this went to?

39:48 - 40:04

Town Hall

Yeah, it's in response to whatever regulatory change they're trying to make, but we never interacted with the this special umpire just like some **** petition yeah that wasn't basically.

40:07 - 40:23

Town Hall

Will be will be yeah well i'll see i just wanted to see who who else might go yeah i'll report that yeah i have my three minutes nice.

40:27 - 40:28

[speaker unknown]

It.

40:30 - 40:31

Town Hall

Looks like it's just open.

40:31 - 40:34

Town Hall

You don't even have to sign up.

40:34 - 40:41

Town Hall

There is a registration at the same time, but maybe I can do both.

40:43 - 40:59

Town Hall

So the only thing I have Paul Hogan on the agenda here is just to that she's okay with the change in the drainage plans around her property which was a relief.

41:03 - 41:22

Town Hall

So we can't tack on as an emergency unforeseen item the what we discussing about the select board adopting the Mass General or whatever it is for insurance?

41:23 - 41:24

Town Hall

Probably not.

41:28 - 41:38

Town Hall

The cost of insurance is is high and they're currently covered by its wife's thing so they might not go for it anyway.

41:38 - 41:40

Town Hall

What portion do we pay now?

41:40 - 41:42

Town Hall

For a retiree it's 50%.

41:42 - 41:47

Town Hall

And I think that's the limit I think that's the max you can do.

41:48 - 41:51

Town Hall

Yeah, he's got accepted for disability retirement.

41:52 - 41:53

Town Hall

So he qualifies.

41:54 - 41:55

Town Hall

Without that.

41:56 - 41:58

Town Hall

But we'll do that in the future.

41:59 - 42:03

Town Hall

So anybody have anything else before we adjourn?

42:03 - 42:04

George

I had a question.

42:04 - 42:06

George

Did you talk about the tonnage?

42:07 - 42:09

Town Hall

No, we're putting that off.

42:09 - 42:10

George

Okay.

42:10 - 42:10

Town Hall

That's what I thought.

42:10 - 42:10

Town Hall

I.

42:10 - 42:11

George

Just wanted to double.

42:11 - 42:11

Town Hall

Check.

42:12 - 42:13

Town Hall

Yeah, thanks.

42:13 - 42:15

Town Hall

I want to include the compost in there it's not in there.

42:18 - 42:22

Town Hall

So we'll do it next meeting or the one after.

42:25 - 42:26

Town Hall

We'll try to keep the next one just the budget.

42:29 - 42:29

Town Hall

Okay.

42:29 - 42:30

Town Hall

Thank you, everyone.