

# Selectboard Meeting

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## Transcript

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**[speaker unknown]**

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**Selectboard Office**

Question is so happens morning today, right?

00:23 - 00:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yes, yeah, I think they are Charlie.

00:30 - 00:32

**Selectboard Office**

I'll be interesting to see what happens.

00:37 - 00:56

**Selectboard Office**

I have a truck down at ATG getting Some warranty and recall work done on it And I got a phone call from relative in South Hampton asking who was driving one of Worthington's town trucks And I go, well, it just coincidentally, I just got back to the yard and the other big dumb truck, I'm like, me?

00:56 - 01:01

**Selectboard Office**

And she's like, you did you just pass me and saw me and I'm like, oh, no, I'm here.

01:02 - 01:05

**Selectboard Office**

And she goes, well, whoever's driving the truck just looked us all off.

01:06 - 01:08

**Selectboard Office**

I'm like, well, I can't have that.

01:08 - 01:15

**Selectboard Office**

So I called ATG and had to speak with the manager and get them to take care of it because we can't have that.

01:15 - 01:15

**Selectboard Office**

You.

01:15 - 01:17

**Deb Rocque**

Can't make that up.

01:17 - 01:18

**Deb Rocque**

Nope.

01:18 - 01:22

**Selectboard Office**

I was like mind-blowing but small world of nothing.

01:22 - 01:24

**Selectboard Office**

So is this just the repair shop?

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**Selectboard Office**

Who's ACP?

01:25 - 01:32

**Selectboard Office**

Atg, they're the well repair and they're the sales company that We get the trucks

from.

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**Selectboard Office**

So were they out road testing it or something?

01:34 - 01:38

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, they did a service and Went out for a quick road test.

01:42 - 01:44

**Selectboard Office**

So happened to be my family Yeah, right.

01:45 - 01:45

**Selectboard Office**

That made it worse.

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**[speaker unknown]**

Yep.

01:50 - 01:50

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

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**Selectboard Office**

It is 631.

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**Selectboard Office**

Lisa, you're first up.

01:57 - 02:06

**Selectboard Office**

For being here, I read three requests, but for everybody's benefit, why don't you just

briefly tell us what you're Okay.

02:06 - 02:12

**Selectboard Office**

So first component of the FID meeting is to have a place to be.

02:13 - 02:22

**Selectboard Office**

So, Andrew Petit-Demage is the National Park Service rep for the Palisadeck Westfield River.

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**Selectboard Office**

So, he's been to the Worthington Selectboard Office and, you know, he likes the space.

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**Selectboard Office**

And so, he was hoping to get together with other National Park Service people to do a training session.

02:38 - 02:41

**Selectboard Office**

And I don't know their agenda.

02:42 - 02:47

**Selectboard Office**

But they would like to meet on Tuesday.

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**Selectboard Office**

August 4, and Wednesday, August 5, from 9 to 5, and on Thursday, August 6, from 9 to 12.

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**Selectboard Office**

And so the idea is that they'll meet here, do some instruction, and then go out and

visit sites and come back and eat some more and then wrap it up for the day.

03:13 - 03:15

**Selectboard Office**

So I was wondering what your concerns were.

03:17 - 03:20

**Selectboard Office**

So I'll speak first, just a couple I think.

03:21 - 03:24

**Selectboard Office**

I did double check that there's nothing else going on.

03:24 - 03:34

**Selectboard Office**

Normally there's exercise, but they're off for July and August apparently, and the bones and balance people are Monday and Friday, so shouldn't be interrupting anything.

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**Selectboard Office**

Will there be, will there be food, you know, are they going to be eating and stuff?

03:44 - 03:45

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know.

03:45 - 03:55

**Selectboard Office**

So clean up is an issue, especially if they're going to be having food, which is fine, then certainly need to clean up after themselves.

03:56 - 04:06

**Selectboard Office**

And if we need to, you know, one of the reasons we charge people to use the hall, they don't charge much, is to cover the cleanup costs.

04:08 - 04:15

**Selectboard Office**

So, I mean, I think we don't necessarily need to charge a group like this.

04:15 - 04:15

**Selectboard Office**

You can charge.

04:16 - 04:26

**Selectboard Office**

And the cleanup becomes important for food, because we do have mice, so, you know, just putting it in the waste bins that are in the hall are not sufficient, because the mice won't.

04:26 - 04:28

**Selectboard Office**

And you have to take care of it.

04:28 - 04:29

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

04:29 - 04:31

**Selectboard Office**

Just because of the mice.

04:31 - 04:37

**Selectboard Office**

So we need to do that each day, which is probably a pain, since they're not from here.

04:44 - 04:47

**Selectboard Office**

So you think it would be appropriate to charge them what we normally charge?

04:48 - 04:49

**Selectboard Office**

I do, yeah.

04:50 - 04:52

**Selectboard Office**

Again, I'm not sure what it is off the top of my head.

04:52 - 04:53

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know either.

04:53 - 04:54

**Selectboard Office**

I'd have to look it up.

04:56 - 04:57

**Selectboard Office**

I think there's a two-price charge.

04:57 - 04:59

**Selectboard Office**

I think we use the kitchen.

04:59 - 05:00

**Selectboard Office**

It's one price.

05:00 - 05:00

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

05:00 - 05:21

**Selectboard Office**

And if you're just using the hall together, but the other is used to just sleep in the floor light It's a rainy day, you know a lot of saying get trapped into that So there's dry mops actually sitting in there and usually groups will literally, you know Any idea how big a crowd we're talking I think 10 people.

05:21 - 05:22

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, okay.

05:22 - 05:25

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, this is 10 including two instructors.

05:25 - 05:29

**Selectboard Office**

Okay Because acoustic, the only downside with that room is the acoustics.

05:29 - 05:34

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I guess they would need maybe a screen for a projector.

05:35 - 05:36

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, we have a screen.

05:37 - 05:41

**Selectboard Office**

It's built in on top of the stage so they can use that.

05:41 - 05:43

**Selectboard Office**

Do they bring their own projector, I suppose?

05:43 - 05:44

**Selectboard Office**

Probably.

05:46 - 05:47

**Selectboard Office**

Then yeah, it shouldn't be an issue.

05:51 - 05:52

**Selectboard Office**

That's great to hear from.

05:52 - 05:57

**Selectboard Office**

We usually So their fee schedule I have to be scared.

06:00 - 06:17

**Selectboard Office**

But it's a Yes, it is it's not a website it's the easiest way to look it up It is not Composed of Worthington residents It is possible that it would be at no charge.

06:17 - 06:23

**Selectboard Office**

We do it at no charge for any organization It's not for profit that is all this working to the residents.

06:24 - 06:25

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

06:26 - 06:44

**Selectboard Office**

And if it's not not for profit, not based in working 10, \$20 per hour to our minimum plus it looks like 15 for use of the kitchen and a \$50 deposit, which we probably for cleaning and so on, which we probably wouldn't, we could wave some of those parts of those.

06:45 - 06:45

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

06:45 - 06:52

**Selectboard Office**

So if you want to let me know what the cost would be if there's a And then I'll get back to the answers.

06:54 - 06:55

**[speaker unknown]**

And, yeah.

07:01 - 07:03

**[speaker unknown]**

Yeah, okay.

07:03 - 07:05

**Selectboard Office**

So why don't we just.

07:05 - 07:05

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, the key.

07:05 - 07:06

**Selectboard Office**

I was thinking.

07:07 - 07:11

**Selectboard Office**

So I have picked up the key from typing in the past.

07:11 - 07:13

**Selectboard Office**

So I'll do that.

07:14 - 07:16

**Selectboard Office**

You can probably read the answer here.

07:17 - 07:17

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

07:17 - 07:19

**Selectboard Office**

Is it Andrew met.

07:23 - 07:25

**Selectboard Office**

All right, we could decide on it.

07:27 - 07:33

**Selectboard Office**

Well, we should make a motion We want to just make a motion to waive the fee and.

07:33 - 07:37

**Deb Rocque**

Is it the Park Service that that we would be charging or is it?

07:37 - 07:37

**Deb Rocque**

The.

07:37 - 07:38

**Deb Rocque**

Westfield.

07:41 - 07:43

**Selectboard Office**

Park service, yeah, what do you think.

07:43 - 07:56

**Deb Rocque**

I I mean I Um, so having worked for the federal government, I mean, you're used to rent in a hall and even though it's 10 people, I mean, we could just like charge them 50 bucks a day.

07:56 - 07:57

**Selectboard Office**

Just.

07:57 - 08:01

**Deb Rocque**

To cover anything and I think that's more than reasonable.

08:01 - 08:04

**Deb Rocque**

I'm just looking for confirmation if you.

08:04 - 08:06

**Deb Rocque**

If, um, if people.

08:06 - 08:07

**Deb Rocque**

Think that that's reasonable.

08:09 - 08:14

**Selectboard Office**

So it'd be three days, 150 bucks.

08:14 - 08:15

**Selectboard Office**

One's a half day.

08:15 - 08:17

**Selectboard Office**

One's a half day, okay.

08:17 - 08:18

**Selectboard Office**

I'll.

08:18 - 08:22

**Deb Rocque**

Even say we should waive the half day and just charge them 100.

08:22 - 08:22

**Selectboard Office**

Bucks or something.

08:24 - 08:26

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so that sounds reasonable, I think.

08:26 - 08:42

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so I will move that we approve allowing the National Park Service to use Selectboard Office from as specified, two and a half days as specified for a fee of \$100.

08:43 - 08:44

**Deb Rocque**

I.

08:44 - 08:44

**Selectboard Office**

Second.

08:45 - 08:45

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

08:47 - 08:49

**Selectboard Office**

Any other discussion on this?

08:50 - 08:51

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor?

08:51 - 08:52

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

08:52 - 08:52

**Deb Rocque**

Aye.

08:53 - 08:54

**Deb Rocque**

Okay, cool.

08:55 - 08:57

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you for putting this together.

08:58 - 09:00

**Selectboard Office**

Hopefully, you know, it'll be worth it.

09:00 - 09:04

**Selectboard Office**

There is a whole use form that you need to fill in.

09:05 - 09:08

**Selectboard Office**

So you can find that online on our website.

09:08 - 09:08

**Selectboard Office**

Did you download it?

09:08 - 09:10

**Selectboard Office**

You probably did, yeah.

09:10 - 09:14

**Selectboard Office**

And just, you know, it's the flat, how to do it better, what it says.

09:14 - 09:14

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

09:15 - 09:16

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

09:16 - 09:16

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

09:16 - 09:16

**Selectboard Office**

Take care.

09:17 - 09:19

**Selectboard Office**

Thanks for all the work you're doing.

09:19 - 09:20

**Selectboard Office**

You're welcome.

09:20 - 09:23

**Selectboard Office**

I know you're taking it very seriously.

09:24 - 09:24

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

09:25 - 09:25

**Selectboard Office**

Well, it's my pleasure.

09:26 - 09:32

**Selectboard Office**

It makes me feel good to work for the environment, you know, because every little bit counts.

09:34 - 09:35

**Selectboard Office**

And it needs our help.

09:36 - 09:36

**Selectboard Office**

Do what I can.

09:36 - 09:37

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

09:42 - 09:44

**Selectboard Office**

So we have a driveway permit.

09:45 - 09:46

**Selectboard Office**

It is...

09:47 - 09:49

**Selectboard Office**

So who is this person?

09:50 - 09:52

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's what Kristen said.

09:52 - 09:53

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

09:53 - 09:55

**Selectboard Office**

So there's no reason to wait.

09:59 - 10:01

**Selectboard Office**

Crystal you're not expecting anyone else.

10:01 - 10:03

**Selectboard Office**

Are you okay if we go ahead with this?

10:03 - 10:04

**Selectboard Office**

It's not like 645.

10:04 - 10:08

**Crystal wilkinson**

Oh, no, you're good I'm not expecting anybody else Okay.

10:09 - 10:10

**Selectboard Office**

So am I correct?

10:10 - 10:17

**Selectboard Office**

This is the section that normally we don't plow in the winter or haven't plowed in the winter No, we maintain all of us tree.

10:17 - 10:20

**Selectboard Office**

This is This is the section.

10:20 - 10:22

**Selectboard Office**

This is JP's old property next to.

10:26 - 10:26

**Crystal wilkinson**

How's it going?

10:28 - 10:33

**Selectboard Office**

It's right next door to Samson's, with the dogs.

10:36 - 10:37

**Selectboard Office**

You had the issue with the dogs.

10:38 - 10:39

**Selectboard Office**

So it's right next door to them.

10:40 - 10:41

**Selectboard Office**

You plowed the middle there?

10:41 - 10:42

**Selectboard Office**

That's all maintained.

10:42 - 10:43

**Selectboard Office**

I'll throw a winner.

10:45 - 10:46

**Selectboard Office**

Didn't we used to close it?

10:47 - 10:47

**Selectboard Office**

I know of.

10:48 - 10:49

**Selectboard Office**

It could have been a long time ago.

10:49 - 10:52

**Selectboard Office**

A long time ago, they did not plow that section.

10:52 - 10:52

**Selectboard Office**

That's right.

10:52 - 10:52

**Selectboard Office**

Correct.

10:53 - 10:54

**Selectboard Office**

But that was the wrong time.

10:55 - 11:00

**Selectboard Office**

Well I think we only started following it when the Samuel Bridge was closed.

11:00 - 11:00

**Selectboard Office**

Probably.

11:00 - 11:02

**Selectboard Office**

And maybe we kept doing it after that.

11:04 - 11:04

**Selectboard Office**

I didn't even realize.

11:04 - 11:05

**Selectboard Office**

That.

11:06 - 11:07

**Selectboard Office**

I live right around the corner.

11:10 - 11:14

**Selectboard Office**

So obviously you approved the driveway already.

11:19 - 11:20

**Selectboard Office**

This is that section.

11:20 - 11:34

**Selectboard Office**

So this is right next to the Well, we thought we were going to build a house there and we sold the farm and the farm sold very quick.

11:35 - 11:36

**Selectboard Office**

That wanted it pretty bad.

11:37 - 11:38

**Selectboard Office**

And so we had to go somewhere.

11:39 - 11:40

**Selectboard Office**

And it was.

11:40 - 11:41

**Deb Rocque**

Too close to the farm.

11:41 - 11:42

**Deb Rocque**

We wanted him to move farther.

11:42 - 11:53

**Selectboard Office**

Away because the reality was Crystal's doing a beautiful job up there.

11:53 - 11:58

**Selectboard Office**

I've been by there and, you know, we had, it was a nice spot.

11:58 - 11:59

**Selectboard Office**

It's a nice lot.

11:59 - 12:00

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I've walked by it a lot.

12:00 - 12:01

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

12:01 - 12:01

**Selectboard Office**

We've seen that recently.

12:03 - 12:04

**Selectboard Office**

Well, we've walked that a long time ago.

12:04 - 12:05

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

12:07 - 12:10

**Selectboard Office**

So does that go all the way over to where Mollison's is?

12:10 - 12:11

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

12:11 - 12:12

**Selectboard Office**

It doesn't block Mollison's.

12:12 - 12:13

**Selectboard Office**

It's a whole piece of the trail.

12:13 - 12:16

**Selectboard Office**

But it's only, it's not a large piece, four and a half acres.

12:18 - 12:18

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

12:19 - 12:27

**Selectboard Office**

But it's that whole section, if I'm walking back there on the road between Mollison and Josh.

12:28 - 12:31

**Selectboard Office**

It's only 400, I think it was 402 feet of frontage.

12:31 - 12:37

**Selectboard Office**

So Mollison's extend more, extend up there, you'll see it like the remnants of a barbed wire fence.

12:38 - 12:44

**Selectboard Office**

But it does go down to Mollison's field down there, you know, that's that way back across from the center.

12:44 - 12:50

**Selectboard Office**

So you bordered, and that's all APR land, so you bordered on two sides by APR land.

12:54 - 12:55

**[speaker unknown]**

Okay.

12:56 - 13:02

**Selectboard Office**

Well, then I move that we approve the driveway permit for 44 West Street.

13:04 - 13:04

**Deb Rocque**

I.

13:04 - 13:04

**Deb Rocque**

Second.

13:07 - 13:08

**Selectboard Office**

Any discussion?

13:12 - 13:12

**[speaker unknown]**

All in favor?

13:13 - 13:13

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

13:14 - 13:14

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

13:14 - 13:14

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

13:15 - 13:16

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, great.

13:17 - 13:18

**Crystal wilkinson**

Thank you.

13:18 - 13:19

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, of course.

13:19 - 13:20

**Selectboard Office**

You're welcome.

13:22 - 13:24

**Selectboard Office**

It's good that they signed us.

13:28 - 13:29

**Selectboard Office**

Did we all sign or just you?

13:29 - 13:30

**Selectboard Office**

Just me.

13:38 - 13:40

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

13:40 - 13:45

**Selectboard Office**

So that is the extent of our scheduled items.

13:48 - 13:57

**Selectboard Office**

We're going to have some Finance Committee people join us seven-ish hopefully so we can proceed with other stuff until we get here.

13:58 - 14:11

**Selectboard Office**

Next up is a follow-up on the passage of the warrant article that allows you to hire a fellow select board member.

14:11 - 14:13

**Selectboard Office**

To do our web.

14:13 - 14:14

**Selectboard Office**

To do your web.

14:15 - 14:24

**Selectboard Office**

So I will let one of you take this on at this point, and I will answer questions and ask others, because I'll try to recuse myself.

14:24 - 14:24

**Selectboard Office**

Absolutely.

14:26 - 14:33

**Selectboard Office**

So I'm going to move that we appoint Charlie Rose as our, for want of a better term, webmaster.

14:35 - 14:39

**Selectboard Office**

And so number two is essentially what we're doing here.

14:43 - 15:08

**Selectboard Office**

Okay so I move that we okay so let me withdraw that and let's do it again this is this you've got I don't but I move that the select board approved vote to approve a 20-D subject or 20-D exemption authorizing Charlie Rose to have a financial interest in the town position Webmaster.

15:12 - 15:13

**Deb Rocque**

Good.

15:13 - 15:14

**Selectboard Office**

Okay that's it yeah.

15:15 - 15:17

**Deb Rocque**

Okay I'll second that.

15:22 - 15:24

**Selectboard Office**

So what I don't know if there's any discussion on it.

15:25 - 15:28

**Selectboard Office**

Does anybody have a question or a statement?

15:29 - 15:31

**Selectboard Office**

No everybody's like busy reading other things.

15:31 - 15:33

**Selectboard Office**

They've all moved on already.

15:34 - 15:37

**Deb Rocque**

None of us are silly enough to want to do that job.

15:38 - 15:38

**Selectboard Office**

No.

15:40 - 15:44

**Selectboard Office**

So Seeing no discussion, we can move to vote.

15:45 - 15:46

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor?

15:46 - 15:47

**Selectboard Office**

I vote aye.

15:47 - 15:48

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

15:50 - 15:50

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

15:50 - 15:51

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you.

15:51 - 15:51

**Selectboard Office**

You're welcome.

15:52 - 15:53

**Deb Rocque**

Congratulations, Charlie.

15:54 - 15:54

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

15:55 - 15:55

**Selectboard Office**

I'm deeply honored.

15:56 - 15:59

**Selectboard Office**

Do you remember the saying, be careful what you wish for?

16:05 - 16:07

**Selectboard Office**

So next up, Kevin's here.

16:08 - 16:08

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

16:08 - 16:09

**Selectboard Office**

Do you have something?

16:09 - 16:09

**Selectboard Office**

And he's here.

16:10 - 16:11

**Selectboard Office**

And Deb is here.

16:11 - 16:17

**Selectboard Office**

So we want to talk about a peer-reviewed study of when we did fund it.

16:17 - 16:23

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, so first, Deb and Neil and I have been on an email.

16:23 - 16:24

**Deb Rocque**

A.

16:24 - 16:26

**Selectboard Office**

Little bit about a grant.

16:26 - 16:31

**Selectboard Office**

I've already forwarded my response to them that this is a grant for all things horizontal.

16:32 - 16:40

**Selectboard Office**

It could have an impact on the future of the highway department building because it does deal with things horizontal.

16:40 - 16:47

**Selectboard Office**

So, horizontal is culverts and roads and sidewalks and whatever, and the grants do go up to six figures.

16:47 - 16:47

**Selectboard Office**

From who?

16:48 - 16:53

**Selectboard Office**

From the EOHD, Executive Office of Economic Development.

16:55 - 17:01

**Selectboard Office**

But for this year, the deadline is June 3rd, I think, unless these guys have another opinion.

17:02 - 17:03

**Selectboard Office**

It's like next week.

17:04 - 17:10

**Selectboard Office**

But I think for next year we could be better prepared for this project or for other projects.

17:12 - 17:43

**Selectboard Office**

Anywhere in Worthington as long as we know what to do so they just wanted to put that aside and then In terms of my my thoughts about a peer review I can't remember was before town meeting or after I met with real and I had done what I thought was a sketch that could show the highway department and the transfer station could co-exist in a very thorough.

17:43 - 17:44

**Selectboard Office**

Thorough drill.

17:45 - 17:55

**Selectboard Office**

I have to agree with the wisdom expressed by other people that that's not a good

idea at all.

17:55 - 18:02

**Selectboard Office**

And it starts with the idea of building a replacement building right where your building already exists.

18:02 - 18:04

**Selectboard Office**

It just doesn't work.

18:04 - 18:08

**Selectboard Office**

So one of the things that Rio entered into it, I got it back to you.

18:08 - 18:10

**Selectboard Office**

So there's two things, just so I'm clear.

18:10 - 18:16

**Selectboard Office**

So you're agreeing, A, putting the transfer station and the highway department in the same spot, there isn't enough room.

18:17 - 18:17

**Selectboard Office**

Correct.

18:17 - 18:23

**Selectboard Office**

And B, trying to build a new building in the same spot, also not a great idea.

18:24 - 18:39

**Selectboard Office**

So my resume goes back to planning huge facilities for the postal service and for Washington posts where I know about the importance of truck radiuses and backing up and what's the best way for trucks to back up.

18:39 - 18:58

**Selectboard Office**

We did a walkthrough with that in mind and any, the things they go through including on Wednesdays and Saturdays not being able to move partially because there are cars in the way and also it's a safety or insurance issue.

18:58 - 19:04

**Selectboard Office**

You have cars heading the same way these guys want to be backing out, it just doesn't work.

19:04 - 19:17

**Selectboard Office**

So my sketch was proven to be a failure and I think Devin had the same idea ahead of time that trying to build in the same spot just wasn't going to cut it.

19:17 - 19:38

**Selectboard Office**

So, in terms of a peer review, there's an 85-page study, which, did you, did you, yes, you have the copy, yeah, that the peer review of that could be really, really quick, because we don't have to go through what it's going to take to clean up that site, adapt things.

19:39 - 20:01

**Selectboard Office**

Cut through concrete, do demo and construction at the same time, it doesn't, doesn't work, So as I go through it and as we went through what the could-be's are, a new raw site would enable a really efficient.

20:02 - 20:06

**Selectboard Office**

Workable life safety layout somewhere else.

20:07 - 20:17

**Selectboard Office**

So that in terms of Joe's summary about the peer review or that we're looking at it, that's category of what could be spent.

20:18 - 20:27

**Selectboard Office**

So in talking with them and looking at it ahead of time and knowing what Chesterfield did, they've got a big prefab building which is their salt shale.

20:28 - 21:12

**Selectboard Office**

They rehabbed a stick-filled building for their trucks but when you Google large-scale industrial buildings you don't come up seven million you come up with six fingers with 600,000 maybe so we buy a prefab building yeah they come in and they do the engineering they do the construction so the category so the building in Chesterfield that you drive by the big giant one well the one that's like halfway to Williamsburg on the Yeah.

21:12 - 21:13

**Selectboard Office**

That huge part.

21:13 - 21:31

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, there's some change and Fire station proofs But he had to send us a building so But I've slowly been talking myself into Managing this project Back to your pure situation.

21:31 - 21:33

**Selectboard Office**

Do I get paid for that or not?

21:33 - 21:43

**Selectboard Office**

But the parallel thing I'm doing with the historic society is it wasn't budget and I would solicit kids from HVAC.

21:43 - 21:46

**Selectboard Office**

We got Guardian to do a study for insulation.

21:47 - 21:52

**Selectboard Office**

We paid somebody else for one other part of it.

21:52 - 21:55

**Selectboard Office**

But that would come out of the money we already had.

21:57 - 22:07

**Selectboard Office**

So the bringing that, in terms of me getting sucked into it and the tour, we went into the the inside of that building is like a church.

22:07 - 22:10

**Selectboard Office**

It's just like, like just huge.

22:11 - 22:16

**Selectboard Office**

From the outside it doesn't look like it's pretty cool, but the inside it's amazing.

22:16 - 22:29

**Selectboard Office**

And so I know one of the parts of the diagram I did and one of the parts of the questions was where is, and part of the original study, where is parking for our town park?

22:30 - 22:43

**Selectboard Office**

And it's right now in between the salt building and sometimes the department and the parts of breath could expand to the left, I'm going to call it, to the north and take over the salt shade.

22:44 - 22:52

**Selectboard Office**

When I went in with him, I think I said it out loud, it's like a pickleball, whatever, it's just that as a space.

22:54 - 22:58

**Selectboard Office**

It's thinking it'd be a shame to demolish it, it could get some other use.

22:58 - 23:21

**Selectboard Office**

So then that was the other part of it is more in a peer review, the parts of transfer station could gradually shift over to what I'm going to call the left and maybe take over some of the space that could be salvaged from what's there.

23:23 - 23:30

**Selectboard Office**

And then parts of records end this way, and transfer station could get a more logical layout on that side.

23:31 - 23:34

**Selectboard Office**

And then the big question comes, where to the brick building.

23:35 - 23:37

**Selectboard Office**

The brick building is a mess.

23:39 - 23:48

**Selectboard Office**

It's also settling, and I don't think we've been out of the study to what's called stress cracks that go like this in the corners, which means something is moving.

23:49 - 24:07

**Selectboard Office**

So whether that's sacrificial or whether it becomes the at least as you can see, I've turned this into a master plan rather than just analyzing what was. Because what was done, I think, in those two designs was a really handsome building.

24:07 - 24:10

**Selectboard Office**

It could work, but it's not for us.

24:10 - 24:11

**Selectboard Office**

It's more than we need.

24:12 - 24:14

**Selectboard Office**

We also talked about alternate sites in between.

24:14 - 24:19

**Selectboard Office**

So there's a Chase property up by me with a big roof barn.

24:20 - 24:23

**Selectboard Office**

And I asked him, you know, could you move your equipment up there for a year?

24:23 - 24:24

**Selectboard Office**

Could you operate out of there?

24:24 - 24:26

**Selectboard Office**

My neighbor said, kill me.

24:26 - 24:30

**Selectboard Office**

But the answer was, I don't know if there's a concrete.

24:30 - 24:31

**Selectboard Office**

It wouldn't be available anyway.

24:32 - 24:32

**Selectboard Office**

It's ABR.

24:33 - 24:34

**Selectboard Office**

You can't.

24:34 - 24:38

**Selectboard Office**

No, the part of it, the hoop barn, he's still commercial.

24:39 - 24:45

**Selectboard Office**

He's kept that, and he wants to sell it for more than what Alex Lack asked for.

24:45 - 24:47

**Selectboard Office**

It's \$100 ,000.

24:47 - 24:49

**Selectboard Office**

I think it's too buildable lots.

24:49 - 24:51

**Selectboard Office**

But it's not in what the hoop barn is.

24:51 - 24:53

**Selectboard Office**

It's not in ABR.

24:53 - 24:54

**Selectboard Office**

In fact, our neighbors have.

24:54 - 24:57

**Selectboard Office**

And how big, so how many acres is there?

24:58 - 24:59

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, 400 nodes.

24:59 - 25:01

**Selectboard Office**

It would look like you could make it work.

25:02 - 25:03

**Selectboard Office**

I believe it.

25:03 - 25:04

**Selectboard Office**

How many acres do you think it is?

25:04 - 25:05

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know.

25:05 - 25:05

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know.

25:05 - 25:07

**Selectboard Office**

You could look at it in the S.G.I.S.

25:07 - 25:09

**Selectboard Office**

But, but, so.

25:10 - 25:14

**Selectboard Office**

I thought when they carved that out, did Ben Albert never put it into AVIERA?

25:15 - 25:17

**Selectboard Office**

Wasn't that all Albert farm land?

25:17 - 25:18

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it was.

25:18 - 25:19

**Selectboard Office**

And why, why that park got left out?

25:20 - 25:22

**Selectboard Office**

Maybe he planned to build there himself, I don't know.

25:22 - 25:25

**Selectboard Office**

Well, and you had that building a lot across the street, too, where they built that house.

25:26 - 25:28

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, you're right.

25:29 - 25:30

**Selectboard Office**

So, boy, that got left out.

25:31 - 25:40

**Selectboard Office**

And I don't know if it's actually on the market, but when it was, it was not a bargain that went that way.

25:42 - 25:46

**Selectboard Office**

And neighbors of mine have talked about buying it to get rid of the hoop arms.

25:48 - 25:48

**Selectboard Office**

Ok.

25:48 - 25:50

**Selectboard Office**

With clothes anyway.

25:51 - 25:58

**Deb Rocque**

So before Kevin thank you and I don't want to interrupt I've been waiting for you to finish but now we're on to buying property.

25:59 - 26:03

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah ready for questions just because I'm talked at.

26:03 - 26:17

**Deb Rocque**

Okay um I think before we think about purchasing a place to put the highway department I and and let me just say thank you for all of that I agree with you 100 percent on.

26:17 - 26:19

**Selectboard Office**

You said, even though I.

26:19 - 26:21

**Deb Rocque**

Have no architectural.

26:21 - 26:21

**Selectboard Office**

Training.

26:21 - 26:22

**Deb Rocque**

Whatsoever.

26:22 - 26:23

**Selectboard Office**

But I'm.

26:23 - 26:23

**Deb Rocque**

All in.

26:23 - 26:24

**Selectboard Office**

Agreement.

26:25 - 26:26

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, go on.

26:27 - 26:28

**Deb Rocque**

All right.

26:28 - 26:33

**Deb Rocque**

So it has been more than a month that we sent off the letter to.

26:33 - 26:44

**Deb Rocque**

State DEP asking for the update on contaminant testing on the Alberts property that is across from the runway, that is not APR land.

26:46 - 26:49

**Deb Rocque**

The testing that they did before any cleanup.

26:52 - 26:54

**Deb Rocque**

I was a contaminant.

26:54 - 26:56

**Selectboard Office**

Biologist back.

26:56 - 27:02

**Deb Rocque**

A long time ago, and looking at that and asking a colleague of mine to look at.

27:02 - 27:03

**Selectboard Office**

That, those.

27:03 - 27:03

**Deb Rocque**

Levels didn't.

27:03 - 27:04

**Selectboard Office**

Seem.

27:04 - 27:04

**Deb Rocque**

All.

27:04 - 27:06

**Selectboard Office**

That bad to.

27:06 - 27:06

**Deb Rocque**

Begin.

27:06 - 27:07

**Selectboard Office**

With.

27:07 - 27:08

**Deb Rocque**

Where they sampled.

27:08 - 27:11

**Deb Rocque**

My concern is that they didn't do thorough sampling.

27:12 - 27:19

**Deb Rocque**

My other concern is that there was no follow-up sampling after they did any kind of cleanup.

27:21 - 27:22

**Selectboard Office**

However.

27:22 - 27:25

**Deb Rocque**

What you would do with a site if you had contaminant concerns.

27:25 - 27:26

**Selectboard Office**

Would be.

27:26 - 27:27

**Deb Rocque**

To cap it.

27:27 - 27:27

**Selectboard Office**

Like.

27:27 - 27:28

**Deb Rocque**

With.

27:28 - 27:28

**Selectboard Office**

A.

27:28 - 27:29

**Deb Rocque**

Concrete pad.

27:30 - 27:42

**Deb Rocque**

So to me, that seems particularly compatible to think about that Albert's property, which I don't think the town owns, but the town.

27:42 - 28:01

**Deb Rocque**

Could own it in a heartbeat and put the garage there, which would, I think, lend itself very nicely to what you're talking about, Kevin, a prefab building or two or three, and would come in so far under anything that we've imagined.

28:01 - 28:05

**Deb Rocque**

And there's also opportunities for.

28:05 - 28:07

**Deb Rocque**

Like trails back behind there.

28:07 - 28:09

**Deb Rocque**

There's a lovely farm pond and everything else.

28:09 - 28:10

**Deb Rocque**

It's just lovely back there.

28:11 - 28:16

**Deb Rocque**

And so this has been on my mind for a couple of weeks now about because we haven't.

28:16 - 28:16

**Selectboard Office**

Heard back.

28:16 - 28:17

**Deb Rocque**

From.

28:17 - 28:28

**Deb Rocque**

Dep giving the, I can't remember his name, whomever we sent the Springfield director, whomever we sent that letter to, calling him, asking him what's going on.

28:28 - 28:45

**Deb Rocque**

But there also, I think, are some grants coming up where we could do, try to write a grant for some sampling in and around there and maybe hire a consulting firm to help us a little bit navigate those contaminant concerns that we may have.

28:47 - 28:49

**Selectboard Office**

So are you volunteering to follow up on.

28:49 - 28:50

**Deb Rocque**

That?

28:50 - 28:52

**Deb Rocque**

I am volunteering to follow up, yes.

28:52 - 28:53

**Deb Rocque**

Great.

28:54 - 28:57

**Deb Rocque**

Every time I say something, you volunteer me to follow up, but that's.

28:57 - 28:58

**Selectboard Office**

Why I speak.

28:58 - 28:58

**Deb Rocque**

Up a.

28:58 - 28:59

**Selectboard Office**

Little.

29:00 - 29:01

**Selectboard Office**

You figured this out.

29:02 - 29:15

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and again, I think with Reel's fresh eyes and his energy level about it, we already started to talk about how big the building could be.

29:15 - 29:19

**Selectboard Office**

Let's put aside washing and salt and all that stuff for a while.

29:20 - 29:56

**Selectboard Office**

It would be possible, not as a peer view, as an answer to that to draw up a representative site and representative building including things like turning radiuses

to then see if property X or Y could work out and that's a pretty quick exercise so I don't want to keep putting you on the spot and you've already done a lot of thinking about it And I've done big things with huge trucks.

29:56 - 30:01

**Selectboard Office**

28 bags and all that other stuff that I can tap into that.

30:02 - 30:22

**Selectboard Office**

Just to get us to a point where this is a potential site and we can put aside what we're abandoning for a while, but I think the idea, looking at Parks and Rec over there, in terms of grants of how they would finance if they took over an area to the left of where they are now.

30:23 - 30:33

**Selectboard Office**

And then the scrambling of recycling we did once maybe 10 years ago, and that's not – it'd be great to have it a little bit, let's say, more professional.

30:33 - 30:34

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

30:35 - 30:52

**Selectboard Office**

So, but I think the exercise of saying we need a site at X Avers, and I think a tour Chesterfield would be a good idea because that's that's not quite big enough yeah they're pretty tight there and maybe tour somewhere there is a wonderful one.

30:53 - 31:05

**Selectboard Office**

Westampton's is a fairly new garage and they have lots of room yeah that would I believe that's more on the style of the new garage that we'd be more so looking at.

31:06 - 31:12

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, some of that would be different from Google Earth and SGRN, but a tour would

be great.

31:12 - 31:14

**Selectboard Office**

Last afternoon that would definitely be a good one.

31:15 - 31:38

**Selectboard Office**

So if we're actively continuing to look at the Albert farm site, then I guess it's probably premature to think about whether we want to spend some money on a I'm looking to see what else is out there or do we want to be doing some sort of survey of available property sometime to use for this?

31:38 - 31:50

**Selectboard Office**

I think the last meeting we talked about this the one on Dingle Road was brought up and deemed not not feasible because of the ground condition and I don't know how else.

31:51 - 31:52

**Selectboard Office**

Well, that would be part of.

31:52 - 31:54

**Selectboard Office**

We're going to talk about Dingo.

31:55 - 31:57

**Selectboard Office**

We could reach out to.

32:00 - 32:15

**Selectboard Office**

One of our real estate guys and the other possibility would be just to get the knowledge out, the gossip out that the town is looking and seeing who might think their property might be available.

32:16 - 32:18

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know how even to do that.

32:19 - 32:20

**Selectboard Office**

But that, you know.

32:20 - 32:24

**Selectboard Office**

Well, General Malano is usually pretty plugged into it.

32:24 - 32:25

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and who might be interested.

32:26 - 32:31

**Selectboard Office**

But I think that site, if it could fit and be cleaned up.

32:31 - 32:32

**Selectboard Office**

It could definitely fit.

32:32 - 32:33

**Selectboard Office**

It'd be most ideal.

32:34 - 32:35

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I think for sure.

32:35 - 32:37

**Selectboard Office**

Across from the Albert farm.

32:38 - 32:46

**Selectboard Office**

So maybe two efforts at once, investigating that, coming up with a prototypical site based on West Hampton, Chesterfield, whatever.

32:46 - 32:48

**Selectboard Office**

And then we'd be one step ahead.

32:48 - 33:06

**Selectboard Office**

And then, meanwhile, reaching out to some of the prefab building companies to get, you can't trust the web, but to get some interest on what a five-day or whatever, and we figure out what our office is.

33:07 - 33:10

**Selectboard Office**

And then someone to be the expert.

33:10 - 33:10

**Selectboard Office**

Bathroom?

33:23 - 33:27

**Selectboard Office**

They have a leachate field in the basement now.

33:28 - 33:34

**Selectboard Office**

Three inches of water permanently there and you have to wade your way because of the toilet.

33:34 - 33:53

**Selectboard Office**

But anyway, getting a real number, and then I think the expertise on the wash bay, any kind of gathering oil and salt from those, and then whether the salt shed is a standalone or how that would work.

33:54 - 34:05

**Selectboard Office**

But in our discussion, and when I went back, the footprint for a building and a salt shed not as intimidating as it seems.

34:07 - 34:27

**Selectboard Office**

I just, I do want to say that I don't know that it would be, we would have to foreclose on the Albert property and I'm not sure how quick and easy that would be because one of the things that's involved is because they're in tax arrears, you have to contact all of the arrears, most of whom do not want to acknowledge any communication from us.

34:27 - 34:38

**Selectboard Office**

So I'm not sure what happens, like if they refuse to acknowledge, you just have to make the But you just have a process, but it is a process So it's not like we would be but we are fairly far along in the process.

34:38 - 34:38

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

34:39 - 34:48

**Selectboard Office**

Yes Joe's questions and a big Figure in the in the overall budget whether it's 50 ,000 or a hundred thousand or free.

34:49 - 34:55

**Selectboard Office**

That's Yeah, I think we looked at that site because it was free, but it just pragmatically doesn't work right?

34:55 - 35:06

**Selectboard Office**

So if it takes legal money in time to do that or put out a search for another property that's 50 ,000 or 100 ,000.

35:06 - 35:08

**Selectboard Office**

We just lost everybody.

35:08 - 35:09

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, no kidding.

35:09 - 35:20

**Selectboard Office**

Because another reason that the existing highway department, it doesn't really work to try and rebuild in place is that what do we do with everything that's there now?

35:20 - 35:25

**Selectboard Office**

We have to move it all somewhere else in order to do another construction there.

35:25 - 35:34

**Selectboard Office**

You know, so that involves Another piece of property and some protection for it, you know, so it's not it yet It's it's very complicated.

35:34 - 35:38

**Selectboard Office**

It's a lot easier if we can just leave this stuff where it is now Build something else and then just move everything.

35:38 - 35:42

**Selectboard Office**

No, we're still talking It's yeah, 2027 2028.

35:43 - 35:44

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah Yes.

35:46 - 36:01

**Selectboard Office**

So a light on the topic that we had quick before this meeting about the trade equipment show that they have free municipalities out in Marlboro There's many

companies that come in with their prefab buildings or whatever the needs are.

36:01 - 36:02

**Selectboard Office**

What is that?

36:03 - 36:06

**Selectboard Office**

It's usually, I believe, beginning of September.

36:07 - 36:08

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, Charlie really wants to go.

36:09 - 36:20

**Deb Rocque**

It would be great to know, Kevin and Rial, if looking at the Albert property footprint, if that is feasible.

36:20 - 36:21

**Deb Rocque**

It because.

36:21 - 36:22

**Selectboard Office**

I mean that would be.

36:22 - 36:23

**Deb Rocque**

That would be.

36:23 - 36:23

**Selectboard Office**

The first.

36:23 - 36:27

**Deb Rocque**

Step just to figure out if it's feasible for the needs, right?

36:28 - 36:29

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, why wouldn't it be?

36:30 - 36:32

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, there's just I think I got area.

36:32 - 36:33

**Selectboard Office**

There's no question.

36:33 - 36:36

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think that it's The size wise there's no issue there, right?

36:36 - 36:47

**Selectboard Office**

I think there's plenty of room for it So there's plenty of room for a large building a large parking lot room to stockpile materials Contractors and they come to work in town.

36:47 - 36:49

**Deb Rocque**

What about the two neighbors?

36:49 - 36:51

**Deb Rocque**

Do we have to worry about anything happening.

36:51 - 36:53

**Selectboard Office**

With them?

36:55 - 36:55

**Selectboard Office**

I.

36:55 - 36:56

**Deb Rocque**

Mean, these are just questions.

36:57 - 37:01

**Selectboard Office**

No, I suspect that this one neighbor would object.

37:01 - 37:02

**Selectboard Office**

I suspect.

37:02 - 37:02

**Selectboard Office**

I.

37:02 - 37:03

**Deb Rocque**

Doubt.

37:03 - 37:09

**Selectboard Office**

That Mr. Bisbee cares all a lot, but I suspect the, go ahead.

37:10 - 37:24

**Selectboard Office**

Just, I would think that the town, if that's where you want to go, which I think is great, I would think you would see if the town could purchase Bisbee's property too, and just have the whole kit in.

37:24 - 37:25

**Deb Rocque**

Caboodle.

37:28 - 37:35

**Selectboard Office**

Right now, if I remember right, FRB goes back and then it kind of is like, it wraps around it.

37:35 - 37:38

**Selectboard Office**

And so why wouldn't you want Bisbee's property too?

37:38 - 38:00

**Selectboard Office**

So to me with how big that property is there that's next to Bisbee's, is if you want to sell back his property great, but if not, there's the abundance of land that we're not gonna need on the back half of this property that the town could sell to him and that's more tax income.

38:02 - 38:02

**Selectboard Office**

Well, yeah.

38:02 - 38:04

**Selectboard Office**

There's definitely stuff we could do.

38:04 - 38:06

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, obviously it's not real property.

38:06 - 38:12

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it would just be attached to his property for just, because he's wanting to buy the property.

38:12 - 38:14

**Selectboard Office**

He's interested, yeah, for sure, yeah.

38:14 - 38:25

**Selectboard Office**

So if we got more than enough of what we need for growth and the future, however long, have that part and then sell the other part to him, great.

38:26 - 38:27

**Selectboard Office**

Right, that makes sense.

38:29 - 38:36

**Selectboard Office**

But if he wants out, then it might be something to look at, including that property like JP said.

38:37 - 38:45

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, he said he's not real anxious to fix that house up a whole lot without being able to purchase the place next door.

38:45 - 38:49

**Selectboard Office**

But we didn't really talk about the piece in the back, so yeah.

38:50 - 38:51

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

38:51 - 38:54

**Selectboard Office**

Have you toured the West Hampton site or facility?

38:54 - 38:58

**Selectboard Office**

Do you know if it would meet your needs, or is it not?

38:58 - 39:01

**Selectboard Office**

So I've been there not recently.

39:01 - 39:05

**Selectboard Office**

It was a couple of years ago, and we're doing the school speed limit signs.

39:06 - 39:14

**Selectboard Office**

But it was, I believe, it's on the smaller side, but it's on the setup and idea of what we'd be looking at.

39:14 - 39:20

**Selectboard Office**

Because they didn't have quite the equipment that we have.

39:21 - 39:22

**Selectboard Office**

It's not a very big.

39:23 - 39:23

**Selectboard Office**

No.

39:24 - 39:25

**Selectboard Office**

The footprint's not that big.

39:25 - 39:25

**Selectboard Office**

No.

39:26 - 39:32

**Selectboard Office**

So it's the design and like idea style of it, but it'd have to definitely be bigger.

39:34 - 39:35

**Selectboard Office**

Do they get as much snow?

39:37 - 39:38

**Selectboard Office**

Yes and no.

39:38 - 39:39

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think so.

39:40 - 39:45

**Deb Rocque**

But I'll tell you what, West Hampton's transfer station is something to envy.

39:46 - 39:47

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

39:49 - 39:51

**Selectboard Office**

And the highway department runs it, so.

39:51 - 39:52

**Deb Rocque**

That's true, yeah.

39:53 - 39:56

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, did they have a wash bay in there?

39:56 - 40:00

**Selectboard Office**

I believe that was their highway garage they got before.

40:00 - 40:02

**Selectboard Office**

That was, I think, I think.

40:04 - 40:13

**Selectboard Office**

I did get an email a couple of days ago from the woman at PVPC that had reached out about the one-stop grants.

40:14 - 40:18

**Selectboard Office**

And she said she wanted to make me aware of an opportunity that could work for the highway garage building.

40:18 - 40:25

**Selectboard Office**

It's a USDA grant, community facilities, direct loan and grant program slash rural development.

40:25 - 40:31

**Selectboard Office**

So I haven't pursued it yet on that, but that's another possibility, I guess, an RDA grant.

40:32 - 40:35

**Deb Rocque**

Well, I put together that spreadsheet with all the grant.

40:35 - 40:36

**Selectboard Office**

Opportunities and.

40:36 - 40:37

**Deb Rocque**

We should have.

40:37 - 40:38

**Selectboard Office**

That be.

40:38 - 40:39

**Deb Rocque**

A living document.

40:39 - 40:41

**Deb Rocque**

And I have updated it since I've sent it to.

40:41 - 40:42

**Selectboard Office**

The select.

40:42 - 41:00

**Deb Rocque**

Board so it has a schedule of when grants come due and there's a tab for each sort of department within the town and so that would be great if that's not already in there.

41:00 - 41:03

**Deb Rocque**

I know there are one-stop grants in there.

41:03 - 41:09

**Selectboard Office**

So this one's everybody but you So I'm forwarding it to you right.

41:09 - 41:09

**Deb Rocque**

Now.

41:09 - 41:10

**Deb Rocque**

Okay.

41:10 - 41:10

**Deb Rocque**

Thank.

41:10 - 41:16

**Selectboard Office**

You Amy and the planning board and the finance committee everybody She copied every year.

41:16 - 41:18

**Deb Rocque**

Well, then I'm not volunteering for that one.

41:25 - 41:31

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so one of us should look at this see whether it's something doable I can try to follow.

41:40 - 41:44

**Selectboard Office**

Okay Great, so are we good on that for now?

41:44 - 41:47

**Selectboard Office**

We sort of have some next steps here, I guess, to work on.

41:48 - 41:49

**Selectboard Office**

So you're going to work on them?

41:49 - 42:18

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and maybe what I'll do is put together a one-page brief and try to come up with categories of where the \$12 ,000 could be spent in consultant hiring long-term, you know, before this construction documents, but to get to get all of this settled and then the Warren article referred to the highway department alone.

42:19 - 42:35

**Selectboard Office**

So all of the master planning for the current site wouldn't be part of this on-go, but with the idea that in the future Parks and Rec or somebody else gets this piece and

transfer gets this and who knows what happens with the brick building.

42:35 - 42:51

**Selectboard Office**

But touring it for the time and seeing in all of the corners, stress cracks, which means something's happening below, which might be easy to fix, but it's an expense.

42:51 - 42:54

**Selectboard Office**

And then what would its future use be?

42:55 - 43:04

**Selectboard Office**

And also keeping in mind that as we go through an expense for a sheet, demolition and clean up is going to be a big number.

43:05 - 43:11

**Selectboard Office**

To take down a house now is probably, I would say, at least \$40 ,000 just to get rid of it.

43:11 - 43:14

**Selectboard Office**

And the demolition is really cheap.

43:14 - 43:16

**Selectboard Office**

It's the only disposal.

43:16 - 43:17

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, materials.

43:17 - 43:20

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, but you know you're going to find hazardous waste.

43:20 - 43:21

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, you know you're going to find crime.

43:21 - 43:22

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, yeah.

43:23 - 43:27

**Selectboard Office**

So let me put together a one-page thing for your meeting in two weeks.

43:27 - 43:32

**Selectboard Office**

And then meanwhile, quick diagrams and whenever you want to go visit.

43:32 - 43:33

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

43:33 - 43:35

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, so we'll revisit this.

43:38 - 43:40

**Selectboard Office**

You guys know how to have fun.

43:44 - 43:54

**Selectboard Office**

So I'm gonna skip ahead here because we've got Marlinda and Bart from the Finance Committee and Joe did weigh in by email.

43:55 - 44:01

**Selectboard Office**

We need to set dates for joint meetings for end of year transfers.

44:01 - 44:06

**Selectboard Office**

I talked to Peggy about it today and we usually have a couple.

44:07 - 44:08

**Selectboard Office**

Joe prefers not to have too many.

44:11 - 44:13

**Selectboard Office**

Probably we can all share.

44:15 - 44:18

**Selectboard Office**

So we were thinking one sooner and one later.

44:18 - 44:21

**Selectboard Office**

So maybe one in two weeks at our next meeting.

44:22 - 44:29

**Selectboard Office**

And then June 30th is a normal meeting night, which would be the very last minute to do them.

44:30 - 44:34

**Selectboard Office**

You get, you have another two weeks to actually make the payment, but we can.

44:36 - 44:37

**Selectboard Office**

We can put all of those work on me.

44:37 - 44:39

**Selectboard Office**

Is that okay for you?

44:40 - 44:40

**Selectboard Office**

Melinda?

44:44 - 44:45

**Melinda Rose**

So we're looking.

44:45 - 44:47

**Melinda Rose**

At June, what's the first.

44:47 - 44:48

**Selectboard Office**

One?

44:49 - 44:50

**Selectboard Office**

Hang on a second.

44:50 - 44:51

**Selectboard Office**

Second calendar.

44:51 - 44:54

**Selectboard Office**

So June 2nd, and then the 30th.

44:57 - 44:58

**Melinda Rose**

Yeah, that works for me.

45:00 - 45:01

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, great.

45:02 - 45:03

**Selectboard Office**

So let's put them on.

45:06 - 45:08

**Selectboard Office**

If you have, I know you probably missed that.

45:08 - 45:14

**Selectboard Office**

If you have end of year transfers you need to do, we're gonna do it at our next meeting and again on June 3rd.

45:15 - 45:16

**Selectboard Office**

I believe- Probably will.

45:16 - 45:18

**Selectboard Office**

Sixth, I figured you probably will.

45:18 - 45:21

**Selectboard Office**

I believe Christine's already sent some information in for that.

45:21 - 45:22

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

45:22 - 45:24

**Selectboard Office**

And she asked about paying that.

45:24 - 45:28

**Selectboard Office**

Old bill to yes, and then I saw that that's waiting till July.

45:32 - 45:53

**Selectboard Office**

No, the next one in two weeks and then it would be skipping one and then No, just for this fine end-of-year transfers So June 2nd, we meet on the 16th, but we won't be doing it on the 16th doing about 30 Okay fine, and I won't be here on the 16th either.

45:54 - 45:55

**Selectboard Office**

We'll talk about that another time.

46:00 - 46:01

**Selectboard Office**

So good, we're all set on that.

46:02 - 46:16

**Selectboard Office**

So the other thing I want to part here for is to talk about next steps for the second legal opinion that was passed at town meeting.

46:16 - 46:20

**Selectboard Office**

I haven't had a chance to reach out to town council yet.

46:20 - 46:25

**Selectboard Office**

So I am of the opinion that in order to do this, we need to appropriate money for it.

46:27 - 46:28

**Selectboard Office**

Do you agree?

46:28 - 46:39

**Selectboard Office**

So the solar, our solar bylaw in where it calls out what you can pay for with a 53 G account lists legal.

46:40 - 46:42

**Selectboard Office**

It's one of the costs.

46:43 - 46:55

**Selectboard Office**

When I asked town council back, I don't know November or something like that to be sure to bill so that we could pass it on to the applicant.

46:56 - 47:03

**Selectboard Office**

His response was that he didn't think that was going to fly, that DOR had some ruling that didn't make it work.

47:04 - 47:13

**Selectboard Office**

I didn't follow up with him until two weeks ago or something when I wrote him and asked him to send an accounting, so I got it today.

47:14 - 47:20

**Selectboard Office**

The idea was to send it on the blue wave and say, please pay this and see what happens.

47:22 - 47:23

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know what will happen.

47:23 - 47:26

**Selectboard Office**

They may come back with a legal opinion saying they can't.

47:26 - 47:29

**Selectboard Office**

In which case, don't send that to legal counsel.

47:29 - 47:30

**Selectboard Office**

They may send a check.

47:30 - 47:30

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know.

47:31 - 47:32

**Selectboard Office**

So how much was it?

47:32 - 47:35

**Selectboard Office**

Like \$9 ,800 and like that.

47:36 - 47:38

**Selectboard Office**

But we're not done, obviously, so a little bit more.

47:39 - 47:42

**Selectboard Office**

Assuming they pay it, then they would pay more if there's more.

47:42 - 48:01

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and those the way those The way the language is the bylaws all those bills have to be paid before the they can be approved So it's it's grounds for denial if they don't pay So are you are you of the opinion that we could pay for a second legal counsel?

48:02 - 48:03

**Selectboard Office**

And ask them to pay for that too.

48:03 - 48:32

**Selectboard Office**

I am of the opinion that if you find us on the first one They lie on well, obviously if they find us on the first but if they don't fight us on the first I mean Jeff seemed to think no you don't you can't ask them pay for a second, but I don't sure exactly what he based it on I have no idea so I'm gonna see if they pay for the first one and then

tell us something but I No idea how to Yeah.

48:32 - 48:35

**Selectboard Office**

There's this larger conversation What are we doing?

48:36 - 48:38

**Selectboard Office**

Well, we do have to decide how to proceed here.

48:38 - 48:49

**Selectboard Office**

That's why you know, we're having the discussion I mean, I would think we have to reach out to someone and get some sort of price from them How much would it cost for you to do this, right?

48:50 - 48:56

**Selectboard Office**

Picking that someone is Right, that's a way to choice.

48:56 - 48:57

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

48:57 - 48:58

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, I know that.

49:02 - 49:02

**Deb Rocque**

It's.

49:02 - 49:04

**Selectboard Office**

Me I.

49:04 - 49:06

**Deb Rocque**

Was just gonna say Bart.

49:06 - 49:09

**Deb Rocque**

Do you know of any town that has asked?

49:10 - 49:16

**Deb Rocque**

The solar developer to pay their legal fees and has been told no?

49:18 - 49:21

**Selectboard Office**

I don't, but I don't, I wouldn't know.

49:22 - 49:22

**Deb Rocque**

Right.

49:23 - 49:23

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

49:24 - 49:25

**Selectboard Office**

I can't go either way.

49:25 - 49:27

**Selectboard Office**

I just never had those conversations.

49:29 - 49:31

**Deb Rocque**

I'm sorry, go ahead.

49:31 - 49:41

**Selectboard Office**

My only point of contact is our town council who seemed like he wasn't sure it was gonna work.

49:41 - 49:41

**Selectboard Office**

So.

49:41 - 49:43

**Deb Rocque**

That's interesting.

49:45 - 49:51

**Deb Rocque**

I would think they would pay our first legal fees just as the course of doing business.

49:52 - 49:54

**Deb Rocque**

And good Lord, how can small towns afford to do this?

49:55 - 50:04

**Deb Rocque**

And if we're going to ask for mediation, check at the end, whatever, you'd think they'd think that.

50:04 - 50:05

**Deb Rocque**

But I'm with you.

50:05 - 50:08

**Deb Rocque**

I can't believe that they'd be like, sure.

50:09 - 50:10

**Deb Rocque**

You're having trouble on the first round.

50:10 - 50:11

**Deb Rocque**

I'm like, let.

50:11 - 50:11

**Selectboard Office**

Me.

50:11 - 50:14

**Deb Rocque**

Pay another lawyer and then bring on a third and a fourth.

50:15 - 50:18

**Deb Rocque**

I can't imagine that they're gonna be okay with that.

50:22 - 50:24

**Selectboard Office**

Melinda, go ahead.

50:26 - 50:34

**Melinda Rose**

I just wanted to say, didn't the, well, they're not plaintiffs, but.

50:34 - 50:35

**Selectboard Office**

The.

50:35 - 50:46

**Melinda Rose**

Petitioners, didn't they have somebody in mind And if we don't pick that person, aren't they likely to come back?

50:46 - 50:46

**Melinda Rose**

And.

50:46 - 50:47

**Selectboard Office**

If.

50:47 - 50:52

**Melinda Rose**

They don't get the answer, they want to try it at another time until they get the answer they want.

50:54 - 50:57

**Selectboard Office**

So we do in fact know who it is they had in mind?

50:58 - 51:03

**Selectboard Office**

They did say, somebody said the name, but I'm sure we could find it out, you know.

51:05 - 51:08

**Selectboard Office**

Michael Pill, Michael Pill and Michael Pill, yeah.

51:08 - 51:08

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I don't know.

51:08 - 51:11

**Selectboard Office**

This attorney has been there since the 70s.

51:11 - 51:15

**Selectboard Office**

And it has a reputation for you know biting stuff.

51:15 - 51:28

**Selectboard Office**

I see not necessarily winning right So any reason not to ask him to give us some sort of idea of what he the number that He told Helen Pollard was twelve thousand dollars.

51:28 - 51:33

**Selectboard Office**

So we have we have a number never that Okay, so do you have any of that in writing?

51:35 - 51:42

**Selectboard Office**

Just a conversation with Ellen, yeah So does it make sense to contact him directly?

51:43 - 51:46

**Selectboard Office**

I am very not sure that's in the town's interest.

51:47 - 51:52

**Selectboard Office**

Like he is not a municipal law person.

51:52 - 52:02

**Selectboard Office**

I was gonna say you say he fights things but does he fight it on behalf of like me as homeowner wanting to fight the town as opposed to the town wanting to yeah okay.

52:03 - 52:17

**Selectboard Office**

His I mean I had to Because you know, I was like who is this person go Google and his most recent case is defending dollar general from the town of No weighty or subterfield somewhere down there.

52:21 - 52:23

**Selectboard Office**

Okay Depending on general.

52:23 - 52:26

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah Okay, so.

52:28 - 52:37

**Selectboard Office**

Who determines the the RFP who determines what the question is.

52:37 - 52:44

**Selectboard Office**

I remember the Warren article was, I can't remember what it said, what exactly is the second lawyer looking at?

52:44 - 52:53

**Selectboard Office**

The behavior of Jeff Flake in KP Law, behavior of you guys or everything, or how our bylaws are written?

52:54 - 52:58

**Selectboard Office**

No, they're supposed to be giving a second opinion on the application, that's all.

52:58 - 53:06

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I recall, no, I recall what was being said was to identify gaps, because I asked you, what does that mean?

53:06 - 53:13

**Selectboard Office**

So the language of the warrant article does not really match what people said.

53:13 - 53:14

**Selectboard Office**

Correct, correct.

53:14 - 53:15

**Selectboard Office**

And what they were saying ahead of time.

53:16 - 53:19

**Selectboard Office**

So I don't really, because that's the whole thing.

53:19 - 53:22

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, that was the basis basically of what Dick Wagner said.

53:22 - 53:30

**Selectboard Office**

For a second opinion, what is the question that we are seeking a second opinion on without knowing what the question is.

53:30 - 53:32

**Selectboard Office**

It's sort of meaningless to seek a second opinion.

53:32 - 53:36

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, you're just asking them to review everything our council has already done.

53:37 - 53:40

**Selectboard Office**

And I will say, I mean, we have a legal...

53:41 - 53:43

**Selectboard Office**

Here it is, I'll read it.

53:43 - 53:44

**Selectboard Office**

We have legal expenses.

53:45 - 53:45

**Selectboard Office**

Hang on, hang on.

53:45 - 53:50

**Selectboard Office**

We have legal expenses that we have allocated a certain amount of money for.

53:51 - 53:56

**Selectboard Office**

And That's based upon our anticipated expenses with KP Law.

53:57 - 54:16

**Selectboard Office**

So if we're taking on somebody else, I think we either have to have additional funding for that other attorney, or we have to tell KP Law we no longer wish to have you involved in this, and I'm not sure that, you know, we really want to do that, especially since we don't know what the questions are and we don't know who we would be asking.

54:16 - 54:18

**Selectboard Office**

This is not what it's asking for.

54:18 - 54:21

**Selectboard Office**

So you're right, that would be one option.

54:21 - 54:22

**Selectboard Office**

That's not what it asks for.

54:22 - 54:44

**Selectboard Office**

It says to see if the town will vote to instruct the select board to obtain an independent legal opinion separate from current town council regarding the town's authority and responsibilities in the review and permitting of current and future large scale ground mounted solar and batteries energy storage system installations including long-term governance and enforcement.

54:45 - 54:46

**Selectboard Office**

That was it.

54:47 - 54:47

**Deb Rocque**

Can.

54:47 - 54:48

**Selectboard Office**

We as.

54:48 - 54:58

**Deb Rocque**

A select board just say, yep, that passed, but now we need an appropriation to go find, like a retainer to.

54:58 - 54:59

**Selectboard Office**

Go find an attorney.

54:59 - 54:59

**Deb Rocque**

Can.

54:59 - 55:06

**Deb Rocque**

We, can we do that and vote on that and then deal with it at a special town meeting in the fall?

55:08 - 55:12

**Selectboard Office**

Well, we can call a special town meeting to appropriate money for that purpose.

55:13 - 55:14

**Selectboard Office**

I think that's what you're saying, right?

55:17 - 55:21

**Selectboard Office**

But I think we need a number to do that.

55:22 - 55:25

**Selectboard Office**

I assume you put out an RFP for an attorney?

55:26 - 55:30

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I'm still backing up to what the warrant is telling you what to do.

55:31 - 55:34

**Selectboard Office**

In my reading on this, it can't tell you to do anything.

55:34 - 55:35

**Selectboard Office**

No, it says advise.

55:37 - 55:45

**Selectboard Office**

Advise on what you are legally allowed to do in terms of allowing a large-scale solar or not.

55:46 - 56:03

**Selectboard Office**

It's already in Massachusetts general law what you can and can't do, and to me the question is still suggesting very strongly you, the select board, should do this, and in my reading this and other things.

56:03 - 56:06

**Selectboard Office**

The town can't tell the select board what to do.

56:06 - 56:07

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's pretty clear.

56:08 - 56:16

**Selectboard Office**

And I'm not sure what another lawyer should just say this question, unless you're going to go about it in some other way, which is possible.

56:16 - 56:20

**Selectboard Office**

You don't have to follow that that that warrant article.

56:21 - 56:30

**Selectboard Office**

But to get clarity on what you can and can't do is more at the issue, especially through that than in questioning what KP Law has done.

56:31 - 56:42

**Selectboard Office**

And I don't think it makes any sense to question what KP Law or our planning board has done because they've done it by our bylaws and they're now up against other things that are still pending.

56:43 - 56:47

**Selectboard Office**

Well, to a certain degree, we're operating under the advice, under their advice.

56:48 - 56:49

**Selectboard Office**

Kp Law.

56:49 - 56:50

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, very much.

56:50 - 56:52

**Selectboard Office**

And they're very much part of town government.

56:52 - 57:03

**Selectboard Office**

Right, but so it's certainly conceivable that another lawyer could have a different opinion on some of these things, and they could look at what we've been advised

and say we think differently and this is what we've done.

57:04 - 57:19

**Selectboard Office**

So if that's what the town wants, I think I agree, I'm not sure if we all agree here or not, I think then the town has to be, and I said this at town meeting, if that's what you want, then you have to be willing to vote to pay for it.

57:19 - 57:28

**Selectboard Office**

Correct, and seeing as how I'm gonna need to moderate over that meeting, the clarity of the questions has got to be there.

57:28 - 57:36

**Selectboard Office**

And we can't have, like we had some stray this last time and I let it go, but it's gotta be the legal opinion.

57:38 - 57:48

**Selectboard Office**

It'd be great to go into the meeting with that rather than ask the question and then have the discussion go all over the place again.

57:48 - 58:02

**Selectboard Office**

So I'm not saying to make my job easier, But I'm still not hearing clarity in what a second legal opinion would do and maybe it takes the lawyer to tell us And Monday I see your hand.

58:02 - 58:04

**Selectboard Office**

I'm calling you just a sec and death, too.

58:04 - 58:13

**Selectboard Office**

So, um, I was just gonna say If we go into a special time meeting asking for an appropriation, then we get to write that article, correct?

58:13 - 58:15

**Selectboard Office**

We don't have to use this language, correct?

58:15 - 58:20

**Selectboard Office**

We can try to meet the spirit of it obviously, but write it something that makes sense to us.

58:23 - 58:26

**Melinda Rose**

So I guess my question is, you know.

58:26 - 58:29

**Melinda Rose**

To what end is this exercise?

58:30 - 58:36

**Melinda Rose**

Because it's like, okay, it's very easy to find lawyers who disagree with each other.

58:37 - 58:37

**Melinda Rose**

And.

58:37 - 58:37

**Melinda Rose**

You.

58:37 - 58:45

**Melinda Rose**

Know, so, okay, so we get somebody and we go, hey, yeah, they didn't agree with our lawyers, then what, you.

58:45 - 58:46

**Melinda Rose**

Know?

58:46 - 58:46

**Melinda Rose**  
Right.

58:47 - 58:47

**Selectboard Office**  
Correct.

58:48 - 58:48

**Selectboard Office**  
Then.

58:48 - 58:48

**Deb Rocque**  
We will.

58:48 - 58:49

**Melinda Rose**  
That's.

58:49 - 58:50

**Deb Rocque**  
Exactly what I was going to.

58:50 - 58:51

**Melinda Rose**  
Say.

58:51 - 58:51

**Melinda Rose**  
No.

58:52 - 58:52

**Melinda Rose**

Okay.

58:53 - 58:55

**Selectboard Office**

Well, but that's what we're being asked to do.

58:56 - 58:57

**Selectboard Office**

But you don't have to do it.

58:57 - 58:58

**Selectboard Office**

Well, but.

58:58 - 58:58

**Melinda Rose**

I.

58:58 - 59:02

**Selectboard Office**

Mean, I feel obligated to meet the spirit of this in some way.

59:03 - 59:15

**Selectboard Office**

The the the irony of this whole thing is if they come in ahead of time while the warrant is being assembled and ask this question and had the discussion and and weren't in position, then we wouldn't be in this position.

59:17 - 59:18

**Selectboard Office**

It's striking back.

59:21 - 59:26

**Selectboard Office**

The Warren article as it goes out on the special time meeting can talk about this.

59:26 - 59:31

**Selectboard Office**

It's what happens during the meeting that adapts that to the future.

59:32 - 59:37

**Selectboard Office**

So, like, we don't have to follow what was in the Warren article at that meeting.

59:38 - 59:40

**Selectboard Office**

The next one, the Warren article is just a warning.

59:40 - 59:51

**Selectboard Office**

That's what I'm saying in terms of what happens during the meeting towards the specific request which you guys would then again frame to the new lawyer comes out of that meeting.

59:51 - 01:00:00

**Selectboard Office**

And we could be, as I think we're hearing, we could just be in a cycle of, okay, we didn't like that and then now we're going to ask you again to ask.

01:00:02 - 01:00:09

**Selectboard Office**

So it's going to come up to the town at the town, special town meeting, whether they want to spend the money or not.

01:00:09 - 01:00:10

**Selectboard Office**

And I think it should.

01:00:10 - 01:00:11

**Selectboard Office**

That's a very good question.

01:00:12 - 01:00:12

**Selectboard Office**

Deb?

01:00:14 - 01:00:15

**Deb Rocque**

I already said it.

01:00:15 - 01:00:17

**Deb Rocque**

I completely agreed with what Melinda had to say.

01:00:18 - 01:00:19

**Deb Rocque**

It's like, when does it stop?

01:00:19 - 01:00:22

**Deb Rocque**

You can get a legal opinion that.

01:00:22 - 01:00:22

**Selectboard Office**

Differs.

01:00:22 - 01:00:23

**Selectboard Office**

You can.

01:00:23 - 01:00:24

**Deb Rocque**

Pay for it, right?

01:00:24 - 01:00:25

**Deb Rocque**

And that's what they're doing.

01:00:25 - 01:00:26

**Deb Rocque**

They're shopping around.

01:00:27 - 01:00:29

**Deb Rocque**

They want to stop it at all costs.

01:00:30 - 01:00:33

**Deb Rocque**

And this is kind of ridiculous.

01:00:35 - 01:00:37

**Selectboard Office**

But it is sort of where the rubber hits the road.

01:00:37 - 01:00:49

**Selectboard Office**

If the town's willing to spend their tax dollars to do this and certainly there will be those of us who argue it's a waste of money and then.

01:00:49 - 01:00:55

**Deb Rocque**

Oh yeah i think i think you ought to call the question of like okay let's pay for it i and see if the town wants to pay.

01:00:55 - 01:01:38

**Selectboard Office**

For it yeah because the other part of it is if this person you know has no true experience in municipal law you know there are differences about a you know what is a municipality's responsibility because if that's you know I have to reread that warrant every time that article every time because it just is not anything that sticks in my mind it just there's I don't know I think of it as not being too specific enough that I can really pinpoint it but if every time you know if this is somebody who has no real knowledge of state law concerning solar development and municipal laws.

01:01:39 - 01:01:41

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, you know, what advice would we be getting?

01:01:42 - 01:01:43

**Selectboard Office**

Don't hire that guy.

01:01:44 - 01:01:48

**Selectboard Office**

So where do we go to find lawyers who have expertise in this area?

01:01:49 - 01:01:51

**Selectboard Office**

They're probably all in the Boston suburbs.

01:01:51 - 01:01:53

**Selectboard Office**

Jim's a deputy who works for them.

01:01:53 - 01:01:54

**Selectboard Office**

There are several of them they can see.

01:01:54 - 01:01:56

**Selectboard Office**

Kp Law just happens to be the biggest.

01:01:56 - 01:02:03

**Selectboard Office**

So could Jim help us with with finding some people to talk to about this?

01:02:03 - 01:02:08

**Selectboard Office**

He could probably ask his nephew to avoid any conflict of interest to name another firm.

01:02:09 - 01:02:13

**Selectboard Office**

Or two or three, but who has expertise in this area?

01:02:13 - 01:02:13

**Selectboard Office**

Actually, you know what?

01:02:14 - 01:02:21

**Selectboard Office**

I get many of our retired moderators in my loop are from those firms, and I can think of one right away.

01:02:22 - 01:02:28

**Selectboard Office**

So what I can do is send you his contact thing from this email.

01:02:28 - 01:02:41

**Selectboard Office**

And he is not only a town council type, he's a town meeting process type, meaning in terms of the special town meeting and the process.

01:02:42 - 01:02:42

**Selectboard Office**

So that'd be awesome.

01:02:43 - 01:02:47

**Selectboard Office**

Could you put him in touch with me or I'll follow up?

01:02:48 - 01:02:49

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know.

01:02:50 - 01:02:53

**Selectboard Office**

I know that Hadley has a different town council, they don't have KP log.

01:02:54 - 01:03:12

**Selectboard Office**

I'm not sure the planning board agreed with that decision, but the slight board made

a decision So I can find out what that firm is I don't know But they've been dealing with solar issues, yeah, they They have multiple Agrivoltaic.

01:03:17 - 01:03:22

**Selectboard Office**

But they're they're the ones we use as a model by log solar and battery by log.

01:03:24 - 01:03:28

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, and I met with that kind of literary side to talk to him too.

01:03:28 - 01:03:30

**Selectboard Office**

So let's do that.

01:03:30 - 01:03:36

**Selectboard Office**

If you guys could follow up on those and if you just want to get me names to follow up with, I'm happy to try.

01:03:36 - 01:03:36

**Melinda Rose**

To do that.

01:03:37 - 01:03:37

**Melinda Rose**

I mean it's one thing to.

01:03:37 - 01:03:38

**Selectboard Office**

Have the.

01:03:38 - 01:03:41

**Melinda Rose**

Town vote on something with no money attached.

01:03:41 - 01:03:42

**Selectboard Office**

But if you.

01:03:42 - 01:03:52

**Melinda Rose**

Come back to them and say, okay, we need \$75,000 to pay for a non-binding legal opinion that's not going to change anything.

01:03:54 - 01:03:56

**Selectboard Office**

You're such an optimist, this is what I love about you.

01:03:56 - 01:03:57

**Selectboard Office**

Just.

01:03:57 - 01:03:57

**Melinda Rose**

Keep in.

01:03:57 - 01:04:11

**Selectboard Office**

Mind that the special town meeting, kind of like the town meeting itself, clearly was packed to a certain extent by people who were there to vote for this, which is understandable, and a special town meeting would be, most likely would be as well.

01:04:12 - 01:04:13

**Selectboard Office**

Highly likely to pass.

01:04:13 - 01:04:16

**Selectboard Office**

Right, so the likelihood is, exactly.

01:04:17 - 01:04:19

**Melinda Rose**

We'll take names and make it come out of their taxes.

01:04:22 - 01:04:31

**Selectboard Office**

The other little piece of this is that we have our hearing on the 28th and we're actually having movement is happening.

01:04:32 - 01:04:45

**Selectboard Office**

So there will probably, I think there will definitely be another one, Blue Aid is asking for it on the 16th, which is pretty tight, I don't know where you go, but my point is There isn't a lot of time.

01:04:45 - 01:04:46

**Selectboard Office**

It's going to be done pretty soon.

01:04:47 - 01:04:48

**Selectboard Office**

It's not.

01:04:48 - 01:04:50

**Selectboard Office**

None of us want to try to get that done.

01:04:50 - 01:04:52

**Selectboard Office**

Well, you do have the other ones just getting started, though.

01:04:53 - 01:04:54

**Selectboard Office**

You even have the application yet, but yeah.

01:04:56 - 01:04:57

**Selectboard Office**

No, they're waiting.

01:04:57 - 01:04:59

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know if they'll wait until it's really done, but they're waiting.

01:05:01 - 01:05:01

**Selectboard Office**

I asked.

01:05:02 - 01:05:06

**Selectboard Office**

So they're essentially waiting until something happens with the ridge before they make the other.

01:05:07 - 01:05:08

**Selectboard Office**

I appreciate it.

01:05:08 - 01:05:10

**Selectboard Office**

But they're moving ahead with the conservation.

01:05:11 - 01:05:12

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it's just a process.

01:05:12 - 01:05:13

**Selectboard Office**

I.

01:05:13 - 01:05:16

**Melinda Rose**

Mean there's there's no time attached to this thing.

01:05:16 - 01:05:17

**Selectboard Office**

You know.

01:05:17 - 01:05:19

**Melinda Rose**

What's the.

01:05:19 - 01:05:19

**Selectboard Office**

Rush.

01:05:24 - 01:05:25

**[speaker unknown]**

Okay.

01:05:27 - 01:05:42

**Selectboard Office**

All right anything else on this i think we've got at least a plan we'll revisit it at our next meeting i'm sure um your next meeting is the second is that right yeah it is the second yeah So you'll be here all of the year, great.

01:05:47 - 01:05:53

**Selectboard Office**

I haven't talked to the planning board about this question yet at a meeting, so I don't know what their feeling is.

01:05:53 - 01:05:56

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know if it's written to you guys.

01:05:57 - 01:05:57

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I know.

01:05:58 - 01:06:00

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, but I'm certainly, we're open to.

01:06:02 - 01:06:06

**Selectboard Office**

Nobody seems to have come to propose this thing.

01:06:08 - 01:06:11

**Selectboard Office**

I'll invite the rest of the board just to the next meeting.

01:06:11 - 01:06:12

**Selectboard Office**

Mm-hmm.

01:06:17 - 01:06:21

**Selectboard Office**

Is the 28th virtual and the online narrows?

01:06:22 - 01:06:23

**Selectboard Office**

It's cool.

01:06:23 - 01:06:24

**Selectboard Office**

It's at the school.

01:06:24 - 01:06:25

**Selectboard Office**

What time is that meeting?

01:06:25 - 01:06:26

**Selectboard Office**

6.30.

01:06:27 - 01:06:28

**Selectboard Office**

Lindsay goes at 6.

01:06:29 - 01:06:29

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

01:06:31 - 01:06:32

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, right.

01:06:32 - 01:06:32

**Selectboard Office**

Concom.

01:06:32 - 01:06:33

**Selectboard Office**

The Concom, right.

01:06:33 - 01:06:34

**Selectboard Office**

Concom, yeah.

01:06:36 - 01:06:38

**Selectboard Office**

Which some people aren't happy about.

01:06:38 - 01:06:39

**Selectboard Office**

One person.

01:06:41 - 01:06:41

**Selectboard Office**

Perhaps.

01:06:42 - 01:06:43

**Selectboard Office**

The one I know.

01:06:43 - 01:06:44

**Selectboard Office**

The person I know.

01:06:45 - 01:06:46

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:06:46 - 01:06:49

**Selectboard Office**

I actually have a question if that's a topic on the table.

01:06:49 - 01:06:52

**Selectboard Office**

If it's to do with what we just did right now?

01:06:53 - 01:06:54

**Selectboard Office**

The Lindsay Hover and stuff?

01:06:54 - 01:06:56

**Selectboard Office**

It's not, but go ahead, it's fine.

01:06:56 - 01:06:58

**Selectboard Office**

I think we're done with this subject, right?

01:06:59 - 01:07:00

**Selectboard Office**

So go ahead.

01:07:01 - 01:07:05

**Selectboard Office**

So I submitted my letter back to PEG but I didn't think it was an issue.

01:07:05 - 01:07:23

**Selectboard Office**

But the question I have is I'm seeing that they're doing more work on the outer end of 143, cleaning up and getting ready to do whatever they're to be doing out there so I don't know if they're planning on closing a road completely like they did last year or

just one lane at a time?

01:07:23 - 01:07:24

**Selectboard Office**

No there's no plans.

01:07:25 - 01:07:34

**Selectboard Office**

Well when the power company gets in there to put new poles or Marius gets out there to do whatever they got to do out there it's gonna be one lane at a time.

01:07:34 - 01:07:37

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah of course I mean it'll be it'll be a pain in the \*\*\*.

01:07:38 - 01:07:39

**Selectboard Office**

That's the one thing I wanted to check.

01:07:39 - 01:07:54

**Selectboard Office**

But unless something goes wrong and they We only closed the road because of an issue with putting in the retaining wall and they didn't have enough space and they could have done it another way, but they asked us if we...

01:07:54 - 01:07:57

**Selectboard Office**

It was closed during the Trans-National Blast.

01:07:57 - 01:08:00

**Selectboard Office**

Well, that'll be, but there's no more blasting.

01:08:00 - 01:08:00

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

01:08:00 - 01:08:01

**Selectboard Office**

That's what I thought.

01:08:01 - 01:08:03

**Selectboard Office**

I just kind of wanted to double check that.

01:08:03 - 01:08:06

**Selectboard Office**

And the poles, I mean, they're moving, they have the poles in place.

01:08:06 - 01:08:17

**Selectboard Office**

They're moving all the horizon wires, the lowest hanging wires to the new poles, and then they have to take the old ones away, but there's not like, you know, the poles are already there.

01:08:17 - 01:08:23

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, it's actually kind of a good thing because you know, if Lindsay O was open, they'd be using it.

01:08:23 - 01:08:24

**Selectboard Office**

They'd be using it like crazy.

01:08:24 - 01:08:28

**Selectboard Office**

The cork would be out there driving from her \*\*\*.

01:08:29 - 01:08:31

**Selectboard Office**

That's what happened last year.

01:08:31 - 01:08:33

**Selectboard Office**

Telling them about the shortcut.

01:08:34 - 01:08:38

**Selectboard Office**

I was I was asked to get the shortcut back open.

01:08:44 - 01:08:57

**Selectboard Office**

Well that traffic if we do get it over the summer that traffic has to be that Yes, that's already discussed with DOT and that's done over with yeah, it's posted for good, right?

01:08:58 - 01:08:58

**Selectboard Office**

It's not there.

01:08:58 - 01:09:17

**Selectboard Office**

That's not posted specifically for good but the conversations have already happened on the plan that none of that traffic is okay because we had that discussion last year yes it didn't work they just did it anyway yep new truck hand.

01:09:20 - 01:09:54

**Selectboard Office**

Plus there's not a small amount of large truck traffic traveling through town anyway for other uses people coming up from Huntington with gravel and going to Peru or whatever there you know there's a lot of large structure out there that's not all just about 143 yeah yeah they're doing the road work everywhere yeah the drive through Chesterfield yes right exactly because they're repaving 143 all the way All right.

01:09:54 - 01:09:59

**Selectboard Office**

It's not a full rec line though, it looks like it's a top sale.

01:10:02 - 01:10:04

**Selectboard Office**

So we're good with that, right?

01:10:04 - 01:10:10

**Selectboard Office**

So we're going on to school zone, LED signs, DOT webinar free, speed limit signs.

01:10:12 - 01:10:14

**Selectboard Office**

So you're going to the webinar tomorrow?

01:10:14 - 01:10:15

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

01:10:15 - 01:10:21

**Selectboard Office**

I did sign up, so I'll probably try to listen in, but see what you think.

01:10:21 - 01:10:26

**Selectboard Office**

But it seems like a no-brainer, that basically they'll give us the signs, you just have to go ahead and put them up.

01:10:27 - 01:10:29

**Selectboard Office**

So why would we do that, man?

01:10:29 - 01:10:30

**Selectboard Office**

Yep.

01:10:30 - 01:10:31

**Selectboard Office**

What?

01:10:32 - 01:10:34

**Selectboard Office**

Why is this different than what it used to be?

01:10:34 - 01:10:37

**Selectboard Office**

Is there something they didn't use to give the signs out, or?

01:10:40 - 01:10:41

**Selectboard Office**

So this is for?

01:10:43 - 01:10:45

**Selectboard Office**

They didn't give you signs for town roads.

01:10:46 - 01:10:46

**Selectboard Office**

These are for town roads.

01:10:47 - 01:10:48

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I see.

01:10:48 - 01:10:49

**Selectboard Office**

So it's just if you sign.

01:10:49 - 01:10:51

**Selectboard Office**

The state roads, of course, they put up signs.

01:10:52 - 01:10:59

**Selectboard Office**

It's just they're gonna give free signs and that's better than having to pay for them  
Because we probably didn't pay for them.

01:10:59 - 01:11:04

**Selectboard Office**

So we don't know what we don't even have them I mean, you know, you don't have

a speed sign on your road anywhere.

01:11:04 - 01:11:06

**Selectboard Office**

Do you work has both directions?

01:11:12 - 01:11:12

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:11:17 - 01:11:32

**Selectboard Office**

And as far as the School zone We all got an answer today, basically the state says fine you can do it and apply for it, but we're not paying for it.

01:11:33 - 01:11:35

**Selectboard Office**

That's the way I read the letter.

01:11:36 - 01:11:50

**Selectboard Office**

So we can go ahead and make the application and we should talk to John and see what the options are for purchasing the speed signs.

01:11:50 - 01:11:57

**Selectboard Office**

So look through that list that Deb sent out because there might be there might be money somewhere in there, you know that whole grant list.

01:11:58 - 01:12:00

**Selectboard Office**

You know, there could be money for those signs there.

01:12:04 - 01:12:07

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, the safe streets for schools or whatever it feels like.

01:12:08 - 01:12:09

**Selectboard Office**

They should care.

01:12:10 - 01:12:11

**Selectboard Office**

For sure.

01:12:12 - 01:12:19

**Selectboard Office**

Well, as I said, people were trying to get the speed issue down around the maples, that's going a little low.

01:12:23 - 01:12:24

**Selectboard Office**

They should be happy to come do the study.

01:12:25 - 01:12:25

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

01:12:26 - 01:12:26

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

01:12:26 - 01:12:27

**Selectboard Office**

After that, you're on your own.

01:12:28 - 01:12:28

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

01:12:28 - 01:12:29

**Selectboard Office**

That's work for VPC.

01:12:30 - 01:12:31

**Selectboard Office**

So yeah, we're there.

01:12:31 - 01:12:32

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:12:32 - 01:12:34

**Selectboard Office**

Don't ask us to produce anything.

01:12:35 - 01:12:39

**Selectboard Office**

We have such a mixed opinion of VPC.

01:12:40 - 01:12:41

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:12:44 - 01:12:48

**Selectboard Office**

So Gretchen, you're not aware of any grants or anything for school speed stuff, are you?

01:12:49 - 01:12:53

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

I'm not, but I will mention it to the Sheriff's Office.

01:12:53 - 01:12:54

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

They were just at the school.

01:12:54 - 01:13:01

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Yesterday for a lockdown drill, so I can send a message to our people and see if they

have some ideas.

01:13:02 - 01:13:03

**Selectboard Office**  
Okay, great, thanks.

01:13:04 - 01:13:04

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Hey.

01:13:04 - 01:13:05

**Selectboard Office**  
Before you guys.

01:13:05 - 01:13:08

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Move on, is Chief Dundiego still there?

01:13:09 - 01:13:09

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Yes.

01:13:09 - 01:13:10

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Hi, Chief.

01:13:10 - 01:13:18

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**  
Are you doing the pickup on Friday for our kiddo that won that fire safety week?

01:13:19 - 01:13:24

**Selectboard Office**  
Yes, I called the parent, Matt, last night and we're good for Friday morning pickup.

01:13:25 - 01:13:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Awesome.

01:13:26 - 01:13:26

**Gretchen Morse-Dobosz**

Perfect.

01:13:26 - 01:13:27

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you, sir.

01:13:28 - 01:13:28

**Selectboard Office**

Sure.

01:13:29 - 01:13:30

**Selectboard Office**

Riding a fire truck, isn't it?

01:13:30 - 01:13:31

**Selectboard Office**

Riding a fire truck.

01:13:33 - 01:13:35

**Selectboard Office**

Pick up from your home and deliver it upon you.

01:13:40 - 01:13:57

**Selectboard Office**

So I did have a townspeople who had begun doing some stuff about grants and she had mentioned that she is not well experienced in it but has a little knowledge of them and she would be willing to help if we possibly.

01:13:57 - 01:14:00

**Selectboard Office**

She would like to see whatever it is that we would be interested in doing.

01:14:00 - 01:14:02

**Selectboard Office**

She would see whether she could possibly do it.

01:14:02 - 01:14:04

**Selectboard Office**

So I have been in touch with her.

01:14:04 - 01:14:14

**Selectboard Office**

So if we know of a grant that, and I will look at Deb's list to see if there's something we can apply for, she's willing to take a look at it and see if it's something she thinks she can take on.

01:14:15 - 01:14:21

**Selectboard Office**

What I'd recommend there, Amy, is I'd recommend sending her that same list, because then she might- Right, exactly.

01:14:21 - 01:14:26

**Selectboard Office**

In other words, rather than having a Q &A back and forth, you can just send her that whole listing.

01:14:26 - 01:14:27

**Selectboard Office**

I can send her the list, yes.

01:14:27 - 01:14:29

**Selectboard Office**

See if there's something here that you know you could latch onto.

01:14:29 - 01:14:39

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, but you know, it's like some of them not going to be, may not be for this project, but for something else, there's just a this project, you know.

01:14:39 - 01:14:41

**Selectboard Office**

This is what we're looking for now, so.

01:14:42 - 01:14:42

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:14:43 - 01:14:57

**Selectboard Office**

Meanwhile, we do have the sign that Shelley Modesto bought that's sitting at the fire station, and I am working on researching just exactly what we can do it.

01:14:57 - 01:15:03

**Selectboard Office**

It comes with a manual that tells how to operate it but says virtually nothing about mounting.

01:15:03 - 01:15:05

**Selectboard Office**

It just shows how to mount it on a wall.

01:15:05 - 01:15:07

**Selectboard Office**

It doesn't say whether it has to be inside or outside.

01:15:08 - 01:15:12

**Selectboard Office**

It doesn't say anything about mounting on a stand, so I'm trying to research that.

01:15:13 - 01:15:19

**Selectboard Office**

The instruction manual doesn't have a model number in it anywhere, so I had to go back and get that off the side itself.

01:15:19 - 01:15:21

**Selectboard Office**

So I am working on that.

01:15:21 - 01:15:26

**Selectboard Office**

So that's another, It's not a speed thing, per se, but signage.

01:15:27 - 01:15:34

**Selectboard Office**

And then we have to get some sort of a variance or figure out how we get the variance from the zoning restrictions that it violates.

01:15:34 - 01:15:35

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

01:15:35 - 01:15:36

**Selectboard Office**

But we'll cross that.

01:15:37 - 01:15:40

**Selectboard Office**

The head of the zone is in the air and he said he didn't think it was a problem.

01:15:41 - 01:15:42

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah.

01:15:44 - 01:15:51

**Selectboard Office**

Just a follow up there, so whenever you want it out of the station, just let us know, we'll work to get it delivered back here somewhere.

01:15:53 - 01:16:02

**Selectboard Office**

And then, I don't know if I mentioned it before, but it looks like Peru's got a similar setup in front of their Selectboard Office that's double sided and mounted on a stand.

01:16:03 - 01:16:04

**Selectboard Office**

Right, I've seen it, for sure.

01:16:04 - 01:16:12

**Selectboard Office**

So I don't know if there's a way to contact them and figure out what model number or stand I know or whatever They go through and figure out how to get those.

01:16:12 - 01:16:18

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, stood up as it were Montgomery has a single-sided one.

01:16:18 - 01:16:19

**Selectboard Office**

Um, see they're all both.

01:16:20 - 01:16:25

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah um And this one i'm 99% sure it's single-sided.

01:16:25 - 01:16:32

**Selectboard Office**

I'm pretty sure it's not But I think on a stand in front of the bus station might actually be and you'll stop.

01:16:33 - 01:16:34

**Selectboard Office**

And you can get used to it.

01:16:34 - 01:16:36

**Selectboard Office**

It's central, so everybody knows.

01:16:36 - 01:16:39

**Selectboard Office**

There's a power out, there's a power out when I'm gonna pull there too.

01:16:39 - 01:16:40

**Selectboard Office**

No, it's even better.

01:16:41 - 01:16:41

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:16:41 - 01:16:42

**Selectboard Office**

So that's what we're shooting for.

01:16:43 - 01:16:44

**Selectboard Office**

So I'll continue to work on that.

01:16:44 - 01:16:45

**Selectboard Office**

Okay.

01:16:47 - 01:16:47

**Selectboard Office**

Dingle Road.

01:16:48 - 01:16:55

**Selectboard Office**

So DEP says according to what they have for records, I guess, they can't distinguish where the parking area was.

01:16:55 - 01:16:57

**Selectboard Office**

But is it obvious if you go down there?

01:16:57 - 01:16:59

**Selectboard Office**

I have no knowledge.

01:16:59 - 01:17:01

**Selectboard Office**

You have none, okay.

01:17:01 - 01:17:07

**Selectboard Office**

I remember, I remember pulling in there and throwing brush and, you know, it was it's a big, pretty big parking area.

01:17:07 - 01:17:17

**Selectboard Office**

But the real question is whether that parking area is over uh, you know, buried brush and trash, because it was, it was a physical dump, which has been capped.

01:17:17 - 01:17:20

**Selectboard Office**

So the DEP did say you may have to dig test pits.

01:17:21 - 01:17:22

**Selectboard Office**

The DEP said, I'm sorry.

01:17:22 - 01:17:53

**Selectboard Office**

You may have to dig test pits in order to use part of it to show that it's okay yeah we just got an email like today yeah so do you want to start by going down there and see if you can identify where the parking lot was and measure it so I've had to mow down there I have you've been yeah I know I know the area but I have no knowledge now I'd assume so I could down what to do.

01:17:54 - 01:17:58

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, it's, you know, but it's all full of weeds right now, right?

01:17:58 - 01:18:02

**Selectboard Office**

Like around chest-high weeds or maybe the snow knocked them down.

01:18:02 - 01:18:04

**Selectboard Office**

Well, it got mowed in the fall, so yeah.

01:18:05 - 01:18:09

**Selectboard Office**

Did you see the memorial to Emerson Davis?

01:18:09 - 01:18:12

**Selectboard Office**

Yes, that's mostly the reason for mowing.

01:18:12 - 01:18:17

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, because that hadn't been mowed around in a long time, you know, but that's great.

01:18:18 - 01:18:50

**Selectboard Office**

I'd be backing up here and throwing brush off there and see if you can find where the gravel is and we were driving on good it was good gravel it could be raining out and it was dry i'm curious if well the hard thing to be telling that's what the test bits would be for if that was also dumped at one point and then capped and turned into that yeah right exactly because that whole area it's the whole drop off hill and it's obvious to see that whole silo road was kind of filled in.

01:18:52 - 01:19:19

**Selectboard Office**

Right right so it's not like the other side of the road where it's in the bank and goes uphill correct yes any other part of that road it's a drop-off on that side except for the dump location yeah so so it's gonna work you keep them yeah I have a strong feeling that that whole side is all filled in dump from one point or another and then and then as you go down the road like where Emmy's monument is.

01:19:20 - 01:19:24

**Selectboard Office**

That seems like that's a little more like a natural land there.

01:19:24 - 01:19:40

**Selectboard Office**

I think that's all filled in just from the, doing the road work below that and all the garbage and everything that's across the bottom of the hill, throughout that side of concrete and metal and other \*\*\*\* that's all in there.

01:19:40 - 01:19:44

**Selectboard Office**

If you don't think we should go down there, and if you think we're confident about that.

01:19:44 - 01:19:46

**Selectboard Office**

We can take a look at it, but.

01:19:47 - 01:19:52

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, no, for sure we can take a look at it, but I don't have high hopes of it.

01:19:54 - 01:19:59

**Selectboard Office**

It was just a question to begin with, and if something can happen, great, and if it doesn't, it doesn't.

01:19:59 - 01:20:00

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:20:00 - 01:20:01

**Selectboard Office**

Well, let's resolve it at least.

01:20:03 - 01:20:04

**[speaker unknown]**

Great.

01:20:06 - 01:20:13

**Selectboard Office**

Biotic extinguisher day, I'm not sure whether any progress has been made on that, probably not.

01:20:13 - 01:20:15

**Selectboard Office**

It was David Mendelssohn's thing.

01:20:15 - 01:20:17

**Selectboard Office**

It was his party last time.

01:20:17 - 01:20:18

**Selectboard Office**

We just used the fire station.

01:20:18 - 01:20:21

**Selectboard Office**

And he's not here, so we'll just put that off.

01:20:21 - 01:20:23

**Selectboard Office**

But it was a really good turnout last year.

01:20:23 - 01:20:25

**Selectboard Office**

And I'm supportive of doing it again.

01:20:27 - 01:20:32

**Selectboard Office**

I think we did it in fire safety week in early October, which was nice weather already.

01:20:33 - 01:20:39

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so I'll put this off, and we'll just keep checking with David to see if he's getting anywhere with it.

01:20:42 - 01:20:45

**Selectboard Office**

We want to talk about rental at the fire station.

01:20:46 - 01:20:46

**Selectboard Office**

Sure.

01:20:46 - 01:20:48

**Selectboard Office**

So you sent some numbers.

01:20:48 - 01:20:50

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I don't know.

01:20:50 - 01:20:55

**Selectboard Office**

I know Craig's out, but here's some copies of what I think you put together.

01:21:07 - 01:21:20

**Selectboard Office**

So I went back as far as I could to mid-2023, unfortunately, somewhere in that timeframe member source changed the fire department's account number, and I can't go further back than that.

01:21:21 - 01:21:22

**Selectboard Office**

But that was enough data.

01:21:22 - 01:21:24

**Selectboard Office**

That's probably when we started doing the crowdfunding.

01:21:25 - 01:21:26

**Selectboard Office**

Maybe.

01:21:26 - 01:21:30

**Selectboard Office**

So at least for that part of the year, and it's broken up into sections.

01:21:31 - 01:21:44

**Selectboard Office**

So starting at the bottom, that year, we're averaging 850 kilowatt hours over the course of the year per month, or \$242 a month averaged over those whatever, seven or eight months.

01:21:44 - 01:22:00

**Selectboard Office**

And in the next year on top of that, January 24 to December 24, you can see the usage number went up and the cost number went up to about \$408 a month on average.

01:22:00 - 01:22:05

**Selectboard Office**

And the last two years are in the red zone basically, that's how I color-coded it.

01:22:05 - 01:22:13

**Selectboard Office**

For 25, we're up to \$530 a month and it tracks with the usage also going up.

01:22:13 - 01:22:20

**Selectboard Office**

And then so far this year, we're up at about 5.8 bucks a month, but we haven't hit the cooling season yet either.

01:22:21 - 01:22:37

**Selectboard Office**

And then the graphs to their right are just the usage by either total monthly kilowatt hours and also versus temperature, so you can see how the wintertime effect and stuff.

01:22:37 - 01:23:12

**Selectboard Office**

And then the bottom is the same kind of graph, kilowatt hours average per day by month but so I don't know I just felt like that that's kind of telling the story I think I don't know exactly when the DOT folks arrived on scene I don't remember exactly but it's probably around in that time frame um there's always at least one person up there there's usually two um when the 140 when the one little south guardrail thing was going on there three up there but there's at least you know two computer workstations.

01:23:12 - 01:23:19

**Selectboard Office**

Printers, water coolers, small refrigerator, you know they've set themselves up rather nicely.

01:23:20 - 01:23:32

**Selectboard Office**

So that's the story I'm able to generate but that's what's coming out of my budget, easily five or six hundred bucks a month for Western Mass.

01:23:32 - 01:23:36

**Selectboard Office**

So primarily it's electricity that's costing us.

01:23:37 - 01:23:37

**Selectboard Office**

I think so.

01:23:37 - 01:23:42

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, there's probably maybe a little bit of increased water, but I'm not seeing that in any of those.

01:23:43 - 01:23:53

**Selectboard Office**

There's an increased cleaning cost to the station because we just have the main portions of the station clean.

01:23:54 - 01:24:02

**Selectboard Office**

But that's probably due to there's a few folks up there and then all the TCOs that are coming out Also use the station.

01:24:02 - 01:24:05

**Selectboard Office**

Oh That's a minor increase.

01:24:05 - 01:24:09

**Selectboard Office**

I think we went from Once a month to weeks every two weeks.

01:24:12 - 01:24:13

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

01:24:18 - 01:24:33

**Selectboard Office**

I mean clearly we aren't even through the year and we're already at an average of five hundred dollars a month And you're you know for 2026 you're only going January through the end of April or not even the end of April, April 22nd.

01:24:34 - 01:24:43

**Selectboard Office**

So it's a partial year and we're already almost, you know, at the monthly average for the whole of last year.

01:24:43 - 01:24:44

**Selectboard Office**

So clearly it's gonna go higher.

01:24:47 - 01:24:47

**[speaker unknown]**

Yeah.

01:24:48 - 01:24:59

**Selectboard Office**

And so, I mean, was it you or Peggy talked to DLT and they basically seemed to be

saying, yeah, go ahead and raise it, that should be an issue.

01:24:59 - 01:25:06

**Selectboard Office**

I didn't talk to him, I think he didn't talk to him, just put it in the new, if there's any contract coming up, just put it in the new.

01:25:06 - 01:25:09

**Selectboard Office**

So it is, and it's coming up, I think, in June or the end of June.

01:25:10 - 01:25:14

**Selectboard Office**

I think Fegzy normally said that they wanted to know if she should be doing that new contract for June.

01:25:15 - 01:25:17

**Selectboard Office**

So, is that this, that's in the back of the packet?

01:25:19 - 01:25:20

**Selectboard Office**

No, I don't think so.

01:25:20 - 01:25:21

**Selectboard Office**

I don't think so.

01:25:23 - 01:25:24

**Selectboard Office**

What is in the back?

01:25:25 - 01:25:26

**Selectboard Office**

No, that's the list of averages and things?

01:25:26 - 01:25:28

**Selectboard Office**

No, that's the other one, sorry.

01:25:28 - 01:25:35

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, that's we have to over which we have to know this is an oh, yeah Cost overrun.

01:25:35 - 01:25:58

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, first of all, that's what basically morayus underbid on all the gravels And you know, they did not bid the prevailing rate and that's why their bid was so low So now we're paying for it What if they underbid why do we have to pay for it i'm just curious how that works Well, we're working on it with the DLT.

01:25:58 - 01:26:02

**Selectboard Office**

So I don't have an answer, but we're not just living with it.

01:26:02 - 01:26:05

**Selectboard Office**

We are trying to figure out what happens.

01:26:07 - 01:26:11

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, you pay for it one way or the other.

01:26:12 - 01:26:16

**Selectboard Office**

I will say, so I know of this in U.S.

01:26:16 - 01:26:26

**Selectboard Office**

Government contracts from decades ago, that people were submitting bids that were obviously too low, and then as their costs began to run over and run over and run over.

01:26:27 - 01:26:32

**Selectboard Office**

At a certain point, it had something to do with the Defense Department, and they said, what is the true cost going to be?

01:26:33 - 01:26:45

**Selectboard Office**

And it was the equivalent for the highest bid, at which point they actually did the unheard of, but this is like probably 30 years ago, 40 years ago, they threw the whole \*\*\*\* thing out and said, start again, new bids from everybody.

01:26:46 - 01:26:49

**Selectboard Office**

And this time, they did not choose the lowest bid.

01:26:50 - 01:26:52

**Selectboard Office**

These people, I think, were disqualified from bidding.

01:26:53 - 01:26:54

**Selectboard Office**

But this is a common thing.

01:26:54 - 01:26:56

**Selectboard Office**

This is a thing people do.

01:26:56 - 01:26:58

**Selectboard Office**

It's not right that they do it.

01:26:58 - 01:27:03

**Selectboard Office**

Well, and according to what Peggy told me, the DOT used to not allow it.

01:27:03 - 01:27:03

**Selectboard Office**

Right.

01:27:04 - 01:27:06

**Selectboard Office**

And they changed the rules for some reason.

01:27:07 - 01:27:08

**Selectboard Office**

So thank you to the state.

01:27:09 - 01:27:11

**Selectboard Office**

So exactly how much, if anything, they can do about it, I don't know.

01:27:12 - 01:27:13

**Selectboard Office**

But anyway, that's coming up.

01:27:13 - 01:27:15

**Selectboard Office**

We should figure this out first.

01:27:15 - 01:27:17

**Selectboard Office**

So do you have a number in mind?

01:27:18 - 01:27:21

**Selectboard Office**

I would say at least \$500 a month.

01:27:21 - 01:27:27

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, yeah, the station has some baseline usage underneath that, but it's not a lot.

01:27:28 - 01:27:30

**Selectboard Office**

And what are they paying now?

01:27:30 - 01:27:31

**Selectboard Office**

I'm sorry.

01:27:31 - 01:27:32

**Selectboard Office**

What are they charging them now?

01:27:32 - 01:27:33

**Selectboard Office**

\$500.

01:27:34 - 01:27:35

**Selectboard Office**

I don't know.

01:27:35 - 01:27:36

**Selectboard Office**

I think it's \$500 now.

01:27:37 - 01:27:42

**Selectboard Office**

Right, but that may be coming to the town, but it wasn't in my budget.

01:27:44 - 01:27:46

**Selectboard Office**

Right, but it's still going to come to the town.

01:27:46 - 01:27:52

**Selectboard Office**

And I've already increased my budget to try and compensate for this.

01:27:52 - 01:27:54

**Selectboard Office**

I'm not quite sure I've done it enough, but we'll see.

01:27:55 - 01:27:56

**Selectboard Office**

How much did you increase your budget?

01:27:57 - 01:28:00

**Selectboard Office**

I think I went from \$30 to \$32 this year.

01:28:01 - 01:28:04

**Selectboard Office**

\$2,000 right of way \$12 is \$200 a month.

01:28:05 - 01:28:05

**Selectboard Office**

\$250.

01:28:07 - 01:28:08

**Selectboard Office**

\$750 a month.

01:28:09 - 01:28:10

**Selectboard Office**

How does that sound?

01:28:11 - 01:28:14

**Selectboard Office**

50% increase in rent now, like that.

01:28:15 - 01:28:16

**Selectboard Office**

Well, how much has electricity gone up?

01:28:17 - 01:28:20

**Selectboard Office**

Well, Peggy's not here to get a better idea of what exactly a conversation was like.

01:28:20 - 01:28:21

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, but we could find out.

01:28:21 - 01:28:25

**Selectboard Office**

So why don't we continue this at the next meeting.

01:28:25 - 01:28:26

**Selectboard Office**

So we'll go, but we don't have time.

01:28:26 - 01:28:27

**Selectboard Office**

Thank you for preparing.

01:28:28 - 01:28:28

**Selectboard Office**

Sure.

01:28:29 - 01:28:32

**Selectboard Office**

Peg and I thought I'd mail this in slow motion.

01:28:33 - 01:28:34

**Selectboard Office**

Peg at least knows it all.

01:28:34 - 01:28:34

**Selectboard Office**

You did.

01:28:34 - 01:28:35

**Selectboard Office**

I have this electron, please.

01:28:37 - 01:28:40

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, we'd get away with charging 1 ,000, and then we ought to do it.

01:28:40 - 01:28:41

**Selectboard Office**

I think that's worth it.

01:28:41 - 01:28:42

**Selectboard Office**

I'm not sure we can, but yeah.

01:28:42 - 01:28:44

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I think we probably can.

01:28:44 - 01:28:56

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, I think it's like Sure, we're being ridiculously cheap about this Everything I've heard was ridiculously cheap because they typically be like anywhere from like 15 to 20 around a year.

01:28:56 - 01:29:19

**Selectboard Office**

Never mind And the first time around on phase one, it was just one guy and they weren't here in the winter They've completely up their game a lot this time Of course we had both projects going on at the same time and there was a separate guy at first Handling them on 12 thing but Dave was in charge of both but still There's like you said you got a couple people there.

01:29:19 - 01:29:32

**Selectboard Office**

Well, we're not even talking any square footage rental I mean they they've got about half of that upstairs from training meeting room Occupied with their desks where the pool is the pool table still there the pool table.

01:29:38 - 01:29:40

**Selectboard Office**

You should charge right on the pool table.

01:29:42 - 01:29:44

**Selectboard Office**

That was Kyle and Mindy's pool day, right?

01:29:45 - 01:29:47

**Selectboard Office**

Well, that pool day was when we were two years old.

01:29:47 - 01:29:51

**Selectboard Office**

No, but I mean, they were the ones doing tournaments and things.

01:29:52 - 01:29:54

**Selectboard Office**

Is Mindy still with the Pirate Department or not?

01:29:55 - 01:29:55

**Selectboard Office**

No.

01:29:55 - 01:29:57

**Selectboard Office**

She's not doing your work for you anymore?

01:29:57 - 01:29:58

**Selectboard Office**

No.

01:29:58 - 01:29:58

**Selectboard Office**

Ok.

01:29:58 - 01:30:00

**Selectboard Office**

Is there a different admin person?

01:30:00 - 01:30:01

**Selectboard Office**

Yes.

01:30:03 - 01:30:04

**Selectboard Office**

Cheyenne, Lou Bray.

01:30:23 - 01:30:31

**Selectboard Office**

We'll continue this to June 2nd and I will talk to Peggy and hopefully we can figure that one out.

01:30:31 - 01:30:32

**Selectboard Office**

Um.

01:30:38 - 01:31:03

**Selectboard Office**

Next steps that's all set so now CMRK um they're the people that have the uh textile and book boxes um they're required to collect textiles which is why we have that and we get reimbursed for the amount of textiles and it's been by weight and um They'd like to go to a flat rate.

01:31:03 - 01:31:09

**Selectboard Office**

I'm sure it's a pain in the \*\*\* to pick that stuff and wage town separately and go through all that.

01:31:09 - 01:31:11

**Selectboard Office**

So I created a spreadsheet.

01:31:12 - 01:31:16

**Selectboard Office**

They sent us, we asked for records of what they've been picking up, which they sent.

01:31:17 - 01:31:19

**Selectboard Office**

I broke it out in a spreadsheet.

01:31:19 - 01:31:22

**Selectboard Office**

So they're offering to pay \$1 ,100 a year.

01:31:25 - 01:31:28

**Selectboard Office**

And we have never gotten quite that much.

01:31:28 - 01:31:34

**Selectboard Office**

So we had, 2023's total was \$1 ,074, basically.

01:31:34 - 01:31:41

**Selectboard Office**

2024 was \$1 ,096, so really close to 1 ,100.

01:31:41 - 01:31:44

**Selectboard Office**

And then 2025 was only \$891.

01:31:46 - 01:31:49

**Selectboard Office**

Did they say anywhere on that sheet how much they paid per pound?

01:31:50 - 01:31:51

**Selectboard Office**

Because that was the formula.

01:31:52 - 01:31:56

**Selectboard Office**

Well, here's the weight and the cost, if you wanna do the math.

01:32:00 - 01:32:03

**Selectboard Office**

They do tell us how much it's per pound, but I don't remember what it is.

01:32:03 - 01:32:04

**Selectboard Office**

I don't have to do this.

01:32:04 - 01:32:06

**Selectboard Office**

It's under 10 cents a pound.

01:32:06 - 01:32:07

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it's not about that.

01:32:07 - 01:32:08

**Selectboard Office**

It's Perry's.

01:32:10 - 01:32:18

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, now that looks actually reasonable because it's, as you said, we haven't quite reached 1100 in any year so far.

01:32:18 - 01:32:20

**Selectboard Office**

Last year was down from the year before.

01:32:21 - 01:32:24

**Selectboard Office**

Not to say that this year would be down, but I think it sounds reasonable.

01:32:24 - 01:32:26

**Selectboard Office**

And this is a one-year contract, correct?

01:32:36 - 01:32:45

**Selectboard Office**

We have 30 days to terminate, so it's just an ongoing contract, and we can terminate at any time and give them 30 days to sort it out.

01:32:46 - 01:32:48

**Deb Rocque**

Sounds like a no-brainer to me.

01:32:49 - 01:32:49

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, exactly.

01:32:49 - 01:32:52

**Selectboard Office**

I mean, why do we want to go find somebody else?

01:32:52 - 01:32:52

**Selectboard Office**

No, we don't.

01:32:52 - 01:32:53

**Selectboard Office**

We don't.

01:32:54 - 01:32:55

**Selectboard Office**

Because we're required to collect that stuff.

01:32:55 - 01:32:56

**Selectboard Office**

Correct.

01:32:56 - 01:32:58

**Selectboard Office**

And the book thing is super helpful too.

01:33:00 - 01:33:01

**Selectboard Office**

We don't get it for the books.

01:33:02 - 01:33:03

**Selectboard Office**

All right, so.

01:33:03 - 01:33:13

**Selectboard Office**

So I move that we accept the MOU from CMRK for the new flat rate of \$1 ,100 per year.

01:33:17 - 01:33:17

**Selectboard Office**

Second.

01:33:17 - 01:33:18

**Selectboard Office**

Discussion.

01:33:19 - 01:33:19

**Selectboard Office**

All in favor.

01:33:20 - 01:33:20

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

01:33:24 - 01:33:27

**Selectboard Office**

Okay, that's fine, we're almost there.

01:33:29 - 01:33:32

**Selectboard Office**

So 143 cost overrun that we were just talking about.

01:33:34 - 01:33:37

**Selectboard Office**

And I think it is basically about the cost of more gravel.

01:33:38 - 01:33:40

**Selectboard Office**

So it's \$912?

01:33:40 - 01:33:41

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, it's not a huge amount.

01:33:42 - 01:33:44

**Selectboard Office**

They're very anxious to get this paid.

01:33:45 - 01:33:51

**Selectboard Office**

Yeah, well that actually gives me even more incentive to up the rent.

01:33:51 - 01:33:54

**Selectboard Office**

Well, but once DOT and the other is Marais, then whatever.

01:33:54 - 01:33:56

**Selectboard Office**

Marais still pays the bill, I believe.

01:33:57 - 01:33:59

**Selectboard Office**

Correct, they do actually pay the bill.

01:33:59 - 01:34:00

**Selectboard Office**

Oh, okay.

01:34:00 - 01:34:04

**Selectboard Office**

Well, Marais, they haven't won any points with me, but, you know, so, okay.

01:34:05 - 01:34:15

**Selectboard Office**

Well, I move that we pay the bill to nasty ot for nine hundred and twelve dollars cost overruns.

01:34:15 - 01:34:15

**Deb Rocque**

I.

01:34:15 - 01:34:15

**Selectboard Office**

Second.

01:34:17 - 01:34:18

**Selectboard Office**

Sorry, I thought.

01:34:18 - 01:34:19

**Selectboard Office**

You were done.

01:34:23 - 01:34:24

**Selectboard Office**

Alright, one at a time here.

01:34:25 - 01:34:25

**Selectboard Office**

Mike, go ahead.

01:34:25 - 01:34:27

**Selectboard Office**

Sorry, I'm just looking at it.

01:34:27 - 01:34:29

**Selectboard Office**

It looks like it's nine thousand one hundred and twenty dollars.

01:34:30 - 01:34:41

**Selectboard Office**

No, that's the amount of that's the material material so nine hundred and twelve dollars is where it stands.

01:34:41 - 01:34:43

**Deb Rocque**

Okay.

01:34:43 - 01:34:49

**Selectboard Office**

Now I second okay any discussion all favor.

01:34:49 - 01:34:49

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

01:34:49 - 01:34:50

**Selectboard Office**

Aye.

01:34:50 - 01:34:52

**Selectboard Office**

All right.

01:34:52 - 01:34:52

**Selectboard Office**

Good.

01:34:53 - 01:34:56

**Selectboard Office**

And we have some minutes to review.

01:34:59 - 01:35:05

**Selectboard Office**

Does anybody else have any comment they want to make before we adjourn?

01:35:06 - 01:35:15

**Selectboard Office**

So I just was going to say that we had, just to let people know that one of the big things at town meeting were the flaggers.

01:35:16 - 01:35:24

**Selectboard Office**

In my I was talking to John Scobie about something and he had said that he was not hiring those flaggers anymore.

01:35:24 - 01:35:30

**Selectboard Office**

The trouble was last year 112 needed seven flaggers, 143 needed six flaggers.

01:35:30 - 01:35:34

**Selectboard Office**

He said you'd find 13 qualified people in the Hill Cows at any given moment.

01:35:34 - 01:35:35

**Selectboard Office**

I challenge you.

01:35:36 - 01:35:41

**Selectboard Office**

So he said this year it will all be traffic control officers and police officers.

01:35:41 - 01:35:42

**Selectboard Office**

None of those flaggers.

01:35:45 - 01:35:46

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We heard anything about them picking up the Pleasant Street project?

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The last I've heard of that is Peggy delaying on sending the job to bid.

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So do we think that's going to happen this year or not?