

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

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This conference will now be recorded.

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Just to briefly recap, we're waiting for Riyal to arrive before we do the, I'll talk about highway stuff and we're moving on this PVPC Hazard Mitigation Plan.

00:15 - 00:15

Selectboard Office

Hi.

00:18 - 00:19

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Am I on picture too?

00:19 - 00:20

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Yeah.

00:20 - 00:20

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Oh, great.

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All right, so we did a hazard mitigation plan back in 2020.

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It's a requirement for some of the grant money from FEMA.

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After disasters and also mitigation money.

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So it's, the one that we have is good.

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We can cut and paste a lot of that.

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We probably need to add some additional risks because it's basically identifying risk and how we would, you know, what we're worried about in terms of that risk.

01:02 - 01:08

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I'm not going to recap the whole, you know, the whole plan.

01:09 - 01:18

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Obviously, you know, things like ice storms and winters and winter snow storms are a couple of the risks.

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We don't have a lot of flooding risk, but we have some.

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We don't have a lot of wildfire, but we have some.

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And there's other things that we talked about.

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So, since we've done that plan back in 2020, we've had some risks that we didn't really think were, um, we didn't.

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Sorry, I'm gonna just switch it up.

01:46 - 01:49

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The owl flashed, something went wrong.

01:51 - 01:53

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It flashed its **** red.

01:58 - 01:59

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Oh, come.

02:08 - 02:09

[speaker unknown]

On.

02:09 - 02:10

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All right.

02:11 - 02:14

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Let me just make sure we got the right sound here.

02:17 - 02:20

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All right, all right, we're good, so all right.

02:20 - 02:41

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Okay, so I'm saying since our plan in 2020, we've had additional things, the pandemic is one, and with the potential, with a potential solar farm, there may be additional risk to.

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In terms of fire, ground water, can, you know, hazard bit fires, hazard mitigation fires, hazard materials.

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So we need to add these into it.

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There is, I was contacted by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

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They are looking at a grant that shouldn't affect us at all and to go forward with it and just make sense to go and do it.

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They get the last plan.

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Yeah, they do.

03:20 - 03:21

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They have all the information.

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That's the way it works.

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They get the money.

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They hire their own person and it's make work for somebody at PBPC.

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It takes nine months.

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We have to review it.

03:36 - 03:41

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I participated fully in the last five committee meetings and two public meetings, right?

03:42 - 03:45

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Yeah So yeah, it's a good thing to do and it doesn't.

03:47 - 03:51

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Sure, I don't see why we'd say, okay.

03:51 - 03:52

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All right, so.

03:54 - 04:00

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That's do they need a letter from us then Accepting saying that we're I don't want them to do they didn't mention it.

04:00 - 04:03

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But if they do you want to follow up?

04:03 - 04:18

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I can just I can just shoot it I talked to Mimi already I could just give her a call or I'll shoot her an email and then though can I promise that you and Michael and you will all be participating?

04:18 - 04:19

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Mm-hmm.

04:19 - 04:20

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That's good.

04:20 - 04:21

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Any particular other peeps in?

04:21 - 04:22

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Any other members of the press board?

04:23 - 04:24

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Yeah, for sure.

04:24 - 04:25

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Is it going to be you?

04:26 - 04:26

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Whatever.

04:26 - 04:28

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We can decide when the time comes.

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If no one else does, then I will.

04:31 - 04:31

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Right.

04:32 - 04:42

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The only other thing that I have is last September we did a fire extinguisher day, and it worked out pretty well.

04:42 - 04:47

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We had about 60 people that came, and we tried out fire extinguishers.

04:47 - 04:51

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Some bought new ones and you guys can't talk.

04:51 - 04:54

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Yes, please don't do it messes everything up.

04:54 - 04:56

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You can't talk on the side Okay, so fire extinguisher down.

04:57 - 04:58

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I'll check with Mike.

04:58 - 05:00

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Maybe we'll do it again.

05:05 - 05:07

[speaker unknown]

Yeah Hey folks?

05:09 - 05:09

[speaker unknown]

Yeah?

05:11 - 05:11

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Is that Mike?

05:13 - 05:16

[speaker unknown]

I'm just letting you know I'm on the phone.

05:16 - 05:18

[speaker unknown]

I'm driving home from work today.

05:19 - 05:19

[speaker unknown]

But.

05:19 - 05:21

[speaker unknown]

I think David's idea is a great one.

05:22 - 05:27

[speaker unknown]

I support holding fire extinguisher day again at the station like we did last year.

05:28 - 05:28

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

05:28 - 05:29

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All right.

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Mike.

05:29 - 05:30

[speaker unknown]

When you figure.

05:30 - 05:34

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Out the right fit the right date give me a call okay.

05:39 - 05:40

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

05:40 - 06:01

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Something I have to add to that which I've been meaning to talk to Peggy about is we have to figure out how to dispose of the old fire extinguishers because there's been a collection of them growing at the fire station that from people dropping them that

need to be disposed of.

06:02 - 06:07

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They have to go to the mass fire technology since Springfield I believe.

06:08 - 06:09

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Did I see you on an email?

06:09 - 06:10

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I did not see that.

06:10 - 06:12

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I asked Linda Cernak about it.

06:13 - 06:14

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So yeah, but they need to be taken there.

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So we need to figure out how much that costs and then charge people for that then.

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Yeah, okay.

06:20 - 06:30

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When we did the fire extinguisher thing last year, the guy took them and I think Yeah, it might have been a five dollar charge or something.

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You know for each one.

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Yeah So let's we have a pile of them.

06:35 - 06:52

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Well, this is not on the agenda So let's put it on a future agenda and discuss it properly Well, we'll know more when we get a little far down the road anyway So when you're ready to discuss it, but in the meantime, you've got to deal with your extinctions Yeah, that's a fire station.

06:52 - 06:56

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Well, we haven't piled up next to the dumpster Well, Susie complained about this.

06:56 - 06:56

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Yeah.

06:58 - 06:59

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I'm sure you heard.

06:59 - 06:59

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Yup.

07:00 - 07:00

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Oh, I did.

07:00 - 07:01

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Oh, well.

07:02 - 07:04

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All right, so I guess I'm done.

07:05 - 07:06

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Unless you have some questions.

07:06 - 07:07

[speaker unknown]

Or?

07:08 - 07:09

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No, I'm not.

07:09 - 07:13

[speaker unknown]

Well, so folks, I had some follow-up for David.

07:15 - 07:15

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Regarding?

07:19 - 07:22

[speaker unknown]

On the hazard mitigation plan, et cetera.

07:22 - 07:23

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Yes.

07:23 - 07:24

Selectboard Office

Ok, go ahead.

07:26 - 07:31

[speaker unknown]

And I'm sorry, you know, I just got a chance to like download it and start reading it.

07:33 - 07:42

[speaker unknown]

And I don't know, I may have missed the beginning part of the conversation while I was trying to get hooked in, but are they seeking inputs to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

07:42 - 07:47

[speaker unknown]

Now in order for us to get access to.

07:47 - 07:48

[speaker unknown]

Grant opportunities.

07:48 - 07:48

[speaker unknown]

Or?

07:49 - 07:50

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No, they're just asking.

07:50 - 07:51

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Or get.

07:51 - 07:51

[speaker unknown]

General inputs.

07:52 - 08:01

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They are asking if we want to renew the plan, which we are due to do, and they will

do the work and get paid for it by the state.

08:01 - 08:03

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They just want us to say go.

08:04 - 08:06

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And their input, they do want their input.

08:06 - 08:08

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Our input will come later.

08:09 - 08:09

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Not now.

08:11 - 08:16

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And you'll be a key person for input.

08:19 - 08:19

[speaker unknown]

Right.

08:19 - 08:20

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

08:20 - 08:39

[speaker unknown]

Yeah, I would think just because of Climate change and the the increased fire risk out in the woods and walk out and increased downfall and The deaths of ash trees and all the rest of it is kind of increasing Wildfire risk in the forest.

08:43 - 08:51

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So yeah, we're overdue to renew this so it's kind of a no-brainer the PVPC will do the work We just have to hold the meetings.

08:53 - 08:54

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

08:54 - 08:55

[speaker unknown]

So yeah, all right.

08:55 - 08:56

[speaker unknown]

So don't need inputs right away.

08:56 - 08:57

[speaker unknown]

That's great.

08:57 - 09:02

[speaker unknown]

Cause, um, but yeah, please, please let me know when they do want to, I.

09:02 - 09:04

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Will do that.

09:04 - 09:05

Selectboard Office

Yes.

09:05 - 09:06

Selectboard Office

Plan on lots of.

09:06 - 09:06

[speaker unknown]

Meetings.

09:07 - 09:07

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

09:07 - 09:08

[speaker unknown]

Thank you.

09:10 - 09:10

Selectboard Office

Cause we know.

09:10 - 09:13

[speaker unknown]

How to, whichever ones I could try to support.

09:13 - 09:13

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

09:15 - 09:16

Selectboard Office

Okay.

09:16 - 09:22

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Well, you may want to designate somebody if you can't make it because there are, you're pretty to it.

09:24 - 09:26

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We'll work it out for him.

09:27 - 09:28

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Anything else?

09:30 - 09:30

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For you?

09:30 - 09:31

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Yeah.

09:31 - 09:35

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I think, no, we're going to talk about EECO one stop here real quick.

09:35 - 09:37

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Have a seat, Kevin.

09:37 - 09:38

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Hey, Kevin.

09:39 - 09:46

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So just that somebody at PVPC is basically offering to do some of the grant legwork if we can identify.

09:46 - 10:01

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The guy I'm talking about is Joe with the last name H-O-P-I-A-G-O-P-I-A-O.

10:03 - 10:06

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Although I think Mimi Kaplan is also involved.

10:08 - 10:10

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So I did get a chance.

10:10 - 10:14

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She did send me a link to what has been funded previously.

10:15 - 10:20

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So she just said, I forget, development projects, and I said, what the **** does that mean?

10:21 - 10:25

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So she sent me a link to some examples, but I haven't had a chance to look.

10:25 - 10:32

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So maybe we could all take a look and see if we see something that jumps out at us that's not going to increase Peggy's workload.

10:33 - 10:34

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Yeah, and so that will never happen.

10:34 - 10:43

Selectboard Office

So you know what, what I suggest is really it's due on June 3rd, which is just a month away, and I know for a fact I don't have any time to get to it.

10:43 - 10:47

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Yeah, so, but they'll have it again.

10:47 - 10:50

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They'll do rounds of it, so, yeah.

10:50 - 10:52

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Alright, well then, not this year.

10:53 - 10:54

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Or this season.

10:55 - 10:57

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Can I ask a question on that?

10:57 - 11:01

Selectboard Office

If you don't have time to do it, what about Christine with the fire department?

11:01 - 11:03

Selectboard Office

Is that because she is, is she writing some grants?

11:04 - 11:05

Selectboard Office

Christine?

11:06 - 11:08

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry, with the highway department.

11:08 - 11:10

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I don't, I'm not aware.

11:10 - 11:11

Selectboard Office

No, she's not.

11:11 - 11:13

Selectboard Office

The fire department does have a Brown.

11:13 - 11:14

Selectboard Office

Right.

11:14 - 11:15

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's Brown.

11:15 - 11:17

Selectboard Office

Would she be willing to do that?

11:20 - 11:23

Selectboard Office

So check with Mike, because she works for him.

11:24 - 11:28

Selectboard Office

So yeah, there isn't enough time to get this together for this Brown plan.

11:29 - 11:34

Selectboard Office

Trying to figure out what we would ask for and have that in place for June.

11:34 - 11:38

Selectboard Office

Right, and to know and to go out to bid and stuff it would be.

11:38 - 11:41

Selectboard Office

But we keep it so we'll keep it in mind.

11:41 - 11:43

Selectboard Office

Yeah, unfortunately better timing.

11:44 - 11:45

Selectboard Office

Yeah It's it's strange.

11:49 - 11:51

Selectboard Office

Yeah, they're looking to spend money.

11:51 - 11:54

Selectboard Office

It's a good thing So I mean, so it's a good thing again.

11:54 - 11:58

Selectboard Office

Um, and I don't mind sending you the link to look at what kinds of things Have been funded.

11:58 - 12:01

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So I actually I actually looked at it.

12:01 - 12:08

Selectboard Office

That's okay So if you have some ideas when you get them in the pipeline now, so we have I'll get back to you on that.

12:08 - 12:11

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There are more is there more than one round a year?

12:11 - 12:12

Selectboard Office

I don't know.

12:15 - 12:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

12:18 - 12:21

Selectboard Office

All right, so that's all I had.

12:33 - 12:38

Selectboard Office

You know whenever you're ready to talk about the fire extinguisher just.

12:41 - 12:46

Selectboard Office

Well, I'll see about the company that did it last year.

12:47 - 12:51

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Would they take what we have now?

12:51 - 12:53

Selectboard Office

Yeah, can you ask while you're at it?

12:55 - 12:56

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How many do we have?

12:57 - 12:58

Selectboard Office

I don't know, do you know?

12:59 - 13:01

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I didn't count, but at least like 10 or 12.

13:02 - 13:03

Selectboard Office

Oh, that's not too bad.

13:04 - 13:06

Selectboard Office

Sue may sound like there was a hundred of them.

13:09 - 13:11

Selectboard Office

No, it's enough to get in the way.

13:12 - 13:13

Selectboard Office

Yes.

13:13 - 13:13

Selectboard Office

Yes.

13:14 - 13:14

Selectboard Office

Okay.

13:15 - 13:15

Selectboard Office

Good.

13:15 - 13:15

Selectboard Office

Great.

13:16 - 13:17

Selectboard Office

Okay.

13:17 - 13:17

Selectboard Office

Bye.

13:17 - 13:18

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

13:19 - 13:31

Selectboard Office

So, we'll go back to you with really how we procurement stuff is mostly just.

13:31 - 13:33

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Let's see.

13:34 - 13:36

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So starting with Moen.

13:39 - 13:41

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Who did it this current year?

13:42 - 13:43

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This current year, limited budget.

13:44 - 13:48

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And they're the only one that we, I believe, got a bid returned from.

13:48 - 13:49

Selectboard Office

Looks like it, yeah.

13:49 - 13:50

Selectboard Office

Some kind of a no-brainer.

13:52 - 13:53

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And they did an excellent job.

13:53 - 13:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and they've been here all spring working hard, I noticed.

13:57 - 13:58

Selectboard Office

Picking up drives.

13:58 - 13:58

Selectboard Office

I know.

13:59 - 14:01

Selectboard Office

I'm bummed that they don't go out to the cemetery business.

14:01 - 14:03

Selectboard Office

To go up to the cemetery.

14:03 - 14:04

Selectboard Office

Maybe you're keeping it juicy.

14:05 - 14:05

Selectboard Office

That must be it.

14:07 - 14:11

Selectboard Office

Maybe it sucks having to mow around all those things.

14:12 - 14:13

Selectboard Office

I don't think so.

14:13 - 14:14

Selectboard Office

I don't think it's the job I'd want to do.

14:14 - 14:15

Selectboard Office

No, I know.

14:17 - 14:18

Selectboard Office

It's quiet, though.

14:18 - 14:24

Selectboard Office

All right, so if you get an electric mower, nobody will even know you're there.

14:27 - 14:30

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So I'll take a motion, please.

14:30 - 14:32

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We actually don't have that.

14:32 - 14:33

Selectboard Office

No, I think we do.

14:33 - 14:38

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Okay, so I move that we accept, okay, so this is just this one quote, okay.

14:38 - 14:42

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I move that the town accept the town mowing quote from limited budget.

14:43 - 14:44

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I second that motion.

14:44 - 14:50

Selectboard Office

For both, it's for town mowing and school mowing, they're separate.

14:50 - 14:52

Selectboard Office

Oh, okay, I didn't realize that, okay.

14:52 - 14:53

Selectboard Office

For both.

14:56 - 14:57

Selectboard Office

All right, discussion.

14:59 - 15:00

Selectboard Office

All in favor?

15:00 - 15:01

Selectboard Office

Aye.

15:01 - 15:01

Selectboard Office

Aye.

15:02 - 15:02

Selectboard Office

Okay.

15:02 - 15:04

Selectboard Office

That was easy.

15:11 - 15:13

Selectboard Office

All right.

15:15 - 15:17

Selectboard Office

Truck rental price sheet approval.

15:18 - 15:19

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What's this about?

15:20 - 15:24

Selectboard Office

I believe it was something that was annually done in the event of something happening.

15:25 - 15:27

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All this stuff goes out to bid.

15:27 - 15:33

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So we need extra equipment for cleaning up or tackling certain projects.

15:34 - 15:39

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It's just what was done in the past for getting equipment and just having it out to bid.

15:39 - 15:40

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So if we need it, great.

15:40 - 15:41

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You can use it without waiting?

15:42 - 15:42

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

15:45 - 15:46

Selectboard Office

You know if we've used it in the past?

15:46 - 15:48

Selectboard Office

Yes, different things have been used.

15:48 - 15:49

Selectboard Office

Okay.

15:49 - 15:58

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I believe Dean Messick was one, his excavator, dump truck, and different things like that.

15:59 - 15:59

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Okay.

16:01 - 16:04

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Is it something that the owner drives?

16:04 - 16:05

Selectboard Office

I believe so.

16:06 - 16:10

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So is this specific quote, I'm just a little confused.

16:11 - 16:16

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So it's quoted for a lot of different, a lot of different things.

16:17 - 16:19

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So it's, it gives a variety, yes.

16:19 - 16:28

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So no matter what goes wrong, we're covered and we don't have to go out for a specific bid because it's just the whole Marianne of everything.

16:31 - 16:34

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So, am I gonna give you to see it?

16:34 - 16:34

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I think so.

16:39 - 16:46

Selectboard Office

Is this the combination bid quote and bid summary that we're looking at?

16:46 - 16:50

Selectboard Office

So these are bids from multiple vendors and you're accepting them individually?

16:51 - 16:57

Selectboard Office

So there's multiple different things from different vendors or different people based on their pricing.

16:57 - 16:59

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And we also need to use it if we need it.

17:00 - 17:03

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And you go to the lowest bid.

17:03 - 17:03

Selectboard Office

Yes.

17:03 - 17:06

Selectboard Office

So these are all the lowest bids you're asking us to take?

17:06 - 17:08

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Ok, you did competitively, I'll put it out.

17:08 - 17:08

Selectboard Office

Yep.

17:10 - 17:24

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So then I guess I will move that we approve the bid quote awards and for equipment and truck rentals for FY27 and the bid summary for additional equipment also for FY27.

17:25 - 17:26

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I second that.

17:28 - 17:29

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Ok, any discussion?

17:30 - 17:31

Selectboard Office

Hopefully not.

17:31 - 17:32

Selectboard Office

Ok.

17:32 - 17:34

Selectboard Office

All in favor?

17:35 - 17:38

Selectboard Office

I put a sticker wherever you have to sign.

17:39 - 17:41

Selectboard Office

Yeah, because there's a million pages.

17:42 - 17:43

Selectboard Office

All right.

17:45 - 17:51

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And then the next one is approval of the Chapter 90 funded excavator purchase that we discussed previously.

17:51 - 17:52

Selectboard Office

Right.

17:52 - 17:53

Selectboard Office

It was on the...

17:53 - 17:54

Selectboard Office

That should be there too.

17:54 - 17:55

Selectboard Office

It has to be funded.

17:56 - 17:59

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So we're approving spending Chapter 90 funds.

17:59 - 18:11

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Okay, so I move that we approve the expenditure of Chapter 90 funds for the purchase of the excavator.

18:11 - 18:11

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Second?

18:15 - 18:17

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For a total of, is there a grand total on here?

18:18 - 18:19

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Is that somewhere?

18:29 - 18:31

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I see no sign there.

18:42 - 18:42

Selectboard Office

Sorry.

18:44 - 18:46

Selectboard Office

There is a sign there.

18:47 - 18:48

Selectboard Office

Is it in the front?

18:49 - 18:52

Selectboard Office

I think it's one of the last pages.

18:54 - 19:03

Selectboard Office

So balance due, \$376 ,000 and \$53.60, not cheap.

19:04 - 19:05

Selectboard Office

\$376, what?

19:07 - 19:12

Selectboard Office

\$376.53, \$376.053, and \$0.60.

19:13 - 19:14

Selectboard Office

I love it when you put this \$0.60.

19:15 - 19:16

Selectboard Office

Yes, I know.

19:16 - 19:17

Selectboard Office

It's like the change.

19:18 - 19:19

Selectboard Office

No pennies, you'll notice.

19:19 - 19:21

Selectboard Office

So that's moved and seconded, right?

19:21 - 19:24

Selectboard Office

If you have discussion, all in favor?

19:25 - 19:25

Selectboard Office

Aye.

19:25 - 19:25

Selectboard Office

Aye.

19:27 - 19:29

Selectboard Office

We don't scare the way out of it, it's good.

19:31 - 19:33

Selectboard Office

Sorry, couldn't resist.

19:36 - 19:38

Selectboard Office

This is boring, I'm not staying.

19:41 - 19:49

Selectboard Office

All right, so on to after action summary for town meeting.

19:50 - 20:06

Selectboard Office

I did make a list of stuff that we talked about, I don't want to, I don't think we need to talk about specifically what we need to, I think we need to make the list tonight and then address them at a future meeting.

20:08 - 20:08

Selectboard Office

Yes.

20:09 - 20:11

Selectboard Office

None of them are on our agenda, so we really cannot.

20:12 - 20:17

Selectboard Office

No, but I want to make sure we're going to create essentially the future agenda.

20:17 - 20:17

Selectboard Office

Which is fine.

20:17 - 20:18

Selectboard Office

That's the point.

20:18 - 20:18

Selectboard Office

Right.

20:18 - 20:21

Selectboard Office

So I have, and then we can talk about other things too.

20:22 - 20:34

Selectboard Office

Can I mention something that came up at town meeting that I started the ball on some of, um, there was a little bit of talk of like a led sign for the school zone.

20:35 - 20:43

Selectboard Office

I spoke with Lisa after the meeting to try to figure out like what was said and anything going on to try to do something for our school zone.

20:43 - 20:46

Selectboard Office

And I talked to our police chief about it last week.

20:47 - 20:51

Selectboard Office

And since 112 was state road, it's nothing I can do.

20:52 - 20:55

Selectboard Office

It's not my road, not my signs, or it's a state.

20:56 - 21:00

Selectboard Office

So I went and spoke with David Reynolds, who's in charge of 112.

21:01 - 21:04

Selectboard Office

And he said to just put an email, send it to him.

21:04 - 21:28

Selectboard Office

And he sent it to his higher ups and they just got back today asking to mail a letter We're talking about it to another state office official and it's coming down to either being State Road trying to get the state to pay for it or if it was mentioned if the town wants to pay for it.

21:28 - 21:43

Selectboard Office

It was mentioned it was asked you mean whether we pay it would make it easier they said if we wanted to buy the signs to go in so you and you did talk to John about it scoby yes Was I wrong that there's in fact a sign sitting in the police station?

21:43 - 21:52

Selectboard Office

So we have the cheap plastic ones that Ranky had bought for putting up for speeding problems anywhere in town.

21:52 - 21:55

Selectboard Office

They're not ideal for a school zone situation.

21:57 - 22:09

Selectboard Office

So unfortunately, there is a grant a few, two, three years ago that was missed out on by this town where the state was giving them out to anybody who applied for them.

22:09 - 22:20

Selectboard Office

And that's over and done with because I had, Matt in Chesterfield had applied for it and got them and I'm the one that put them together and installed them in Chesterfield.

22:22 - 22:23

Selectboard Office

Who are the ones that are on wheels of the?

22:23 - 22:30

Selectboard Office

Nope, it's actual school zone, school zone 20 light flashing light and you can program it.

22:30 - 22:35

Selectboard Office

Nobody could use the roads that they saw and you wouldn't ever, does anybody even go down there?

22:35 - 22:43

Selectboard Office

Yeah, we program it to the speed limit for 20 for morning, afternoon, school hours, holidays, the school schedule.

22:43 - 22:50

Selectboard Office

It's all programmed on a computer and then I believe you can change it and have it set for when it's not 20 and flashing.

22:50 - 22:55

Selectboard Office

It's set to the 35 and it just records all the data and has all that information.

22:55 - 23:02

Selectboard Office

So, for the time to pay for it, I think we'd have to fund the money and might have to wait for an appropriation.

23:02 - 23:07

Selectboard Office

So, I would say if the state would be willing, we should entertain that then.

23:07 - 23:08

Selectboard Office

I hope they get time to pay for it.

23:09 - 23:10

Selectboard Office

Let's try that first.

23:11 - 23:11

Selectboard Office

How much are they?

23:11 - 23:12

Selectboard Office

Do you have a clue?

23:12 - 23:16

Selectboard Office

So, I get a constant stream of emails from some company trying to solve this problem.

23:16 - 23:18

Selectboard Office

I can look into what they cost.

23:18 - 23:19

Selectboard Office

I don't know.

23:20 - 23:41

Selectboard Office

My idea is if if anything potentially we would buy one for Stark Weather Road because that is our road and then try to get the state to do 112 so that'd be a total of three but this Stark Weather Road is a heavily complained road of speeding so it would also help there.

23:42 - 23:45

Selectboard Office

There's a conversation but we could put the sign may have on start weather.

23:46 - 23:46

Selectboard Office

Yes.

23:47 - 23:48

Selectboard Office

And just for speeding sake.

23:49 - 23:49

Selectboard Office

Yep.

23:50 - 23:51

Selectboard Office

You mean the flashing ones?

23:52 - 23:54

Selectboard Office

No just the speed limit.

23:55 - 24:13

Selectboard Office

Like what was up at the health center by the health center and there's throughout town SCOBY and or I've never done anything with those signs and neither has SCOBY that those kind of rankings things so we have to get together at some point see what's involved and how to get them up and running to throw them up wherever we need them.

24:14 - 24:18

Selectboard Office

Speaking of which one of them is gone now the one by the health center, right?

24:18 - 24:28

Selectboard Office

They took it out or something the plastics get very brittle gold and the plastic broke so it fell on the ground Okay, and the high winds it just gets abused up there.

24:29 - 24:31

Selectboard Office

Yeah The time for some new ones.

24:31 - 24:34

Selectboard Office

I'm sure they've been up and not moved for a while.

24:34 - 24:40

Selectboard Office

Yeah, you said three sentences start whether there's one I know posts right near the Chesterfield not those times.

24:40 - 24:47

Selectboard Office

It would be three school Well, and one up there and then one on that one.

24:47 - 24:48

Selectboard Office

Right, basically either side of the stool, it's gone.

24:49 - 24:49

Selectboard Office

Two on 112.

24:50 - 24:51

Selectboard Office

I know it wasn't working, but is it gone?

24:52 - 24:53

Selectboard Office

What one?

24:53 - 24:54

Selectboard Office

The one on the old post.

24:54 - 24:56

Selectboard Office

The old post one, that post fell over.

24:57 - 24:58

Selectboard Office

It wasn't very far on the ground, so.

24:58 - 24:59

Selectboard Office

It was an old post.

25:04 - 25:10

Selectboard Office

All right, well, I will respond to the email I get and talk to a salesperson and get some idea of pricing.

25:10 - 25:16

Selectboard Office

Let's see if the state will pay for it, And then if not, we can find out whether we want to.

25:16 - 25:17

Selectboard Office

Why not, Omar?

25:18 - 25:24

Selectboard Office

Whether we got some money, you know, in our budget that would cover it or not, okay?

25:25 - 25:30

Selectboard Office

So I did have speed signs on my list actually, so we can visit that at a future meeting.

25:32 - 25:35

Selectboard Office

I have revisiting rent for the fire department.

25:36 - 25:49

Selectboard Office

So I booked, so I gave them a contract through June, so I can contact them and say, Mike said it's an additional \$500 a month, so we should have that conversation.

25:50 - 25:51

Selectboard Office

Maybe I'll ask Mike.

25:51 - 25:52

Selectboard Office

Mike, are you here?

25:53 - 25:53

Selectboard Office

Yes.

25:54 - 25:55

Selectboard Office

Yeah, please call the one.

25:56 - 25:56

Selectboard Office

Okay.

25:57 - 25:58

Selectboard Office

Yeah, Mike.

25:58 - 25:59

[speaker unknown]

I'm on the line.

25:59 - 26:00

[speaker unknown]

I'm on the phone.

26:01 - 26:06

Selectboard Office

Okay, so can you put in writing what the increase in the electric bill is?

26:06 - 26:07

Selectboard Office

We have the firm number.

26:07 - 26:08

Selectboard Office

And other costs.

26:08 - 26:12

Selectboard Office

And any other costs that might of increase on your water bill or whatever.

26:13 - 26:16

Selectboard Office

And then we can, we can renegotiate.

26:16 - 26:18

Selectboard Office

Yeah, the fire department water bill.

26:20 - 26:23

Selectboard Office

And then we can renegotiate with the.

26:23 - 26:23

[speaker unknown]

State.

26:24 - 26:24

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

26:24 - 26:25

Selectboard Office

Perfect timing.

26:25 - 26:26

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

26:28 - 26:30

Selectboard Office

But let's talk about it again next meeting.

26:32 - 26:36

[speaker unknown]

All right, so if I round that info, who do you want me to send that to?

26:38 - 26:39

Selectboard Office

He can send it to me.

26:39 - 26:40

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

26:50 - 27:02

Selectboard Office

There was a whole discussion about web and media coordinator versus webmaster and whether we want to consider changing that.

27:03 - 27:04

Selectboard Office

At this point, it's a done deal.

27:05 - 27:05

Selectboard Office

Right.

27:05 - 27:06

Selectboard Office

For this year, it's basically done.

27:07 - 27:08

Selectboard Office

For 27, it's basically done.

27:08 - 27:42

Selectboard Office

The thing is that, as you were saying, I think it's unlikely that anybody else we would hire would do both jobs you know you never know but yes so maybe you should have the you know whatever we want to call web master whatever web something web manager whatever you want to call it and then media coordinator would be another thing whether it's the same person doing both jobs you know but it's unlike you I don't know that we would get somebody to want it.

27:42 - 28:02

Selectboard Office

You know, you got a web you never know You're gonna hire somebody who's not even living here to do the web stuff Maybe some high school kid if you're lucky and you're gonna hire somebody totally different to do the AV stuff Yeah And then you're gonna pay either John Deere and more money or you're gonna hire somebody else to do some additional IT work Right do all three of those, right?

28:02 - 28:06

Selectboard Office

Yes so can I just indulge me.

28:06 - 28:10

Selectboard Office

With 15 seconds of background on this, please.

28:10 - 28:16

Selectboard Office

Yes, so we had one article asking the town to approve that.

28:17 - 28:18

Selectboard Office

You were here for that.

28:18 - 28:25

Selectboard Office

So the discussion was as we sort of had here, were we being too specific?

28:26 - 28:26

Selectboard Office

Okay.

28:28 - 28:48

Selectboard Office

And I think people confused a little bit the fact that, You know, I do more than just web extracurricular stuff, I guess, that's outside of the scope of typical SWAT work, but that's not, but you wouldn't necessarily hire somebody to do all three of these things.

28:49 - 28:49

Selectboard Office

Okay.

28:49 - 28:50

Selectboard Office

So that was the sense of it.

28:51 - 28:51

Selectboard Office

Sounds even fair.

28:52 - 28:52

Selectboard Office

Right.

28:52 - 29:05

Selectboard Office

Pam had wanted to change the name from webmaster to web and media coordinator, but I kind of that we would have somebody who's doing all of those things.

29:06 - 29:08

Selectboard Office

So we've had a potato-potato discussion?

29:09 - 29:10

Selectboard Office

Basically, yeah.

29:10 - 29:15

Selectboard Office

But we had to leave it the way it was because we'd already authorized the money to go for Webmaster.

29:15 - 29:16

Selectboard Office

So if you change the title...

29:16 - 29:17

Selectboard Office

We would have had to go back.

29:18 - 29:19

Selectboard Office

It's like, don't do that.

29:19 - 29:21

Selectboard Office

And amend the previous one article.

29:22 - 29:23

Selectboard Office

I begged a little bit.

29:23 - 29:25

Selectboard Office

Please don't change it.

29:25 - 29:27

Selectboard Office

Well, yeah, for this year, it makes no difference.

29:27 - 29:29

Selectboard Office

Just do it, you know, and then we want to change it.

29:29 - 29:30

Selectboard Office

In the future, we can change it.

29:31 - 29:32

Selectboard Office

Flashbacks.

29:33 - 29:34

Selectboard Office

Why did Peggy walk out?

29:35 - 29:36

Selectboard Office

There's a lot of beeping.

29:37 - 29:41

Selectboard Office

I think it was a wave or something in the kitchen that was bothering her.

29:41 - 29:42

Selectboard Office

Oh really?

29:42 - 29:43

Selectboard Office

I heard it.

29:43 - 29:44

Selectboard Office

There was much beeping.

29:46 - 29:46

[speaker unknown]

So.

29:50 - 29:53

Selectboard Office

Well, let's talk about the stabilization report.

29:54 - 29:54

Selectboard Office

Alex.

29:54 - 29:55

[speaker unknown]

Black has had this.

29:57 - 30:00

Selectboard Office

And I meant to look at the Finance Committee's handout.

30:01 - 30:02

Selectboard Office

I have an answer.

30:02 - 30:03

Selectboard Office

What's the answer?

30:03 - 30:03

Selectboard Office

Okay.

30:04 - 30:04

Selectboard Office

Was it in there?

30:04 - 30:11

Selectboard Office

No, I didn't look at the Finance Committee's handout, but I happened to be talking to Kirsten Hentraw yesterday and she said of these accounts.

30:12 - 30:23

Selectboard Office

So the two accounts with the 1% interest, basically one of them is our checking account with the town's checking account and it maintains a balance of about 300,000 in order to avoid bouncing checks.

30:23 - 30:28

Selectboard Office

But that is that's you know checking accounts don't have four and a half percent interest.

30:28 - 30:29

Selectboard Office

You're lucky you get any interest.

30:29 - 30:34

Selectboard Office

Right and the other one it's something called a MOTI or something odd like that.

30:34 - 30:38

Selectboard Office

That is the account into which the state dumps any money that they're giving us.

30:38 - 30:42

Selectboard Office

So they dump it in there and then you take it from there and move it somewhere else.

30:42 - 30:45

Selectboard Office

So for instance you move it to the different departments it may be going to.

30:46 - 30:49

Selectboard Office

So that's the reason that that is a one percent account.

30:49 - 31:23

Selectboard Office

It had a balance in it at the time that report was done but she said she believes that she had almost immediately after that report she transferred the money out of there into other places because that report is a report at a moment in time so you know so that's the reason they're basically checking accounts that have so would you mind responding to Alex and fill him in on that um no I could do I must have his email so I'll send it to you okay and then the second request was that there be a report I think what we're spending out of the disabled station.

31:23 - 31:29

Selectboard Office

Like where it was and what we spent out of it over the course of the last year, and he does.

31:29 - 31:35

Selectboard Office

And I think that's one of the many things we had when we were working on the budget, but it's not in the finance when he handed out.

31:35 - 31:37

Selectboard Office

I don't know if it's in the town department.

31:38 - 31:39

Selectboard Office

I don't know.

31:43 - 31:46

Selectboard Office

Just happen to have a box on the bench up there.

31:46 - 31:47

Selectboard Office

Oh, one right there.

31:51 - 31:51

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

31:53 - 31:53

Selectboard Office

Finance.

32:02 - 32:04

Selectboard Office

Well, actually, I wrote this report.

32:06 - 32:07

Selectboard Office

It's part of that effort.

32:09 - 32:11

Selectboard Office

So, it doesn't exist.

32:13 - 32:21

Selectboard Office

It probably would be a nice thing to publish somewhere, not in the town report and have it as part of a handout for...

32:21 - 32:24

Selectboard Office

Yeah, put it on the Finance Canadian website even, right?

32:24 - 32:25

Selectboard Office
I mean, what page?

32:26 - 32:26

Selectboard Office
Yeah.

32:26 - 32:28

Selectboard Office
All right, I'll follow up.

32:28 - 32:29

Selectboard Office
It may be there already.

32:29 - 32:30

Selectboard Office
Joe sends me stuff.

32:30 - 32:32

Selectboard Office
He puts lots of stuff on there.

32:32 - 32:33

Selectboard Office
Well, I put it there.

32:33 - 32:35

Selectboard Office
Yeah, you put it there, but he sends it there.

32:35 - 32:37

Selectboard Office

It's pretty much like that stuff.

32:38 - 32:39

Selectboard Office

I can look real quick.

32:42 - 32:43

Selectboard Office

You're with me here.

32:57 - 33:01

Selectboard Office

If you see, I sent an email to Jordan Meyer.

33:01 - 33:02

Selectboard Office

I can't remember really which one.

33:03 - 33:05

Selectboard Office

Asking for those policies for the CDL.

33:05 - 33:10

Selectboard Office

I'm not going to bother reinventing it and take that as that, and for.

33:12 - 33:17

Selectboard Office

The DBS, yeah, yeah, the DBS, so.

33:18 - 33:22

Selectboard Office

So I don't see it, so I'll talk to Jo, I'll follow up on that.

33:22 - 33:23

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I didn't see that email.

33:24 - 33:27

Selectboard Office

I probably can't put you on it, I'll support it, just so you all know.

33:28 - 33:29

Selectboard Office

Sounds good, thank you.

33:32 - 33:51

Selectboard Office

Obviously, we need to put the whole issue of the second legal opinion on the agenda to talk about how we want to proceed with that, whether we want to schedule a special time meeting to pay for it or, it seems to me that's what we need to do.

33:51 - 33:55

Selectboard Office

Do you have to find out about the, what is it, 53 Bs or whatever?

33:56 - 34:04

Selectboard Office

Well, okay, so that's the provision that says that we can ask the applicant to pay.

34:04 - 34:08

Selectboard Office

Okay, well, state clearly says that the applicant does not pay.

34:08 - 34:12

Selectboard Office

Our local loss, our zoning loss that the applicant would ask the applicant.

34:12 - 34:15

Selectboard Office

No, the state law doesn't say it doesn't pay, the state law just doesn't say it does.

34:15 - 34:18

Selectboard Office

The state law is very vague, it just says contractor or consultant.

34:19 - 34:20

Selectboard Office

Contractor is something, right.

34:20 - 34:20

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

34:21 - 34:23

Selectboard Office

It's all it says, is that you can hire consultants, period.

34:23 - 34:25

Selectboard Office

Oh, it doesn't say who pays for it.

34:25 - 34:42

Selectboard Office

No, it says that the applicant can pay that you can charge the applicant for consultants And then in some town bylaws like ours Consultants are listed to include leaders And then sometimes they're not but ours does say it and Bart is gonna try to get away, right?

34:42 - 34:44

Selectboard Office

I mean he is he's Working on that.

34:44 - 34:45

Selectboard Office

So he is working answer.

34:46 - 35:15

Selectboard Office

Yeah, but In Bart and I discussed this with Bart already previous in since that meeting Just to make sure I understood correctly whether I thought I heard him say it it only

gets reimbursed if the Applications approved that is what he said we get reimbursed as you go But he's over the opinion as is our town council asking for a second legal opinion Is not.

35:17 - 35:20

Selectboard Office

So what so let's just talk about it.

35:24 - 35:31

Selectboard Office

And regardless, it's all reimbursement, so you've got to pay for it up front, so it means we have to budget for it, whether we have been first or not.

35:32 - 35:36

Selectboard Office

I'd also like clarity on what does that mean, second legal opinion.

35:37 - 35:39

Selectboard Office

I'm unclear what we're asking for.

35:39 - 35:42

Selectboard Office

Well, all that we have is the language of the petition.

35:43 - 35:44

Selectboard Office

That's why she's not clear.

35:45 - 35:45

Selectboard Office

Exactly.

35:47 - 35:51

Selectboard Office

So, well, again, let's discuss it, and I'm sure they would want to be part of that discussion.

35:51 - 36:18

Selectboard Office

Should be fine because then maybe we can understand what what are we asking yeah it's pretty good to me they want a second lawyer to review what the first lawyer is saying actually the other way to look at it would be to to stop using KP line to use a different firm but I don't think that's what they're no the the origin of it I think was mentioned by one of the people in discussion was that blue.

36:18 - 36:20

Selectboard Office

Oh, it was Gabe, blue wave.

36:21 - 36:23

Selectboard Office

Blue wave is also representing, no.

36:23 - 36:26

Selectboard Office

Kp Law is also representing blue wave.

36:26 - 36:30

Selectboard Office

And that was the whole hub that went to the, developed to the.

36:30 - 36:30

Selectboard Office

But they're not.

36:31 - 36:31

Selectboard Office

But they're not.

36:32 - 36:33

Selectboard Office

Okay, so.

36:33 - 36:35

Selectboard Office

They're representing other towns against blue wave.

36:35 - 36:36

Selectboard Office

Yeah, right.

36:36 - 36:40

Selectboard Office

Okay, so we can have that whole discussion on an agenda.

36:40 - 36:41

Selectboard Office

Yes, that would be good.

36:41 - 36:43

Selectboard Office

So let's put that on the next meeting.

36:43 - 36:44

Selectboard Office

Okay.

36:47 - 36:50

Selectboard Office

So that's all I have on my list, but I might have missed something anybody else had.

36:50 - 36:55

Selectboard Office

I do, and maybe a question to Peg in terms of, again, the worrying on the.

36:55 - 36:56

[speaker unknown]

Peer review.

36:56 - 36:56

Selectboard Office

On.

36:56 - 36:58

[speaker unknown]

The department.

36:59 - 37:08

Selectboard Office

I said, when we put in a warrant that I would help out, so maybe you and I, my question is, since it's 12 ,000, does it have to be bid?

37:10 - 37:13

Selectboard Office

Oh yeah, that will have to be, well.

37:13 - 37:18

Selectboard Office

To meet me in between and everything.

37:18 - 37:24

Selectboard Office

I'll go through that list of questions that Joe developed and come up with the...

37:24 - 37:28

Selectboard Office

And would you like Rob Markalow who did it to be involved?

37:28 - 37:31

Selectboard Office

No, you don't have the same firm do the peer review.

37:31 - 37:32

Selectboard Office

No, yeah, well I know that.

37:33 - 38:19

Selectboard Office

It should be fresh look at them without ego or without any yeah just basic and it's more the way we I would word the questions that Joe did which are really good questions were more specific of what would you have done differently and also when we go to a different option what that different option costs so I shouldn't shouldn't be giving her any but I've had a second tour with this guy quite thorough and my mind is heading in one direction that I wouldn't lean that way in the questionnaire but I know a lot of other questions have come up since the first study and since taking the second walk.

38:20 - 38:24

Selectboard Office

So having his eyes on it, fresh.

38:25 - 38:26

Selectboard Office

I like.

38:27 - 38:29

Selectboard Office

I think that's a big difference.

38:30 - 38:33

Selectboard Office

And then he should be part of the process.

38:33 - 38:34

Selectboard Office

Of course.

38:36 - 38:39

Selectboard Office

So I'll start with the list, then I'll come in.

38:39 - 38:40

Selectboard Office

All right, we'll talk.

38:41 - 38:44

Selectboard Office

But put it on the next agenda, if only the touch base.

38:47 - 38:50

Selectboard Office

Next meeting is going to be long.

38:50 - 38:51

Selectboard Office

Sorry.

38:52 - 38:55

Selectboard Office

Well, some stuff could hang over too.

38:56 - 38:57

Selectboard Office

I mean.

39:00 - 39:12

Selectboard Office

One thing that I have a kind of a question about, it was sort of ironic that of all the things that generated the most discussion, it was the \$400 bill for the flaggers.

39:12 - 39:20

Selectboard Office

It's like, okay, but clearly people are really annoyed at the flaggers and I understand why from.

39:23 - 39:31

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I've watched them I mean, you know work As you pull up somebody kind of goes like this and then never looks at you again.

39:31 - 39:36

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and so it's like I Pulled up and they don't look any period or wave or anything.

39:36 - 39:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah the **** am I supposed to do?

39:38 - 39:40

Selectboard Office

Am I supposed to sit here?

39:41 - 39:46

Selectboard Office

You know, and I started moving and then the guy turns around and starts yelling don't I wasn't even close to him.

39:46 - 39:48

Selectboard Office

I wasn't even close to blocking the way.

39:48 - 39:57

Selectboard Office

I said, well, I don't know what to do I mean as far as I know you just kind of went like that and turned around and that was the end of that He almost walked away.

39:58 - 39:59

Selectboard Office

What does that mean?

39:59 - 40:05

Selectboard Office

You know, so I think that maybe one of the things we have to do is figure out how how do we who do we communicate with?

40:05 - 40:37

Selectboard Office

Is it John Scobie that to say like those flaggers are not doing what they're supposed to do yes they need to stay yeah okay yeah I think we need to look into that with him as well because we do have the appropriate signs at the highway garage yeah and we've used them a little bit but even all state doing 112 they forgot their signs the

last week or two that they were here and they borrowed them so they got used and they used them right it's like there's no that they can't be used up there.

40:37 - 40:38

Selectboard Office

No, and they should be used.

40:38 - 40:45

Selectboard Office

I mean, it's just so nice to look at a sign, because they stand there and they go like this, down they're heavy, you can't see anything.

40:45 - 40:52

Selectboard Office

So let's have John, if he can't make the next meeting, next available meeting, he can come to to talk about this.

40:53 - 40:53

Selectboard Office

Okay.

40:53 - 40:56

Selectboard Office

Jp, that's good summertime work for you being a flagger.

41:00 - 41:08

Selectboard Office

I was just asking if she was going to ask John if I should ask.

41:10 - 41:10

Selectboard Office

Okay.

41:10 - 41:11

Selectboard Office

So you figured it out?

41:12 - 41:12

Selectboard Office

She's going to ask.

41:12 - 41:14

Selectboard Office

Well, just kind of a follow-up to that, right?

41:15 - 41:23

Selectboard Office

If they're starting all the road work, especially out on 143 towards the pro-line, it's really tough in those codes there.

41:23 - 41:33

Selectboard Office

And, you know, I've been going by there, and there's police details out there, and sometimes you get their attention, sometimes you don't.

41:33 - 41:40

Selectboard Office

It's a very timely thing, especially with all the construction that's going to be happening to improve the building.

41:41 - 41:45

Selectboard Office

So I think one of the questions is to what degree can we insist, you know?

41:45 - 41:52

Selectboard Office

We hire other flaggers ourselves, and I would think at the very least we could require them to use flags.

41:52 - 41:52

Selectboard Office

For sure.

41:52 - 41:58

Selectboard Office

I suspect hiring police from other towns might be more difficult, but who knows?

41:58 - 41:59

Selectboard Office

You can't pay good money.

41:59 - 42:00

Selectboard Office

Right, you have to pay a lot.

42:01 - 42:13

Selectboard Office

The flagging certificate class gives you, which they're all required to take, just like we took at the highway garage, you're required to wear the high-biz PPE and use the sign.

42:13 - 42:21

Selectboard Office

And in the class, it says specifically, when you use the sign, don't stick it in a cone and just spin it or stand there on your phone.

42:21 - 42:46

Selectboard Office

You have to stand there and be an attentive with the sign in right now That's that's what your job is if you're if they're out there with their phone I suspect that's not allowed either as far as I'm concerned No, and the only advantage is that they all have Verizon phones, which don't work up here So they can't get their music their podcast where they could you know they're all bored to tears because their phones All right.

42:46 - 42:48

Selectboard Office

So we'll talk about flaggers.

42:48 - 42:48

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

42:53 - 42:57

Selectboard Office

I thought it was just me, but everybody checked.

42:58 - 43:03

Selectboard Office

I thought that was interesting, leaving town meetings having the most discussion of anything.

43:09 - 43:21

Selectboard Office

I know there's been a lot of discussion about how small the yard is there, and if you had a place to store material, we could be getting some of this material, they're grinding up.

43:21 - 43:26

Selectboard Office

And so what about, I've heard to me, what about Dingle Road down there where the old dump is?

43:27 - 43:30

Selectboard Office

No, we did, we made that mistake and that site that there was a...

43:30 - 43:32

Selectboard Office

Because there was, I was wondering about that.

43:32 - 43:32

Selectboard Office

Yeah, because it's...

43:32 - 43:33

Selectboard Office

Because there's a...

43:33 - 43:35

Selectboard Office

The court did that and we got in a lot of trouble.

43:35 - 43:38

Selectboard Office

Okay, so, okay, so I'll just ask one more question.

43:38 - 43:41

Selectboard Office

What if we put up the silt fence and it was inside of that?

43:42 - 43:43

Selectboard Office

I don't think that would do it.

43:43 - 43:44

Selectboard Office

You don't think so, but you don't know.

43:45 - 43:46

Selectboard Office

Silt fence where?

43:46 - 43:51

Selectboard Office

You know, like on the side, not where the stumps are, but where the old dump was.

43:51 - 43:51

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

43:51 - 43:53

Selectboard Office

That is a big gravel yard.

43:53 - 43:54

Selectboard Office

It's all up in weeds now.

43:55 - 43:56

Selectboard Office

But there's water.

43:56 - 43:58

Selectboard Office

There is a stream down there at the base of the hill.

43:58 - 44:00

Selectboard Office

But isn't that all capped?

44:01 - 44:03

Selectboard Office

Wasn't that all dump at one point?

44:04 - 44:05

Selectboard Office

And that's...

44:05 - 44:07

Selectboard Office

Oh, you know, the parking area, I wouldn't see why they would cap that.

44:08 - 44:10

Selectboard Office

That was just a big gravel yard.

44:11 - 44:18

Selectboard Office

I wasn't sure if long ago if that was the original dumping and it just built up across I don't know.

44:18 - 44:19

Selectboard Office

Who would we ask?

44:21 - 44:23

Selectboard Office

Well, who was it that sighted us?

44:23 - 44:25

Selectboard Office

Was it the DEP?

44:26 - 44:29

Selectboard Office

So, was there a DEP contact?

44:30 - 44:32

Selectboard Office

I can ask Mark Stinson.

44:34 - 44:37

Selectboard Office

That might be all that's required.

44:37 - 44:39

Selectboard Office

If we could just use the old parking lot.

44:40 - 44:44

Selectboard Office

This is a huge amount of stuff, so I don't know.

44:44 - 44:46

Selectboard Office

It's a big area there.

44:46 - 44:47

Selectboard Office

It's a real big area.

44:47 - 44:49

Selectboard Office

Because you've seen, well, it's...

44:49 - 44:49

Selectboard Office

Rankies.

44:49 - 44:50

Selectboard Office

Rankies.

44:50 - 44:52

Selectboard Office

You've seen Rankies, which is the plastic rock.

44:52 - 44:53

Selectboard Office

No, no, no, I haven't.

44:53 - 44:54

Selectboard Office

It's massive.

44:54 - 44:55

Selectboard Office

Just drive by and peek.

44:57 - 44:59

Selectboard Office

Okay, so we can't take it like that.

44:59 - 44:59

Selectboard Office

That's okay.

45:00 - 45:01

Selectboard Office

But if we can get some...

45:01 - 45:03

Selectboard Office

Something is better than nothing.

45:03 - 45:03

Selectboard Office

That's right.

45:03 - 45:04

Selectboard Office

That's my point.

45:04 - 45:04

Selectboard Office

Yep.

45:05 - 45:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

45:06 - 45:12

Selectboard Office

I think they'll probably still bring a bunch of it to Rankies, and they are taking it back from there when needed.

45:16 - 45:23

Selectboard Office

Some of that conversation that came up when I met with Dave Brown yesterday and he goes you want some Phil?

45:23 - 45:26

Selectboard Office

I'm like no we have no place to put it.

45:26 - 45:27

Selectboard Office

He goes yeah we don't either.

45:29 - 45:35

Selectboard Office

So did you have something different than this?

45:35 - 45:39

Selectboard Office

Well some of them We were already covered, but not related to that.

45:39 - 45:42

Selectboard Office

All right, so was that it?

45:42 - 45:46

Selectboard Office

Yep, yep, just, you know, I think it'd be worthwhile to follow up on that.

45:46 - 45:47

Selectboard Office

Yeah, for sure.

45:48 - 45:49

Selectboard Office

We're asking that.

45:49 - 45:56

Selectboard Office

And just, look, Ron, what about across the road where all the stump places to put, you know.

45:56 - 45:56

Selectboard Office

Not big enough.

45:56 - 46:00

Selectboard Office

I know that's a slope there, not as appealing.

46:01 - 46:01

Selectboard Office

Yeah, okay.

46:02 - 46:05

Selectboard Office

Where there's a tree removal that takes up that whole area.

46:05 - 46:05

Selectboard Office

Yep.

46:05 - 46:08

Selectboard Office

There's a section of Lindsay Hill that we're not doing anything with.

46:19 - 46:22

Selectboard Office

I'm just trying to remember.

46:22 - 46:36

Selectboard Office

One was about if we could have an all-boards meeting eventually and sooner rather than later about all these various topics, but just I think in terms of trying to get.

46:38 - 47:05

Selectboard Office

Some discussion going across boards and departments about some of the needs and things that are happening both on this list or otherwise, in terms of, I don't know, I found it really useful last year, and I think it's something we should be doing more regularly, probably is getting everybody together So I had on my to-do list a sort of

modified board meeting.

47:06 - 47:14

Selectboard Office

So a regular meeting maybe monthly or quarterly of the key boards, for lack of a better term.

47:15 - 47:28

Selectboard Office

So basically the boards that spend money and, you know, we don't need to, in my mind, include some of the smaller boards that don't manage big budgets and stuff.

47:29 - 47:35

Selectboard Office

So, you know, fire, highway, police, school, parks and rec.

47:36 - 47:36

Selectboard Office

No.

47:38 - 47:47

Selectboard Office

I don't mean to exclude anyone, but the ones that have budgets that they manage is to meet more often as a group.

47:48 - 47:50

Selectboard Office

Does that make sense or do you think that excludes people?

47:50 - 48:11

Selectboard Office

It does, I mean, in terms of all sorts of different things, who's chasing what grants, joint problems the town needs to solve that might involve two or three departments, this hazard mitigation plan update, that's another one we're gonna, multiple people are gonna be involved with.

48:12 - 48:13

Selectboard Office

Just as an example.

48:13 - 48:46

Selectboard Office

So how about if we try and put this up together um for you know mid to late summer like july or august sometime sure traditionally we don't get these together until fall it's usually in october it's one a year when do you think that a special town meeting to cover whatever might be well we don't know we're going to talk about that at our next meeting.

48:46 - 48:47

Selectboard Office

Okay.

48:47 - 48:48

Selectboard Office

But maybe before that.

48:48 - 48:49

Selectboard Office

Okay.

48:49 - 48:51

Selectboard Office

If that makes sense, I don't know.

48:51 - 48:52

Selectboard Office

Okay.

48:52 - 48:53

Selectboard Office

Then that would be sooner rather than later.

48:53 - 48:54

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

48:54 - 49:00

Selectboard Office

If we're gonna hold a special meeting to talk about funding more legal counsel, then that would have to happen a little bit sooner.

49:01 - 49:09

Selectboard Office

The kind of related question I have back to the, it's not really the web administrator or media coordinator or whatever you want to call it.

49:09 - 49:25

Selectboard Office

And maybe it falls under the ball game of IT or whatever, but I'm thinking there's stuff we should be doing coordinating IT across this building and the fire station and wherever else.

49:25 - 49:33

Selectboard Office

Cause like, I come in here, if my printer's down for some reason, I come over here and print something, right?

49:33 - 49:38

Selectboard Office

But I can't email or I can't scan it back to myself at the fire department, right?

49:38 - 49:40

Selectboard Office

But I know this copier's got that capability.

49:41 - 49:42

Selectboard Office

It's a modern copier.

49:42 - 49:51

Selectboard Office

I should be able to scan something and set it up to email it back to my fire department account, for example, right?

49:51 - 50:04

Selectboard Office

Or, you know, we have all our records, some of them on the fire department computer, some of them on my laptop at home, but they're all on those computers, those laptops, right?

50:04 - 50:15

Selectboard Office

Are we doing anything in terms of putting stuff up on a SharePoint cloud type of server with the appropriate protections and permissions, right?

50:15 - 50:31

Selectboard Office

In terms of just, so everything- Who needs access to that kind of stuff and to have it backed up on a regular basis, so if my laptop goes down or my fire station workstation goes down or some other workstation around here, shoot, you know.

50:31 - 50:31

Selectboard Office

That's so bad.

50:32 - 50:36

Selectboard Office

So not to be flipped, but it seems like this is the fire department problem.

50:36 - 50:37

Selectboard Office

It's a fire department- Oh, no, no, that's just my problem.

50:37 - 50:40

Selectboard Office

No, no, no, let me finish, let me finish.

50:40 - 51:34

Selectboard Office

This building gets all that and clearly you're not so let's talk sit down and talk with you me and John and figure it out if your stuff's not getting backed up that's really

screwed up and it should have been so if you're not storing things in a logical fashion and getting them backed up to the to anything then that's that's a mistake so if you're saying this building gets backed up but they backed up to something that's not in this building yeah okay and that may be a remnant but you know previous people figured out their own way to do this yeah which is sitting there looking at it and saying it's on this workstation it's on this laptop okay and it's not back up so I think it's really what's you me and John sit down okay and figure out how to I can learn as well to incorporate in the highway.

51:35 - 51:39

Selectboard Office

I was going to say, you don't have that problem, because nobody could use a computer before.

51:40 - 51:41

Selectboard Office

There's nothing stored there.

51:43 - 51:46

Selectboard Office

But it would be good to have your stuff backed up.

51:47 - 51:51

Selectboard Office

And on the conversation I've had with you about getting another laptop.

51:51 - 51:53

Selectboard Office

Yes, I'm working on that.

51:55 - 52:02

Selectboard Office

I'm just not sure there was money in this year's budget for it, but we're going back and forth on finding something.

52:04 - 52:15

Selectboard Office

Okay, so IT group, fire and highway, IT needs to be attempted to.

52:17 - 52:17

Selectboard Office

And.

52:22 - 52:27

Selectboard Office

Boards meetings of some sort.

52:33 - 52:33

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

52:34 - 52:35

Selectboard Office

You got more?

52:36 - 52:39

Selectboard Office

Those were the two I was thinking of when I was driving over.

52:39 - 52:42

Selectboard Office

I feared you guys wouldn't hear me well enough, so I decided to come here.

52:43 - 52:48

Selectboard Office

And I'm not sure, I assume we can just talk to the copy people about getting it.

52:49 - 52:52

Selectboard Office

I don't know who can scan out of that besides you.

52:52 - 52:55

Selectboard Office

When you scan, you scan to your, how does it show up?

52:56 - 53:00

Selectboard Office

When I scan it in there, there's a little folder on it and I just send it to myself.

53:00 - 53:02

Selectboard Office

And is it kind of like an email or how do you get it?

53:02 - 53:04

Selectboard Office

No, it comes with a PDF.

53:05 - 53:08

Selectboard Office

It shows up in a folder on your computer?

53:08 - 53:09

Selectboard Office

Yeah, a folder on my laptop.

53:10 - 53:10

Selectboard Office

Thanks.

53:10 - 53:12

Selectboard Office

Or on my screen.

53:12 - 53:17

Selectboard Office

And yeah, so everybody down here has that capability.

53:18 - 53:20

Selectboard Office

So they're probably on a network here.

53:20 - 53:21

Selectboard Office

We don't have a network.

53:21 - 53:22

Selectboard Office

We don't.

53:22 - 53:23

Selectboard Office

We're not on a network.

53:23 - 53:24

Selectboard Office

We're all on the same Wi-Fi network.

53:24 - 53:25

Selectboard Office

That's about the same ethernet.

53:26 - 53:28

Selectboard Office

But there is no network.

53:28 - 53:30

Selectboard Office

I mean, it looks very similar to what you're seeing right there.

53:31 - 53:36

Selectboard Office

We have a work, right, and I can scan a document and then I can print it out and just send it.

53:37 - 53:37

Selectboard Office

That's simple.

53:38 - 53:42

Selectboard Office

And if there's that capability here, that would be...

53:42 - 53:43

Selectboard Office

Okay, why don't we look into it.

53:44 - 53:47

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and if you can't figure it out, Dorendzi is really nice to work with.

53:47 - 53:48

Selectboard Office

He could come over.

53:48 - 53:53

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I've worked with systems and it has that feature on it, but it doesn't work.

53:53 - 53:55

Selectboard Office

You just try to set it to yourself and it doesn't go anywhere.

53:55 - 53:59

Selectboard Office

It probably needs to be set up, but I didn't take the time and I didn't want to risk...

54:01 - 54:08

Selectboard Office

I'm not sure you could set it up without getting into the need of it, but anyway, we'll look at the emails.

54:09 - 54:13

Selectboard Office

So emails is something I have to actually list it for.

54:13 - 54:13

Selectboard Office

All right.

54:13 - 54:14

Selectboard Office

Anything else?

54:15 - 54:16

Selectboard Office

We've got a pretty good list there.

54:20 - 54:20

Selectboard Office

Okay.

54:20 - 54:20

Selectboard Office

Good.

54:22 - 54:25

Selectboard Office

Anything else, time meeting-wise, that we missed?

54:25 - 54:25

Selectboard Office

No.

54:31 - 54:31

Selectboard Office

Okay.

54:31 - 54:32

Selectboard Office

All right.

54:32 - 54:35

Selectboard Office

So moving on, yearly town contracts to be executed.

54:36 - 54:39

Selectboard Office

And again, just I wrote the numbers in the thing, but he's got all the contracts.

54:40 - 54:40

Selectboard Office

That's OK.

54:40 - 54:51

Selectboard Office

I can move to approve the fuel oil contract to Sandry at a price of rack plus \$0.55 per gallon plus mass tax.

54:56 - 54:58

Selectboard Office

Discussion in favor.

54:59 - 54:59

Selectboard Office

Aye.

54:59 - 55:01

Selectboard Office

Aye, this is.

55:13 - 55:22

Selectboard Office

So I move to approve the contract for on-road diesel, again to Sandry, rack plus 0.439 per gallon plus mass tax.

55:25 - 55:25

[speaker unknown]

Second.

55:26 - 55:26

Selectboard Office

All in favor?

55:27 - 55:27

Selectboard Office

Aye.

55:29 - 55:30

Selectboard Office

Okay.

55:30 - 55:37

Selectboard Office

I move to approve the contract for gasoline to O 'Connell, rack plus 39 cents per gallon plus mass tax.

55:39 - 55:41

Selectboard Office

Discussion, all in favor?

55:41 - 55:41

Selectboard Office

Aye.

55:41 - 55:41

Selectboard Office

Aye.

55:43 - 55:50

Selectboard Office

I move to approve the contract for cemetery maintenance to Will Brown for \$18,795.

55:51 - 55:51

Selectboard Office

Second.

55:52 - 55:54

Selectboard Office

Discussion, all in favor?

55:55 - 55:55

Selectboard Office

Aye.

55:55 - 55:56

Selectboard Office

Aye.

55:57 - 56:06

Selectboard Office

I move to approve the vocad transportation to award it to do for escorted tours for \$45 ,000.

56:07 - 56:07

Selectboard Office

Second?

56:08 - 56:10

Selectboard Office

All in favor?

56:10 - 56:11

Selectboard Office

Aye.

56:12 - 56:18

Selectboard Office

That's the first year we ever paid less for vocad transportation than 16 years.

56:18 - 56:27

Selectboard Office

Less than a year before, yeah, and it's a bad time for them, you know, It's they really wanted to bid because last year they lost it.

56:27 - 56:29

Selectboard Office

Usually they don't Last year they lost it.

56:29 - 56:38

Selectboard Office

They got it the whole time Jim with you Anyway, so they lost it last year.

56:41 - 56:42

Selectboard Office

No.

56:44 - 56:49

Selectboard Office

They did but yeah, no they didn't they they missed the bid.

56:57 - 57:02

Selectboard Office

Okay, last one is select board annual reorganization.

57:03 - 57:10

Selectboard Office

I changed the wording around a little bit maybe just because it was a different thing.

57:11 - 57:25

Selectboard Office

Oh, can we also add for the next meeting, can we put on the agenda, the select board considering appointing me as a Webmaster?

57:25 - 57:25

Selectboard Office

Oh, yeah.

57:26 - 57:26

Selectboard Office

Thanks.

57:27 - 57:28

Selectboard Office

You sure you want to call yourself that?

57:29 - 57:29

Selectboard Office

Webmaster.

57:30 - 57:31

Selectboard Office

Webmaster appointment.

57:31 - 57:31

Selectboard Office

I like it.

57:31 - 57:32

Selectboard Office

Okay.

57:32 - 57:34

Selectboard Office

We could call you Webmistress.

57:35 - 57:35

Selectboard Office

Webmaster.

57:48 - 57:56

Selectboard Office

So I think we have to nominate each other here, so somebody want to make a nomination for chair?

57:57 - 57:58

Selectboard Office

Sure.

57:59 - 58:03

Selectboard Office

I nominate Charlie Rose to be the chair for the select board this year.

58:03 - 58:05

Selectboard Office

I'm delighted to second that.

58:08 - 58:10

Selectboard Office

Any discussion?

58:11 - 58:13

Selectboard Office

Okay, I will recuse myself.

58:14 - 58:17

Selectboard Office

So all in favor, I, Charlie is the chair.

58:19 - 58:21

Selectboard Office

I nominate Amy as clerk.

58:21 - 58:22

Selectboard Office

Second.

58:24 - 58:24

Selectboard Office

Discussion?

58:25 - 58:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah, sure.

58:29 - 59:01

Selectboard Office

Well, yeah, it's gotten me all the open reading law complaints and yeah so but that's fine yeah so I will say this latest request to be have redacted pay stubs should come with a charge so let's figure out how much it's gonna cost to do that yes so how much time will take after to do it it's not capturing it's some it's actually cursed and she has the print stubs.

59:01 - 59:20

Selectboard Office

But you know what, except I did, I actually communicated with the, what is it called, the Department of Legal Services, DLS, and the fellow I spoke to, he said pay stubs are absolutely not subject to public, they are not public records.

59:20 - 59:21

Selectboard Office

Redacted or otherwise.

59:21 - 59:23

Selectboard Office

He said, what's the point of redacting it?

59:23 - 59:26

Selectboard Office

The only thing you can have on it is the person's name and the gross.

59:26 - 59:28

Selectboard Office

Everything else is redacted.

59:28 - 59:36

Selectboard Office

So he said they are not subject to public And I said that and then he came back with

it.

59:36 - 59:48

Selectboard Office

I want redacted ones and I'm going to tell him No, you know, I mean I could say redacted ones, you know \$50 I just think we ought to be telling this guy no.

59:48 - 01:00:08

Selectboard Office

Just say no I mean I did ask if I could get a report that gave the gross wages for each pay period just a report, you know, this much, this much, by month, you know, so, and I was told yes, you know, I could get that.

01:00:08 - 01:00:21

Selectboard Office

I could, I could easily get somebody, and it's not a printed report, she would have to, you know, extrapolate the figures and give them to me, but she could write them in a nice little report of her own, you know, and that would be it.

01:00:21 - 01:00:54

Selectboard Office

It would be a of everything I gave the totals that's not good enough you know so but pay stubs are not it has too much personal data every bit of it is personal data yeah don't deal I said so right yeah but his answer was yeah his answer was that the not the Attorney General the Secretary of State you know Galvin's is the one who determines what's public record and I want the stubs that was the answer.

01:00:55 - 01:00:56

Selectboard Office

So I second.

01:00:57 - 01:00:58

Selectboard Office

Whose stubs is he requiring?

01:01:00 - 01:01:04

Selectboard Office

I don't know, would I be in liberty?

01:01:05 - 01:01:06

Selectboard Office

Whose stubs is he asking for?

01:01:08 - 01:01:10

Selectboard Office

I know whose stubs he's asking for.

01:01:10 - 01:01:11

Selectboard Office

I think he wants highway department stubs.

01:01:11 - 01:01:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah he wants some highway stubs.

01:01:14 - 01:01:21

Selectboard Office

Yeah and you know I looked at stuff, she printed out mine for me, so you know, it has my name, it has my address.

01:01:21 - 01:01:27

Selectboard Office

Now you can find out my address if you wanted to, but do I really, is that- No, but you do not give out addresses.

01:01:27 - 01:01:29

Selectboard Office

No, but addresses don't get given out.

01:01:30 - 01:01:34

Selectboard Office

It has a portion of my social security number, the last four digits, that has to be redacted.

01:01:34 - 01:01:37

Selectboard Office

It says like, for instance- Well, what are your deductions?

01:01:37 - 01:01:49

Selectboard Office

Yeah, my deductions are like, yeah, whatever it is, whether it's single zero, married to health benefits, none of his business, any insurance benefits, all the deductions are none of his business.

01:01:50 - 01:01:55

Selectboard Office

So, right, you wind up with the name and the gross and everything else.

01:01:57 - 01:02:03

Selectboard Office

Right, and what's the point of redacting all of that, having paying somebody to market all out?

01:02:03 - 01:02:09

Selectboard Office

We can get the cost back, re-inverse, you know, if it were to cost, we'd try to, we'd try to.

01:02:09 - 01:02:13

Selectboard Office

Yes, I would say, you know, I would ask for what's the, you know, what's the estimate of how much it would take.

01:02:14 - 01:02:19

Selectboard Office

But I've been told that pay stubs are not subject to, are not public records.

01:02:19 - 01:02:22

Selectboard Office

Therefore, I don't see why we need to redact it.

01:02:23 - 01:02:27

Selectboard Office

But can we start charging him?

01:02:28 - 01:02:29

Selectboard Office

You really can't charge him for your time.

01:02:29 - 01:02:38

Selectboard Office

I think you should you should take but I think the least you do the better and the more you can hand it off to Catherine or Kirsten or whoever and then we'll charge accordingly.

01:02:38 - 01:02:41

Selectboard Office

Yeah Let's just start charging.

01:02:41 - 01:02:45

Selectboard Office

I mean not unreasonably but we're allowed to charge.

01:02:45 - 01:02:48

Selectboard Office

Yes We are you can charge per copy and copies and so forth.

01:02:49 - 01:03:23

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I can charge You know, I can charge like an hour of a person's time to put together these numbers if you're going to be individual So I don't know how you go about billing there is a way well he has to pay before he gets the information that's what it is you know in the old days and the old days when we used to print stuff out it used to be like there's a folder somewhere there that's like that was waiting for somebody to come and pick it up because they had to pay them at \$40 for the contents of the folder.

01:03:24 - 01:03:27

Selectboard Office

So, you know, it's spam.

01:03:28 - 01:03:32

Selectboard Office

So, so next time we get a request, see if you can determine the cost.

01:03:32 - 01:03:33

Selectboard Office

Yep, I will do so.

01:03:33 - 01:03:39

Selectboard Office

I will do so because it has eaten up time for capturing.

01:03:39 - 01:03:41

Selectboard Office

I'm delighted by this development.

01:03:41 - 01:03:59

Selectboard Office

It doesn't really, you know, necessarily eat up my time, although I must admit today I was in a, I was elbow deep in numbers that were not adding up to each other until I looked into the details and said, oh, of course it doesn't add up.

01:03:59 - 01:04:04

Selectboard Office

It's like I have to add up seven days worth of numbers in this thing and three days in this.

01:04:04 - 01:04:05

Selectboard Office

And look, it's the same figure.

01:04:05 - 01:04:09

Selectboard Office

So you should just be handing this off to somebody else to do the work.

01:04:09 - 01:04:09

Selectboard Office

I shall.

01:04:09 - 01:04:10

Selectboard Office
Charging them for it.

01:04:10 - 01:04:11

Selectboard Office
I shall.

01:04:11 - 01:04:12

Selectboard Office
Good suggestion.

01:04:12 - 01:04:13

Selectboard Office
Thank you.

01:04:13 - 01:04:14

Selectboard Office
So that'll save you a little time.

01:04:14 - 01:04:15

Selectboard Office
Yeah.

01:04:15 - 01:04:17

Selectboard Office
So now that discussion's over.

01:04:17 - 01:04:19

Selectboard Office
All in my favor.

01:04:19 - 01:04:19

Selectboard Office

You have to vote.

01:04:20 - 01:04:20

Selectboard Office

I know we do.

01:04:20 - 01:04:22

Selectboard Office

We were discussing it here.

01:04:22 - 01:04:23

Selectboard Office

Is there any other discussion?

01:04:24 - 01:04:25

Selectboard Office

All in favor, aye.

01:04:25 - 01:04:26

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:04:26 - 01:04:27

Selectboard Office

Okay, congratulations.

01:04:28 - 01:04:28

Selectboard Office

Oh, thanks.

01:04:29 - 01:04:29

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:04:29 - 01:04:31

Selectboard Office

Deb, you don't have to get nominated to be a member.

01:04:31 - 01:04:32

Selectboard Office

No.

01:04:32 - 01:04:32

Selectboard Office

You're stuck.

01:04:33 - 01:04:34

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:04:35 - 01:04:36

Selectboard Office

I don't think.

01:04:36 - 01:04:37

Selectboard Office

No, I don't think so.

01:04:37 - 01:04:40

Selectboard Office

This is the normal course that the first year you're elected, you're the member.

01:04:40 - 01:04:41

Selectboard Office

The next year, you're the clerk.

01:04:41 - 01:04:43

Selectboard Office

The last year, you're the chair.

01:04:44 - 01:04:48

Selectboard Office

But because you were filling in Steve's last term, was a mess.

01:04:51 - 01:04:53

Selectboard Office

It could very well still be a mess.

01:04:54 - 01:04:55

Selectboard Office

No it isn't.

01:04:56 - 01:04:56

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:04:56 - 01:04:57

Selectboard Office

It's very nicely organized.

01:04:57 - 01:04:58

Selectboard Office

It's just tradition through.

01:05:03 - 01:05:05

Selectboard Office

Right and then we have minutes.

01:05:10 - 01:05:15

Selectboard Office

So I'll take a motion to accept minutes for April 7th and 14th.

01:05:15 - 01:05:20

Selectboard Office

Okay so I move that we accept the for April 7th and April 14th selected.

01:05:21 - 01:05:22

Selectboard Office

Second.

01:05:23 - 01:05:23

Selectboard Office

Discussion.

01:05:23 - 01:05:24

Selectboard Office

All in favor.

01:05:24 - 01:05:24

Selectboard Office

Aye.

01:05:36 - 01:05:43

Selectboard Office

All right and last but not least a letter from John Soledad from the prior district.

01:05:43 - 01:05:43

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:05:43 - 01:05:44

Selectboard Office

It is from John.

01:05:45 - 01:05:45

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:05:46 - 01:05:47

Selectboard Office

Actually Steve signed it too.

01:05:49 - 01:05:49

Selectboard Office

Um.

01:05:53 - 01:06:00

Selectboard Office

They just want to basically be on record as to where, um, the projected zones are.

01:06:01 - 01:06:05

Selectboard Office

And they seem quite confident that Ridge Road is not part of it.

01:06:07 - 01:06:24

Selectboard Office

The Ridge Road, you know, project, uh, proposed, I mean, not only that, it's, of course, Tim will vociferously claim that they're downhill where the walls are, uphill.

01:06:25 - 01:06:31

Selectboard Office

So not only are they not in within the protected district, but then below it, the water's not flowing that way.

01:06:31 - 01:06:35

Selectboard Office

So he's basically confirming that they're not in the protected district.

01:06:35 - 01:06:39

Selectboard Office

I told him, it's really, select where it's not the place to do this.

01:06:39 - 01:06:41

Selectboard Office

We'll make sure it's the letters department.

01:06:42 - 01:06:42

Selectboard Office

Right, yes it is.

01:06:43 - 01:06:44

Selectboard Office

That's what I told him to do.

01:06:44 - 01:06:47

Selectboard Office

And I told them to talk to the conservation commission.

01:06:48 - 01:06:49

Selectboard Office

Peggy.

01:06:49 - 01:06:49

Selectboard Office

You did.

01:06:51 - 01:06:54

Selectboard Office

You should make sure you share this with.

01:06:54 - 01:06:57

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'll send it out to everybody.

01:06:57 - 01:06:57

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:06:58 - 01:06:59

Selectboard Office

What's the name of the chair?

01:07:00 - 01:07:01

Selectboard Office

Mary Irving.

01:07:01 - 01:07:02

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I told them you should call Mary.

01:07:06 - 01:07:17

Selectboard Office

Well, the DUP found though that they think the delineation isn't quite right, so they're kind of, we might have to do an NOI on that property anyway.

01:07:19 - 01:07:21

Selectboard Office

It's not a foregone conclusion?

01:07:21 - 01:07:22

Selectboard Office

You don't definitely have to do the NOI?

01:07:22 - 01:07:24

Selectboard Office

No, it's pretty certain.

01:07:24 - 01:07:25

Selectboard Office

I think we will.

01:07:25 - 01:07:26

Selectboard Office

We haven't discussed it.

01:07:27 - 01:07:29

Selectboard Office

So what about the other property?

01:07:29 - 01:07:31

Selectboard Office

The other one will definitely require NOIs.

01:07:32 - 01:07:33

Selectboard Office

It's under water over there.

01:07:38 - 01:07:52

Selectboard Office

So I understand the issue with the battery and that there's a fire and what what would be involved with the water table potentially, I guess, in terms of reaching chemicals or just the fire retardant, maybe.

01:07:53 - 01:08:00

Selectboard Office

But, um, what effect does sinking poles in the ground have on the wetland?

01:08:01 - 01:08:06

Selectboard Office

It's just that you, the idea is not to disturb the wetland, it's just that period.

01:08:06 - 01:08:09

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's for many, many good purposes.

01:08:09 - 01:08:13

Selectboard Office

But does that really disturb it to have a pole on the ground?

01:08:14 - 01:08:14

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:08:17 - 01:08:19

Selectboard Office

The pole doesn't belong there.

01:08:20 - 01:08:21

Selectboard Office

You know, there's a whole natural thing.

01:08:22 - 01:08:22

Selectboard Office

There's water moving.

01:08:23 - 01:08:29

Selectboard Office

There's, it's, wetlands are like just a huge breeding ground of everything.

01:08:30 - 01:08:31

Selectboard Office

Many good things.

01:08:31 - 01:08:34

Selectboard Office

So it's just, it's best to stay away from them.

01:08:34 - 01:08:35

Selectboard Office

If you possibly can.

01:08:36 - 01:08:37

Selectboard Office

And it's a sponge, right?

01:08:38 - 01:08:42

Selectboard Office

And so, I mean, if you put a, depending upon the depth of the hole and stuff like that.

01:08:42 - 01:08:47

Selectboard Office

I mean, you can really alter the course of the water or block some springs or something like that.

01:08:47 - 01:08:50

Selectboard Office

I mean, I've been this much better.

01:08:50 - 01:08:52

Selectboard Office

Well, that's just much more than the rest of us.

01:08:52 - 01:08:53

Selectboard Office

Yeah, right.

01:08:55 - 01:08:57

Selectboard Office

You know, it was interesting.

01:08:58 - 01:08:58

Selectboard Office

There was.

01:09:00 - 01:09:10

Selectboard Office

An article about solar farms in Britain and how they've become havens for wildlife.

01:09:12 - 01:09:16

Selectboard Office

And I read it, and I was like, I don't know.

01:09:17 - 01:09:26

Selectboard Office

And I just think that there's, because there were so many pesticides and stuff put on England's fields and stuff, and so they stopped spraying pesticides, and then all these birds have come back.

01:09:26 - 01:09:29

Selectboard Office

But I don't think they fenced them in England either.

01:09:30 - 01:09:31

Selectboard Office

And so, yeah.

01:09:32 - 01:09:36

Selectboard Office

I read, I think I read a similar article a while ago.

01:09:37 - 01:10:02

Selectboard Office

Because I think Andrew Madden had in one discussion somewhere he had mentioned, we were talking about different solar fields that I have seen and so one of them is in West Stockbridge and it's right off of the highway of the interstate and he said that he saw, he had spent some time there trying to get a deer out and he was unable to do it because once the deer got in.

01:10:02 - 01:10:14

Selectboard Office

It really was unable to figure out how to get like enough of a running stock to hold the fence, and he couldn't get it to do that, and so he believed it just basically just died there.

01:10:14 - 01:10:26

Selectboard Office

But you know, so it's not, it's a, with the fencing, I guess it's more likely to be a graveyard for wildlife than a haven, you know, unless it's small enough to get out, but large things like deer.

01:10:27 - 01:10:32

Selectboard Office

And do they have to I don't know what's that discussion do I think there's only law requires it.

01:10:46 - 01:11:00

Selectboard Office

Somewhere online somebody said the electric inspector could waive it the requirement Where it's gonna is all the juice is gonna go to a certain spot and then you could fetch in matchbox, but the panels weren't all necessary.

01:11:00 - 01:11:07

Selectboard Office

Well, but the panels all have, are producing juice and have wires come off them and

theoretically could write a claim on one of your electric tanks.

01:11:09 - 01:11:22

Selectboard Office

But you know, it's like in this country, we are far more scared and conservative, like all the shoes that you had to take off for all those years, because one guy on an airplane tried to set fire to his shoes.

01:11:22 - 01:11:54

Selectboard Office

And when you went to Europe, not only did you not to take your shoes off but they didn't bolt the pilots into the cockpit they could just come and go as they pleased so it's like oh life is very different in europe than it is in america we're much more scared whether it's justified or not now we're back is now becoming part of canada yeah well now we're also like no over do you have to take your shoes off because somebody So isn't the rough gotcha with this thing that if the battery did catch on fire.

01:11:55 - 01:12:01

Selectboard Office

I mean, it seems pretty clear you can't put it out, nobody can put those things out, you just have to let it burn and keep it from spreading, right?

01:12:01 - 01:12:10

Selectboard Office

But isn't there a big gotcha as to whether a volunteer fire department in a small town could ever have the capacity to properly handle that?

01:12:10 - 01:12:12

Selectboard Office

Is that a fair statement?

01:12:15 - 01:12:21

Selectboard Office

Where would you get enough water just to keep the area surrounding the fire from spreading and get enough?

01:12:23 - 01:12:26

Selectboard Office

Well, I don't think they want you to put water on it.

01:12:26 - 01:12:30

Selectboard Office

No, I just said they want you to keep it from spreading, but do you have the capacity to even do that?

01:12:31 - 01:12:33

Selectboard Office

It's to protect the surroundings.

01:12:34 - 01:12:40

Selectboard Office

It's like all these events that we have take several hours to me in my perspective of it.

01:12:40 - 01:12:44

Selectboard Office

It's getting the personnel or that's my time.

01:12:44 - 01:12:53

Selectboard Office

I'm sitting there babysitting it for God knows how long, how long it's burning and having that resource at hand to babysit it while it's burning.

01:12:53 - 01:12:54

Selectboard Office

That's hard.

01:12:54 - 01:12:57

Selectboard Office

It's not just, oh, it's gonna be out in an hour.

01:12:58 - 01:13:03

Selectboard Office

Right, this thing can catch fire and you could literally be the only one there for 20 minutes to a half hour or longer.

01:13:03 - 01:13:03

Selectboard Office

Yep.

01:13:04 - 01:13:16

Selectboard Office

And then how long you wanna high up other resources and try to get people there to be able to take care of it for hours, if not close to a day or days, I don't know how long they go for.

01:13:16 - 01:13:19

Selectboard Office

Could you get enough water there to handle what's necessary?

01:13:20 - 01:13:26

Selectboard Office

To protect the surroundings, it all depends on the conditions and elements.

01:13:28 - 01:13:36

Selectboard Office

So I'm glad this topic came up because I did, you know, the planning board has always said, you know, that we can put conditions.

01:13:36 - 01:13:41

Selectboard Office

And I sent the planning board an e-mail, actually I sent two e-mails.

01:13:41 - 01:13:45

Selectboard Office

And what I recommended is the condition should be the batteries should be in a bunker.

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Selectboard Office

And we have an engineer that Blue Wave is paying for and the bunker should be designed if it gets up to a certain temperature long before combustion, okay?

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Selectboard Office

The bunker shuts down and the juice is cut off and going into there.

01:14:00 - 01:14:04

Selectboard Office

And then no fire, okay?

01:14:04 - 01:14:28

Selectboard Office

So, you know, you would have thought that they might have thought of that if that's I don't think it's that simple I know the ones the lithium goes it right because the idea is the idea is that you The room would have to get us if the heat's building right you're going to create a fire So as before it gets to a critical point, you're shutting it down And that's a question for the engineer But yeah.

01:14:28 - 01:14:31

Selectboard Office

We're definitely designed to do that, right?

01:14:31 - 01:14:37

Selectboard Office

But I think there are other but they're a shipping container I seem to write sharing contention.

01:14:37 - 01:14:38

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:14:38 - 01:14:44

Selectboard Office

No, this isn't the place in that discussion, but it was Interesting because the lithium batteries there are a lot of different cells.

01:14:44 - 01:15:05

Selectboard Office

That's the thing if one of the cells is going wonky Even shutting the whole thing down

doesn't necessarily mean it's going to stop because if it's somehow reached it's Once it's react barrier, right once it's begun to react if it goes The ones next to it will go, and the ones next to them will go, which is why they talk about these runaway fires.

01:15:05 - 01:15:11

Selectboard Office

It's just like, the whole thing just starts going and going and going, you know, and then you really have a problem.

01:15:11 - 01:15:19

Selectboard Office

But I'd still like an engineer's opinion on it, but, you know, well, I'm sure they could do much more, something that would be much more protective.

01:15:19 - 01:15:24

Selectboard Office

I'm sure it would be much more expensive too, which is why they're not, you know, condition.

01:15:25 - 01:15:30

Selectboard Office

I just don't know if it even exists yet, but I'm sure they could do something better.

01:15:32 - 01:15:34

Selectboard Office

There's a lot to that question.

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Selectboard Office

And the consultants that Bart has hired include an electrical consultant.

01:15:44 - 01:15:51

Selectboard Office

And he and I talked about a number of the questions I had put in my response to the application.

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Selectboard Office

And it covers a lot of this.

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Selectboard Office

I'm not going to go into all the details.

01:15:55 - 01:15:59

Selectboard Office

There's seven pages of my response to this.

01:15:59 - 01:16:01

Selectboard Office

So you're all welcome to go there.

01:16:01 - 01:16:01

Selectboard Office

Well.

01:16:02 - 01:16:05

Selectboard Office

But fundamentally, it depends on the battery chemistry.

01:16:06 - 01:16:10

Selectboard Office

And there's at least two dozen types of battery chemistries that can be selected here.

01:16:10 - 01:16:19

Selectboard Office

And they all have different properties in terms of how they behave and how you fight them or not.

01:16:19 - 01:16:20

Selectboard Office

And that's part of it.

01:16:20 - 01:16:24

Selectboard Office

They say just stand back, let it go, and protect the exposures.

01:16:25 - 01:16:34

Selectboard Office

To answer your question, yes, we will eventually get enough resources there to handle that, like we do any structure fires.

01:16:35 - 01:16:37

Selectboard Office

You'd be a company that you could do that.

01:16:37 - 01:16:38

Selectboard Office

I think so.

01:16:38 - 01:16:43

Selectboard Office

Because you're not sitting there trying to drown this thing out.

01:16:43 - 01:16:45

Selectboard Office

You're just trying to protect the exposures.

01:16:46 - 01:17:00

Selectboard Office

But what you are using, right, that's still the question of contaminants because we're you're picking up all these contaminants coming off the storage container that's burning, where does that all go?

01:17:01 - 01:17:22

Selectboard Office

And that's one of the recommendations I made for consideration is some kind of enclosure that would capture all of that, whether it's the toxins coming off the storage container, or it's the fire suppression materials that we're using, because you don't one of them just leaking downhill.

01:17:23 - 01:17:24

Selectboard Office

So.

01:17:25 - 01:17:26

Selectboard Office

There's a lot through that.

01:17:26 - 01:17:36

Selectboard Office

Yeah, one of the things they had said was that there's a venting system so that if there's noxious gases building up inside, it will open and vent, and it's like, yeah, and where do those noxious gases go, by the way?

01:17:36 - 01:17:39

Selectboard Office

You know, what's the wind pattern up there?

01:17:40 - 01:17:45

Selectboard Office

And, you know, somebody who lived there said, sometimes the wind just seems to circle around.

01:17:45 - 01:17:48

Selectboard Office

Well, great, that means it's not actually going anywhere far.

01:17:48 - 01:17:48

Selectboard Office

It's all there.

01:17:48 - 01:17:51

Selectboard Office

What happens to the people who are near it?

01:17:52 - 01:17:52

Selectboard Office

Like this?

01:17:52 - 01:18:08

Selectboard Office

There's a lot of questions about I think it's all Well, they did say something about some gases that would be put out You know and they would vent them so that they don't build up inside because that Becomes adds to the danger if the gases are building up inside.

01:18:08 - 01:18:12

Selectboard Office

Okay, so it's like yeah, but where are they going when you open these little vents?

01:18:13 - 01:18:25

Selectboard Office

It's not only the main battery energy storage system, which everybody is weightfully focused on, but all of the tracking mechanism that's moving those arrays has batteries associated with them.

01:18:25 - 01:18:25

Selectboard Office

Oh, sure.

01:18:25 - 01:18:31

Selectboard Office

Because there's motors and batteries and linkages making all that tracking system.

01:18:32 - 01:18:34

Selectboard Office

So it's a whole other set of batteries out there.

01:18:35 - 01:18:36

Selectboard Office

It was interesting.

01:18:37 - 01:18:42

Selectboard Office

Each row works together, so they're linked together.

01:18:42 - 01:19:15

Selectboard Office

There's like one motor for each route which i thought was i thought just assumed to be per each or whatever it's own motor and apparently they move so slowly because they're constantly moving but just fractionally yeah so probably there probably isn't really nice no i'm sure there's a very rich and unknown yeah you're moving that slowly is it possible to get machine have that be part of the deal to have the fire department equipped with the proper response?

01:19:15 - 01:19:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah, sure.

01:19:16 - 01:19:18

Selectboard Office

We were thinking that would be fun.

01:19:18 - 01:19:19

Selectboard Office

How far can that go?

01:19:19 - 01:19:23

Selectboard Office

I mean, can we require them to pay for two full-time firefighters in town?

01:19:24 - 01:19:26

Selectboard Office

Maybe a truck or two.

01:19:27 - 01:19:33

Selectboard Office

Well, that's one of the questions I submitted is the absolute minimum clearance to the bottom of those arrays.

01:19:33 - 01:19:33

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:19:33 - 01:19:34

Selectboard Office

Because I'm not sure.

01:19:41 - 01:19:50

Selectboard Office

And especially if they can't put them flat, like if they're tracking, they can move them vertical or horizontal.

01:19:51 - 01:19:54

Selectboard Office

And so if they're vertical, it might be enough width.

01:19:55 - 01:19:58

Selectboard Office

Isn't that like the bottom 10 feet off the ground for those things?

01:19:58 - 01:20:01

Selectboard Office

They said the minimum clearance was 10 feet off.

01:20:01 - 01:20:02

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so that's not clear.

01:20:02 - 01:20:05

Selectboard Office

Well, our truck is close to 10 feet tall.

01:20:08 - 01:20:22

Selectboard Office

And I don't know that they've accommodated for all the tolerances in their pole depth and their racking mechanism and the arrays and the terrain that's underneath it, because that's not nice level parking lot out there.

01:20:24 - 01:20:26

Selectboard Office

So there's some variation there.

01:20:28 - 01:20:31

Selectboard Office

I did have a couple other questions, if that's okay.

01:20:32 - 01:20:33

Selectboard Office

No, we're out of time.

01:20:35 - 01:20:36

Selectboard Office

So, go ahead.

01:20:38 - 01:20:41

Selectboard Office

Do we still have a forester?

01:20:41 - 01:20:43

Selectboard Office

Tom, I have some time.

01:20:43 - 01:20:46

Selectboard Office

I think Linton and Fitch was the town's forester.

01:20:46 - 01:20:48

Selectboard Office

I'm wondering if we still have a forester.

01:20:49 - 01:20:56

Selectboard Office

The tree warden is also the town forester, but he's not a service forester.

01:20:56 - 01:20:57

Selectboard Office

Is that what you mean like?

01:20:59 - 01:21:18

Selectboard Office

The reason I'm asking is we own a hundred acres the town goes down Bingo Road
Okay, most of the ash or dying in there and seems like it might be a good thing to to
Have a horse to go there and do it with a woodland improvement cut in there So
that's like have you talked with that about it?

01:21:18 - 01:21:19

Selectboard Office

No, I.

01:21:21 - 01:21:27

Selectboard Office

Can't yeah That would be a good idea, and he can push you in the right direction
anyway, if he's not the right one.

01:21:27 - 01:21:28

Selectboard Office

For sure.

01:21:28 - 01:21:29

Selectboard Office

I mean, it seems like it would be his...

01:21:29 - 01:21:31

Selectboard Office

It's right up his alley.

01:21:32 - 01:21:33

Selectboard Office

The man loves trees.

01:21:33 - 01:21:35

Selectboard Office

Watch out, they've got to really be dead.

01:21:35 - 01:21:36

Selectboard Office

No, I know things.

01:21:37 - 01:21:37

Selectboard Office

I know things.

01:21:37 - 01:21:38

Selectboard Office

They're not dead.

01:21:43 - 01:21:45

Selectboard Office

We didn't do the annual 10 meeting minutes.

01:21:46 - 01:21:47

Selectboard Office

We don't.

01:21:47 - 01:21:48

Selectboard Office

Oh, no.

01:21:51 - 01:21:54

Selectboard Office

I just did it in case anybody wanted to refer to anything.

01:21:55 - 01:21:56

Selectboard Office

You all remember it well.

01:21:58 - 01:22:00

Selectboard Office

It has to be certified by the AG.

01:22:02 - 01:22:05

Selectboard Office

Getting back to those one-stop grant programs.

01:22:06 - 01:22:11

Selectboard Office

I spent a little bit, not a massive amount of time, but Becky got a million dollars last year.

01:22:11 - 01:22:13

Selectboard Office

Clarksburg got a million dollars.

01:22:13 - 01:22:16

Selectboard Office

Chester got \$980 ,000 last year.

01:22:16 - 01:22:39

Selectboard Office

Do you know what for it was a one was for 9 ,500 feet of a road and it sounds like it was complete breath rehab another was for 0.5 miles of a road recap and the Clarksburg I'm not sure what exactly it was for but it just seems like that's a missed opportunity and if you didn't have time to apply for that then.

01:22:42 - 01:22:52

Selectboard Office

Now we're going to miss that deadline you know for those monies so if that if we knew that, the town knew that, you know, a month ago or two months ago.

01:22:54 - 01:22:55

Selectboard Office

Is that a David Stokes thing?

01:22:56 - 01:22:56

Selectboard Office

No, no.

01:22:56 - 01:22:57

Selectboard Office

So that's the stuff.

01:22:57 - 01:23:03

Selectboard Office

And though he came to us when we were at the, um, at the Berkshire, with the Beacon Hill and the Berkshires.

01:23:03 - 01:23:05

Selectboard Office

And that was the first I heard of it.

01:23:06 - 01:23:07

Selectboard Office

So, yeah.

01:23:08 - 01:23:10

Selectboard Office

So, so I get.

01:23:33 - 01:23:34

Selectboard Office

It.

01:23:41 - 01:23:41

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:23:42 - 01:23:43

Selectboard Office

All right, go ahead.

01:23:43 - 01:23:44

Selectboard Office

Sorry.

01:23:44 - 01:23:44

Selectboard Office

No, that's okay.

01:23:44 - 01:23:46

Selectboard Office

I'm not trying to be a pain.

01:23:46 - 01:23:53

Selectboard Office

So we got contacted by somebody at the finding value planning commission who said, hey, this money's available and we'll help you write the grant.

01:23:55 - 01:23:56

Selectboard Office

Is there anything here you're interested in?

01:23:57 - 01:23:58

Selectboard Office

But it didn't give us much lead time.

01:23:59 - 01:24:06

Selectboard Office

So we're just, you know, this, it's been in the two weeks, within the last two weeks that they emailed us and it just wasn't enough time for June 3rd, definitely.

01:24:07 - 01:24:09

Selectboard Office

Okay, and we can't hire somebody to...

01:24:09 - 01:24:12

Selectboard Office

Not between now and June 3rd, they figured all this out.

01:24:13 - 01:24:14

Selectboard Office

It's just not practical.

01:24:14 - 01:24:16

Selectboard Office

These things take planning and time.

01:24:17 - 01:24:22

Selectboard Office

I understand that but you know it's also real money too and I just was trying to see if there wasn't.

01:24:22 - 01:24:24

Selectboard Office

Is it an annual thing or one thing?

01:24:24 - 01:24:31

Selectboard Office

Yeah absolutely no they're continuous so let's definitely look at it and start trying to figure something out.

01:24:31 - 01:24:35

Selectboard Office

And is it is it is it always like a June is it always a June date?

01:24:35 - 01:24:43

Selectboard Office

This is the first that I've known about it so it but I bet you they always do is the same most of the grants come on a certain time.

01:24:44 - 01:24:50

Selectboard Office

I mean it's kind of unusual that there was a grant for a road I guess I'd like to see what that was.

01:24:51 - 01:24:57

Selectboard Office

Well one stop I think the whole thing behind it is it can do it in buildings I think.

01:24:58 - 01:25:16

Selectboard Office

Yeah so that's why they call it one stop if you have a I did a little reading on it too and I you put in what your project is, and they'll put it in where it belongs.

01:25:16 - 01:25:23

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's just most road work is either funded by DOT or through Chapter 90 money.

01:25:24 - 01:25:26

Selectboard Office

Yeah, well, so we could use it for something else.

01:25:26 - 01:25:29

Selectboard Office

I mean, we do get, we've, you know, gotten millions of dollars.

01:25:29 - 01:25:32

Selectboard Office

I'm sorry, it just seemed a little unusual to see funded road work.

01:25:33 - 01:25:45

Selectboard Office

There's another grant that David Stokes, our state aid engineer, that mentioned to me when I had met with him a few weeks ago that we're looking into as well to do road work.

01:25:48 - 01:25:52

Selectboard Office

So there are things out there we're looking for.

01:25:52 - 01:25:53

Selectboard Office

Okay, good.

01:25:55 - 01:25:56

Selectboard Office

Did you have a question?

01:25:57 - 01:25:59

Selectboard Office

Go ahead, if you're still going.

01:26:00 - 01:26:13

Selectboard Office

There also is a mass trails grant and I'll try to get, I'll do a little more homework on that And to see if that's something that we can pursue But there have they have an exceptional amount of money.

01:26:13 - 01:26:16

Selectboard Office

It's pretty much September is that right?

01:26:16 - 01:26:24

Selectboard Office

I'm not I just saw it at the very bottom in this whole article and I had I Used my concern about is that I gotta get away from the screen.

01:26:24 - 01:26:33

Selectboard Office

It might it might be helpful and you know, I Did mention this in my statement that for all?

01:26:33 - 01:26:48

Selectboard Office

Inching towards salinity And that it might be helpful to have some kind of a shared document that talks about when all the grants are available, and we could keep adding to that as time goes on.

01:26:49 - 01:26:54

Selectboard Office

Because I do think there is a positive grant writers here, I mean it's, you know, it takes a little bit of time.

01:26:54 - 01:26:56

Selectboard Office

It takes away a lot of time.

01:26:56 - 01:27:06

Selectboard Office

And really it's something that I took on myself, and I've done a lot of them, you know, to And then do all the other stuff I'm doing and to help other people do all the other stuff.

01:27:06 - 01:27:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah, and it's just too much Yeah, but I mean it is I mean it is it is an opportunity to help us with funding.

01:27:16 - 01:27:23

Selectboard Office

Work on compiling a list that we can oh I'd be so delighted That's what happens when you have ideas.

01:27:31 - 01:27:40

Selectboard Office

There may be other folks in town who might be interested in even volunteering to do some grant work or research.

01:27:40 - 01:27:42

Selectboard Office

I did speak to somebody.

01:27:43 - 01:28:03

Selectboard Office

I spoke to somebody after town meeting who said she had taken some, a little bit of education on grant writing but has not actually written a grant and she was willing to see if there's something she could do for the police department that she thought something small, get her feet wet, see what it's like, get some experience and then, and this as a volunteer.

01:28:04 - 01:28:08

Selectboard Office

So I said I would get back to her, talk to the chief and get back to her and see.

01:28:08 - 01:28:18

Selectboard Office

And some of that was apropos speed limit signs and things Not very many of these grants have opportunities for reimbursement through the actual grant writer.

01:28:18 - 01:28:19

Selectboard Office

Is that correct?

01:28:19 - 01:28:25

Selectboard Office

Oh, that's absolutely And the troubles Administration fires the fires.

01:28:25 - 01:28:27

Selectboard Office

Yeah, not the ones from the state.

01:28:29 - 01:28:45

Selectboard Office

Administration of the grants also takes a tremendous amount of time So, you know we can get like more and more grants, but then you know, it's like you're Yeah, I have put my foot down for the time being, I'm just behind, and I'm always behind.

01:28:46 - 01:28:50

Selectboard Office

Right, and you get millions of dollars of grants for the time already.

01:28:51 - 01:28:52

Selectboard Office

Yes, that's right.

01:28:53 - 01:29:04

Selectboard Office

So it may be funding a position, a grant writing position, I mean a real funded position, like at least \$100,000.

01:29:04 - 01:29:13

Selectboard Office

I mean a grant grant a good grant writer can bring in a lot of money and and You know, I remember a few years ago.

01:29:13 - 01:29:14

Selectboard Office

I mentioned it to Dick Wagner.

01:29:14 - 01:29:38

Selectboard Office

I said, you know In an ideal world what because I'm an old hag, you know I could do the grant writing have somebody take my job still be here but Still be here to answer a lot of questions because that my job itself has a lot of different angles to it And it would be like the best of all worlds.

01:29:39 - 01:29:40

Selectboard Office

But he said, I don't know, I'll never go for it.

01:29:41 - 01:29:43

Selectboard Office

And I think Tom never would go for it.

01:29:43 - 01:29:47

Selectboard Office

But really, it would be a good thing.

01:29:47 - 01:29:49

Selectboard Office

No, it would just be a good thing.

01:29:49 - 01:29:51

Selectboard Office

Because you can bring lots of money to your family.

01:29:52 - 01:29:58

Selectboard Office

They might like to say that some grant writers will write grants, and they would charge a fee.

01:29:58 - 01:30:00

Selectboard Office

If you get it, they get a percentage.

01:30:01 - 01:30:03

Selectboard Office

Yes, that's a really nice thing.

01:30:03 - 01:30:05

Selectboard Office

Yeah, so it's not like a salary position.

01:30:05 - 01:30:09

Selectboard Office

It's if you get the grant, you get a percentage of that.

01:30:09 - 01:30:11

Selectboard Office

It just depends on the grant.

01:30:11 - 01:30:13

Selectboard Office

Yeah, it's a grant from the state agency.

01:30:15 - 01:30:15

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:30:15 - 01:30:16

Selectboard Office

No, no, no.

01:30:16 - 01:30:23

Selectboard Office

What I'm saying is I think that the employer is going to, so let's say they brought in a million dollars.

01:30:24 - 01:30:25

Selectboard Office

They get it.

01:30:25 - 01:30:30

Selectboard Office

The town pays that grant writer Not on spec.

01:30:30 - 01:30:34

Selectboard Office

Well, that's what you're saying, that we don't get it paid unless we get the grant.

01:30:34 - 01:30:34

Selectboard Office

That's spec.

01:30:37 - 01:30:39

Selectboard Office

You write a grant, and if we get it, we'll pay you.

01:30:39 - 01:30:41

Selectboard Office

If we don't get it, thanks for your effort.

01:30:44 - 01:30:53

Selectboard Office

Then you just don't know what the cost is going to be and how do you budget for that because it would be a good problem to have.

01:30:53 - 01:30:58

Selectboard Office

Then maybe something is you have a face pay, and then you have a percentage over that.

01:30:58 - 01:31:01

Selectboard Office

Well, I think it really needs to start with, here's a list of things.

01:31:01 - 01:31:08

Selectboard Office

We think we could get grant funded and how much does that add up to and then it wasn't worth to hire somebody to make that happen.

01:31:09 - 01:31:15

Selectboard Office

But it's got to start with the list of things that could be grant funded in order to make that case, don't you think?

01:31:15 - 01:31:22

Selectboard Office

Probably because otherwise you're you know asking for an outlay of cash, you know, on possibilities.

01:31:23 - 01:31:25

Selectboard Office

Not even probabilities but possibilities.

01:31:26 - 01:31:28

Selectboard Office

So that could be a very hard sell.

01:31:30 - 01:31:45

Selectboard Office

The other piece of it is the grant writing form is a big part of it, but then the grant management and the grant reports, and God forbid they come and ask you for an audit of how you spend the money, is a lot of paperwork.

01:31:46 - 01:31:47

Selectboard Office

Yeah, that's the thing.

01:31:48 - 01:31:49

Selectboard Office

It's the aftermath.

01:31:50 - 01:31:53

Selectboard Office

It's a condition that should be well developed.

01:31:54 - 01:31:55

Selectboard Office

There's a lot to it.

01:31:55 - 01:31:56

Selectboard Office

Procurement.

01:31:57 - 01:31:59

Selectboard Office

It's like this new D.O.E.R.

01:31:59 - 01:32:00

Selectboard Office

Thing.

01:32:00 - 01:32:06

Selectboard Office

We're supposed to have this one coordinator that they can help you with their proposal that has to walk it through everywhere in town and make sure it happens.

01:32:06 - 01:32:08

Selectboard Office

Well, who's got a husband doing that?

01:32:09 - 01:32:09

Selectboard Office

Yes.

01:32:10 - 01:32:10

Selectboard Office

It's the same issue.

01:32:11 - 01:32:11

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:32:13 - 01:32:16

Selectboard Office

Did Sam Galinas from the Gazette get ahold of you?

01:32:17 - 01:32:18

Selectboard Office

I haven't.

01:32:18 - 01:32:22

Selectboard Office

Deb and I had talked about him a little while ago, but I haven't gotten any reach out.

01:32:22 - 01:32:24

Selectboard Office

He hasn't left you a message?

01:32:24 - 01:32:24

Selectboard Office

Note.

01:32:24 - 01:32:26

Selectboard Office

He says he can't get a hold of it.

01:32:29 - 01:32:51

Selectboard Office

He's asked me more than once if there's an argument to be made about whether it's more expensive or not to maintain a dirt road versus a paved road, and I guess he was talking to Roger and Justin who was making the argument that it's actually

cheaper in the long run to pay the road than it is to maintain a dirt road.

01:32:51 - 01:32:52

Selectboard Office

I said I have no clue.

01:32:53 - 01:32:56

Selectboard Office

Yeah, I'm fairly new into the game, so.

01:32:57 - 01:32:58

Selectboard Office

You wouldn't have an opinion yet.

01:32:58 - 01:32:58

Selectboard Office

No.

01:32:59 - 01:33:07

Selectboard Office

I said, you know, yeah, that's bad as well in Chesterfield because he's got a lot of experience, and I'd be interested to see whether he had Roger on the same page.

01:33:07 - 01:33:13

Selectboard Office

Well, I know Matt's on the game of paving everything for that reason, but.

01:33:15 - 01:33:20

Selectboard Office

He asked me, he asked me initially, he said, was there a push to pave some of the dirt roads?

01:33:20 - 01:33:22

Selectboard Office

I said, no, nobody's asking for that.

01:33:22 - 01:33:39

Selectboard Office

So to me, it's not to me, the idea of like my long term goal, the job I feel is to start paving more roads, but we need to get what we have in good standing before we start spending a lot more money elsewhere.

01:33:39 - 01:33:40

Selectboard Office

And that's what I told you.

01:33:40 - 01:33:43

Selectboard Office

We have a long ways to go till we get there.

01:33:43 - 01:33:43

Selectboard Office

Right.

01:33:43 - 01:33:47

Selectboard Office

We've got half of all post road and Kennebrook Road, they're both badly needed.

01:33:47 - 01:33:48

Selectboard Office

See ya.

01:33:48 - 01:33:51

Selectboard Office

Buffington Hill, ridge, river.

01:33:52 - 01:33:53

Selectboard Office

It did just pay in Buffington.

01:33:55 - 01:33:57

Selectboard Office

It's in need of some help.

01:33:58 - 01:33:59

Selectboard Office

A lot of help.

01:34:00 - 01:34:08

Selectboard Office

Well I owe Sam a phone call, so I'll circle back with Sam tomorrow and try to get him.

01:34:08 - 01:34:09

Selectboard Office

I'll give him your work, so.

01:34:09 - 01:34:10

Selectboard Office

Yep, no worries.

01:34:10 - 01:34:11

Selectboard Office

I don't know if he has it or not.

01:34:11 - 01:34:12

Selectboard Office

No.

01:34:15 - 01:34:17

Selectboard Office

But he was real interested in Tom Mehndi.

01:34:17 - 01:34:21

Selectboard Office

I've talked to him before but I haven't got anything recently.

01:34:21 - 01:34:48

Selectboard Office

He knows we calls me out Yeah, I thought I saw his article and I thought it was interesting we said that we deferred the budget to To the fall and it's like well sort of Yeah, because it's like no we didn't defer the budget this this is the budget But we

deferred balancing it to fall because until then you won't know all the numbers But yeah.

01:34:48 - 01:34:56

Selectboard Office

It's like yeah, so it was sort of a occasionally he has simplified something a little bit too much So it doesn't it's not correct any longer.

01:34:57 - 01:35:00

Selectboard Office

But other than that, these recordings actually pretty good and it's gotten better.

01:35:00 - 01:35:03

Selectboard Office

So yeah Okay.

01:35:17 - 01:35:18

Selectboard Office

Oh, okay.

01:35:18 - 01:35:21

Selectboard Office

So it's just if you want to look at it and talk about it next time.

01:35:21 - 01:35:23

Selectboard Office

So we can just talk about it next time.

01:35:23 - 01:35:24

Selectboard Office

All right.

01:35:24 - 01:35:25

Selectboard Office

Then we're done.

01:35:26 - 01:35:26

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:35:26 - 01:35:27

Selectboard Office

Anybody else?

01:35:27 - 01:35:28

Selectboard Office

Any other comment?

01:35:28 - 01:35:29

Selectboard Office

We'll adjourn.

01:35:29 - 01:35:30

Selectboard Office

Okay.

01:35:31 - 01:35:31

Selectboard Office

Meeting adjourned.

01:35:31 - 01:35:32

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:35:32 - 01:35:33

Selectboard Office

Thank you.

01:35:34 - 01:35:34

Selectboard Office

Yeah.

01:35:36 - 01:35:38

Selectboard Office

We're all beat to ****.

01:35:40 - 01:35:41

Selectboard Office

What was your day like today?

01:35:43 - 01:35:44

Selectboard Office

We're busy recording.

01:35:44 - 01:35:46

Selectboard Office

We had to bring it in, huh?