

Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

00:01 - 00:04

[speaker unknown]

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00:04 - 00:05

Town Hall

Thank you, Michelle.

00:06 - 00:07

Town Hall

She's reminded.

00:12 - 00:14

[speaker unknown]

So.

00:16 - 00:21

Town Hall

You got a few minutes, but before we get started we're using a new meeting owl tonight.

00:24 - 00:30

Town Hall

It's a great gray owl yeah So I mean thanks for answering a survey.

00:30 - 00:32

Town Hall

They gave me one debate a test so.

00:35 - 00:55

Town Hall

Eventually, we'll about a hook two of them together especially for bigger Yeah, but this is higher resolution it should be better sound But definitely any feedback Anybody wants to give us is welcome So I can share that with the company since they're giving me this thing Worth a few thousand bucks for free.

00:59 - 01:00

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

01:02 - 01:16

Town Hall

I Found that works pretty well These companies sending surveys and if you actually take the time to fill them out they appreciate it I'm on my third pre-smart line because I put out a survey.

01:26 - 01:30

Town Hall

Steve just drove by the center cemetery.

01:30 - 01:32

Town Hall

They look great.

01:32 - 01:34

Town Hall

Yeah, I've always liked that tree.

01:35 - 01:35

Town Hall

It's a nice tree.

01:36 - 01:39

Town Hall

I've been watching them, but they really are taking off.

01:39 - 01:40

Town Hall

There should be three of them down there.

01:40 - 01:41

Town Hall

There is.

01:41 - 01:42

Town Hall

There still is.

01:42 - 01:44

Town Hall

That's good.

02:09 - 02:19

Town Hall

Peggy is supposed to joining us online the dogs not doing well, so she was gonna stay home Same problem.

02:19 - 02:21

Town Hall

Yeah, really?

02:22 - 02:24

Town Hall

Yes What's that diarrhea?

02:25 - 02:27

Town Hall

Who let us?

02:30 - 02:32

Town Hall

Unfortunately one of our dogs spent two nights in the hospital.

02:34 - 02:40

Town Hall

But she's doing okay now Symptom of some particular problem.

02:40 - 02:42

Town Hall

I don't know it went through all three of them.

02:42 - 02:42

Town Hall

It was weird.

02:44 - 02:45

Town Hall

You know they were.

02:58 - 02:59

Town Hall

But it's.

03:03 - 03:06

Town Hall

It is amazing how you really cannot read those names.

03:10 - 03:14

Town Hall

I mean I know KW is Kelley Wolfe Kevin O 'Connor.

03:14 - 03:16

Town Hall

Yeah, that's our that's Michelle.

03:16 - 03:29

Town Hall

He takes the minutes and I recognize Joe What so I'm yeah, I don't know why it's doing that because I mean I wouldn't think Create a different way out there.

03:29 - 03:42

Town Hall

It's still the same go to meeting You know what's going on is so this has a HDMI pass through so the HDMI to the TV is plugged into the owl, and then It's just my USB.

03:42 - 03:51

Town Hall

That's connecting so that's what's happening is the It's putting a 4k picture up there, which is making the typos.

03:51 - 03:53

Town Hall

Yeah, I'll see if I can Okay.

03:57 - 03:59

Town Hall

That's what it's.

04:04 - 04:05

Town Hall

Doing All right 630.

04:09 - 04:12

Town Hall

Let me just call Peggy real quick and serious he's come.

04:21 - 04:29

Town Hall

She might have been skipping budgeting bases They did tell her we're putting it off to seven turns out.

04:29 - 04:29

Town Hall

Mm-hmm.

04:29 - 04:30

Town Hall

We're not.

04:35 - 04:37

Town Hall

Did we need other members of the Finance Committee?

04:38 - 04:40

Town Hall

Hey, are you joining us?

04:52 - 04:53

Town Hall

Okay, I'm okay.

04:53 - 05:23

Town Hall

I'm hanging up All right, we can get started need other finance committee people here besides Joe and and no they're not we're not voting okay all right I wanted to talk about this okay I wanted to make sure at least more than Joe we're here okay all right so maybe you could start with your concerns sorry no no because the point of waiting was because.

05:29 - 05:36

Town Hall

Yeah, so this is a this isn't budgeting basics This is a intro and why we might need budgeting basics.

05:36 - 05:37

Town Hall

Okay, right.

05:37 - 05:38

Town Hall

Is that right?

05:38 - 05:41

Town Hall

I mean, I think I think so So you had some concerns.

05:41 - 05:43

Town Hall

Yeah, some departments are struggling.

05:43 - 05:44

Town Hall

Yes.

05:44 - 06:03

Town Hall

Yes so it is It is kind of evident that some departments especially those with newer people and not a lot of admin and support are struggling with their budgets and what account to pay, what bills from, and how to move.

06:04 - 06:06

Town Hall

That's the wrong thing, Joe.

06:06 - 06:11

Town Hall

I want to say RDS because that's the federal government way of moving money between accounts.

06:11 - 06:18

Town Hall

And so I'm high centered on my vernacular, but when you don't have enough money and moving money and all of that.

06:20 - 06:32

Town Hall

And I think there is also this I know right now there is a how do we pay the bill thing going on with the highway department and their new excavator and it's on the warrant this week.

06:32 - 06:37

Town Hall

I myself don't know, I mean, I assume that it's on the warrant so the company is

going to get a check.

06:38 - 06:44

Town Hall

But there are bakeries in the accounting process that happen in the town that I'm not sure everybody appreciates.

06:44 - 07:05

Town Hall

And I think maybe a couple of hours of, I don't know, maybe Joe, if you're willing, I think you would be the guy to do it to help the highway department and I know the fire department And perhaps the police department, uh, I don't know but uh, do I mean tammy's been there for a while.

07:05 - 07:05

Town Hall

Right?

07:06 - 07:44

Town Hall

To help them with the basics on understandings of how to do things so Um, we're not all getting grayer and thinner hair End of the year There seems to be a substantial amount of work that has to happen for the finance committee at the end of the year to understand Where everything's going and to get everybody on the same page because there's been Nothing that varies but I just think people not knowing what to do and things coming to light as we try to reconcile And I think it would be good to get ahead of that That's all Does that make sense?

07:45 - 07:57

Town Hall

Yeah, I mean it makes it makes sense to me because I saw the thing on this week's warrant where some of the highway department's items, the big expense items, she said need procurement.

07:57 - 08:00

Town Hall

And I'm sure they have no idea what she's talking about.

08:00 - 08:04

Town Hall

Right, I got the note back from the highway department was like needs procurement.

08:04 - 08:05

Town Hall

What does that mean?

08:05 - 08:06

Town Hall

Yeah, right.

08:06 - 08:11

Town Hall

So this is the kind of thing that I think they need help with an explanation.

08:14 - 08:20

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, in regards to procurement, that means that they reach a certain threshold It.

08:20 - 08:21

Town Hall

Has to.

08:21 - 08:29

JOE BOUDREAU

Be competitively procured, and I understand that Peg is the procurement officer, or who might be.

08:33 - 08:34

Town Hall

Then, Peggy or Judith.

08:36 - 08:38

Margaret ONeal

I can tell you about this.

08:38 - 08:46

Margaret O'Neal

So I am not the procurement officer, but I have taken all of the procurement classes and I actually just signed up for them again, because you have to do them every once in a while.

08:46 - 08:48

Margaret O'Neal

And I suggested it to Rhea.

08:48 - 08:54

Margaret O'Neal

I really think that every department head should at least do an overview.

08:55 - 09:00

Margaret O'Neal

It costs \$495 to do the class that gives them an overview.

09:00 - 09:05

Margaret O'Neal

So it tells you about procuring goods and services, about engineering and design and construction.

09:06 - 09:09

Margaret O'Neal

And I mean, they all have budgets with a lot of money.

09:09 - 09:11

Margaret O'Neal

And that would be my suggestion.

09:11 - 09:50

Margaret O'Neal

I also sent an email to the accountants ask them if they had any any document or a packet that had I mean because that's different so procurement is different they should know it I have gone over like the at-a-glance thing with with Riel and I sent it to him and Christine and it's really easy to it's like a concise little block and tells how

to do it and it gives the number of the hotline if you want to talk to it you know but again I really suggest that they just do if they do no other class do the overview class because they're dealing with money and they've got to learn how to handle it.

09:51 - 09:57

Margaret ONeal

But the accounting is a little different because the accountants require, when you have a new vendor.

10:01 - 10:05

Margaret ONeal

You need to have a W-9 for them, you have to have a contract.

10:05 - 10:15

Margaret ONeal

Generally, sometimes a contract, sometimes not, but you have to do your due diligence and find you don't just take their word that they're the best and the least expensive.

10:15 - 10:18

Margaret ONeal

You have to get some bids or get some quotes.

10:18 - 10:26

Margaret ONeal

And again, that document that I gave them tells that in a nutshell, tells if they have to go on convies, if they have to go on general register.

10:28 - 10:31

Margaret ONeal

But it's, yeah, they should do classes.

10:31 - 10:37

Margaret ONeal

And I have today, as of today, I haven't received anything from the accountants, but I know they're busy.

10:38 - 10:40

Margaret O'Neal

So maybe they have some document because that's different.

10:40 - 10:49

Margaret O'Neal

They require, you know, they have an executed document that says that we have indeed hired them.

10:50 - 10:53

Margaret O'Neal

And yeah, I know Christine's been here for a year and a half.

10:53 - 10:57

Margaret O'Neal

I find it hard to believe that she doesn't really know this stuff already.

10:58 - 11:01

Margaret O'Neal

But anyway, that's that's my suggestion.

11:01 - 11:05

JOE BOUDREAU

In West Hampton.

11:05 - 11:11

JOE BOUDREAU

The road superintendent, if he had a new vendor, would send me a.

11:11 - 11:12

Margaret O'Neal

W-9.

11:12 - 11:13

JOE BOUDREAU

To help out.

11:14 - 11:18

JOE BOUDREAU

You don't have to do it for ones that you've been buying all along.

11:18 - 11:19

Margaret ONeal

Because.

11:19 - 11:20

JOE BOUDREAU

That's already on record.

11:21 - 11:31

JOE BOUDREAU

The second thing is, instead of spending \$495 for the course, you can go to the inspector general's office and download the procurement manual.

11:31 - 11:43

JOE BOUDREAU

In that procurement manual, there's only going to be a few chapters that that we're going to have to be from town officials will need to get understanding of it.

11:43 - 11:46

JOE BOUDREAU

We're not a big city where we're doing all kinds of stuff.

11:47 - 11:59

JOE BOUDREAU

So I would suggest getting that procurement manual I think I had one it was a PDF form and pass it out to the department heads that have questions.

11:59 - 12:01

Margaret ONeal

I Have to take my dog out.

12:01 - 12:02

Margaret ONeal

I'll be right there.

12:05 - 12:05

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

12:08 - 12:21

Town Hall

So those seem I was gonna ask how long the class is what there's just that one, you know afternoon Multiple sessions or do you know Joe how extensive these classes are that he was talking about?

12:22 - 12:25

JOE BOUDREAU

Well, I took it when I was from DOR for the **** of it.

12:25 - 12:27

JOE BOUDREAU

It was quite long.

12:27 - 12:31

JOE BOUDREAU

I'm sure it's even longer now But.

12:31 - 12:32

Town Hall

So like a whole day.

12:33 - 12:34

JOE BOUDREAU

Oh, yeah.

12:34 - 12:35

JOE BOUDREAU

Yeah.

12:37 - 12:45

Town Hall

It's probably for somebody who does accounting rather than a department head who

just needs to know the basics.

12:45 - 12:51

Town Hall

And that's why I was thinking that we could do something on our own because then it would be more interactive.

12:53 - 13:08

Town Hall

And Joe, you seem like you are your own procurement and finance and accounting course all wrapped into one human and could probably teach them in a couple hours than they would learn in several days in the classroom.

13:09 - 13:29

JOE BOUDREAU

I think the whole point of the course is for people who want to elevate to be the chief procurement officer in a community, not for the department heads who might procure something once or twice a year that meets the threshold.

13:29 - 13:35

JOE BOUDREAU

You know, buying a box of bolts in the highway department does not have to be procured.

13:35 - 13:38

JOE BOUDREAU

It's only that if it forces certain thresholds.

13:43 - 13:50

Town Hall

I'm not hearing a big thumbs up like somebody wants to sit down with a couple of department heads like having the most challenging.

13:50 - 14:06

Town Hall

It seems like, hey, she was saying correctly, why doesn't Kate just have colored department heads in, have a meeting and she explains them, download the PDF that Joe's talking about, highlight what needs to be highlighted and give it to the

department heads.

14:06 - 14:30

Town Hall

I think the department heads should download the PDF and take a look because they only need to look from what Joe's saying They only need to look at a few sections of it because a lot of it's gonna have to do with buildings and things of that ilk I'm sure like major expenses which some of the highway equipment is clearly but I think that They should basically download it and have a look at it and see what are the big questions like.

14:30 - 14:37

Town Hall

You know If you it's like any manual you look at you say well, I don't really need these parts I really just need this here.

14:38 - 14:41

Town Hall

And I think they should look at that and see what are their questions.

14:41 - 14:48

Town Hall

And I'm sure they'll have them, because I'm sure it's not going to be perfectly obvious exactly or understandable necessarily.

14:48 - 14:51

Town Hall

Sometimes the language could be a little obscure.

14:52 - 14:59

Town Hall

But then it could be a time to ask Joe or Peggy, because I mean Peggy doesn't always have a whole **** of a lot of time.

14:59 - 15:00

Town Hall

Well, I'm not sure.

15:01 - 15:05

Town Hall

He doesn't have any more time, which is why I don't think he should Course.

15:09 - 15:14

Town Hall

Yeah better better yes of his time and we're more specific.

15:17 - 15:24

Town Hall

And it would save us all more time Yeah, I'm in front and then they'll save us more time in the back end.

15:24 - 15:34

Town Hall

That's what I'm suggesting so how about we start with asking them to review the PDF and then Find the time to sit down Joe.

15:35 - 15:38

Town Hall

Would you be willing to sit in on an in on a meeting?

15:38 - 15:43

Town Hall

With them after they've gone through the PDF and and help answer questions with Peggy.

15:44 - 16:03

Town Hall

Sure Okay And I would emphasize to them that they are not gonna really need to look at that whole procurement manual Yeah, I would definitely emphasize that and then let's see what you whether the accountants come back with something and it's helpful that they can look at as well to look at accounting procedures.

16:04 - 16:05

Town Hall

Okay, thank you.

16:05 - 16:14

Town Hall

I know the other reason is on the one hand, you got a permit, on the other hand, it's understanding when you can move money and when you can't and that stuff.

16:15 - 16:27

Town Hall

I mean, we could put to you, when we send out the budget materials to the department heads, I mean, we could put a little sheet of, you know, whatever the top 10, you know.

16:27 - 16:33

Town Hall

That should probably be helpful and lead to consistency for what you would get in return for.

16:34 - 16:45

Town Hall

I remember when we were doing it this year that there had been a question that both Christine and Rial had about what account should be used to pay what expense.

16:45 - 16:56

Town Hall

And Joe had suggested that they get information from the accountants to see where had these expenses been paid in the past and used the same account.

16:56 - 16:57

Town Hall

Were they able to do that?

16:57 - 16:58

Town Hall

I don't know.

16:59 - 17:04

Town Hall

Maybe I'll ask the accountants to send it to me and let me have a look at it.

17:06 - 17:07

Town Hall

Joe, go ahead.

17:08 - 17:10

JOE BOUDREAU

I just looked up my manual.

17:11 - 17:16

JOE BOUDREAU

It stated 2011 and it's 154 pages long.

17:17 - 17:33

JOE BOUDREAU

Of that 154 pages, I would just think there's only probably a few pages that department heads would have to be familiar with and that's that's easy to get just go online and.

17:37 - 17:48

Town Hall

So can can Peggy can you send them a link to where the manual is so and we're gonna I don't know if you've heard the whole discussion but we thought we'd start with you're muted.

17:53 - 17:54

Margaret ONeal

It's better that way.

17:59 - 18:04

Margaret ONeal

Yeah, I can certainly send them a link to the office of the So.

18:04 - 18:22

Town Hall

We're gonna ask them to review the manual and then maybe we can find the time to sit down with you and Joe To answer questions, and then let's see what what the accountants come up with or anything and we can talk about that side of it.

18:22 - 18:27

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay, I I think some questions should be to conserve of what do they require?

18:28 - 18:31

JOE BOUDREAU

Are they processing bills?

18:32 - 18:36

JOE BOUDREAU

Are they holding it off if they don't have the procurement.

18:36 - 18:37

Margaret ONeal

Information that they want?

18:38 - 18:39

Margaret ONeal

That's right, they are.

18:39 - 18:42

Margaret ONeal

They do, and they've discovered that already.

18:43 - 18:46

JOE BOUDREAU

So they should be involved in the process.

18:46 - 18:55

JOE BOUDREAU

They should be telling everybody who purchased something about what they're gonna require And what what triggers whatever they want?

18:57 - 18:59

Margaret ONeal

That's right, and that's why I asked for the packet.

18:59 - 19:00

Margaret ONeal

So hopefully they'll send it along.

19:04 - 19:05

Margaret ONeal

Or a document.

19:08 - 19:14

Town Hall

Okay, well when we'll revisit this especially after we get back to cancer hopefully here back in concert.

19:14 - 19:15

Town Hall

Yeah.

19:17 - 19:17

Town Hall

All right.

19:18 - 19:18

Town Hall

Thanks.

19:21 - 19:31

Town Hall

You want to skip to Albert farm I'm assuming somebody's going to show up at seven to talk about the motocross, but we'll see.

19:35 - 19:58

Town Hall

Okay Albert farm so on July 28th, they had a call with David Foss who is the statewide the mass DEP brownfields coordinator Caprice Shaw and everybody works out of Springfield and Tamara Merrick who are all part of the Brownfields.

19:59 - 20:07

Town Hall

And the discussion was about doing a level one review and gaining access to the property.

20:07 - 20:17

Town Hall

So level one review of that is basically pulling everything together and then getting on site to just do a visual inspection.

20:17 - 20:46

Town Hall

The for the state they would contract this out and for the state the getting access and covering their liability is of paramount importance for their contractors so we sent a certified letter to the folks that are on the tax rolls for the Albert property and that came back undeliverable.

20:47 - 20:59

Town Hall

I think the next thing that we would like to probably do that will satisfy the state and the state's attorney is start moving towards foreclosure for the property.

20:59 - 21:05

Town Hall

And I have not talked to an attorney about that, but Kirsten did.

21:06 - 21:07

Town Hall

Yes, and she's here.

21:08 - 21:17

Town Hall

See you move towards foreclosure before you do the yeah, yeah, and because we can move Right all and it takes a long time.

21:17 - 21:27

Town Hall

It's my understanding I mean, I don't I don't know this from any experience, but it takes quite a long time and Right up until the last minute we can step back.

21:27 - 22:03

Town Hall

Okay, so we haven't taken them right so and I think that that would be hmm more in More in our interest than kind of paying attorneys to do eminent domain at for a couple of days And that's the state's attorneys as I understand it and we just you know I need to get back to the state is for us to show that we are serious about Taking this property and then their attorneys can write a letter that holds them Harmless from anything that's going to happen on the property And if we can get this moving.

22:03 - 22:10

Town Hall

Like the timing would be perfect because it would take about it takes them four to six weeks to get a contractor.

22:10 - 22:18

Town Hall

So getting them on the ground after everything's dead and before there's snow on the ground is absolutely perfect.

22:19 - 22:20

Town Hall

Perfect timing.

22:20 - 22:35

Town Hall

We are in their database to get this started, and so it really is the property access that is holding them back from getting contractors.

22:35 - 23:01

Town Hall

And also, I applied to the UConn TAB program, which is a planning group that the grad students do a project every year and it has to do with contaminated property and revitalizing it and planning and the whole process.

23:01 - 23:02

Town Hall

Which would be for free.

23:02 - 23:06

Town Hall

So that's that's where I'm at.

23:06 - 23:07

Town Hall

Come on in.

23:07 - 23:08

Town Hall

We have a chair.

23:14 - 23:15

Town Hall

So, um.

23:18 - 23:27

Town Hall

Cost wise for the foreclosure person and time and timing on that person talk to the attorney.

23:28 - 23:29

Kirsten Henshaw

Correct.

23:29 - 23:36

Kirsten Henshaw

So, last year, Charlie, we kind of did emails back and forth with the attorney.

23:37 - 23:45

Kirsten Henshaw

And I think we allotted for, like, an extra \$5 ,000 to begin the foreclosure on this.

23:45 - 23:54

Kirsten Henshaw

I just know that, like, Land Court takes forever, so just be prepared for, you know, it's going to take a long time.

23:54 - 24:00

Kirsten Henshaw

And the best thing I can do, because attorneys are outrageous, is just keep everybody posted.

24:01 - 24:21

Kirsten Henshaw

But I can email Ron Berenson tonight or tomorrow, and if you folks have decided that you want to go and pursue the foreclosure, then I can email him to, because I think it was started, but halted because of the 21E issues on the property.

24:24 - 24:26

Town Hall

Was there any reason not to?

24:30 - 24:34

Town Hall

I think that would be a good question for an attorney.

24:35 - 24:57

Town Hall

To me, I'm recommending that as the path we start down and having Kirsten and myself, all of us reach out and have a conversation with Ron and saying, what are the liabilities and what are, you know, what are the reasons we shouldn't look forward with this and explain to him what we're trying to do.

24:58 - 24:58

Town Hall

Yeah.

24:59 - 24:59

Town Hall

Okay.

25:00 - 25:01

Town Hall

Makes sense to me.

25:03 - 25:04

Town Hall

Makes sense.

25:04 - 25:05

Kirsten Henshaw

Joe, what do you think?

25:05 - 25:10

Kirsten Henshaw

Do you remember why didn't we halt because of the 21E issues.

25:10 - 25:49

JOE BOUDREAU

Exactly, unless we, um, we are way back when we instructed the finance fitting, particularly in the selecting that were in board at that time is to take it the foreclosures right to the cliff, but not, not to go forward and finish the foreclosure until the town decided if it was going to own it or not Because we did not want to own a liability right and I just checked the Appropriation for this year for a foreclosure and there's seven grand in that account.

25:50 - 25:51

JOE BOUDREAU

Okay.

25:53 - 25:54

[speaker unknown]

Excellent.

26:01 - 26:03

Town Hall

So have the conversation.

26:08 - 26:08

Town Hall

Yeah.

26:10 - 26:11

Town Hall

All right, thank you.

26:12 - 26:13

Town Hall

Thank you so much.

26:13 - 26:13

Kirsten Henshaw

No problem.

26:15 - 26:16

Town Hall

Okay, good.

26:16 - 26:21

Town Hall

Thank you so um You guys are here.

26:21 - 26:27

Town Hall

We're a little bit early, but I doubt anyone else is coming so maybe we can start talking about your application.

26:31 - 26:40

Town Hall

I Had a couple questions and then some of your Your butters to the event are here and had some concerns as well.

26:43 - 26:50

Town Hall

I guess I can go first I I mean by and large we're talking about the same event as last year, right?

26:51 - 26:53

Town Hall

Yeah, anything change.

26:57 - 26:59

Town Hall

Same size same number of people.

27:11 - 27:13

Town Hall

So why don't we give it another.

27:17 - 27:19

Town Hall

We can skip ahead and start stuff.

27:22 - 27:23

Town Hall

Steve, you're here.

27:23 - 27:25

Town Hall

Can we start talking about shape truth stuff?

27:26 - 27:27

Town Hall

Yep, absolutely.

27:27 - 27:30

Town Hall

So I'll just start as far as the website goes.

27:31 - 27:34

Town Hall

It's on the project list, and I haven't gotten there yet.

27:34 - 27:41

Town Hall

I had somebody who offered to help with the website, and I thought that was going to materialize, and it just seems to have gone through this.

27:42 - 27:47

Town Hall

Ok, well, off around that subject, Um, there is really no rush.

27:47 - 27:52

Town Hall

I just didn't want to let it slide right now following up on your progress.

27:53 - 28:05

Town Hall

Uh, in relation to that, um, I noticed that there's two actual paths on the town website, uh, that deal with town boards and town individuals.

28:06 - 28:07

Town Hall

One is the info tab.

28:08 - 28:18

Town Hall

If you click on that, you'll find the tree warden to find all of the officials of the town, but you won't find the insect pest control officer.

28:18 - 28:22

Town Hall

And you won't find, uh, well, of course you won't find the shade tree committee.

28:23 - 28:39

Town Hall

If you go to the municipal boards tab, click on that, uh, on the webpage, again, all the same people are listed basically except the tree warden is left off of that site.

28:39 - 28:43

Town Hall

Okay, so the tree board and should be included in this as well.

28:47 - 28:55

Town Hall

That's the only new information I have regarding that issue so I I did look at the bylaws and.

28:58 - 29:01

Town Hall

There's no mention of this pest control.

29:01 - 29:07

Town Hall

You know this is Rather disheartening because.

29:10 - 29:39

Town Hall

Although the insect pest control officer can be in small communities folded into a tree warden's responsibility the law allows that this town and that is the way this town has traditionally handled that position it's never been a super active position but at one time or another that position actually was budgeted had a certain amount of money in it.

29:39 - 29:43

Town Hall

Very minimal, but it was the tree warden's responsibility.

29:44 - 30:00

Town Hall

My concern is the line of information that notifies the tree warden that his responsibilities include those of the insect pest control officer got lost.

30:01 - 30:07

Town Hall

And I know that it was conferred to me, Probably through word of mouth.

30:08 - 30:46

Town Hall

I know it was conferred to Ken when he's, he was tree warden, probably the same way, but along the line somewhere that, uh, obligation to notify the tree warden that it's part of his responsibilities was lost and bringing up the issue just to find a way if there's some way that you can institutionalize and who knows what Other things have been lost over time with other boards that perhaps responsibilities have been forgotten and nobody knows who is doing what.

30:47 - 31:14

Town Hall

I think it's important to try to institutionalize the way that that knowledge is somehow incorporated in the qualifications for the job because the qualifications for insect pest control are, are They have to hold a valid pesticide applicators license but The place to enshrine that is in our violence.

31:14 - 31:24

Town Hall

That's right, and it's not there It's nobody ever created that job in this town that existed Maybe the select board just assigned the duties or something.

31:24 - 31:30

Town Hall

There's nothing formal that was ever done That I can see anyway chapter 87.

31:30 - 31:47

Town Hall

Oh actually it's not you know It says the town can do it, but the town never did do it well According to recent memory that no it's not The bylaws of the bylaws It's not the vows aren't a matter of memory.

31:47 - 31:57

Town Hall

They are enshrined in well explain to me then What is your explanation of the fact that that position existed was budgeted?

31:59 - 32:01

Town Hall

How do you explain it?

32:01 - 32:12

Town Hall

I don't I can't I mean we could ask Katrin to look back to old minutes to see if it it was discussed in the select board meeting and that's all I can think of.

32:14 - 32:30

Town Hall

Okay, so it remains a mystery And if it's a if it's a town office we need to create then we can talk about doing that you know it would take a You know a town meeting I I Can have up from night to sing so bad.

32:30 - 32:30

Town Hall

Yeah, please.

32:30 - 32:51

Town Hall

Yeah, I used to do all this for the state I used to have to keep track of all the insect pest control supervisors and What it was back in the day if you wanted to get money to suppress gypsum or Spongy ma or Dutch elm disease or anything that you had to have an insect pest control supervisor on your books for that money To funnel to town.

32:52 - 32:59

Town Hall

So a lot of towns still have it on their books Yeah, I don't know when it was started, it's kind of archaic, but.

32:59 - 33:09

Town Hall

So the select board may have, at that time, just decided to make the tree warden, yeah, that as well in order to get the money in essence.

33:10 - 33:11

Town Hall

I mean, I can see how that can work.

33:11 - 33:13

Town Hall

It doesn't make it a permanent penalty.

33:16 - 33:31

Town Hall

Well, I would suggest that we go about the proper procedure to reinitiate that position because there are a myriad of foreign invaders affecting our local trees.

33:32 - 33:36

Town Hall

And we've all experienced the tragedy of Dutch Elm Disease.

33:37 - 33:42

Town Hall

We have witnessed what Tumlaq Bowie Delgit can do to our native woodlands.

33:44 - 33:50

Town Hall

That position, probably more than ever, is more important now than it was back in the day of.

33:55 - 34:07

Town Hall

So I would make a formal request that we start that process going so that we can create that position and fold it into the tree board's responsibility.

34:10 - 34:18

Town Hall

So I guess, I think we need to essentially make a case for it as to why it's needed.

34:20 - 34:26

Town Hall

Are there potential funds available to To help with the pest control.

34:31 - 34:33

Town Hall

So you're talking about town.

34:35 - 34:54

Town Hall

Again going way back it was money through the state of the federal government that got through grants, but that doesn't exist Not the federal government promise for ash borer state Well, I mean last time it was spring for gypsy mom How was the Asian long-run beetle?

34:55 - 35:04

Town Hall

Station that was all fed And some statement, yeah, and what did the town have to do in order to apply for them?

35:05 - 35:22

Town Hall

It was declared an emergency, so they didn't have to do anything It's all done But now that's the case so I suspect it really was a matter of creating the position in order to get funds and help control obviously.

35:22 - 35:40

Town Hall

Well is there any objection to us resurrecting that position and figuring out the funding later but what about if it's an unfunded position that would allow the town to at least apply for funds if we should have some future need of them?

35:42 - 35:45

Town Hall

Do You need that position to be able to apply for funds?

35:45 - 35:46

Town Hall

It helps.

35:47 - 35:47

Town Hall

Does it?

35:48 - 35:48

Town Hall

Yeah.

35:48 - 35:51

Town Hall

And it can't be fulfilled with a contractor or something like that?

35:52 - 36:02

Town Hall

A lot of towns, this is how I saw, again, going back when I was working for the state, that a lot of towns, the tree worn, just took that title as part of their duties.

36:02 - 36:08

Town Hall

And they didn't necessarily have to have a pesticide license in order to find somebody in town.

36:08 - 36:09

Town Hall

Oh, okay.

36:09 - 36:09

Town Hall

Whatever.

36:09 - 36:10

Town Hall

Yeah.

36:11 - 36:16

Town Hall

But it was always associated with the tree ones for the show.

36:18 - 36:24

Town Hall

Well obviously it's something that I can't initiate yes.

36:28 - 36:42

Town Hall

Well is that you're the one that's advocating for this So I think it's a matter of building a case to take something to town meeting to create this position or else I'm talking about why we need to give this job to the tree warden now.

36:45 - 36:47

Town Hall

I mean, I'm not sure.

36:48 - 36:48

Town Hall

Okay.

36:49 - 36:54

Town Hall

Do you want me to run down the list of insect pests that are affecting our house?

36:55 - 36:55

Town Hall

No.

36:55 - 37:03

Town Hall

So what is it this person would, what, what give, what is giving this position to the tree warden do for the time?

37:03 - 37:07

Town Hall

Let us go back in time as an example.

37:09 - 37:27

Town Hall

When the Dutch Elm Disease affected American Elms and they started dying one after another, many colleges, towns, businesses, people treated the trees in an

attempt to halt spread of Dutch Elm Disease.

37:29 - 37:39

Town Hall

There are still treatments that are being developed and are developed, as well as resistant trees that have been bred to address this issue.

37:40 - 38:03

Town Hall

If at the time I came in at the tail end of the Dutch Elm Disease, if we as a town had decided or if I as an officer had decided that I wanted to treat the Elms in town for Dutch Elm Disease, it would have given me the opportunity to search for funds and treat the trees.

38:04 - 38:06

Town Hall

That's not such a far-fetched idea.

38:06 - 38:15

Town Hall

We've just watched our ash trees dying at an astounding rate because of emerald ash borer.

38:15 - 38:19

Town Hall

That is an insect that many towns tried to suppress.

38:19 - 38:20

Town Hall

It was impossible.

38:21 - 38:22

Town Hall

They're too small.

38:22 - 38:28

Town Hall

Winds can blow them for miles, similar to the Dutch Elm situation where it was

spread by a bark beetle.

38:29 - 38:33

Town Hall

And a sneeze could send a bark beetle the next county.

38:34 - 38:51

Town Hall

So you have to make a decision as to whether there's a chance for the survival of a tree species at the very core of that chance of survival as an officer who is versed in insect pest control.

38:52 - 38:55

Town Hall

That is the importance of the physician.

38:57 - 38:59

Town Hall

We've all lived through it.

38:59 - 39:08

Town Hall

You witnessed Elms go away, you're witnessing ash go away, we're involved right now in beach leaf disease.

39:09 - 39:20

Town Hall

Yeah, no, I've experienced, I mean, I lived in Maine through the worst of the gypsy moth infestation when they were, you know, spending tons of money and flying planes up and down the state.

39:20 - 39:29

Town Hall

Okay, so What more reason do I need well to convince people that that position is important?

39:29 - 39:53

Town Hall

But I'm only speaking for myself there, but and it's really a matter of what is it this person would actually do that we position and And right now, you know, we're not going to talk about it tonight because it just came in today But we've got our tree working resigned today Yeah, so we're gonna need a new tree warden let alone giving him a second Yes.

39:54 - 40:02

Town Hall

I have received a copy of that resignation And I know it's not tonight I.

40:05 - 40:16

Town Hall

Voiced my concern I Will continue to voice it until they can figure out a way to address it more formally And I don't need to dominate the council.

40:16 - 40:17

Town Hall

Well, I do have a question.

40:18 - 40:21

Town Hall

So Steve, help me understand this.

40:24 - 40:32

Town Hall

So you said that you didn't actually have to be a certified pest control officer, but then you, did I get that right?

40:33 - 40:39

Town Hall

If you read the law, the requirements for an insect pest control officer is...

40:39 - 40:40

Town Hall

To pass the course.

40:40 - 40:45

Town Hall

To pass the, yeah, press site applicators, of course.

40:45 - 40:46

Town Hall

Okay, all right.

40:46 - 40:54

Town Hall

So that would be part of the responsibilities of the tree board.

40:54 - 40:54

Town Hall

Correct.

40:55 - 41:13

Town Hall

Okay, and you're both saying that it would, having such a person with such a certification would look favorably, favorable on an application for funds, Like being able to have somebody that that does that, right?

41:16 - 41:18

Town Hall

You know other funds.

41:20 - 41:25

Town Hall

Yeah, we're suppression funding from the Forest Service It's available.

41:25 - 41:26

Town Hall

I'm not sure now.

41:28 - 41:42

Town Hall

But the diseases that we're encountering now and the pests that we're encountering right now are so widespread that there really isn't a Universal application that that That's also correct.

41:42 - 41:43

Town Hall

Yeah.

41:46 - 41:56

Town Hall

I think we I think we ought to put this on a future agenda this talk about a little bit more More intelligently at least from my aspect.

41:56 - 42:02

Town Hall

So it's hard for me to come in here cold But I do appreciate the sentiment.

42:02 - 42:23

Town Hall

I mean we're losing trees at a fast and curious rate and I Just wish there was something we could do about it but now weren't you also saying that if we have a pest control officer and they deem that there's a problem, the officer can contract with a certified pest control company to take care of it.

42:24 - 42:25

Town Hall

That's correct.

42:25 - 42:32

Town Hall

Yeah, so they don't necessarily need to, well, to be able to apply these things.

42:32 - 42:41

Town Hall

They can, they just have to be able to truly identify it and then could conceivably apply for the.

42:43 - 42:46

Town Hall

For a third party to do it.

42:47 - 42:48

Town Hall

Or you don't think so?

42:48 - 42:54

Town Hall

I know that your chances of getting state funding or federal funding without an IPC person.

42:55 - 43:00

Town Hall

So even if they have it, if they're not going to do it, they can still hire somebody else.

43:00 - 43:04

Town Hall

But if they have the qualification, then we might be able to get the funding.

43:06 - 43:33

Town Hall

I think it's fair to speculate that this was initiated for larger municipalities where the insect pest control superintendent or officer, uh, they actually have had staff with his own, that he would be supervising to apply pesticides is normally a pesticide application is only needed when you're applying pesticides to property with another person.

43:33 - 43:38

Town Hall

Uh, of course, you know, that officer would have to have that.

43:41 - 44:06

Town Hall

And I think that's why if you do an IA search of what do small rural communities with tree wardens do for an insect pest control officer, the IA search I did came back within small rural communities that responsibility is folded into the responsibility of the tree warden.

44:09 - 44:16

Town Hall

I assume that that means the pesticide credential requirement would be folded into the tree wood.

44:17 - 44:18

Town Hall

There's some gray areas there.

44:19 - 44:30

Town Hall

But in any case, that officer would be legally able to enter into a contract with a company it did.

44:33 - 44:36

Town Hall

If the funding was there to hire such a contract.

44:37 - 44:39

Town Hall

But honestly it didn't have to be the tree warden.

44:39 - 44:48

Town Hall

It could be somebody from the highway department that's spraying herbicides and has to get a license and then they can go and they can also get the pest control officer certification.

44:49 - 44:50

Town Hall

I think that's incorrect.

44:52 - 44:58

Town Hall

Anybody can get a pest control can go and pass the test.

44:58 - 45:14

Town Hall

But the specific responsibility to protect the town trees lies solely with the tree

warden or his agent or the contractor that he gives permission to touch those trees.

45:15 - 45:29

Town Hall

The tree warden has the ultimate responsibility for town trees, whether it There's removal, pruning, planting, spraying, injecting, transplanting, you name it.

45:29 - 45:34

Town Hall

If somebody's going to do something to a town tree, the tree warden is involved in that decision.

45:39 - 45:48

Town Hall

That's why anybody, including the highway department, including chairman Slickward, including anybody, cannot touch a town tree without tree warden permission.

45:48 - 45:50

Town Hall

Right, I understand that.

45:50 - 46:04

Town Hall

But we sent Charlie to pest control officer school who gets his certification, and then the tree warden can come out and go, hey, Charlie, you need to inject this tree with whatever this is, right?

46:04 - 46:06

Town Hall

So that's what I'm suggesting.

46:06 - 46:12

Town Hall

The reason I'm actually, I hear what you're saying, and I'm sympathetic to what you're saying.

46:12 - 46:43

Town Hall

I'm also sympathetic to the resignation of somebody that just said, this is too much, and adding one more thing to the plate when we're having trouble getting People to step up to the plate is something that i'm pretty concerned about with this town And so that's so i'm trying to balance the two things see if i'm not trying to harass you legitimate concern uh also A problem with probably every small town is facing and big ones i'm sure Yeah.

46:43 - 47:07

Town Hall

So uh part of the bigger picture Well, so doesn't this fall under the purview of the true warden now that if there are town trees for which he is or she is Responsible and they are diseased in some way to be treated in his Then you can still take care of that making that happen whether they do it themselves or they're hiring a licensed Yes.

47:07 - 47:10

Town Hall

And then for what I'm saying.

47:10 - 47:11

Town Hall

Okay.

47:11 - 47:55

Town Hall

Well, I think that's already any That information was lost the tree war it never says specifically in any of chapter 187 that the team were responsible for pest control It doesn't say it specifically it does say it for the office of insect pest control and the fact that he did not he was not aware when he ran for the position and Accepted that position numerous times that that was his response to building right well It depends on how you define pest control But if you if you define it in terms of how it's affecting the health of the tree then clearly it's their responsibility clearly Because we spot health of the tree is really the basic here.

47:55 - 48:02

Town Hall

Right whether it's disease or I mean what else kills a tree I don't know lack of moisture or whatever but insects disease.

48:02 - 48:08

Town Hall

Yeah environmental so I think that that is already a Given for the job.

48:10 - 48:24

Town Hall

I don't know I think a lot of this comes down to money too and that if this is gonna involve it's got ultimately involve spending money to do these treatments The, for which the town either needs a budget or somebody needs to find grant.

48:26 - 48:35

Town Hall

We have, fortunately have a person left, had forward thinking and left the trust fund to the town for just that kind of thing.

48:35 - 48:42

Town Hall

That trust fund covers maintenance as well as planting trees.

48:43 - 48:53

Town Hall

There is a hundred thousand dollar trust fund generating interest at every second of every minute of every day that is available for the tree.

48:55 - 48:59

Town Hall

Is available for the town to use in tree maintenance.

49:00 - 49:04

Town Hall

Unfortunately, that fund is not under control by the tree warden.

49:04 - 49:06

Town Hall

That fund is under your control.

49:06 - 49:07

Town Hall

Yes.

49:07 - 49:27

Town Hall

So if the tree wanted to use funds from the Rowland tree trust to spray trees or Under the maintenance clause of the trust They have to go to you for a commission So it's not a straightforward thing it doesn't have to be a taxpayer funded thing it can be a tree trust No.

49:27 - 49:28

Town Hall

That's fine.

49:28 - 49:31

Town Hall

Either way it's just money money's there.

49:31 - 49:32

Town Hall

Yeah if we need.

49:36 - 49:41

Town Hall

So Maybe to be continued at this point sure is that okay?

49:42 - 49:53

Town Hall

And why don't we do we have other stuff to discuss in terms of We do but it can I can relinquish the floor to the skirt.

49:53 - 49:54

Town Hall

Yeah.

49:58 - 50:01

Town Hall

All right, so let's talk about motocross.

50:04 - 50:19

Town Hall

Hello anyone different to start with no same thing We have more different rules for the for the event itself just where there's no pit bikes riding around.

50:20 - 50:21

Town Hall

No what?

50:21 - 50:22

Town Hall

No pit bikes.

50:22 - 50:24

Town Hall

They're on Saturdays and Sundays.

50:25 - 50:37

Town Hall

People used to use pit bikes for transportation to and from the track so there's no pit bikes you know I think they can use bicycles or actually but other than that to insurance purposes as well.

50:37 - 50:40

Town Hall

So nothing's different on that end.

50:41 - 50:47

Town Hall

Just the Indian Monica, you know, they're on the property, just looking to have another event up there.

50:50 - 50:58

Town Hall

So I was wondering about camping, exactly when people are camping and how many

people are camping?

50:58 - 51:10

Town Hall

Starts on Saturday at noon, ends on Sunday at about five o'clock in the afternoon at the latest, So probably somewhere in four to four thirty is usually when it ends.

51:11 - 51:15

Town Hall

Most people clear out and are out of there by five o'clock.

51:16 - 51:23

Town Hall

People go throughout the day because it's a one hour race, they cycle in throughout the day.

51:24 - 51:26

Town Hall

So a lot of people are just day trippers.

51:29 - 51:32

Town Hall

So there's no camping on Friday night?

51:32 - 51:41

Town Hall

Friday night, it's just my employees Stay overnight for set up So approximately how many people were camping on Saturday?

51:44 - 51:58

Town Hall

30 yeah, cuz their family members come out about 17 employees So some of them some of them have two people so maybe right around 30, but the people racing are can't do this No, no, it's they're all just coming for the day.

51:58 - 52:02

Town Hall

Yeah on the people on Saturday night People would drive.

52:02 - 52:03

Town Hall

That's what I mean.

52:03 - 52:05

Town Hall

Yeah, so I'm from on Saturday night not Friday night.

52:05 - 52:13

Town Hall

Yes Yep, so Saturday night people who are traveling You know three four or five hours to get to the events.

52:13 - 52:19

Town Hall

Those are the ones that stay over on Saturdays It's considered overnight parking for the most part.

52:19 - 52:21

Town Hall

Yeah, so how many of those are?

52:22 - 52:26

Town Hall

Um, usually have anywhere from 60 to 70 campers.

52:29 - 52:36

Town Hall

And I know we I'm sure we talked about this last everybody's totally self-contained Yeah, you're not allowing any something.

52:36 - 52:55

Town Hall

Yeah, it's in the rule book anybody gets caught dumping their fans for life It's not exactly what anybody wants yes Um I had one of the questions that I'll you about

who You do have food vendors.

52:55 - 52:56

Town Hall

Yes, we have a food vendor.

52:56 - 52:58

Town Hall

They come in and see the town for.

53:05 - 53:28

Town Hall

So that's separate because it talks about on the permit that you do have a vendor but it says no propane so is that nobody's cooking the propane don't know that answer then yeah then I think the fire department came up on Friday or Saturday just to inspect make sure It was all yeah.

53:28 - 53:29

Town Hall

I'm sure it's nothing.

53:29 - 53:31

Town Hall

You know, just you check.

53:31 - 53:33

Town Hall

No, I mean, I suspect there probably is Yeah.

53:37 - 53:40

Town Hall

And I think the board of health checks for their board of health certification.

53:40 - 53:41

Town Hall

That's right.

53:41 - 53:49

Town Hall

Yeah, when they signed off They said just have come in In their house, yes, right
Right in their town.

53:49 - 53:50

Town Hall

They've got to have served safe.

53:50 - 53:51

Town Hall

Yeah stuff.

53:51 - 53:54

Town Hall

Yeah, okay And they're still gonna come in and talk.

53:54 - 53:57

Town Hall

Yeah Yes, that's pretty.

53:59 - 54:07

Town Hall

You guys have other questions So Deb and can our neighbors?

54:08 - 54:17

Town Hall

To my gosh to you guys And they had you did have several concerns You know from
their experience last year Yes.

54:20 - 54:32

Town Hall

Do you want to talk about them you know I can You know I'm why start You know.

54:34 - 55:02

Town Hall

Yes, you know after the event Monday through Friday somebody came by our house

at 5 23 a.m And my room is in the front of the house And my window was open and they laid on the horn and five days and then we had it Stopped made on the horn for a long period of time because we complained about the traffic So somebody from the area I do not know who it was one morning.

55:02 - 55:04

Town Hall

I followed them, but I lost them.

55:06 - 55:16

Town Hall

No, then I got a death threat a death threat a death threat I don't know what day is she documented with somebody from south hampton Trapped in number.

55:19 - 55:37

Town Hall

Yeah, they said and we're gonna have to show you on his cell phone the day before I'll tell you how the day before Somebody called from the fire station to our house phone number, which I lose your cell phone number I don't know who it was because they didn't leave a message.

55:37 - 55:38

Town Hall

They hung up.

55:38 - 55:40

Town Hall

I have ideas but.

55:48 - 55:50

Town Hall

Fire station's numbers not unlisted.

55:50 - 55:57

Town Hall

No I mean I looked it up and it said we're the fire station.

55:57 - 55:57

Town Hall

Okay.

55:57 - 56:01

Town Hall

That's where yes well I thought so too.

56:03 - 56:12

Town Hall

The vehicles coming by, the noise Sunday we were out in the garden all day long and hear the engines revving all day.

56:12 - 56:18

Town Hall

Coming down the road 60-70 miles an hour and I know you have trailers but you can you can break down on this.

56:18 - 56:21

Town Hall

But Scobie was parked on the road, but she wasn't there all.

56:32 - 56:41

Town Hall

Yeah Maybe come in from the other side come up the hill don't come down Well, I mean, you can't close the door down one way.

56:41 - 56:44

Town Hall

No, but they could direct the traffic to come in that way.

56:44 - 56:46

Town Hall

They could put it on the website.

56:46 - 56:47

Town Hall

But which one?

56:47 - 56:47

Town Hall

Which one?

56:47 - 56:50

Town Hall

Well, certainly, yeah, if you could make the request.

56:50 - 56:53

Town Hall

And it certainly never hurts to try to advise your people.

56:54 - 56:57

Town Hall

We've had this, I'm sure, you can only do so much, I know.

56:57 - 57:03

Town Hall

And then the young people coming by 10, 30, 11 o'clock at night, going into our yard, just ***** in my wood block.

57:05 - 57:07

Town Hall

All right, that's not too nice either.

57:18 - 57:28

Town Hall

Yeah To have security yes, we do we have two people control the pits all night long.

57:30 - 57:36

Town Hall

You need till about one o'clock in the morning so whenever he gets ready to go some of the kids stay awake.

57:36 - 57:36

Town Hall

I stay awake.

57:37 - 57:38

Town Hall

I'm usually awake till 2.

57:38 - 57:39

Town Hall

I don't sleep anyway.

57:39 - 57:50

Town Hall

So if we do catch them, we have lights on our vehicles on the quads with strobe lights on, so they all know we're looking for them if there's issues.

57:50 - 57:53

Town Hall

Can I get a phone number of a contact person if I have issues?

57:56 - 57:59

Town Hall

Yeah, probably, because those are the people that get banned.

57:59 - 58:00

Town Hall

I don't know how that...

58:00 - 58:02

Town Hall

That's why we don't...

58:02 - 58:04

Town Hall

The insurance is so hard to get anyways.

58:04 - 58:09

Town Hall

There's only two companies in the country that will even insure motorcycle events.

58:10 - 58:14

Town Hall

One of them is only if you're a stationary event and you have it all the time.

58:15 - 58:18

Town Hall

The other one is if you're traveling events.

58:18 - 58:20

Town Hall

There's really one object to make.

58:21 - 58:28

Town Hall

Is there any way to set up noise abatement so you don't have to listen to that all weekend long?

58:29 - 58:36

Town Hall

Well, it is probably expensive 96, 96 decibels is the is the law.

58:37 - 58:37

Town Hall

Yeah.

58:37 - 58:40

Town Hall

Well, when they're revving their engines, that's how you're the bad.

58:40 - 58:46

Town Hall

I actually did a little research and they said it can be as loud as a jet engine taking off for some of these motorcross bikes.

58:47 - 58:49

Town Hall

So it does travel.

58:49 - 58:52

Town Hall

And I know Dave Cook didn't have a problem.

58:52 - 58:52

Town Hall

He couldn't hear it.

58:53 - 58:58

Town Hall

But the only thing I can figure out is we're across an open field, you know, and we were Outside.

59:03 - 59:18

Town Hall

Yeah, I want to offer some suggestions so I don't want to have to see it shut down But I don't want it to interfere with my house my my home peace insanity I mean, I think to a certain extent the noise problem.

59:18 - 59:22

Town Hall

It's pretty inevitable a lot you can do about a bunch of.

59:26 - 59:39

Town Hall

I mean, you can't say no unnecessary revving, absolutely, you know, right, you know, clearly if somebody's if you're actively racing, and, you know, there's noise from that, there's not much you can do about that.

59:39 - 59:50

Town Hall

But starting the races, you know, yeah, you have to pay attention to where I point the exhaust to start in the race as well and I don't point it up the hill up towards your house.

59:50 - 59:57

Town Hall

We try to point towards the woods because then yeah Yeah, I try to pay attention to that.

59:57 - 59:59

Town Hall

Yeah And doing it for 10 years.

59:59 - 01:00:14

Town Hall

I understand the walls I Mean, I think contact numbers should go I assume you reported the police the threat you got No He did not.

01:00:15 - 01:00:15

Town Hall

Yeah, you're really sure.

01:00:16 - 01:00:17

Town Hall

Yeah, you said half of it.

01:00:17 - 01:00:21

Town Hall

It's my cell phone number, and I'm always available at the ratio.

01:00:21 - 01:00:24

Town Hall

Hi, I don't know, and I always answer the phone.

01:00:24 - 01:00:25

Town Hall

You might start now.

01:00:26 - 01:00:29

Town Hall

Did you call 911, or did you call John directly?

01:00:29 - 01:00:33

Town Hall

He was at work when he got the death threat.

01:00:33 - 01:00:37

Town Hall

Right, but I mean, when you did call the police, did you call 911, or did you call the police?

01:00:37 - 01:00:39

Town Hall

Oh, no, I called John directly.

01:00:39 - 01:00:40

Town Hall

You have his number?

01:00:40 - 01:00:41

Town Hall

Yeah, well, I called, no.

01:00:41 - 01:00:56

Town Hall

I called the police station on Friday when I started having concerns about the traffic, and I left a message, and it was kind of funny because later that day, I had a hang-up from Dean Messick, which I know is related.

01:00:58 - 01:00:59

Town Hall

I mean, it wasn't him.

01:00:59 - 01:01:01

Town Hall

I don't know who it was, but I thought it was kind of coincidental.

01:01:02 - 01:01:11

Town Hall

So you really, it could be that your mom was calling from the police station, for one reason or another.

01:01:11 - 01:01:22

Town Hall

She she is the admin for police It could be a totally innocent thing They can't imagine can you do something.

01:01:22 - 01:01:40

Town Hall

Otherwise, but um You definitely want to call 9-1-1 when you have an issue don't call the police station related message Because it's for non-emergency stuff Yeah And if you have something you need to dress it gets toned out the state police get it and if John's in town I mean it gets it regardless.

01:01:40 - 01:01:45

Town Hall

I don't think Ken was in town when he got the phone call yeah regardless That's where you want to call.

01:01:51 - 01:01:56

Town Hall

It's just people don't hate doing that and they call the police station and they leave a message and it gets lost.

01:02:01 - 01:02:13

Town Hall

Okay right He's produced I Mean an unregistered phone with the fire department what that would mean to me is that you have a line with overflow?

01:02:13 - 01:02:16

Town Hall

Lines and those are usually not listed.

01:02:16 - 01:02:30

Town Hall

So there's an overflow line here There are different lines here at town hall even yeah
Is there no overflow well, then there's no way that there should be an unlisted
number.

01:02:32 - 01:02:34

Town Hall

Well, this number that's on here is it cell phone.

01:02:34 - 01:02:38

Town Hall

That's just a fax No, this was a.

01:02:47 - 01:02:51

Town Hall

Okay other stuff Cover it pretty much.

01:02:52 - 01:03:05

Town Hall

I think definitely watching for the kids and anybody going off property Yes, they
trying to contain kids, you know I do have a related question.

01:03:05 - 01:03:07

Town Hall

You said there were rules and regulations.

01:03:07 - 01:03:08

Town Hall

Yes, there is.

01:03:08 - 01:03:13

Town Hall

Do you folks have to, is there anything regarding drug usage or anything?

01:03:13 - 01:03:14

Town Hall

Oh, absolutely.

01:03:15 - 01:03:15

Town Hall

Yep, there is.

01:03:16 - 01:03:25

Town Hall

The reason I ask is there, at one point my son was very involved in dirt biking and motocross and competition.

01:03:27 - 01:03:45

Town Hall

Anecdotally, he shared, well, it wasn't a concern, he shared some information that one of the key things about motocross is that there was always availability of illicit pain killers because of this number of accidents.

01:03:46 - 01:03:47

Town Hall

You must be aware of that.

01:03:47 - 01:03:48

Town Hall

All variable.

01:03:48 - 01:03:52

Town Hall

I've been racing for 45 years myself as well.

01:03:53 - 01:03:55

Town Hall

So was there any truth to that?

01:03:56 - 01:04:00

Town Hall

I guess it depends on your person.

01:04:00 - 01:04:02

Town Hall

I've never smoked weed.

01:04:02 - 01:04:04

Town Hall

I've never done any drugs ever in my life.

01:04:05 - 01:04:07

Town Hall

So I had different course like those.

01:04:09 - 01:04:13

Town Hall

But I didn't even drink it until I was 30 years old.

01:04:13 - 01:04:18

Town Hall

Took it serious all the time and why I'm still doing it.

01:04:18 - 01:04:24

Town Hall

I try to show the kids that you can look a little wild but just be an honest person.

01:04:24 - 01:04:51

Town Hall

But yeah my rule book it's on the website and I on the card you have my rule book is on that website and it's pretty it's pretty determined that if there's any drug use at all you're banned you know and then we'd stop you from racing or If you hadn't even started racing yet, we stop you and you can't even leave the premises until you've come down from whatever it is that you have.

01:04:51 - 01:04:55

Town Hall

So yeah, we try to keep a good eye on it.

01:04:55 - 01:05:06

Town Hall

I don't know how true it is about the painkillers because most of the people who

race, yeah, we get beat up pretty good, but we all just keep on going.

01:05:06 - 01:05:12

Town Hall

It's almost like that is what we're looking for is that next Next bruise or bump.

01:05:12 - 01:05:13

Town Hall

Yeah, it's a rush.

01:05:14 - 01:05:19

Town Hall

Yeah So yes Well, it's good to hear that you're aware.

01:05:19 - 01:05:19

Town Hall

Thank you.

01:05:19 - 01:05:20

Town Hall

Yeah, very aware.

01:05:20 - 01:05:24

Town Hall

Yes You know, I have three kids and two of them race.

01:05:24 - 01:05:34

Town Hall

So I try to keep them, you know Involved as well that way there gives them something to do instead of just hanging on a street corner Yeah, who knows what can happen from there?

01:05:36 - 01:05:41

Town Hall

Yeah, well, thank you for asking So do you have a copy of this letter from?

01:05:45 - 01:06:03

Town Hall

Yeah, I think with your permission we should give them about or do you know Okay, we don't have to yeah, we don't have to but um That is one thing if you call me from a blocked phone number Here's you don't answer because it's always a spam call and I know we ever want.

01:06:06 - 01:06:12

Town Hall

Okay, because I was going to say, you know, I don't think that has part of the second page.

01:06:13 - 01:06:32

Town Hall

The second page actually has, um, yeah, their requests for, yeah, conditions, um, the chown made, uh, if approval is granted, we respectfully ask that it include clear and enforceable conditions designed to protect neighboring residents, including, and then there's a list conditions.

01:06:33 - 01:06:41

Town Hall

Now whether to what extent they can all be met is a question, but I think that's something that we would review in the future.

01:06:42 - 01:06:53

Town Hall

You guys, as far as I know, would like to have this on an ongoing basis, and so it'd be lovely if a lot of this was addressed and not a major issue.

01:06:53 - 01:06:57

Town Hall

I mean, you're still going to get noise, as we said, it's a motorcycle race.

01:06:57 - 01:06:59

Town Hall

Yeah, I promise, There's going to be no noise.

01:06:59 - 01:07:02

Town Hall

No, yeah, that's the one that definitely can't.

01:07:02 - 01:07:05

Town Hall

But there definitely should not be anybody harassing them.

01:07:05 - 01:07:07

Town Hall

There should not be kids on bikes going around there.

01:07:07 - 01:07:09

Town Hall

They should not be going onto their property.

01:07:09 - 01:07:10

Town Hall

They're not supposed to leave the property.

01:07:11 - 01:07:13

Town Hall

And we ban them.

01:07:15 - 01:07:17

Town Hall

We'll disqualify them for the day.

01:07:17 - 01:07:20

Town Hall

That doesn't make their parents too happy when I do that.

01:07:20 - 01:07:24

Town Hall

They just drove four hours away and now I ban somebody from racing.

01:07:24 - 01:07:25

Town Hall

You get to go home.

01:07:25 - 01:07:27

Town Hall

But it's a good example.

01:07:27 - 01:07:28

Town Hall

I've had to set some examples.

01:07:28 - 01:07:31

Town Hall

Do you have somebody sitting at the gate?

01:07:31 - 01:07:34

Town Hall

Yep, there's somebody at the gate All the time.

01:07:34 - 01:07:38

Town Hall

There's somebody sitting at the gate and then I have two people all day long.

01:07:38 - 01:07:39

Town Hall

That's what they do.

01:07:40 - 01:07:43

Town Hall

So What's the speed learning that rose the 25?

01:07:44 - 01:07:45

Town Hall

No, it's 40.

01:07:45 - 01:07:59

Town Hall

It's 40 It's kind of funny because it's there 30 coming up to our house and when it hits

our house, you know from one 12 It turns to 40 There's actually a sign I read that on my car.

01:07:59 - 01:08:04

Town Hall

Oh, yeah, I don't think that's true That used to be 30 years ago.

01:08:04 - 01:08:23

Town Hall

It's posted Nothing's posted right and I don't think any roads, especially non-posted roads are more than Yeah Well, let me look into that Essentially where I'm going here is we if there's a way to emphasize to all your distance.

01:08:23 - 01:08:30

Town Hall

This is a country road Yes, and it's residential and really.

01:08:33 - 01:08:43

Town Hall

But I think people come from more urban areas and don't realize The rural nature of that road and we own property on both sides.

01:08:43 - 01:08:46

Town Hall

So i'm constantly walking across sure, right?

01:08:47 - 01:08:53

Town Hall

And my backyard is spent to keep our dogs in there because we don't want anybody getting hit by a car.

01:08:53 - 01:08:53

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:09:00 - 01:09:08

Town Hall

So when you look into what the speed limit is and Whether we can even temporarily

get some signs of that.

01:09:11 - 01:09:13

Town Hall

Maybe even a radar sign.

01:09:16 - 01:09:30

Town Hall

And then I think you think coming up the hill Directing people or encouraging people to come up the hill rather than down better for us But everybody else is because there's meaning coming down House is right on the road.

01:09:31 - 01:09:35

Town Hall

I mean if it's like I feed off you're right next to the entrance to Center Farm.

01:09:35 - 01:09:35

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:09:40 - 01:09:44

Town Hall

Yeah Grace somebody chamberlain her house is pretty far down.

01:09:44 - 01:09:44

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:09:52 - 01:09:54

Town Hall

She seemed to think it was.

01:10:01 - 01:10:06

Town Hall

I Remember I relocated in town, so I live at four seven six through the road now.

01:10:07 - 01:10:21

Town Hall

Yeah, so technically I'm like your neighbor Sure, and I just want to speak in favor of the race for the day It's only a one-day event, you know, it shouldn't disrupt the town as bad as some people think so I'm just.

01:10:24 - 01:10:25

Town Hall

It is today.

01:10:25 - 01:10:27

Town Hall

There's racing on Sunday, too, right?

01:10:27 - 01:10:30

Town Hall

It's just Sunday There's no race.

01:10:31 - 01:10:53

Town Hall

There's a little kids on bicycles on their electric bicycles and make no noise on Saturday so the only thing there is is the kids are from three years old to 14 years old we just put up a little course can give the kids something to do again trying to contain them get Exhausted so they will go to sleep early Yeah.

01:10:53 - 01:10:59

Town Hall

That's that we all, um, but yeah, so the, and that's usually at four to five o'clock in the afternoon.

01:11:00 - 01:11:03

Town Hall

I'll ask for about, um, there's two different, um, events.

01:11:03 - 01:11:06

Town Hall

It lasts for about 20 minutes total.

01:11:06 - 01:11:08

Town Hall

One race is eight minutes long.

01:11:08 - 01:11:13

Town Hall

The other race is 10 minutes long, but the kids get exhausted doing it and it's just unbuckled.

01:11:14 - 01:11:17

Town Hall

So that's not motor related at all.

01:11:19 - 01:11:19

Town Hall

Motorcycles.

01:11:19 - 01:11:20

Town Hall

Can they ride that?

01:11:20 - 01:11:22

Town Hall

Can they ride around the track on Saturday?

01:11:24 - 01:11:26

Town Hall

There's no track preview.

01:11:26 - 01:11:30

Town Hall

The only thing I can do is I have one guy does track preview.

01:11:30 - 01:11:36

Town Hall

Usually on Thursday he'll ride around the track which is takes him about I don't know 20 minutes to look at it.

01:11:36 - 01:11:44

Town Hall

He doesn't rev it up you know it's one of the things I make sure but he goes around he'll do a video of the track and that's how everybody gets their track preview.

01:11:45 - 01:11:50

Town Hall

It's not like motor it's not real motocross it's off-road it's more of a scramble than it is a motocross race.

01:11:50 - 01:11:52

Town Hall

I've raced motocross my all life.

01:11:52 - 01:11:54

Town Hall

Yes, that's very noisy.

01:11:54 - 01:11:59

Town Hall

But scramble race, just everybody is different, leaving at different times.

01:12:01 - 01:12:07

Town Hall

And the hair scramble race is kind of more where it's like, yeah, motocross race, they do practice the track version.

01:12:08 - 01:12:09

Town Hall

No practicing.

01:12:10 - 01:12:11

Town Hall

So you go out cold.

01:12:14 - 01:12:16

Town Hall

Did you have noise issues on Saturday?

01:12:17 - 01:12:19

Town Hall

I don't recall, but I may not have been.

01:12:19 - 01:12:22

Town Hall

No, I was up at the health centers.

01:12:22 - 01:12:24

Town Hall

That's right.

01:12:24 - 01:12:26

Town Hall

There was a lot going on that weekend.

01:12:26 - 01:12:32

Town Hall

We listen to an event too Church or something along that pretty cool.

01:12:39 - 01:12:44

Town Hall

So are you think we've addressed your concerns here at least.

01:12:52 - 01:12:55

Town Hall

Suggested that there must be some kind of screen.

01:13:01 - 01:13:03

Town Hall

Screen some sort of screening.

01:13:08 - 01:13:12

Town Hall

It's hard to imagine what that could be that there wouldn't be a major expense.

01:13:14 - 01:13:30

Town Hall

Okay, so we want to make a motion All right, so then I will move that we approve the application for the motocross event from 10-18-26, the date of the event.

01:13:33 - 01:13:37

Town Hall

Be getting set up on 10-17 and break down on 10-19.

01:13:38 - 01:13:38

Town Hall

Second.

01:13:40 - 01:13:42

Town Hall

Any other discussion?

01:13:46 - 01:13:46

Town Hall

All right.

01:13:47 - 01:13:47

Town Hall

No favor.

01:13:48 - 01:13:48

Town Hall

Aye.

01:13:53 - 01:13:57

Margaret ONeal

Charlie if you'll remember to sign both copies and that gives okay.

01:13:58 - 01:13:59

Town Hall

Yeah, for sure.

01:14:02 - 01:14:05

Town Hall

So it's already been signed up by anybody else.

01:14:09 - 01:14:10

Town Hall

Right.

01:14:12 - 01:14:20

Town Hall

Thank you, yeah, yeah, I could just is there a list of conditions are you Okay, there's that my email address.

01:14:20 - 01:14:23

Town Hall

Yes, you can send them right to my cell phone as well.

01:14:25 - 01:14:32

Town Hall

Good Has he got your number you don't want to live but it might help if you if you wanted to answer.

01:14:35 - 01:14:50

Town Hall

But you could yeah I will try my best at answering a phone if it's on let's just saying if he has the number it might make Because I always answer the phone but you know, I gave you a card no I want to write down my name.

01:14:50 - 01:14:55

Town Hall

Oh, I'm sorry Just I think you can trust him not to spam Yeah.

01:14:57 - 01:15:00

Town Hall

No, no death threats.

01:15:03 - 01:15:04

Town Hall

Well.

01:15:08 - 01:15:23

Town Hall

That's that's Well, I have a name that I mean yeah, okay you found a name Actually, I wonder if they.

01:15:28 - 01:15:31

Town Hall

My last name is Cote, C-O-T-E.

01:15:32 - 01:15:34

Town Hall

Cote, or Cody, probably.

01:15:36 - 01:15:38

Town Hall

Don't recognize it, but I can look it up.

01:15:38 - 01:15:46

Town Hall

My database holds everybody's phone numbers, addresses, everything, which I don't have that on either, but I have all that information.

01:15:46 - 01:15:49

Town Hall

So I can put it in, see if there's somebody there.

01:15:49 - 01:15:53

Town Hall

Okay, and if it's an issue, I like to correct it as well.

01:15:54 - 01:15:57

Town Hall

That's the last thing I want is somebody dragging my name through the book.

01:15:57 - 01:15:57

Town Hall

Right.

01:16:00 - 01:16:06

Town Hall

All right, thank you guys Thank you for your concerns as well, okay.

01:16:09 - 01:16:25

Town Hall

Thank you guys And let's just keep on top of it I think We should try to talk directly with John's and been between now and then It sure also on the same page.

01:16:25 - 01:16:28

Town Hall

Yeah, I Don't feel like to say it.

01:16:28 - 01:16:47

Town Hall

Maybe because there's numbers like there's a lot of signs at the Highway Department There's one that says 30 miles Well, that's what I was just saying let me see what the actual speed limit is and let's see about posting it We do have vehicles all day long Flying up the hill.

01:16:47 - 01:16:48

Town Hall

It's gotten so much worse.

01:16:48 - 01:16:51

Town Hall

Yeah, so much worse Why is this only the second year?

01:16:53 - 01:16:54

Town Hall

Well second year.

01:16:54 - 01:16:55

Margaret ONeal

Legally.

01:16:57 - 01:17:08

Town Hall

Previously before we actually No past the bylaw that allowed this to happen before I shut them down if they just did one And literally was so somebody got hurt.

01:17:09 - 01:17:22

Town Hall

Yeah, was it actually Sure, no So no, I think that was the first year they tried it and I got a call from then police chief Bob Renke Because I was the chair of the select board that year.

01:17:22 - 01:18:14

Town Hall

He told me what was going on and it's not in our bylaws and they did not have um it was for ambulances right we didn't get so we shut it down i shut it down i told him close it down and he shut it down that day the thing is that they then wanted it to be a possible to be an event in the future however to do that we needed to alter our zoning bylaws which is a cumbersome process it is not something that happens overnight it requires a Bylaw to be written or amended it requires a hearing it requires Approval by the Attorney General Even if the town votes it the Attorney General has to approve it so it took a while So I think there was a year they wanted it it could not happen Yeah.

01:18:14 - 01:18:16

Town Hall

It came to us with an application.

01:18:16 - 01:18:17

Town Hall

We said basically there's just no way.

01:18:19 - 01:18:26

Town Hall

So here's ten years of experience running one of these Things is probably at some

other location.

01:18:26 - 01:18:31

Town Hall

Yes, so they run them all over that they ran it In fact the year that we wouldn't let them do it here.

01:18:34 - 01:18:38

Town Hall

They did it.

01:18:42 - 01:18:44

Town Hall

Because I was there last year I went to pictures.

01:18:47 - 01:18:53

Town Hall

Then we're requiring that when they did it without the permanent the first time.

01:18:58 - 01:19:08

Town Hall

Right Let him learn you really should have the insurance certificate out to the town to not to Warriors because you just signed a permit that makes you also my.

01:19:11 - 01:19:17

Town Hall

I know you do what the certificate is not written out to the town It should be written out to the town.

01:19:20 - 01:19:22

Town Hall

When it states.

01:19:25 - 01:19:27

Town Hall

Peggy are you there?

01:19:28 - 01:19:30

Town Hall

Well, she keeps on going with this stuff.

01:19:31 - 01:19:33

Town Hall

Well, we can look into it.

01:19:33 - 01:19:33

Town Hall

Yes.

01:19:33 - 01:19:38

Town Hall

Yeah, the municipality is named as an additional insurance umbrella liability.

01:19:38 - 01:19:39

Town Hall

It wasn't on there.

01:19:40 - 01:19:42

Town Hall

Unless you have one that...

01:19:44 - 01:19:44

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

01:19:44 - 01:19:45

Town Hall

Okay.

01:19:45 - 01:19:45

Town Hall

Well, that's okay.

01:19:46 - 01:19:46

Town Hall

Right.

01:19:48 - 01:19:48

Town Hall

That's a good point.

01:19:49 - 01:19:57

Town Hall

Yeah, because all of these say that the general liability, the umbrella liability, and the automobile liability.

01:19:58 - 01:20:02

Town Hall

Also, I'm going to add this to this, also, because I do work for municipalities.

01:20:02 - 01:20:07

Town Hall

You should also have their workman's comp certificate because they have their workman's comp certificate.

01:20:07 - 01:20:08

Town Hall

That's here too, that it's required.

01:20:09 - 01:20:11

Town Hall

Worker's comp and liability insurance.

01:20:14 - 01:20:17

Town Hall

Do we see the insurance plan in the application?

01:20:17 - 01:20:18

Town Hall

I don't know.

01:20:18 - 01:20:20

Town Hall

You should have a copy of all that.

01:20:22 - 01:20:22

Town Hall

I'll check in.

01:20:22 - 01:20:24

Town Hall

Yeah, it's in the insurance plan.

01:20:24 - 01:20:33

Town Hall

Okay, yes, and it does include the town, Because it was the bylaw was modeled on one from North Northfield.

01:20:33 - 01:20:35

Town Hall

I believe Northfield.

01:20:35 - 01:20:44

Town Hall

Yeah, and It was supplied to us by town council who I cannot believe would allow anybody to ensure To not ensure the town.

01:20:44 - 01:20:47

Town Hall

You know Yeah, I think some.

01:20:49 - 01:20:58

Town Hall

Okay, well let's move on um randy I appreciate your being here And I apologize.

01:20:58 - 01:21:02

Town Hall

We actually talked about the budget stuff at 6.30.

01:21:02 - 01:21:05

Town Hall

So if you're waiting for that, we already did it.

01:21:05 - 01:21:07

Town Hall

Otherwise, Matt, you're welcome to stay with.

01:21:12 - 01:21:13

[speaker unknown]

Us.

01:21:13 - 01:21:14

Town Hall

All right, so moving on.

01:21:15 - 01:21:16

Randy Zucco

It's been riveting, so.

01:21:16 - 01:21:17

Town Hall

Thank you.

01:21:18 - 01:21:20

Town Hall

Oh, he's a hokey-doke.

01:21:21 - 01:21:22

Town Hall

Somebody needs to get out more.

01:21:23 - 01:21:37

Town Hall

All right, so why don't we move on to Lise the scenic committee Asking to use town equipment, so we're assuming you're talking about using it here Okay.

01:21:39 - 01:21:47

Town Hall

And would you want to use it in this room or in that the projector and and the owl?

01:21:47 - 01:21:51

Town Hall

So the owl is a little trickier No.

01:21:55 - 01:21:58

Town Hall

You have to wire it up to a computer and it's part of.

01:22:01 - 01:22:04

Town Hall

It if you're if you're so you'll have remote participants.

01:22:18 - 01:22:25

Town Hall

Yeah So the simplest thing would be for me to come there and get it set up Which I don't mind doing it's fine.

01:22:25 - 01:22:26

Town Hall

Do you have the date yet?

01:22:28 - 01:22:39

Town Hall

Okay, so I mean I can be there I would otherwise I could train somebody how to use yeah, it's not that trick It's just that's the camera and the microphone instead of whatever computer.

01:22:41 - 01:22:42

[speaker unknown]

And.

01:22:45 - 01:22:50

Town Hall

It hooks up to the projector in this case the TV, but the projectors is the same thing.

01:23:11 - 01:23:16

Town Hall

Yeah How big how many people are in the room oh?

01:23:19 - 01:23:26

Town Hall

No, how many are literally in person So you're way better off sitting around this table.

01:23:30 - 01:23:43

Town Hall

It's much trickier microphone wise so if we're sitting in this room Y 'all picks up everybody I mean I can't speak for the people who are listening But I think reasonably well, and this is actually brand-new.

01:23:43 - 01:23:53

Town Hall

It's just It's getting its first run tonight It's supposed to be doing a better job than the old But anyway, it picks up everybody in the room.

01:23:53 - 01:24:01

Town Hall

Whereas if you're in the big room everybody has to be liked It's a nightmare in the main hall because the acoustics in the main hall are not that good.

01:24:02 - 01:24:10

Town Hall

So, you know You'd be better off here Are you guys okay, I'll speak.

01:24:14 - 01:24:15

Town Hall

Sorry go ahead.

01:24:21 - 01:24:28

Town Hall

Probably not So if you just want to clear the date with Peggy as soon as you know and then hopefully I can be there.

01:24:39 - 01:24:43

Town Hall

Together so thank you Yeah, yeah for sure you guys do tons.

01:24:46 - 01:24:50

Town Hall

In those green Boston science and that's good.

01:24:50 - 01:24:59

Town Hall

Oh, yeah All right, so so talk to Peggy, so you make sure you get the room reserved and then.

01:25:01 - 01:25:09

Town Hall

Good night, please At least Come back to you I reclaimed my.

01:25:13 - 01:25:32

Town Hall

The final point I wanted to bring up was the committee was presented with a Desire to apply for Tree City USA status was discussed and Everyone on the committee Agreed that it was a worthwhile thing to pursue.

01:25:35 - 01:25:37

Town Hall

To feel up to reading.

01:25:43 - 01:25:49

Town Hall

I mean you sent them the whole Whole long thing.

01:25:49 - 01:26:06

Town Hall

Yeah, but We pretty much meet the guidelines that are set up by two City USA We have a tree committee we have a tree board They've been doing Arbor Day for the last three years.

01:26:07 - 01:26:14

Town Hall

I think the only thing that was left out was a proclamation from the Board of Selectmen.

01:26:16 - 01:26:18

[speaker unknown]

Supporting Arbor Day.

01:26:18 - 01:26:20

Town Hall

Correct me if I'm wrong, Steve.

01:26:20 - 01:26:22

Town Hall

Yeah, it's supporting Free City USA.

01:26:24 - 01:26:31

Town Hall

And one of the things with Free City USA, it makes us eligible for grants through, I think it's DCR.

01:26:32 - 01:26:36

Town Hall

To do tree maintenance and that kind of stuff, if they have the money.

01:26:37 - 01:26:40

Town Hall

I assume they're about the same in some sort?

01:26:41 - 01:26:42

Town Hall

Yeah, that's a cautious thing.

01:26:42 - 01:26:46

Town Hall

It's affiliation through the National Arboretum Foundation.

01:26:48 - 01:26:49

Town Hall

I'm not a part of it.

01:26:51 - 01:27:03

Town Hall

Um, but to follow up, there is a misconception that, um, tree city USA will increase the bureaucratic workload of the town.

01:27:04 - 01:27:08

Town Hall

And that is simply a misunderstanding.

01:27:08 - 01:27:17

Town Hall

Uh, shade tree committee would take care of any kind of, uh, paperwork requirements, which are very few.

01:27:17 - 01:27:26

Town Hall

Uh, there's some documentations regarding the price per capita that the town allows for tree care.

01:27:26 - 01:27:28

Town Hall

We already far exceed that.

01:27:28 - 01:27:36

Town Hall

Um, there is no administrative requirements that would hinge upon any elected.

01:27:36 - 01:27:57

Town Hall

Uh, officer tree warden or anybody else, the shade tree committee could handle any of the administrative work regarding this, um, It's simply a commitment by the community and a consensus by the community, the trees are important part of our way of life.

01:27:58 - 01:28:06

Town Hall

It's a statement similar to, you would get a plaque that at the gateway entrance, the town would be similar to Purple Heart City.

01:28:06 - 01:28:10

Town Hall

We're Purple Heart City, we're also the Tree City USA.

01:28:10 - 01:28:18

Town Hall

It's a status symbol, but it's also a recognition that the town is set up to recognize and protect our trees.

01:28:20 - 01:28:24

Town Hall

Um, they even take the work out of the select boards.

01:28:25 - 01:28:42

Town Hall

Uh, part of this, uh, they have written up a proclamation that you guys would sign, since we only have one copy, do you mind if I read the proclamation to you, or should I just let you guys glance at it?

01:28:42 - 01:28:43

Town Hall

I'm okay with that.

01:28:43 - 01:28:44

Town Hall

Let me read it.

01:28:44 - 01:28:45

Town Hall

Read it.

01:28:46 - 01:28:54

Town Hall

Whereas in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for planting of trees.

01:28:55 - 01:29:02

Town Hall

And whereas this holiday called Arbor Day was first absorbed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska.

01:29:03 - 01:29:07

Town Hall

And whereas Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

01:29:07 - 01:29:23

Town Hall

And whereas trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting, heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life, giving oxygen and providing habitat for wildlife.

01:29:24 - 01:29:32

Town Hall

And whereas trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products.

01:29:33 - 01:29:43

Town Hall

And whereas trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the business area and beautify our community.

01:29:43 - 01:29:48

Town Hall

And finally, whereas trees, wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

01:29:49 - 01:29:59

Town Hall

Therefore, we, the select board of the town of Worthington, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the last Friday in April is Arbor Day in the town of Worthington.

01:29:59 - 01:30:05

Town Hall

And we all urge citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

01:30:06 - 01:30:13

Town Hall

And further, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

01:30:16 - 01:30:18

Town Hall

We already celebrate Arbor Day.

01:30:18 - 01:30:24

Town Hall

It's been going on ever since the Shade Creek Committee took its existence.

01:30:25 - 01:30:30

Town Hall

So all you're really doing is reclaiming your support for Arbor Day.

01:30:31 - 01:30:32

Town Hall

There's a lot of verbiage.

01:30:33 - 01:30:36

Town Hall

They could have put a lot, they could have condensed it.

01:30:36 - 01:30:41

Town Hall

And what do you require to do?

01:30:43 - 01:30:43

[speaker unknown]

Yeah.

01:30:47 - 01:30:50

Town Hall

This has to go along with our application, but what is the town.

01:30:53 - 01:31:07

Town Hall

You have to have a minimum budget for tree camp so We have to put up the signs I don't think you have to put up signs I think it's something that goes along with the app date or if they accept the application.

01:31:07 - 01:31:11

Town Hall

It's just part of it Are there other towns?

01:31:11 - 01:31:13

Town Hall

Not in the hill towns.

01:31:13 - 01:31:15

Town Hall

We would be the first town.

01:31:16 - 01:31:18

Town Hall

I know, I've seen it in your signs.

01:31:18 - 01:31:20

Town Hall

Stockbridge just got it last year.

01:31:20 - 01:31:22

Town Hall

Stockbridge just got it last year.

01:31:22 - 01:31:25

Town Hall

Northampton, Amherst, South Adelaide.

01:31:25 - 01:31:27

Town Hall

Oh, all the good towns.

01:31:28 - 01:31:29

Town Hall

Great Barrington.

01:31:30 - 01:31:31

Town Hall

All the affluent towns.

01:31:31 - 01:31:34

Town Hall

The neat thing about it is it's not population dependent.

01:31:34 - 01:32:04

Town Hall

We meet all the requirements with our and we have enough trees I'm sure this move that the select board sign the proclamation supporting Ardra Dre on the.

01:32:06 - 01:32:31

Town Hall

I Need discussion They were I I in shape three committee There's a stone at Packard Park, you know, I say so they're balling come on come here a memorative stone for balling Schneider And it's in Packard Park or some hostage like the base between

some hostage tanks around it.

01:32:31 - 01:32:38

Town Hall

But if you ever want to incorporate that somewhere where we get more visibility or something that's where that works really now.

01:32:38 - 01:32:40

Town Hall

The company says it can't get moved somewhere.

01:32:41 - 01:32:41

Town Hall

Absolutely.

01:32:42 - 01:32:54

Town Hall

Actually I'm glad you brought that up because that is that's been a subject of some discussion this how to properly honor Hagener and Rollins for their contribution to the town.

01:32:56 - 01:33:00

Town Hall

Well Henry's the one that made the money who just had to pass it down.

01:33:00 - 01:33:03

Town Hall

Yes, Henry Snider has a checker.

01:33:03 - 01:33:03

Town Hall

Yes.

01:33:03 - 01:33:09

Town Hall

I don't think we're not bring that up So how he made as much I keep this and Peggy gets you a copy.

01:33:10 - 01:33:20

Town Hall

Yes, that was Thank you very much, um, do they have suggested sign design.

01:33:23 - 01:33:27

Town Hall

They actually provide the sign if we were to actually provide the signs.

01:33:30 - 01:33:31

Town Hall

See anything about it.

01:33:31 - 01:33:32

Town Hall

We'd have to confirm.

01:33:32 - 01:33:33

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:33:33 - 01:33:33

Town Hall

All right.

01:33:33 - 01:33:40

Town Hall

Otherwise if the design exists, then I would say I mean they all look the same all the they give you this.

01:33:40 - 01:33:44

Town Hall

Yeah all the trees sitting on The purple heart signs.

01:33:48 - 01:34:04

Town Hall

Not that it's a big deal Okay Yeah, sure exciting work tree The tree headers All right

now you got to find a tree board yeah, yeah.

01:34:09 - 01:34:13

Town Hall

In there done ultimately qualified person.

01:34:22 - 01:34:31

Town Hall

I Would throw my hat in the ring for consideration Restoration as a pill and until somebody younger to table.

01:34:31 - 01:34:32

Town Hall

Okay.

01:34:32 - 01:34:34

Town Hall

Well until the election in the spring.

01:34:39 - 01:34:42

Town Hall

Talk about the resignation Okay, thank you.

01:34:43 - 01:34:50

Town Hall

Yeah Cuz I sort of feel also that there should be not one person doing shade tree and tree warden.

01:34:50 - 01:34:54

Town Hall

I Really do think we need more people but it may be hard to get people.

01:34:56 - 01:35:01

Town Hall

I think if people know about the committee, I think we might get more people, you know.

01:35:02 - 01:35:04

Town Hall

That takes us back to the web page.

01:35:05 - 01:35:07

Town Hall

If people could save our names.

01:35:08 - 01:35:09

Town Hall

Yeah, we'll get there.

01:35:09 - 01:35:15

Town Hall

We'll get there, but I wouldn't say that because it's not on the web page, people don't know about it.

01:35:15 - 01:35:22

Town Hall

There's plenty on the web page that people just don't ever go to look at, and then they say, Whoa, how do I find out this information?

01:35:22 - 01:35:30

Town Hall

It's like if you look at the web page But speaking of which, you know, I saw the Facebook post about the.

01:35:32 - 01:35:37

Town Hall

Memorial tree, so I hope once you decide on what you want to do, you'll come.

01:35:41 - 01:35:44

Town Hall

Yeah, it will probably be next April.

01:35:52 - 01:35:54

Town Hall

I need to declare in short recess.

01:35:55 - 01:36:02

Town Hall

Okay, so while he's recessing and I'll just repeat this when you come back.

01:36:02 - 01:36:04

Town Hall

Oh, no, Melinda can tell you all about it.

01:36:04 - 01:36:25

Town Hall

All right, so um, I Forgot something at home and Ruth is going to bring it to us So we did receive a copy a commemorative copy of the Declaration of Independence from Paul Mark and Lindsey It is printed on the original type of paper that was, the type of paper the original was printed on.

01:36:25 - 01:36:30

Town Hall

It is printed by Letterpress, which was the original method of printing it.

01:36:30 - 01:36:34

Town Hall

It's a lovely deckled edge if you want to hang around.

01:36:34 - 01:36:37

Town Hall

My partner, I forgot it at home, I had it framed.

01:36:37 - 01:36:39

Town Hall

She is bringing it.

01:36:39 - 01:36:45

Town Hall

I had it framed by the people who frame pictures for the Rockwell Museum.

01:36:45 - 01:36:47

Town Hall

And so I paid for it as a gift to the town.

01:36:48 - 01:36:56

Town Hall

But of course I've had it for like two and a half weeks and I left it at home so she's in the process of bringing it so it'll take her about three minutes.

01:36:57 - 01:37:07

Town Hall

I only didn't bring it earlier because with all that highway construction for a while the work on 143 just I was not going to carry anything breakable.

01:37:07 - 01:37:16

Town Hall

I didn't even I did not want close my mouth firmly, because I was afraid I'd break teeth when I hit some of those things.

01:37:17 - 01:37:22

Town Hall

So anyway, Ruth is bringing the frame Declaration of Independence, which is done very nicely.

01:37:23 - 01:37:24

Town Hall

I totally forgot it.

01:37:24 - 01:37:26

Town Hall

I know exactly where it is.

01:37:26 - 01:37:33

Town Hall

I don't know somewhere here in town hall, I think we will have to think about where I'd like it somewhere where the people can see it.

01:37:33 - 01:37:35

Town Hall

You know, the folks in town can see it.

01:37:35 - 01:37:36

Town Hall

There's tons of wall space.

01:37:38 - 01:37:51

Town Hall

Yeah, just as long as they don't hit it with a basket, right, you know, it's also the glass is a UV glass to prevent fading in sunlight, should there be sunlight that hits it, but you wouldn't want to hang it directly.

01:37:51 - 01:37:54

Town Hall

It'd be right out there on the fireplace.

01:37:54 - 01:37:54

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:37:55 - 01:37:56

Town Hall

So anyway, back in the fireplace.

01:37:57 - 01:38:01

Town Hall

If y 'all want to hang around a little longer, it'll take her about.

01:38:01 - 01:38:02

Town Hall

She's bringing it now.

01:38:02 - 01:38:03

Town Hall

She's bringing it now.

01:38:03 - 01:38:04

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:38:05 - 01:38:08

Town Hall

All right, well, let's move on for now.

01:38:08 - 01:38:13

Town Hall

Yeah 143 Road update.

01:38:15 - 01:38:19

Town Hall

I'm not sure we can there's much trouble Lindsay Hill because we house not here right I can tell.

01:38:22 - 01:38:44

Town Hall

I can tell you about route 143 Well, I mean nothing new to report there unless there's something we needed to discuss the tree situation There are hearing questions something to do wasn't there a hearing on the tree removal So it was the tree removal was really about Lindsay Hill and No.

01:38:45 - 01:38:46

Town Hall

I was at the hearing.

01:38:48 - 01:39:03

Town Hall

The only people that attended the hearing were town officials Planning board was there Three ward knows their shade tree committee was there But there was no, oh, yep, Charles, you were there, of course, sorry.

01:39:05 - 01:39:12

Town Hall

The public, there was nobody representing the public there, so there was no public comment.

01:39:15 - 01:39:18

Town Hall

So it was essentially approved to go ahead.

01:39:21 - 01:39:28

Town Hall

There was discussion, the planning board meeting afterward was more animated, but the tree.

01:39:30 - 01:39:38

Town Hall

So in the thing that's come up also that was discussed somewhat at the meeting is that there's six trees.

01:39:38 - 01:39:48

Town Hall

Yes, there's six trees long 143 that the DOT wants to remove because they are impinging on the roadway.

01:39:48 - 01:39:50

Town Hall

Basically on the former Granger property.

01:39:50 - 01:40:02

Town Hall

And they're trying to determine whether the planning board had any responsibility at all regarding those trees since it's in that highway and it's not a scenic road.

01:40:03 - 01:40:15

Town Hall

So I think the planning board was released of any responsibility for those trees, but Ben still had some personal contact he had to make with the abutter or something.

01:40:15 - 01:40:21

Town Hall

So in Charlie you had to determine whether that actually was a state layout or a tower, right?

01:40:21 - 01:40:50

Town Hall

So I did and I talked to the DOT and to our town attorney and the determination is that there's no hearing required to remove those trees and It's up to the town if we want to offer to replace them with some new trees somewhere Ben seemed to think opposite side of the road made more sense Do you have more trees to plant next year?

01:40:50 - 01:40:54

Town Hall

We are still planning a fall planting.

01:40:54 - 01:40:57

Town Hall

It hasn't been written in stone yet.

01:40:57 - 01:41:00

Town Hall

So would you be amenable to considering some trees over there?

01:41:01 - 01:41:03

Town Hall

If we can find a suitable site for it.

01:41:03 - 01:41:05

Town Hall

I haven't really reviewed the site.

01:41:05 - 01:41:06

Town Hall

I take a look at it.

01:41:09 - 01:41:12

Town Hall

How was the determination made that there was no hearing part?

01:41:12 - 01:41:13

Town Hall

So.

01:41:16 - 01:41:18

Town Hall

From our attorney.

01:41:23 - 01:41:26

Town Hall

While he's searching so the Part of the road.

01:41:26 - 01:41:47

Town Hall

I'm not sure how far they intend to finish this year They're talking about to Lindsay Hill Road, which would be passed where this is but then next year They would presumably be going from Lindsay Hill to a point that I'm not Sure exactly where and then the year after they would be going to Peru So there still would be further construction.

01:41:47 - 01:41:58

Town Hall

But I believe that it would be west of this site, how far away, you know, so it's always a question of do you really want to put in a tree where they're going to start
***** around with the road again?

01:41:59 - 01:42:05

Town Hall

And I'm not, you would want to look at it to see because you might want to wait a year, you know.

01:42:06 - 01:42:12

Town Hall

It's hard to- It revolves around the owner of the right of way, correct me if I'm wrong.

01:42:12 - 01:42:13

Town Hall

Actually, not so much.

01:42:13 - 01:42:42

Town Hall

If it is state right of way My understanding is that the tree warden doesn't have any legal rights to work on the state right, so so general law chapter 87 section 2 specifically says that the tree warden has Shall have the current control of all public shade trees shrubs and gross in town Except those within a state highway.

01:42:42 - 01:42:43

Town Hall

Right?

01:42:43 - 01:42:48

Town Hall

Yeah, so that's pretty clear Okay, so so what's the term sustain layout?

01:42:48 - 01:42:50

Town Hall

It's definitely a state highway.

01:42:50 - 01:42:51

Town Hall

It's in it's a state way.

01:42:51 - 01:43:05

Town Hall

Okay exactly Whether the town owns the right-of-way on the sides or not nobody seems to better want to say but it doesn't seem to matter Okay, so that doesn't believe the tree warden of the assessing over here And.

01:43:07 - 01:43:21

Town Hall

We're under no obligation really to replace those trees No, but if the butter is certainly interested we can plant them off the state of the state right away As long as we're within 20 feet of that boundary.

01:43:22 - 01:43:26

Town Hall

Yeah, so if she would want them in her field, then that's an option.

01:43:28 - 01:43:34

Margaret ONeal

I Believe the tree the town planted those trees did they.

01:43:34 - 01:43:43

Town Hall

Apparently at least some apparently trees that I plant I I just don't recall actually planning.

01:43:44 - 01:43:46

Margaret ONeal

Welcome to my world.

01:43:48 - 01:43:48

Margaret ONeal

Yeah.

01:43:51 - 01:43:54

Town Hall

So I think we finally so.

01:43:57 - 01:43:58

Town Hall

Who's the guy was complaining?

01:43:59 - 01:44:01

Town Hall

Sorry which one Steve Steve whips?

01:44:02 - 01:44:02

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:44:02 - 01:44:05

Town Hall

Yeah, it's finally stopped Right.

01:44:05 - 01:44:11

Town Hall

He is stuff complaining at this time So Route 143 at this point is actually in pretty decent shape.

01:44:12 - 01:44:18

Town Hall

It is dirt, it is not yet paved, that's coming soon-ish, and there's other things they're going to do.

01:44:18 - 01:44:26

Town Hall

But this section right now, there's a section that they just were working on today, which is extremely dusty if you go down it.

01:44:26 - 01:44:30

Town Hall

The other parts that they've been working on up until today are not.

01:44:30 - 01:44:42

Town Hall

So, you know, it's like I come out and there's immediate dust everywhere, but within, I don't know, less than a mile, the dust is all gone because now I'm in sections that they've rolled.

01:44:43 - 01:44:45

Town Hall

So it's getting better.

01:44:45 - 01:44:59

Town Hall

People who have been driving up and down that road are no longer, it's no longer this horrible, weird delay that you're going to have because they basically chewed up

half the road and you can't drive on that.

01:44:59 - 01:45:07

Town Hall

You can only drive on this side, which you're competing with the highway work to be on so Yeah, it's a mess.

01:45:07 - 01:45:20

Town Hall

It's a big mess, but it's getting better all the blasting and infrastructure Yeah, but only to that point because there's walls that they will have to construct in the future Yeah, they're more Wayne coaches.

01:45:20 - 01:45:23

Town Hall

Yeah coming up, but probably not this year.

01:45:23 - 01:45:24

Town Hall

I don't know.

01:45:24 - 01:45:24

Town Hall

Maybe not.

01:45:24 - 01:45:27

Town Hall

I don't know No, there's well, I got the impression.

01:45:27 - 01:45:28

Town Hall

There's a couple of them coming.

01:45:28 - 01:45:30

Town Hall

Maybe part of with the paving operation.

01:45:33 - 01:46:05

Town Hall

I Don't know so they because they they got in touch with the town I should have brought this I was going to bring it to the meeting, but I think we made a decision regardless that um oh Yes, the construction company Marais made the field decision to Put the stoplights on timers Even though the contract required them to have sensors that detected whether there was traffic or not particularly whether there was Pedestrians or bicycles that they slowed down accordingly.

01:46:05 - 01:46:08

Town Hall

Yes, but they just put him on timers.

01:46:08 - 01:46:24

Town Hall

I'm pretty sure it was because it was cheaper And easier yeah, so they asked if we would let them do that again And according to them because it went so well That's because they didn't have to drive on them every day several times.

01:46:25 - 01:46:35

Town Hall

So I asked for comment I got only one comment, but the comment did say He wasn't happy with the having a lot of timers that it was stupid to have to sit there and wait.

01:46:35 - 01:46:56

Town Hall

Yes, no traffic Yeah, so I got so I asked a bunch of questions, and I think just my asking the questions Kind of answered the question By asking the questions of DLT end of our town engineer they both came back and said yeah, let's just make them do Yeah.

01:46:58 - 01:47:01

Town Hall

Yeah, no, these are longer sections as well.

01:47:01 - 01:47:07

Town Hall

And the thing is that you there will be a button for bicycle or there's supposed to be

a button for bicycle or pedestrian, right?

01:47:07 - 01:47:14

Town Hall

Because as a longer section, it takes considerably longer for either of those to go through, especially pedestrian.

01:47:15 - 01:47:19

Town Hall

And there's not enough room for a car and a desk room.

01:47:20 - 01:47:29

Town Hall

And I did, I mean, I had several times, they said something about the fact that it was a timer only extended it by about 40 seconds.

01:47:29 - 01:47:32

Town Hall

Well, that was after you waited for the light to turn.

01:47:32 - 01:47:42

Town Hall

I mean, you know, it's like there were many times when I sat there waiting for the light to turn and nobody came the other way, but I had to wait for the light to turn.

01:47:42 - 01:47:44

Town Hall

So hopefully that'll be better.

01:47:44 - 01:47:55

Town Hall

Yeah, hopefully it'll be better Who knows we'll see it'll still be like a minor pain in **** But at least I won't be sitting there thinking well, why am I waiting if there's nobody coming the other way?

01:47:55 - 01:47:57

Town Hall

What's anticipated completion date?

01:47:58 - 01:47:59

Town Hall

October 2028.

01:48:01 - 01:48:02

Town Hall

So there are three phases.

01:48:02 - 01:48:25

Town Hall

So they're doing that Center phase that felt hurt right now so that gets paved and finished this year And then next year they come back and do that final section up to peru the peru line And then the Year after that they come back and do a final paid paving coat over everything So the last year isn't so honest.

01:48:25 - 01:48:30

Town Hall

But next next year will be just as bad because it's just being a different.

01:48:32 - 01:48:33

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

01:48:35 - 01:48:38

Town Hall

I don't think she's telling us to stay but we will stay if you like.

01:48:41 - 01:48:46

Margaret ONeal

All right That's Alice she's wanting to go out all the time.

01:48:48 - 01:48:54

Town Hall

All right, so legal second opinion search committee update I've asked twice whether anybody in town wants.

01:48:54 - 01:48:55

Kelly Wolf

To I had.

01:48:55 - 01:48:57

Town Hall

A question And.

01:48:57 - 01:48:57

Kelly Wolf

Nobody's.

01:48:57 - 01:48:58

Town Hall

Volunteered.

01:48:58 - 01:49:02

Town Hall

So um, oh wait, Kelly you have a question on the road.

01:49:02 - 01:49:03

Town Hall

Is that what you said?

01:49:03 - 01:49:03

Kelly Wolf

Yeah.

01:49:03 - 01:49:04

Town Hall

Sorry Oh, I'm sorry.

01:49:04 - 01:49:05

Town Hall

I didn't see your hand.

01:49:05 - 01:49:21

Kelly Wolf

Go ahead Amy, I just think maybe you might have noticed at the end of Parrish Road, where they made a big mess at the corner when they loaded up the milling machine.

01:49:22 - 01:49:27

Kelly Wolf

It was right there and they dug it all up and it's all ruts in there now.

01:49:27 - 01:49:29

Kelly Wolf

They left a whole pile of trash.

01:49:29 - 01:49:34

Kelly Wolf

There's bottles and trash sitting right there at the end of the road.

01:49:34 - 01:49:44

Kelly Wolf

And the grass is starting to grow up around it now, so you're not noticing it as much But Devin does like to mow that off, and it's all going to be ruts and stuff there now if they don't fix it.

01:49:45 - 01:49:46

Town Hall

So where is it?

01:49:46 - 01:49:48

Town Hall

I'll talk to to the DLT.

01:49:48 - 01:49:51

Kelly Wolf

Right at the end of Parrish Road by the sign the Parrish Road sign.

01:49:51 - 01:49:54

Town Hall

Okay, yeah, I'll talk to him about it.

01:49:54 - 01:49:56

Town Hall

Thank you Thanks.

01:50:00 - 01:50:16

Town Hall

Yep Kelly as long as you're here and online We got somebody today complaining about Electric fencing be being really close to the road on Bastion Hill You guys have property on Bastion Hill, right?

01:50:18 - 01:50:20

Kelly Wolf

No, we do not own property on.

01:50:20 - 01:50:22

Town Hall

Okay, just on Paris.

01:50:22 - 01:50:22

Town Hall

Okay.

01:50:22 - 01:50:22

Town Hall

Yeah, nevermind.

01:50:22 - 01:50:23

Town Hall

It's not there.

01:50:23 - 01:50:36

Town Hall

Yeah, okay All right, so back to the legal second opinion so nobody from town volunteered but you have Reluctant volunteers from border health.

01:50:37 - 01:50:52

Town Hall

Yeah conservation permission Planning board and And so why don't you go ahead and call a meeting and try to figure this out Okay, because I mean this is going to be interesting because it's.

01:50:55 - 01:51:00

Town Hall

Um somebody from people My impression was people in town had questions.

01:51:00 - 01:51:09

Town Hall

I mean, i'm not sure I can call the meetings, but I'm not sure what we're going to be The first thing is going to be and what are we seeking to have answered?

01:51:10 - 01:51:11

Town Hall

Why are we seeking a second?

01:51:11 - 01:51:12

Town Hall

Well, that's what you're meaning to do.

01:51:13 - 01:51:13

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:51:15 - 01:51:21

Town Hall

Take what was past the town meeting and try to make some sense Okay, what else do you know?

01:51:21 - 01:51:22

Town Hall

Oh, thank you.

01:51:22 - 01:51:23

Town Hall

They've accepted a good faith.

01:51:23 - 01:51:25

Town Hall

Yeah, I am going to yes.

01:51:25 - 01:51:27

Town Hall

I will call meetings Thank you, sir.

01:51:27 - 01:52:02

Town Hall

I can tell you that the coalition was behind the coalition here in town local coalition was behind that and I based on the conversation of the last planning board forwarded the concerns of you folks that nobody is volunteers and they are well aware that's point of concern and that confounds me as Why no action is gonna take me to yeah me too.

01:52:02 - 01:52:04

Town Hall

But we will start the meetings.

01:52:04 - 01:52:09

Town Hall

I will do that Well, well, oh you just have to send me the list of who's participating.

01:52:09 - 01:52:14

Town Hall

Yes, and so you can contact them So when I guaranteed everybody it was really only a couple of meetings.

01:52:14 - 01:52:15

Town Hall

Yes.

01:52:15 - 01:52:21

Town Hall

Yeah, it's yeah Okay, but at least we will have tried to respond.

01:52:21 - 01:52:21

Town Hall

Yep.

01:52:21 - 01:52:21

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:52:23 - 01:52:37

Town Hall

All right Um parks and rec update on potential trails on dingle and ring road properties You know, we did determine I think if we had the conversation with Parking is problematic on dingle.

01:52:37 - 01:52:52

Town Hall

I was I was blown away When I was forwarded an email from 2020 that the landfill was not capped And What is that, Charlie?

01:52:52 - 01:52:55

Town Hall

I'm sorry, I'm blown away by this, too.

01:52:55 - 01:53:01

Town Hall

Dep sends a letter that says it needs to be capped in 2020, and nothing's happened.

01:53:03 - 01:53:04

Town Hall

I don't recall the...

01:53:05 - 01:53:06

Town Hall

The email is here.

01:53:07 - 01:53:13

Town Hall

Peg sent me the email and said, oh, I just found this.

01:53:13 - 01:53:16

Town Hall

I mean, I don't think something like that gets buried.

01:53:16 - 01:53:17

Town Hall

Your landfill is not capped.

01:53:17 - 01:53:19

Town Hall

It's from the DEP.

01:53:19 - 01:53:24

Town Hall

It says that it is required to be capped and no action has been taken.

01:53:26 - 01:53:31

Town Hall

So I'd kind of like an explanation on that and Peg maybe you can chime in on this.

01:53:36 - 01:53:37

Margaret ONeal

Hold on a second.

01:53:38 - 01:53:40

Margaret ONeal

I'm going to put my camera on too.

01:53:41 - 01:53:47

Margaret ONeal

So I might say it I don't even when do you know what year it was even done?

01:53:47 - 01:53:48

Margaret ONeal

I don't have the paperwork in front of me.

01:53:48 - 01:53:49

Margaret ONeal

I mean.

01:53:49 - 01:53:52

Town Hall

You said you sent me the email, right?

01:53:52 - 01:53:52

Town Hall

I.

01:53:52 - 01:53:53

Margaret ONeal

Know I sent the email.

01:53:53 - 01:53:54

Town Hall

When.

01:53:54 - 01:53:59

Margaret ONeal

It was when it was cut when was ding that dump closed?

01:54:01 - 01:54:02

Margaret ONeal

Do you know?

01:54:03 - 01:54:04

Town Hall

I don't know that.

01:54:04 - 01:54:09

Town Hall

I know that it was requested from the DEP to be cast in 2020.

01:54:10 - 01:54:10

Margaret O'Neal

Right.

01:54:10 - 01:54:17

Margaret O'Neal

And that was and that was due to the highway department using it as a brush dump as I as I recall.

01:54:18 - 01:54:23

Margaret O'Neal

And I think that I wasn't here when that Dingle Road thing was closed.

01:54:24 - 01:54:27

Margaret O'Neal

But I assume that I.

01:54:27 - 01:54:27

Town Hall

Know.

01:54:28 - 01:54:31

Margaret O'Neal

I know, I know, I think it is always the same reason.

01:54:31 - 01:54:35

Margaret O'Neal

I think it's because no one wanted to spend the money to do it.

01:54:35 - 01:54:36

Margaret O'Neal

That would be my guess.

01:54:38 - 01:54:40

Town Hall

But it's in violation with.

01:54:40 - 01:54:40

Margaret O'Neal

State law.

01:54:40 - 01:54:40

Margaret O'Neal

I know.

01:54:41 - 01:54:43

Margaret O'Neal

And they know it and don't ever do anything about it.

01:54:43 - 01:54:45

Margaret O'Neal

So knowing that they don't do anything about it.

01:54:45 - 01:54:51

Margaret O'Neal

I think that that that stays as status quo That's what I that would be my guess.

01:54:51 - 01:54:54

Town Hall

So what's involved in tapping capping?

01:54:55 - 01:55:06

Town Hall

Well, they're the email the email has two names on it and it would it would take a phone call They're one of those two people at DDP.

01:55:06 - 01:55:11

Town Hall

Yeah So the question is do we want to open this can of worms?

01:55:13 - 01:55:33

Town Hall

I Don't think you cannot open this can of worms This is a violation and you know if the violations not going to get better over time Okay, and so you know I think I'm just six years that this request was here And I think action needs to happen on it are there lines involved.

01:55:35 - 01:55:37

Town Hall

But I think.

01:55:37 - 01:55:37

Margaret ONeal

That we.

01:55:37 - 01:55:47

Town Hall

Need to I mean there's a there's a stream that runs through this and it's like drinking water and I mean, this was, I mean, well, people are swimming down below too.

01:55:48 - 01:55:48

Town Hall

Well, there you have it.

01:55:49 - 01:55:52

Town Hall

But this is back when people just dumped ****.

01:55:53 - 01:55:54

Town Hall

Everywhere.

01:55:54 - 01:55:58

Town Hall

Everywhere and it hasn't been capped and.

01:55:58 - 01:56:00

Town Hall

What does that mean?

01:56:00 - 01:56:06

Town Hall

Captured, I've seen it done, Huntington did it to theirs, Cummington did it to theirs.

01:56:06 - 01:56:10

Town Hall

And I don't know if they put a rubber line or what's involved, but then it's vented.

01:56:10 - 01:56:15

Town Hall

Also, you know, you see it, you see the pipes coming up into the little candy cane thing there.

01:56:15 - 01:56:18

Town Hall

So, so, you know, our gases aren't building there.

01:56:18 - 01:56:19

Town Hall

We didn't do any of that.

01:56:19 - 01:56:20

Town Hall

Nothing.

01:56:20 - 01:56:21

Town Hall

No.

01:56:21 - 01:56:24

Town Hall

And I was under the impression that it was kept.

01:56:24 - 01:56:29

Town Hall

And I was left to, I was left to be led to believe that it's capped.

01:56:29 - 01:56:31

Town Hall

And I wasted a full load of time doing some stuff.

01:56:32 - 01:56:37

Town Hall

And I've wasted a full load of some other people's time doing stuff, only to find out that it wasn't capped.

01:56:37 - 01:56:51

Town Hall

And so you know now and now we're kind of back to it's not going to affect where the trails that we want to put the trails, but it certainly affects the town and The people downstream from there.

01:56:51 - 01:56:53

Town Hall

Well, what effect having some sort of parking spot.

01:56:54 - 01:56:54

Town Hall

Can you get done?

01:56:54 - 01:56:56

Town Hall

We don't we don't know that.

01:56:56 - 01:56:58

Town Hall

I mean we can put in a parking lot anywhere.

01:56:58 - 01:57:03

Town Hall

Okay, the landfill needs to be capped That's really the issue right there.

01:57:03 - 01:57:07

Town Hall

I'm just surprised that the EC hasn't been Send them more me me too.

01:57:07 - 01:57:09

Town Hall

Okay, what scares me?

01:57:09 - 01:57:11

Town Hall

It's been a long time since we've closed that.

01:57:11 - 01:57:18

Town Hall

Yeah, but it's been It's only been six years since that letter Will be six years.

01:57:18 - 01:57:19

Town Hall

Yeah.

01:57:19 - 01:57:21

Town Hall

Well, do you want to make an inquiry?

01:57:23 - 01:57:41

Town Hall

I just think it's a huge liability issue sitting out there for us And I don't think that this is going to be particularly good news by anybody involved, but I think it's our responsibility to take care of whatever that situation is So I was on the select board.

01:57:44 - 01:57:46

Town Hall

I don't ever recall seeing.

01:57:51 - 01:58:08

Town Hall

Okay, so I don't know if you are on that or not Okay, it doesn't the only thing I recall

is we had the court dumped Knowings down there, and they told us to get them out of there now correct, and I thought that was the issue.

01:58:14 - 01:58:29

Town Hall

So that's the part I remember that doesn't mean that didn't have It came to all of us take found it forwarded it to I think I don't think I've seen it I don't think I don't think you forwarded it to ask for it.

01:58:29 - 01:58:29

Town Hall

Yes.

01:58:44 - 01:58:46

Town Hall

I Never got this.

01:58:51 - 01:58:54

Town Hall

Well, it doesn't matter.

01:58:58 - 01:59:03

[speaker unknown]

So let's look into it.

01:59:07 - 01:59:10

Town Hall

I'm sure they'll understand that it's a process.

01:59:15 - 01:59:22

Town Hall

But it means we have to find the money I don't think it's really even a question of whether we should or shouldn't.

01:59:22 - 01:59:24

Town Hall

You don't need a land code, right?

01:59:26 - 01:59:27

[speaker unknown]

Okay.

01:59:30 - 01:59:33

Town Hall

And then there was a few other things that came up.

01:59:36 - 01:59:42

Town Hall

Like we talked about getting Forester, you know, to come up with a forestry plan for the property we have.

01:59:44 - 01:59:49

Town Hall

On Dingle Road, which that's what we got approved for that, that we submitted for funding for that.

01:59:49 - 01:59:50

Town Hall

We've got to approve for that.

01:59:51 - 01:59:53

Town Hall

Then we are also- So this is down where the dump is?

01:59:53 - 01:59:54

Town Hall

Yes, yeah, yeah.

01:59:54 - 01:59:57

Town Hall

And that should not affect the forestry plan.

01:59:57 - 01:59:59

Town Hall

The dump isn't, there's no trees down where the dump was.

02:00:00 - 02:00:02

Town Hall

Okay, that's a good thing that that happened.

02:00:02 - 02:00:09

Town Hall

And we also submitted, or I guess I sent it in, for forestry plan for the property that we own down in Springville.

02:00:10 - 02:00:30

Town Hall

Then I find out after that was approved, That in May The conglom in a conglom meeting in a mass wildlife said we're interested in that property and mad and said that in his process They came to the.

02:00:30 - 02:00:32

Margaret ONeal

Select it was the select board.

02:00:32 - 02:00:35

Town Hall

Yes, which why was I why was it my time?

02:00:35 - 02:00:38

Town Hall

Why was I spending time trying to get a force to plan on that?

02:00:39 - 02:00:42

Town Hall

I don't think I knew you were trying to get a forestry plan.

02:00:44 - 02:00:49

Margaret ONeal

And I didn't realize that it was the same property until I saw that it was 51 acres in.

02:00:49 - 02:00:53

Town Hall

The Right, right.

02:00:53 - 02:00:58

Town Hall

So at this point you've decided for to have to sign the application Okay.

02:00:59 - 02:01:04

Town Hall

Yeah, I mean it wasn't it wasn't a big application or anything, but you did have to sign it and I submitted.

02:01:04 - 02:01:04

Margaret ONeal

It, right?

02:01:05 - 02:01:31

Town Hall

So you just it's just you know another thing is I Consider my time kind of valuable and I'd appreciate like a little bit more communication here rather than submitting these now Forster in Boston telling hey looks like what I'll wait till the property sold because that's not a done deal So so and I think mass wildlife is a better fit in the town.

02:01:31 - 02:01:35

Town Hall

No, like I think that's great I don't remember ever discussing this.

02:01:38 - 02:01:50

Town Hall

We talked about this and and then this piece at ring road, but we've mostly talked about dingle Right, that's all I remember And by the way bring road too, so.

02:01:52 - 02:01:52

Margaret ONeal

Yeah.

02:01:52 - 02:02:07

Town Hall

I'm sure I would have said something because we had this discussion with them I think I did say something I think we did say there was a piece that had that mass wildlife it looked at and somewhere in the discussion was Not to me.

02:02:09 - 02:02:14

Town Hall

It doesn't my point being is I think you know, he's wasted your time.

02:02:14 - 02:02:18

Town Hall

I get it Yeah, well, yeah, I don't think everybody did it in time.

02:02:19 - 02:02:22

Town Hall

No The person started yeah, no.

02:02:22 - 02:02:40

Town Hall

No But other than that there's a lot of momentum for the trails I've talked to several people It's one day it's going to be time but there's volunteers available and all sorts of things And for you that don't know it, but at Dingle Road, the town owns just shy of 90 acres.

02:02:42 - 02:02:51

Town Hall

And we're trying to get a trailhead there so people can walk, walk their dogs, take walks, hike, and bike.

02:02:51 - 02:02:57

Town Hall

And so trails will be, some will be multi-use, some might be just biking, some might be just hiking, okay?

02:02:57 - 02:03:05

Town Hall

So it's a pretty big undertaking, but there's a lot of enthusiasm and there is grant possibilities to help with this.

02:03:06 - 02:03:13

Town Hall

And before anything gets done, we'll be maybe an open house there, just so we get as much input as we can.

02:03:13 - 02:03:16

Town Hall

Does that 90 acres just extend down the hill?

02:03:16 - 02:03:18

Town Hall

No, both sides of the road.

02:03:18 - 02:03:19

Town Hall

Both sides of the road.

02:03:20 - 02:03:20

Town Hall

Yeah, yep.

02:03:22 - 02:03:26

Town Hall

And there are two entirely different landscapes, okay?

02:03:26 - 02:03:35

Town Hall

Because across the road from the landfill, Emerson Davis, he actually made a lot of dirt there to cover the landfill, you know.

02:03:35 - 02:03:47

Town Hall

So there's kind of like, there's little menagerie of roads there, like woods roads, and then the side that the dump is on, that's a kind of a gentle slope of land, pretty wide

open woods over there.

02:03:49 - 02:03:49

Town Hall

Yeah.

02:03:49 - 02:03:51

Town Hall

But anyways, that's where that's at.

02:03:52 - 02:03:56

Town Hall

And we're going to stay, I'm going to stay on it, and the parking deck is going to stay on it.

02:03:56 - 02:03:56

Town Hall

Okay.

02:03:57 - 02:04:16

Town Hall

One last thing I'd like to add, and this is just a comment, is last meeting I came from, you know, within Worthington, we're getting a lot of heat from about the social media, and I'm not on social media, I don't read it, but I want to put a plug in for them, because they have consistently helped park the recs, um.

02:04:17 - 02:04:17

Margaret ONeal

Uh.

02:04:17 - 02:04:45

Town Hall

Finding some of the events, you know, the tree lighting, they buy the food for that, some of the open houses, Kickball games they thought their food for that so they're involved quite a bit and been very helpful with parking rack And I'm not on the social media side, so you know in it really has nothing to do with the social media It's the it's basically tiger and Jamie who have this part of money We're gonna have to go into where it came from in the first place Yeah.

02:04:45 - 02:04:53

Town Hall

And they are they are being very generous, and I'm not Yeah, yeah, this isn't a manner of criticizing anybody, but it has nothing to do with the within what into the Facebook group.

02:04:54 - 02:04:58

Town Hall

Yep Okay, so like people are on that group giving money to that.

02:04:58 - 02:04:59

Town Hall

That's getting spent, right?

02:05:00 - 02:05:04

Town Hall

There's a it's kind of is it Jamie and tiger and I've been a students.

02:05:04 - 02:05:18

Town Hall

That's Well, I don't think there's anybody else besides it to it, but yeah It's money that goes back to pre-pre-pre You know when the private school is going Yes.

02:05:20 - 02:05:32

Town Hall

Anyway And and I just want to say that I just was you know at the store the other day and then came back by The park and it's it's amazing how gorgeous Packard Park and the ponds both.

02:05:32 - 02:05:33

Town Hall

Well.

02:05:33 - 02:05:33

Town Hall

Thank you.

02:05:33 - 02:05:34

Town Hall

Yeah Thank you.

02:05:34 - 02:05:36

Town Hall

It's been a teenage from the time.

02:05:36 - 02:05:38

Town Hall

I moved here 20 some years ago.

02:05:40 - 02:05:44

Town Hall

And I appreciate all the trees that are being planted around town, too.

02:05:44 - 02:05:54

Town Hall

We've got a lot of committees that are The Garden club has been doing more and more yeah There are a lot of people in town that want to make some stuff happen.

02:05:55 - 02:06:00

Town Hall

Yeah Purge that that's great Yeah, the place across the street here.

02:06:03 - 02:06:19

Town Hall

We're lucky we are here All right, sorry, I'm sorry to be the bearer of that no, it's okay I mean nobody's that situation you can't afford it And you shouldn't avoid it.

02:06:19 - 02:06:22

Margaret ONeal

And I have a question, JP, this is about.

02:06:24 - 02:06:40

Margaret ONeal

You had mentioned Jeff Jordan and I asked about, you know, it's what I do when

people are procuring services or products to see if you had checked with other people, you know, get a cost.

02:06:40 - 02:06:54

Margaret O'Neal

And then, so then, I believe, Deb, you were going to check if you thought that maybe it was an exempt thing, but I would be surprised if it was not the, so did you look more.

02:06:54 - 02:06:55

Town Hall

Into it?

02:06:56 - 02:06:56

Town Hall

Sorry.

02:06:57 - 02:07:09

Town Hall

I talked with the forester, I talked with Jeff Gordain, and he has never had a town compete for a forester for forest management plans.

02:07:09 - 02:07:20

Town Hall

He said you could but nobody's ever done it and he just did one I think first stock bridge and they just brought him on and we've got the cost share agreement.

02:07:20 - 02:07:33

Town Hall

So I don't even know that it would rise to the level of needing to Do it and he does he's not he doesn't work for the state, but it needs to be state approved So.

02:07:33 - 02:07:44

Margaret O'Neal

So alright, so then again then I disagree with that I think that, I mean, it's true, probably a lot of people don't procure properly, but we have an audit every year and I'm the one that has to answer for that kind of stuff.

02:07:44 - 02:07:50

Margaret O'Neal

Or actually, in this case, I guess, yeah, it would still be me, because it could be Parks and Rec.

02:07:51 - 02:07:55

Margaret O'Neal

But, so if he, did he give you a cost for services?

02:07:56 - 02:07:58

Town Hall

No, but I can ask him what it would.

02:07:58 - 02:07:59

Margaret O'Neal

Be and.

02:07:59 - 02:07:59

Town Hall

Ask him what it.

02:07:59 - 02:07:59

Margaret O'Neal

Is.

02:07:59 - 02:08:06

Margaret O'Neal

It would be just that, and then just to ask whoever foresters that you like, it's not really difficult.

02:08:06 - 02:08:14

Margaret O'Neal

But unless you do it the auditors will call us out on it They pick they pick things that are new and this would be a new one.

02:08:14 - 02:08:15

Town Hall

So.

02:08:15 - 02:08:17

Margaret O'Neal

They make our war articles.

02:08:17 - 02:08:18

Town Hall

You only have to ask.

02:08:19 - 02:08:21

Margaret O'Neal

Just you just say you.

02:08:23 - 02:08:25

Town Hall

Left a phone message that.

02:08:25 - 02:08:35

Margaret O'Neal

That's right or send an email then you have documentation that you did it and and you know because Yeah, just because.

02:08:35 - 02:08:37

Margaret O'Neal

That's how you're supposed to procure them.

02:08:38 - 02:08:41

Margaret O'Neal

It's considered, you know, getting the most bang for your buck.

02:08:41 - 02:08:44

Margaret O'Neal

But you ask people who you respect.

02:08:44 - 02:08:45

Margaret O'Neal

You don't have to ask just anybody.

02:08:47 - 02:08:50

Margaret O'Neal

The way you procure goes by cost.

02:08:50 - 02:08:55

Margaret O'Neal

So if you know what he was going to charge, then you know what kind of procurement you have to do.

02:08:56 - 02:08:57

Margaret O'Neal

It's a goods and service.

02:08:57 - 02:09:10

Margaret O'Neal

So it's like under 10 grand, you just ask somebody, best business practice, you just search around and see what the going rate is.

02:09:10 - 02:09:13

Margaret O'Neal

And then if it's over 10 grand, and under.

02:09:13 - 02:09:13

Town Hall

50 grand.

02:09:13 - 02:09:14

Town Hall

It's not over 10 grand.

02:09:15 - 02:09:29

Margaret O'Neal

Okay, so if it's under 50 grand, then you do have to do a written scope of service, say what you want and how you want it, and then ask for a written quote back.

02:09:30 - 02:09:31

Town Hall

But if it's under 10 grand-

02:09:31 - 02:09:33

Margaret O'Neal

It doesn't have to be complicated.

02:09:33 - 02:09:36

Margaret O'Neal

It just, you know, kind of what it is you're looking for.

02:09:36 - 02:09:41

Margaret O'Neal

And then you give it to three different people and get a response back for the cost.

02:09:43 - 02:09:47

Town Hall

Peggy, if it's under 10 grand, you need to put it out for two other bids?

02:09:50 - 02:09:52

Margaret O'Neal

No, it's called best business practices.

02:09:52 - 02:09:52

Margaret O'Neal

So you.

02:09:52 - 02:09:55

Margaret O'Neal

Just, you look around what the going rate is.

02:09:55 - 02:09:59

Margaret O'Neal

You know you could ask other people but you don't think there's no writing involved.

02:10:00 - 02:10:04

Town Hall

Right because deb was saying it's under 10 grand I guess.

02:10:04 - 02:10:07

Margaret ONeal

Oh, oh, I thought you said it was well over 10 grand.

02:10:07 - 02:10:10

Town Hall

No, I said it's under and it'll be significantly.

02:10:10 - 02:10:12

Margaret ONeal

Under Oh, oh, well, so that's good.

02:10:12 - 02:10:33

Margaret ONeal

So then all you have to do it doesn't even have to be in writing, you know But again, I would send it in an email and just and and and fine but whatever that's if you want to do it properly And but if you don't then I'll point the auditors towards box and rec when they're asking about it You know.

02:10:33 - 02:10:36

Margaret ONeal

It's not that it's not that difficult that's not a.

02:10:36 - 02:10:41

Town Hall

High-priced item All right You.

02:10:41 - 02:10:43

Margaret ONeal

Did this before you did this before JP.

02:10:43 - 02:10:45

Margaret ONeal

Nobody ever wants to do this.

02:10:45 - 02:10:46

Margaret O'Neal

I understand that.

02:10:50 - 02:10:52

Margaret O'Neal

For the fencing and all the other stuff remember.

02:10:55 - 02:10:56

Town Hall

Okay.

02:10:56 - 02:10:56

Margaret O'Neal

All right.

02:10:56 - 02:10:57

Margaret O'Neal

Yeah.

02:10:57 - 02:10:58

Margaret O'Neal

So that's a dealio.

02:10:59 - 02:10:59

Town Hall

Okay.

02:10:59 - 02:11:01

Town Hall

Can we move on?

02:11:01 - 02:11:04

Town Hall

Retiree policy provisions.

02:11:04 - 02:11:04

Town Hall

Okay.

02:11:05 - 02:11:10

Town Hall

So the retiree policy provisions, there's, let's see, I got to find it.

02:11:10 - 02:11:11

Town Hall

Here we go.

02:11:11 - 02:11:11

Town Hall

So.

02:11:11 - 02:11:22

Town Hall

There's a couple of things here that are important for our, for us to have, to state.

02:11:22 - 02:11:24

Town Hall

So one of them is that.

02:11:26 - 02:11:28

Town Hall

Let's see.

02:11:30 - 02:11:32

Town Hall

It's item four.

02:11:33 - 02:11:41

Town Hall

Yeah, an eligible retiree who disenrolls from town coverage shall thereafter no

longer be eligible to re-enroll in the.

02:11:41 - 02:11:41

Town Hall

Coverage.

02:11:42 - 02:11:48

Town Hall

This is for retirees so that you can't go on and off and on and off our health insurance as a retiree.

02:11:49 - 02:11:55

Town Hall

If you are on it and you choose to go off it, you have to realize that you are not gonna be able to come back on it.

02:11:56 - 02:12:02

Town Hall

It makes it pretty impossible to budget if somebody can just go on and off, on and off at will.

02:12:02 - 02:12:07

Town Hall

It's pretty impossible to budget for what insurance requirements are for the next year.

02:12:08 - 02:12:09

Town Hall

There are also.

02:12:14 - 02:12:24

Town Hall

Section 5 stating that retirees enrolled in a group health plan shall be responsible for paying 50% towards the monthly premium.

02:12:25 - 02:12:33

Town Hall

They must elect to have the deductions taken directly from their pension check

pursuant to General Law 32B-19A.

02:12:33 - 02:12:40

Town Hall

Payment of the premium must come from HCR, what is it, Hampshire County Retirement.

02:12:40 - 02:12:41

Kirsten Henshaw

Or.

02:12:41 - 02:12:46

Town Hall

Mtrs, some teacher retirement system, and the employee must retire.

02:12:47 - 02:12:56

Town Hall

There was actually an employee who requested, said that they wanted to go on the retirement health insurance, but they did not want to retire.

02:12:56 - 02:12:59

Town Hall

But the town is not going to chase people for premiums.

02:12:59 - 02:13:08

Town Hall

They must, there is no provision for anybody as an individual to pay the town for their retirement health insurance premium.

02:13:09 - 02:13:11

Town Hall

It has to come from the retirement funds.

02:13:11 - 02:13:14

Town Hall

So this employee in question did not wanna retire.

02:13:14 - 02:13:22

Town Hall

They just wanted to go onto the health insurance and it's like, no, if you're going on retiree health insurance, you have to retire.

02:13:22 - 02:13:49

Town Hall

So these are the portions of it that are the most important and then stating in here that spousal coverage upon death of a retiree, we did adopt Chapter 32B, sub-Chapter 9D, which allows a surviving spouse to continue on the group coverage until remarriage or death of said surviving spouse.

02:13:49 - 02:13:54

Town Hall

Surviving Spouse should be responsible for paying 50% cost of such premiums.

02:13:55 - 02:13:59

Town Hall

Without 9D, they would have had to pay 100%.

02:13:59 - 02:14:02

Town Hall

But we have been, we adopted 9D in 2024.

02:14:03 - 02:14:07

Town Hall

And so it's just putting these down in writing.

02:14:08 - 02:14:09

Town Hall

Good job.

02:14:10 - 02:14:15

Town Hall

I don't want to get high centered on this, but what is for the Americans?

02:14:15 - 02:14:25

Town Hall

Um, they could be going up to another that could have been charged policy, but they
But they also might not so this it's um.

02:14:28 - 02:14:28

Town Hall

I.

02:14:28 - 02:14:33

Kirsten Henshaw

Think it was just language that Tim's session had put in the document I.

02:14:33 - 02:14:34

Town Hall

Don't it is.

02:14:34 - 02:14:36

Kirsten Henshaw

I don't think anybody specified it.

02:14:36 - 02:14:39

Kirsten Henshaw

I think KP law specified it for us.

02:14:40 - 02:14:42

Town Hall

That's what I've seen weird.

02:14:42 - 02:14:43

Town Hall

We could remove remarriage.

02:14:43 - 02:14:45

Town Hall

I Which one are we talking about?

02:14:46 - 02:14:47

Town Hall

Number eight.

02:14:48 - 02:14:51

Kirsten Henshaw

I think it's up to the select board.

02:14:51 - 02:14:57

Kirsten Henshaw

I think it's somewhat standard language, but I think that's why you're discussing it.

02:14:57 - 02:14:57

Kirsten Henshaw

Right.

02:14:58 - 02:15:03

Town Hall

I just think it's weird that remarriage would be a reason to move somebody off of.

02:15:04 - 02:15:13

Town Hall

I mean, it seems so very antiquated as if it's geared towards olden day women that have not had jobs and health coverage.

02:15:13 - 02:15:17

Town Hall

And then if they marry another guy, then it's his problem.

02:15:17 - 02:15:18

Town Hall

Why is it the town's?

02:15:18 - 02:15:20

Town Hall

And then you forbid their husband to die of typhus or something.

02:15:21 - 02:15:21

Town Hall

But.

02:15:21 - 02:15:22

Town Hall

It's just-.

02:15:22 - 02:15:32

Kirsten Henshaw

I think at the law firm, as a paralegal, though, I saw that quite a bit, where the language was, as Tim presented it in.

02:15:32 - 02:15:32

Town Hall

The draft.

02:15:34 - 02:15:44

Town Hall

Yeah, no, I would agree, but I also recognize that it is antiquated, that it is something that has existed through time, but should it Continue to exist.

02:15:44 - 02:15:44

Kirsten Henshaw

Is one.

02:15:44 - 02:15:46

Town Hall

Of the questions yeah for us.

02:15:47 - 02:15:50

Town Hall

Yeah So I mean it could be removed.

02:15:52 - 02:16:00

Town Hall

And I don't want to get things up and just seems it seems weird and awkward to me
But I mean why do you have to say she's only covered till death?

02:16:09 - 02:16:24

Town Hall

Yeah, it just seems like right right that whole clause is weird, but I'm Whatever Well the 50th the last cent is 50% is the part that's right, but I'm saying yes marriage or death this is weird.

02:16:29 - 02:16:52

Town Hall

Well do you want to strike that um We could I mean I think it's a little bit of a little bit of a little bit of a little bit of a little bit of a little bit Whatever the group wants to do because they could just send me not going to get you group coverage period and then The surviving spouse should be responsible for paying paying 50% we could strike that I guess The presumption is that if you remarried, then you presumably have some other spouse about that right.

02:16:55 - 02:17:00

Town Hall

No, but you would you in other words your new spouse would provide you with.

02:17:03 - 02:17:12

Town Hall

Through your deceased spouse, but suppose you have some better benefits than what your spouse has But then you would not to have them doesn't that doesn't that seem true?

02:17:13 - 02:17:23

Town Hall

Yeah, this is all for supplemental insurance because once you're talking about retirees The whole thing of the medical retirement is a different section.

02:17:23 - 02:17:30

Town Hall

This is supplement Yes, it's really just who's paying for right Okay.

02:17:32 - 02:17:35

Town Hall

It's just about something right do you want it.

02:17:35 - 02:17:37

Margaret ONeal

Me I think it could be.

02:17:37 - 02:17:41

Town Hall

Know anything about You wait.

02:17:41 - 02:17:42

Margaret ONeal

What I.

02:17:42 - 02:17:42

Town Hall

Think.

02:17:42 - 02:17:45

Margaret ONeal

I think that it could it not necessarily.

02:17:48 - 02:18:00

Margaret ONeal

The it could still be someone who is not on Medicare yet like and stuff so because we You know is it it could be like, you know, you look at ranky and his wife right now I mean.

02:18:00 - 02:18:01

Town Hall

They're.

02:18:01 - 02:18:06

Margaret ONeal

They're not of age and so I mean that so that I.

02:18:07 - 02:18:08

Town Hall

See what you're saying.

02:18:11 - 02:18:12

Town Hall

Yeah.

02:18:12 - 02:18:16

Margaret O'Neal

Yeah, yeah, yeah, it doesn't necessarily have to be supplemental could be.

02:18:16 - 02:18:17

Kirsten Henshaw

Regular correct.

02:18:23 - 02:18:46

Town Hall

Sorry, I don't I don't have a strong feeling so no, I don't either do you want it moved you Okay, if you don't care shall we leave it as is yes standard language, okay So then um, I would move that the select board accept this Which will then go into the employee handbook.

02:18:48 - 02:18:49

[speaker unknown]

Second.

02:18:56 - 02:18:58

Town Hall

Session Yes, yeah we do.

02:19:03 - 02:19:08

Town Hall

Snap Alright parking lot used by golden rod customs.

02:19:08 - 02:19:12

Town Hall

I can't believe you remember who brought this up to begin with I did.

02:19:15 - 02:19:57

Town Hall

It's not no when you make sense, I'm just trying yeah, no all right so so we've pursued So we've spoke Peggy, and I have both spoken with Cabot risk which is our insurer yeah through Maya and Of course You really didn't even have to ask that their their response was put up a sign that says we're only parking only for school years And I when I thought and I talked to the guy I said my inclination here is to try to help the business not hurt Their business so is there not a way we can limit our liability and still let them use a term parking lot if they need it To I can answer that question.

02:19:57 - 02:20:04

Town Hall

Well, so his answer was and then I'll get your answer What is essentially asking the golden rod?

02:20:05 - 02:20:12

Town Hall

To To add us to their insurance Should something yeah, but why not?

02:20:12 - 02:20:23

Town Hall

I'm on there because that's what that's what it would be in addition to the insurance Okay, I'll just use this we had a retail lot for our Christmas trees Had to have coverage to be there on their property.

02:20:23 - 02:20:35

Town Hall

You know viability to run somebody else Yes, yeah, so so you know it's Insurance policy we're saying you know They would come up with it.

02:20:41 - 02:20:51

Town Hall

Was there something you wanted to talk about just finding this But I'd mainly came up for the motorcycle, okay.

02:20:51 - 02:20:53

Town Hall

Thank you for doing that.

02:21:01 - 02:21:05

Town Hall

You want to come back to the ambulance.

02:21:13 - 02:21:19

Town Hall

So I guess since I've done the way work on this one I can volunteer to talk to.

02:21:21 - 02:21:25

Town Hall

Chances are they're not really even aware of the people who are doing that be my guess.

02:21:25 - 02:21:32

Town Hall

Oh Don't know no no tell me you seen your locks the name of the performance point in it's filled up They know they aren't parking in their lot.

02:21:32 - 02:21:35

Town Hall

Yeah, and I don't have any problem.

02:21:35 - 02:21:49

Town Hall

Let's work or matter of fact I'm thrilled that that works right we just Sure All right, so I'll talk to you, and I just bought tickets for Pippen's I Guess I can walk you to park here and walk yeah.

02:21:51 - 02:22:00

Town Hall

Okay, so that's that for now I kind of expected Julie to be here to talk to us But was she invited?

02:22:02 - 02:22:03

Margaret ONeal

She knew that it was tonight.

02:22:03 - 02:22:07

Margaret ONeal

I didn't give her a time, but she did send an email kind of explaining it.

02:22:07 - 02:22:09

Margaret ONeal

Would you prefer to wait until next time?

02:22:10 - 02:22:11

Town Hall

Well, I've got that.

02:22:11 - 02:22:15

Town Hall

Do you think she understood that maybe a personal appearance would help?

02:22:15 - 02:22:19

Margaret ONeal

Well, I didn't push her on it, I guess, when you think I think about it.

02:22:20 - 02:22:20

Town Hall

Well, I don't know.

02:22:20 - 02:22:21

Town Hall

How do you guys feel?

02:22:21 - 02:22:45

Town Hall

The one thing my concern is, and I certainly don't mean to disqualify her by any means, But she's clearly taken a very ad but strong advocacy position on the solar stuff Which is fine, and she's gone out of her way to say in her letter I've always spoken to boards as an individual and I'll continue to make that distinction clear in future meetings So I think she gets.

02:22:45 - 02:22:46

Margaret ONeal

Yeah.

02:22:46 - 02:22:53

Town Hall

That she would need to be neutral to some extent as a member of the of a more of a board right?

02:22:53 - 02:23:01

Town Hall

Deciding on the stuff that your personal opinions At some point have to stay person, but I would like to have that discussion in person.

02:23:01 - 02:23:02

Town Hall

Yes.

02:23:02 - 02:23:05

Margaret ONeal

I'll just invite her to the next meeting.

02:23:05 - 02:23:06

Town Hall

Okay.

02:23:06 - 02:23:07

Margaret ONeal

Or make sure.

02:23:07 - 02:23:07

Town Hall

She.

02:23:07 - 02:23:08

Margaret ONeal

Understands that it would be.

02:23:08 - 02:23:11

Town Hall

Just think it's really important that she understands that.

02:23:11 - 02:23:27

Town Hall

Mm-hmm I mean we had an issue with the planning board and a member of the planning board when they were talking about the Old North Road cell phone tower and so a member of the planning board was Okay, let's go.

02:23:27 - 02:23:28

Town Hall

Yeah.

02:23:28 - 02:23:28

Town Hall

Good night.

02:23:28 - 02:23:28

Town Hall

Bye.

02:23:28 - 02:23:29

Town Hall

Sorry.

02:23:29 - 02:23:29

Town Hall

Yeah.

02:23:29 - 02:23:36

Town Hall

Sorry again for yeah No, it's just you know Inefficiencies and I'm not that type of person.

02:23:36 - 02:23:37

Town Hall

I like that's okay.

02:23:38 - 02:23:40

Town Hall

You you can grumble at us, too It's more than fair.

02:23:40 - 02:24:00

Town Hall

Yeah, but um anyway, so he was opposed to cell phones Cellphone use but the thing is everybody on that side of town which is my side of town, was dying for a cell phone tower because when you left your house, if your car broke down, you had no choice but to walk home because there was no way you could contact anybody.

02:24:01 - 02:24:16

Town Hall

So, you know, he was, he was, but, and he needed to let go of the fact that he was opposed to cell phone towers because everybody else at our end of town was like, I'm tired of walking home and my car dies and my car gets stuck in the mud.

02:24:16 - 02:24:18

Town Hall

I can't go anywhere.

02:24:18 - 02:24:20

Town Hall

I have to walk home to make a phone call.

02:24:20 - 02:24:32

Town Hall

And then I have to walk back to my car to wait for AAA." And he admitted that, yeah, okay, you know, you have to vote the way the town wants you to vote.

02:24:33 - 02:24:53

Town Hall

And, you know, it's like people who have this thing about radiation coming through

their walls and, you know, I mean, I had a couple of discussions with people who were opposed to it because one of the things was if you have a remote your TV and it works or if your internet works in your bedroom, guess what?

02:24:54 - 02:24:55

Town Hall

You know, it's coming through your walls.

02:24:57 - 02:25:00

Town Hall

So it was just, so somebody, they have to be neutral.

02:25:00 - 02:25:07

Town Hall

We have to be able to, you can argue things, but you have to be able to listen to both sides.

02:25:07 - 02:25:14

Town Hall

I stuck around just because I wanted to make a comment regarding disappointment.

02:25:14 - 02:25:14

Town Hall

Um.

02:25:17 - 02:25:32

Town Hall

Julie is young, enthusiastic, educated, um, got some quirky personality traits that may put people off.

02:25:34 - 02:25:43

Town Hall

But I think she deserves serious consideration because our boards, let's face it, are approaching.

02:25:47 - 02:25:49

Town Hall

We aren't approaching.

02:25:49 - 02:25:50

Town Hall

We have achieved.

02:25:52 - 02:26:12

Town Hall

So anyway, as a bystander on this particular issue, I just want to put a word that you shouldn't be ignored because of youth and enthusiasm.

02:26:12 - 02:26:16

Town Hall

We don't ignore for for almost any grounds.

02:26:16 - 02:26:33

Town Hall

We would let you know other than you actually have not Said you know apply for it But we would like we always want to meet the person who would like to be understood and that's what and that's not an unreasonable And that's really And if you read i don't know if you saw her letter.

02:26:33 - 02:26:37

Town Hall

I didn't see it But she makes see her letter either.

02:26:37 - 02:26:41

Town Hall

She speaks very well to why she would be an excellent Oh, okay.

02:26:45 - 02:26:52

Town Hall

No, it's not like yeah, her letter is not we don't have copies of her letter.

02:26:52 - 02:26:54

Margaret ONeal

Where you should.

02:26:54 - 02:26:56

Town Hall

Have it's still sitting on the printer.

02:26:56 - 02:26:57

Town Hall

It's still in the printer.

02:26:57 - 02:26:58

Town Hall

Yes.

02:26:58 - 02:26:58

Town Hall

Oh.

02:26:58 - 02:26:59

Margaret ONeal

Don't.

02:26:59 - 02:27:01

Town Hall

Don't don't kill yourself.

02:27:02 - 02:27:07

Margaret ONeal

I Thought I sent it out to everybody anyway, and then I also thought I put it in the packet.

02:27:07 - 02:27:09

Town Hall

No, I don't.

02:27:09 - 02:27:12

Margaret ONeal

Think of doing things and then consider it done.

02:27:12 - 02:27:12

Margaret ONeal

It's how I.

02:27:12 - 02:27:18

Town Hall

Like Yes, he was in the printer here we put it in tonight's folder.

02:27:26 - 02:27:28

Margaret ONeal

Okay, thanks Charlie.

02:27:31 - 02:27:36

Town Hall

Yeah, so it's a nice letter absolutely sounds like she'd be a wonderful addition.

02:27:45 - 02:27:50

Town Hall

And as far as the tree warden issue, is that going to be on the next meeting?

02:27:50 - 02:27:51

Town Hall

Yes.

02:27:51 - 02:27:52

Town Hall

Two weeks.

02:27:52 - 02:27:52

Town Hall

Thank you.

02:27:53 - 02:27:53

Town Hall

All.

02:27:57 - 02:27:58

[speaker unknown]

Right.

02:27:59 - 02:28:00

Town Hall

So that's that.

02:28:01 - 02:28:03

Town Hall

Revised IRS mileage reimbursement rate.

02:28:05 - 02:28:06

Town Hall

And that's.

02:28:06 - 02:28:07

Town Hall

Yeah.

02:28:07 - 02:28:08

Town Hall

I think we have to accept it.

02:28:09 - 02:28:11

Town Hall

It's they always revise it.

02:28:11 - 02:28:13

Town Hall

Well, yeah, they revise it every year.

02:28:13 - 02:28:17

Margaret ONeal

They do at the beginning of the year But they were revising this one right in the.

02:28:17 - 02:28:17

Town Hall

Middle.

02:28:17 - 02:28:20

Margaret ONeal

Because of the cost of gasoline.

02:28:21 - 02:28:22

Margaret ONeal

I guess exactly which.

02:28:24 - 02:28:52

Town Hall

Yeah for tax purposes really kind of bollocks is up everything because then You know I have one rate for the first half of the year another rate for the rest of the year So you have to figure that out But I move that we accept the revised standard mileage rates as listed in the Announcement from to know 202 6-1 1 second Only there was someone we could blame.

02:29:01 - 02:29:11

Town Hall

Nice there, you know So we already talked about yeah, yeah So I think we're done anybody else.

02:29:15 - 02:29:16

Town Hall

Kelly all right.

02:29:16 - 02:29:17

Town Hall

Thank you for staying with us.

02:29:20 - 02:29:25

Margaret ONeal

Alright my dog's asked me to go out Kelly I.

02:29:25 - 02:29:26

Town Hall

Was gonna say Kelly.

02:29:26 - 02:29:28

Town Hall

Do you want to see the Declaration of Independence?

02:29:30 - 02:29:31

Town Hall

I haven't even taken.

02:29:35 - 02:29:40

Town Hall

That's lovely yeah We decide where we hang it.

02:29:40 - 02:29:41

Kelly Wolf

Very.

02:29:41 - 02:29:42

Town Hall

Nice.

02:29:42 - 02:29:43

Kelly Wolf

Very nice Thanks.

02:29:43 - 02:29:47

Town Hall

You can see the deck of ledges Yep, who paid for that?

02:29:47 - 02:29:59

Town Hall

I did Yeah, I decided to go whole hog on it because I wanted it to look It's called fence field frames and as I said, he does the framing for the.

02:30:01 - 02:30:03

Town Hall

Rockwell Museum, right?

02:30:03 - 02:30:04

Town Hall

I did a beautiful job.

02:30:05 - 02:30:08

Town Hall

Yeah, it's well my friend Patricia helped pick it.

02:30:08 - 02:30:11

Town Hall

So this is a Wouldn't an older wooden frame.

02:30:11 - 02:30:25

Town Hall

So we figured it would look older with the blue here and the blue here it is The glass is not resting on the declaration and As I said, it's a UV glass.

02:30:25 - 02:30:36

Town Hall

So if any sunlight does get to it, it will not help to fade it Museum museum quality basically yeah, all right Yeah, so you're welcome so much.

02:30:36 - 02:30:40

Town Hall

She'll be sitting here in the select board office page, and we have to figure out where it goes.

02:30:42 - 02:30:52

Town Hall

Yeah, yeah, put us in the room All right, so this meeting is adjourned.

02:30:55 - 02:30:57

Town Hall

Sounded and and what.

02:30:57 - 02:31:00

Margaret O'Neal

I think it looks it looks great.

02:31:00 - 02:31:07

Margaret O'Neal

You know And you have the it gives like an overview of the whole room and you three at sitting.

02:31:07 - 02:31:08

Town Hall

At the.

02:31:08 - 02:31:16

Margaret O'Neal

Table And then when there's more people then it shifts around a little bit the only one I had difficulty hearing was least I didn't hear her.

02:31:16 - 02:31:23

Margaret O'Neal

I couldn't hear her well when she was speaking But everybody else, I can hear it fine, and everybody likes.

02:31:23 - 02:31:24

Town Hall

Obelisks.

02:31:24 - 02:31:26

Town Hall

And it didn't, like, **** out?

02:31:26 - 02:31:28

Town Hall

No, it didn't.

02:31:28 - 02:31:29

Margaret O'Neal

Yeah, and it stayed put.

02:31:29 - 02:31:31

Margaret O'Neal

It stayed in the heating.

02:31:33 - 02:31:33

[speaker unknown]

Okay.