Selectboard Meeting

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Transcript

00:01 - 00:04
Town Hall
This conference will now be recorded.

00:11 - 00:13
Town Hall
You're just gonna have to listen to six minutes of silence.

00:21 - 00:33
Town Hall
Find the clip That's gonna say maybe you should hold off recording because anybody Choose to listen to this after the fact well Well, don't you I'm gonna mute us for now.

06:30 - 06:41
Town Hall
Sorry Michelle I forgot to unmute So we're just starting the meeting and we are starting with Matthew Go ahead, my name is Matthew Lennon.

06:41 - 06:59
Town Hall
I'm 43 years of age I Spent most of my life doing landscaping and chainsawing and DPW work and all of the above I went to Smith vocational in the year 2000 graduated.

07:00 - 07:01
Town Hall
Yeah, I graduated.

07:01 - 07:08
Town Hall

I got my degree or certificate in forestry and horticulture for four years ago in there.

07:11 - 07:14
Town Hall
And I don't know, I'm very nervous.

07:18 - 07:21
Town Hall
Yeah, I don't know.

07:21 - 07:22
Town Hall
I applied for the job.

07:22 - 07:28
Town Hall
I thought it would be right up my alley and looking forward to seeing what you guys think.

07:28 - 07:30
Town Hall
So you've been self employed for awhile, right?

07:30 - 07:30
Town Hall
Yeah.

07:30 - 07:31
Town Hall
For the last few years.

07:31 - 07:31
Town Hall
Yep.

07:32 - 07:46
Town Hall

Could you also spend almost 13 years working for a long meadow DPW, you know, plowing, moving snow, et cetera, operating heavy equipment, freezing temps, so you have DPW experience for sure.

07:47 - 07:50
Town Hall
So license wise, we have all the licenses.

07:50 - 07:53
Town Hall
You do oysters and CDL, okay.

07:54 - 07:55
Town Hall
You're able to keep those up.

07:57 - 08:04
Town Hall
So will you more or less stop landscaping business and forestry stuff?

08:05 - 08:09
Town Hall
I'll probably do a little bit of landscape on the side in the summer, not in the winter, obviously.

08:13 - 08:21
Town Hall
Sometimes with filing for bigger cities, highway departments, have you had experience filing in a CDL truck?

08:21 - 08:22
Town Hall
Wing, too?

08:23 - 08:23
Town Hall
Not a wing.

08:23 - 08:27
Town Hall
No, no, no, just mostly wantons to be honest with you.

08:27 - 08:33
Town Hall
I've been in the big trucks, but more the smaller trucks, you know How does it work?

08:33 - 08:35
Town Hall
I have a class a too not a class b.

08:35 - 08:36
Town Hall
All right, perfect.

08:36 - 08:38
Town Hall
Yeah, and what are our trucks?

08:38 - 08:52
Town Hall
Uh, so we have three cdl trucks They're all class b trucks And with the front files and wings, so what's the class a or class class a is uh One of those trucks with a trailer basic combination combination.

08:57 - 08:58
Town Hall
It's another language.

08:58 - 09:00
Town Hall
So class a means you have more capability.

09:01 - 09:22
Town Hall
Yes With a car it's more for a heavier for extra weight combination with a trailer stuff

like that So when you're plowing in a place like one metal you're not using this bigger truck typically we do No, they have both Probably not a lot of dirt road, so yeah.

09:22 - 09:22
Town Hall
No.

09:28 - 09:59
Town Hall
So that you wrote about your son and obviously that's pretty he's pretty important to you winter Winter here can be pretty grueling and I'm trying to just see he stays it stays with his mom during the school week so so you're you're mostly like Weekends and everything else but you'd be missing During the winter.

09:59 - 10:02
Town Hall
Yeah, and you understand that's okay.

10:02 - 10:41
Town Hall
Okay and then so, you know, we're really trying to build a highway department that is Interdependent and works together as a team and so talk a little bit about how you feel about working for a team and maybe somebody who's a little bit younger than you are and how that will impact you or if it will and I along with everybody and I'm just I'm open and willing you know to learn new things and work with anybody and anybody you know I don't have limitations when it comes to people.

10:42 - 10:57
Town Hall
No I think from what I understand what I know about Leal is he's open and willing to learn from everybody too and that's what we're trying to create is like a highway department that relies on each other and teaches each other new skills.

10:58 - 11:01
Town Hall
And that's something that you would like to be a part of?

11:01 - 11:01

Town Hall
Absolutely.

11:02 - 11:06
Town Hall
I would like to also say that his references seconded what he just said.

11:08 - 11:08
Town Hall
Okay.

11:08 - 11:10
Town Hall
And how far of a drive is it for you to here?

11:11 - 11:14
Town Hall
So I'll be on East River Road in the winter taking care of my mother's house.

11:15 - 11:15
Town Hall
Okay.

11:15 - 11:18
Town Hall
But I mean, it took me probably seven or eight minutes to get here.

11:21 - 11:43
Town Hall
What kind of it's a position you held in long meadow in their DPW but much bigger organization I'm sure them ours Probably not where you think but it's a good size so hierarchically I mean what did you do any management at all or no no no I was more labor and operator and stuff like that How big a crew are you part of?

11:43 - 11:49
Town Hall
So our crew was probably six or seven guys, but there was probably 23 as a whole or

11:52 - 11:59
Town Hall
Yeah, there's a lot of a lot of personalities so the group was so the department was sort of broken up into into groups.

11:59 - 12:11
Town Hall
There was a Highway side more highway side and more grounds But we all work together Do they use contract plowing as well?

12:17 - 12:22
Town Hall
Yeah, yeah we do have some contract plowing Mm-hmm.

12:25 - 12:30
Town Hall
Well, I like that you wrote long caps that you're not stuck in your way.

12:34 - 12:47
Town Hall
Like I'm saying I've never had to write that 43rd where I need to point that out because I've worked with people or some guys before that are just Stuck in their own ways.

12:48 - 13:09
Town Hall
Yeah, then I'm not I'm curious why you did this on one hand I'm not good with computers, but I'm just I'm fine without writing okay But you can't use a computer not great not great, okay cell phones Technology yeah.

13:12 - 13:14
Town Hall
Well there's no lot of.

13:18 - 13:24
Town Hall

Yeah, we do have radios and most of the trucks just basically are newer equipment.

13:24 - 13:29
Town Hall
We haven't got radios put in yet, but And radio coverage is body anyway, right?

13:29 - 13:33
Town Hall
Yeah, it's just as spotty as Cell phones.

13:33 - 13:35
Town Hall
I was gonna say I was the cell coverage different areas.

13:36 - 13:37
Town Hall
That's yeah, so it's AT &T.

13:39 - 13:44
Town Hall
Oh Yes Is it open for questioning?

13:44 - 13:45
Town Hall
Yeah, sure Go ahead.

13:46 - 13:50
Town Hall
Matt, are your licenses all current?

13:51 - 13:54
Town Hall
Specifically your pesticide applicator's license?

13:54 - 13:57
Town Hall

No, that was, I don't have a pesticide license.

13:57 - 14:01
Town Hall
I've had one for several years, but I just, a lot of people can't pass that test.

14:01 - 14:05
Town Hall
I put that in there so you guys know that if you want me to get one, I can.

14:06 - 14:11
Town Hall
We just had a long discussion about whether the town needed to have this one.

14:11 - 14:13
Town Hall
That was so you could get it again.

14:13 - 14:20
Town Hall
Yeah So that's awesome Probably over 10 12 13 years.

14:22 - 14:28
Town Hall
And the Landscaping and tree work you do is it primarily for for residential?

14:28 - 14:34
Town Hall
Yeah, yeah Smallish stuff how big an area do you work in?

14:34 - 14:34
Town Hall
Oh, just the whole towns.

14:35 - 14:36
Town Hall

Okay.

14:40 - 14:44
Town Hall
Does it any other questions and you check references and everything?

14:44 - 14:45
Town Hall
Mm-hmm.

14:45 - 14:45
Town Hall
Good.

14:45 - 14:45
Town Hall
Yep.

14:45 - 14:46
Town Hall
All right.

14:49 - 14:52
Town Hall
Everybody else Okay, great.

14:52 - 14:53
Town Hall
Thank you for coming in.

14:53 - 15:13
Town Hall
I mean, I trust you're into thank you you're the one who counts you're the one who did the interview and you're the one who counts because If you don't want somebody to if you don't feel you can work with somebody that's more important than anything else And I don't get that sense, you know, so So I trust your judgment to You know, and I like your qualifications.

15:13 - 15:38

Town Hall

Well, thank you very much So we need to have a discussion obviously then about what the decision will be it's not exactly on the agenda so yeah yeah next meeting or there's any way to be a little bit sooner about it we could do a special meeting and do it this week I Couldn't wait.

15:39 - 15:41

Town Hall

Um, yeah, obviously 48 hours.

15:41 - 15:48

Town Hall

But yeah Depends on the day, but probably Yeah, i'm sure we well we could look at our calendars right now and see what works.

15:50 - 15:58

Town Hall

Let's see Not wednesday, it's too soon for wednesday, right it is too soon for wednesday Yeah.

16:11 - 16:21

Town Hall

So there's a planning board had a hearing scheduled but they're putting it off according to Bart.

16:21 - 16:23

Town Hall

So they're going to have to meet just to reschedule.

16:24 - 16:27

Town Hall

So I guess we could, as far as I'm concerned and that's Thursday evening.

16:28 - 16:29

Town Hall

We don't necessarily have to do.

16:29 - 16:31
Town Hall
Can we do it like at five o 'clock on Thursday?

16:33 - 16:35
Town Hall
I'm okay with that.

16:35 - 16:51
Town Hall
So I have a 1230 in Springfield I should be okay to get here for five Does that work yeah, okay So it is an open meeting so you what you can be here Join online or whatever.

16:51 - 16:53
Town Hall
I'm like this would deliberate problems.

16:55 - 17:03
Town Hall
I Mean I think we'll mostly be asking we ought to give us a Next Thursday this Thursday.

17:05 - 17:08
Town Hall
It would be pretty unusual for us not to take this recommendation.

17:13 - 17:16
Town Hall
Yeah, terrific thanks a lot nice to meet you thank you, man.

17:16 - 17:22
Town Hall
Thank you All right Thursday at five, okay.

17:24 - 17:27
Town Hall

All right, awesome, what time is it 641?

17:33 - 17:34
Town Hall
Is that Tripp?

17:34 - 17:35
Town Hall
Is that what I see?

17:35 - 17:39
Town Hall
All right, so we don't have Bob or Julie here.

17:39 - 17:46
Town Hall
I talked to Julie extensively about it, and she was still trying to get a hold of Bob to decide who was going to be here, but no one's here.

17:46 - 17:54
Town Hall
But we can give 10 minutes and we can move on to, I think we should wait on the, is Julie coming?

17:54 - 17:55
Town Hall
Yeah.

18:00 - 18:09
Town Hall
Why don't we talk about the next item then so we have already posted hearing for November 2nd.

18:12 - 18:18
Town Hall
Come on in grab a chair, so we have November 2nd is the you don't want to sit at the table.

18:26 - 18:40
Town Hall
Um So unless someone has an objection Some they want to make a motion So I will move that we set a november 2nd Our november 2nd meeting is the date for the winter road closings public hearing which is a monday.

18:40 - 18:45
Town Hall
It is a monday Tuesday is election day right before election day.

18:45 - 18:49
Town Hall
Yeah, right so Um, is there a second?

18:50 - 18:51
Town Hall
Sure second.

18:51 - 18:51
Town Hall
Okay.

18:52 - 18:52
Town Hall
Yes, ma 'am.

18:52 - 19:02
Town Hall
So um The question is, do I leave Patterson Road on the agenda?

19:02 - 19:05
Town Hall
Yeah, on the notice, I did get a...

19:05 - 19:08
Town Hall

You would request in Charlie that it not be on the list, right?

19:08 - 19:09
Town Hall
I did request that.

19:12 - 19:18
Town Hall
There's an individual who seems to be harassing people about something that isn't even on agendas.

19:19 - 19:22
Town Hall
Absolutely, and that's not unusual.

19:22 - 19:29
Town Hall
Well, but I think the email that he sent to the Highway Department It's not okay.

19:29 - 19:47
Town Hall
No, it's ready I thought I felt it threatening threatening too and I think we ought to ask our attorneys to look into that and Do something about it because it really was threatening and I don't know how a Citizen can be telling somebody in an official fat the capacity to cease and desist something that's not even occurring.

19:48 - 19:49
Town Hall
I Well, I don't disagree.

19:49 - 19:52
Town Hall
And I have no problem with asking our attorney.

19:52 - 19:56
Town Hall
I'm not sure that he is outside of his rights to do that.

19:57 - 19:58
Town Hall
But it's fine.

19:58 - 20:00
Town Hall
I'm not a lawyer, that's for sure.

20:00 - 20:01
Town Hall
Well, neither am I.

20:01 - 20:04
Town Hall
But I read that, and I was like, that's not OK.

20:05 - 20:07
Town Hall
Yeah, it was definitely threatening.

20:07 - 20:09
Town Hall
It wasn't, you know, physically threatening.

20:10 - 20:13
Town Hall
Well, let's ask Jeff, is it kind of from opinion?

20:13 - 20:14
Town Hall
I'll send it to him.

20:14 - 20:14
Town Hall
Ok.

20:14 - 20:16
Town Hall
But in the meantime.

20:20 - 20:43
Town Hall
Okay, it does seem sort of pointless to discuss I do care about the subsequent issues at Patterson Road of Turning around and all of that for sure and I think we're really putting that off till next year anyway So take it off the list Yeah, I or I'm good with it off the list as well because we're gonna continue maintaining as we did last year.

20:43 - 20:47
Town Hall
Which is Just as much as any other road in town.

20:47 - 20:52
Town Hall
We just have a different procedure and Maintaining the end of the road because of the conditions.

20:52 - 21:00
Town Hall
It's in sure in circumstances, but that's gonna be travelable Yep, maybe not the first road to be plowed obviously probably the last.

21:05 - 21:05
Town Hall
Yes.

21:08 - 21:12
Town Hall
I got one too And I don't know where that's coming from.

21:12 - 21:15
Town Hall
I think I've gone out of my way to be nice to Mark.

21:15 - 21:21
Town Hall
And to try to- Why move to a- So we're referring to an email.

21:21 - 21:22
Town Hall
There's no reason it has to be a secret.

21:22 - 21:27
Town Hall
We got an email from Mark Brooks threatening us with a lawsuit.

21:30 - 21:32
Town Hall
If we don't call Patterson Road.

21:32 - 21:36
Town Hall
And all we're doing was having a scheduling hearing at this point.

21:36 - 21:41
Town Hall
We're not even- Well, he threatened the three of the select board or the town with a lawsuit.

21:41 - 21:46
Town Hall
I felt like his letter to the highway department was a little bit more pointed than that.

21:46 - 21:51
Town Hall
It was, but it was similar, just it threatened.

21:51 - 21:55
Town Hall
Telling Morial to cease and desist and that he was in violation.

21:56 - 21:59
Town Hall
And that he would go after him personally.

22:00 - 22:02
Town Hall
When we haven't even made a decision, all we're doing is scheduling a hearing.

22:02 - 22:04
Town Hall
Nothing has happened.

22:04 - 22:18
Town Hall
It's like you can't cease and desist Something you haven't decided yet So anyway, we want so we won't bother so I will take the one online and just cross it out instead of taking it off Okay, not want to do that.

22:18 - 22:27
Town Hall
Okay, but it doesn't matter Either way should you don't have to re-advertise but you could just change the post Okay, good.

22:33 - 22:34
Town Hall
Dingo Road.

22:39 - 23:16
Town Hall
So, I don't know how I missed this in May, but anyway, James Scheffler from DEP has been out to Dingle Road a couple of times and looking at things, and he is agreeable to coming out and talking to us about whether we can do parking and the cap and whether there's any other issues with the proposed parking area and where the dump was.

23:16 - 23:31
Town Hall

And so I am happy to take that on and meet Jim and talk to him and get to the bottom of the whole Dingle Road thing so that we can try and move forward.

23:31 - 23:35
Town Hall
Is it worth inviting him to join us for a select board meeting at some point?

23:35 - 23:51
Town Hall
I think it may be, but why don't I find a time that he and I can meet out there and just do a site visit and then if it's a little, if it's more complicated, then absolutely ask him to join us for a select board meeting.

23:51 - 23:51
Town Hall
Okay.

23:51 - 24:01
Town Hall
And just to explain to everybody, I know we probably didn't really make it clear, we're about we never really fully met the requirements to cap basically the old landfills, right?

24:01 - 24:19
Town Hall
He seems to think that it's capped, so it might not be as daunting as originally thought, so we'll just meet with him and everything else and JP would like to contribute.

24:19 - 24:27
Town Hall
So it's more but it's so it's more of a matter of it being an open Subject with the EP that just never got closed up.

24:27 - 24:27
Town Hall
Okay.

24:27 - 24:28
Town Hall
Yes.

24:39 - 24:43
Town Hall
You might be able to just show right up I will keep you in the loop, okay.

24:43 - 24:43
Town Hall
Yeah.

24:43 - 24:46
Town Hall
All right Okay, cool.

24:46 - 24:52
Town Hall
Thanks for thanks for thanks for getting the ball rolling on that, too Yeah, that's good news.

24:52 - 24:55
Town Hall
I thought it was we're looking at some major expense.

24:58 - 25:08
Town Hall
This does say my review of the landfill files Confirms that the landfill has not been assessed or capped in accordance with 310 cmr 19.000.

25:10 - 25:32
Town Hall
So it did receive soil cover Uh, there are substantial Areas of uncovered waste on the back slope and there's no records regarding the design materials or amounts of cover for the areas That were covered so something it's a mishmash Could could be anything yeah, yeah Yes.

25:32 - 25:34
Town Hall
You shall find out first.

25:39 - 25:48
Town Hall
Okay Still not that's just but let's keep going here and see if Julie shows up.

25:52 - 25:58
Town Hall
So Maya Health Benefits Trust retiree renewal rate show for approval.

25:59 - 26:02
Town Hall
So I guess I'll take a motion on that.

26:02 - 26:14
Town Hall
Sure, I move that we accept the Maya Health Benefits Trust renewal proposal for January 27th through December 31, 2027.

26:16 - 26:17
Town Hall
Okay.

26:19 - 26:22
Town Hall
So we're looking at 6.8%.

26:22 - 26:23
Town Hall
So what's Med-X too?

26:25 - 26:27
Town Hall
Well, that's the 13%, right?

26:27 - 26:31
Town Hall
So they break this down into Med-X and Med-XR.

26:31 - 26:37
Town Hall
That must be the regular, the supplemental insurance and then for the pharmacy.

26:38 - 26:47
Town Hall
So the regular insurance went up 6.8%, but the retiree Is this up six, 13%?

26:47 - 26:49
Town Hall
It's true, I mean, secondary.

26:49 - 26:50
Town Hall
Yeah.

26:52 - 26:53
Town Hall
That's what I'm thinking.

26:54 - 26:54
Town Hall
Yeah.

26:54 - 26:57
Town Hall
So all together it's six, eight, five, six together.

26:57 - 26:58
Town Hall
No.

26:58 - 26:59
Town Hall
Yeah.

26:59 - 27:02
Town Hall
Okay, so any discussion?

27:02 - 27:03
Town Hall
Anybody else, question?

27:03 - 27:04
Town Hall
I did.

27:04 - 27:05
Town Hall
Oh, good, I didn't remember.

27:06 - 27:07
Town Hall
All right, all in favor?

27:07 - 27:07
Town Hall
Aye.

27:08 - 27:09
Town Hall
Aye, okay, good, good.

27:09 - 27:10
Town Hall
Yeah, not a whole lot of choice.

27:10 - 27:12

Town Hall

All these things are fast, I don't know.

27:12 - 27:17

Town Hall

Well, you know, it's like not We say no then you don't have any help insurance.

27:17 - 27:23

Town Hall

I don't know now That doesn't really work Route 143.

27:26 - 27:52

Town Hall

Much here we've been going back and forth with DOT about the stoplight And whether it's on sensors or a timer it's supposed to have sensors So when you drive up if there's nobody coming the other way It's supposed to see no see that you're there and turn and change the light today for me it was working But it wasn't working So they swear that the sensors are there and Julie come on in have a seat they swear.

27:52 - 27:53

Town Hall

They're there They swear they're working.

27:56 - 28:17

Town Hall

Didn't work for me on Sunday because I got there I was going through it as I started going through it started turning red on me But I could see nobody was there so I kept going I did not meet another vehicle going eastbound on 143 until I got to Lake, Ashmeer So you cannot tell me that there was a sensor unless it's meeting some animal well I said today it seemed to be working.

28:17 - 28:18

Town Hall

I went both ways this morning.

28:21 - 28:22

Town Hall

And dance.

28:26 - 28:43

Town Hall

Well, I don't know if you saw Dan's email He said he's he's saying that perhaps something is causing it to switch I guess it it defaults back to the timer if something goes wrong Yeah, so maybe that so it's gonna check into whether there's something causing it to right But it is quite and I came home and there was again.

28:43 - 29:03

Town Hall

There was nobody coming going westbound now I'm going eastbound and I had to stop at the red light and wait for nothing Because I never want to go through even though I can see no cars there because if somebody sees a green light says oh I can make it in floors that I don't want to meet them, you know, so I just well in the scheme of things You're not talking about it.

29:03 - 29:11

Town Hall

No, but it's just sort of stupid But anyway, so they are working on they I think they finished the.

29:13 - 29:15

Town Hall

The Water issues around Christine.

29:15 - 29:17

Town Hall

What's Christine's last name?

29:17 - 29:25

Town Hall

Yeah, so the old Granger property with the eggs are for sale Yeah, so they put in a culvert under her right turn around there.

29:25 - 29:31

Town Hall

So they keep the water out of her driveways I think that's complete The trees are gone.

29:38 - 29:40

Town Hall

They've been working on.

29:43 - 29:53

Town Hall

Yeah, so her issues hopefully you're getting and you know, she had a major washout down Yep, they were said they were gonna clean that out and they're doing driveway aprons.

29:54 - 29:57

Town Hall

So and it does look a lot nicer I noticed that they picked up a lot of ****.

29:57 - 30:17

Town Hall

They did pick up a lot of that **** It does look a lot nicer I will say that I imagine they're gonna fix it, but they did this all this nice shoulder work around The old Granger property and then promptly parked on it and put ruts in it Trucks, so I hope that they fix it again because what happens, you know, it looks like it'll grow Yeah, the seat.

30:18 - 30:21

Town Hall

It'll get grass, but there'll still be ruts in it, you know?

30:21 - 30:26

Town Hall

It's like, guys, you made it nice and pretty and promptly drove on it, ooh, what's that?

30:26 - 30:30

Town Hall
So I don't know what they're gonna do with that, but they have cleaned it up a lot, and that's good.

30:31 - 30:33
Town Hall
Did you bring that to their attention, or?

30:33 - 30:36
Town Hall
No, I never see anybody to talk to, you know?

30:36 - 30:37
Town Hall
They see you're coming and they run.

30:38 - 30:46
Town Hall
Sometimes they do, because, you know, I've had a couple of words with them over what I thought were poor practices, you know?

30:46 - 30:55
Town Hall
Like telling you come on come on come on come on, but there's an open trench and you go Come on, how about there's a trench?

30:56 - 30:56
Town Hall
You know.

30:58 - 31:00
Town Hall
So anybody else have anything.

31:15 - 31:17
Town Hall
I know pedestrian buttons.

31:17 - 31:21
Town Hall
There is a pedestrian button, but I, which makes it, which delays it even longer.

31:22 - 31:23
Town Hall
Hopefully somebody can develop a walk through that.

31:24 - 31:24
Town Hall
Right.

31:24 - 31:24
Town Hall
Or bike.

31:25 - 31:27
Town Hall
Yeah, I wasn't sure what would happen if I got out of my car and pushed it.

31:27 - 31:30
Town Hall
I was afraid it would make both sides red.

31:30 - 31:34
Town Hall
So that the pedestrian, I don't want to push that, you know, but I have no idea.

31:35 - 31:36
Town Hall
Okay.

31:37 - 31:38
Town Hall
All right.

31:38 - 31:39
Town Hall
Let's move on from that.

31:39 - 31:46
Town Hall
Um, so Julie, thanks for coming And then I think we can go ahead and talk about that now.

31:47 - 31:52
Town Hall
So we have a letter from Catherine and Tim Sina.

31:54 - 31:56
Town Hall
Charlie, I'm gonna ask you to speak up.

31:56 - 31:58
Town Hall
I'm deaf and I can't read your lips with a mustache.

31:59 - 32:00
Town Hall
Okay, sure.

32:02 - 32:16
Town Hall
So we have a letter from you and your husband objecting or objecting isn't the right word, but asking that Julie be recused from decisions on the Conservation Commission.

32:17 - 32:19
Town Hall
We did recently appointed the conservation.

32:19 - 32:26
Town Hall

I'll start by saying, it's not up to us to recuse anyone other than ourselves.

32:26 - 32:36
Town Hall
If someone's a member of a board, select board, Conservation Commission, whatever, it's up to them if they decide they need to recuse themselves.

32:36 - 32:40
Town Hall
Um, the state ethics commission is happy to discuss that with anyone.

32:40 - 32:49
Town Hall
I've had more than a discussions with them than I care to remember, but they're very pleasant and easy to talk to and super helpful.

32:49 - 33:02
Town Hall
It's almost always comes down to whether there's a financial interest, I'll say that, um, typically their advice on recusing from my experience is it's all about whether you have a financial interest in the decision you're making.

33:02 - 33:05
Town Hall
And most other things are really not relevant.

33:07 - 33:08
Town Hall
That's my experience.

33:10 - 33:15
Town Hall
I will say I went back and listened to what you said at the hearing with the governor.

33:16 - 33:24
Town Hall
It was entirely just talking about the Dover amendment and how difficult that was

making the work that the conservation commission is doing.

33:25 - 33:30
Town Hall
Wasn't really expressing an opinion per se on the project or solar projects at all.

33:33 - 33:40
Town Hall
Regardless, we did feel it would be helpful to talk to town council about whether they thought we had an issue.

33:40 - 33:42
Town Hall
Peggy, you talked to Jeff, so why don't you relate.

33:42 - 33:54
Town Hall
Right, so I talked with Jeff Lake, and he said that it's Julie's first amendment right to speak at any meeting about her feelings and thoughts on things.

33:55 - 34:03
Town Hall
And as far as on the conservation commission, as long as she's doing her job on a conservation commission.

34:04 - 34:09
Town Hall
And I'm a fellow member on the commission, and she does a magnificent job.

34:09 - 34:10
Town Hall
She asks really good questions.

34:10 - 34:12
Town Hall
She does a lot of research.

34:13 - 34:19

Town Hall

And so yes, I commend her as a member of the commission.

34:19 - 34:50

Town Hall

Anyway, so Jeff said that he recommended That you know the um select board just say they they note your complaint But that's as far as it goes So what I think would be appropriate here unless you guys disagree would let julie say something if she wishes and then I know We have a lot of other folks here that are probably here for this reason as well as maybe online So if somebody does want to speak and catherine as well.

34:50 - 34:54

Town Hall

Certainly Um, but you first if you'd like to speak.

34:54 - 35:03

Town Hall

I have no comment Okay, kathleen anything further than what was in the letter I would like to know did you three sign her appointment papers?

35:05 - 35:07

Town Hall

Because she was appointed she was not elected.

35:13 - 35:19

Town Hall

Yeah, typically just the chair signs we did vote So the three of you did sign her appointment.

35:19 - 35:25

Town Hall

No, no charlie signed it the three of we voted And then you signed it.

35:27 - 35:31

Town Hall

Um, I don't know Miss grown personally, I'm sure she's a very nice person.

35:32 - 35:38
Town Hall
Um, our solar project has been scrutinized by every board in town.

35:39 - 35:43
Town Hall
Um, many people have voiced their opinion in opposition.

35:43 - 35:47
Town Hall
They're privileged to do so, and we have certainly honored it.

35:47 - 35:56
Town Hall
Okay, she has consistently spoken negatively about commercial solar projects at most of the meetings that I have attended.

35:57 - 36:12
Town Hall
I think it's a definite conflict of interest for her to make a solar decision on a piece of property that now under consideration, whether it is mine or the property at 105 Old Post Road.

36:14 - 36:31
Town Hall
When I went through a code of conduct for conflict of interest law, I found several things that I felt fit this, she has definitely had an appearance of conflict in that she has spoken out many times publicly, vehemently against commercial solar.

36:33 - 36:40
Town Hall
When you go to possibly a board member cannot be objective about a matter they should abstain.

36:41 - 36:45
Town Hall

We are not asking that she be removed from the conservation board.

36:45 - 36:46
Town Hall
We are not asking that.

36:47 - 36:54
Town Hall
We are asking that she be recused from the solar decisions made by the conservation board.

36:58 - 37:00
Town Hall
So I know there are other folks who want to speak.

37:00 - 37:02
Town Hall
So I will just go one at a time.

37:04 - 37:05
Town Hall
Julia, did you want to speak?

37:05 - 37:06
Town Hall
Well, yes, I did.

37:06 - 37:18
Town Hall
I think the selectmen of the chief officials of the community and your job is to appoint any time that somebody has left office for one reason or another.

37:19 - 37:22
Town Hall
And Julie has been extraordinarily great at meetings.

37:23 - 37:27

Town Hall
I think she has a lot of interest and she pursues that interest.

37:27 - 37:39
Town Hall
And I'm sure she took the oath of office that she will abstain from, no, she will make sure that she upholds that she is, anytime she votes, it's for the best interest of the community.

37:40 - 37:41
Town Hall
That's what all of us do.

37:41 - 37:43
Town Hall
And I think she would do her best interest.

37:44 - 37:56
Town Hall
Now, the other reason that we have boards of three, five and seven, so that when it comes time to do the actual voting, she has a right to vote like anybody else on that committee.

37:56 - 38:03
Town Hall
And if you want to come down to it, you could talk to anybody and say, well, you're opposed to solar, then you can't be on this committee.

38:03 - 38:05
Town Hall
That's not the way it is.

38:06 - 38:07
Town Hall
Facts are important.

38:07 - 38:12
Town Hall

And the best interest of the community, that's what everybody gets on the board for.

38:13 - 38:15
Town Hall
And I definitely think she would be an asset.

38:15 - 38:17
Town Hall
Okay, thank you.

38:17 - 38:17
Town Hall
Steve?

38:18 - 38:22
Town Hall
I just want to say that I agree with Julia on this.

38:24 - 38:29
Town Hall
It's one thing to just ****** an opinion out of thin air.

38:29 - 38:37
Town Hall
It's another thing to form an opinion based on empirical and scientific studies.

38:38 - 38:48
Town Hall
Solar has pros and cons, and there are people who are professionals on both sides of the issue.

38:49 - 38:57
Town Hall
And it's not unreasonable to believe that people in this town fall into one or the other of those categories.

38:58 - 39:13

Town Hall
I feel from what I know of Julie is that she does her research, I don't think her opinions are based on something she snatches out of the air and is a completely emotional response.

39:14 - 39:18
Town Hall
I have very strong feelings about solar based on the research I've done.

39:20 - 39:29
Town Hall
If you were to find that Julie should be recused because of her anti-solar views, I am definitely in that field.

39:29 - 39:35
Town Hall
I'd have to recuse myself from my duties as a town officer as well.

39:35 - 40:00
Town Hall
I think as long as your opinions are based on some sort of scientific studies or empirical studies, and there's evidence, plenty of evidence, if you choose to look at both sides of the argument, that being anti-solar does not mean you have to be recused from using your best judgment.

40:02 - 40:02
Town Hall
My feelings.

40:05 - 40:06
Town Hall
No one else?

40:07 - 40:10
Town Hall
Well, let's see if anyone else wants to speak, Catherine.

40:10 - 40:11

Town Hall
Mary, yeah.

40:12 - 40:15
Town Hall
Right, well, first, I nominated Julie for the position.

40:17 - 40:18
Town Hall
She's young.

40:18 - 40:19
Town Hall
She loves the town.

40:19 - 40:21
Town Hall
She wants to serve.

40:21 - 40:22
Town Hall
She's energetic.

40:23 - 40:26
Town Hall
She has done more research, as much research as anybody else.

40:27 - 40:28
Town Hall
She reads state documents.

40:28 - 40:30
Town Hall
She's not reading conspiracy theories.

40:30 - 40:34
Town Hall

She's reading the appropriate information that we get.

40:34 - 40:39
Town Hall
What the Conservation Commission does is not just form opinions about solar.

40:40 - 40:45
Town Hall
We do things like approve documents like NOIs, RDAs.

40:45 - 41:03
Town Hall
So to do that, we look at the document we've been given, we go through it, we see if it meets the criteria that it's supposed to meet for us to approve it, and if what is in the document matches, you know, what's in the Wetlands Protection Act, we vote on it, and we pass it or not.

41:03 - 41:14
Town Hall
And if the things that we have changed like from going from an RDA to an NOI is because we wanted more information and decided that, you know, solar is very complex.

41:15 - 41:24
Town Hall
Being on a conservation commission to deal with solar is a part-time job at the worst and it's almost a full-time job, if you read everything.

41:26 - 41:28
Town Hall
I thought there was another one there.

41:28 - 41:30
Town Hall
What she is supposed to do.

41:36 - 41:49
Town Hall

There's seven of us on the commission and we vote and it's a majority and we read them, we tell them as we see them based on the research and we vote and it goes from there.

41:50 - 42:09
Town Hall
A lot of us may have opinions in our heads one way or the other about the project as a whole or the idea as a whole but what we do is judge an individual that set of documents that are presented by the by the blue wave or the you know with the approval with you know, approved by the owners.

42:10 - 42:14
Town Hall
They gave us the stuff in 37, 40 pages or whatever it is.

42:14 - 42:15
Town Hall
We go through that.

42:15 - 42:17
Town Hall
And if it meets the criteria, we pass it.

42:19 - 42:23
Town Hall
And so she does exactly what the rest of us do.

42:24 - 42:27
Town Hall
I mean, nobody's standing on table saying, we can't pass this because I hate solar.

42:27 - 42:31
Town Hall
You go through the document, you look at everything that's in there.

42:31 - 42:49
Town Hall
And if it matches, if it's very clear in what we see that we've actually in the process of

hiring people to help us with some of the finer points of like the hydrology and geology and and whether what other issues are involved.

42:49 - 43:01
Town Hall
So we have experts to help us with things that like professional engineers normally would do the rest of us aren't qualified to make that type of judgment, but we all hear the same things that will be seeing the same information coming in from the people that we hire.

43:01 - 43:07
Town Hall
And we're all capable of reading through that and discussing it together and coming to a conclusion.

43:08 - 43:09
Town Hall
And she was just part of that engine.

43:10 - 43:31
Town Hall
And let's face it, folks, I mean, if you went through the Conservation Commission in the days of let's make sure we have young and energetic folk on committees, well, I think the oldest, there are several of us over 70, there are numerous of us who've been on the commissions for more than 10 years.

43:31 - 43:34
Town Hall
You know, If we were running for the Senate, they'd say you're too you've been in there too long.

43:34 - 43:45
Town Hall
You should get out And if we all left those of us who have been on that long or over 70, the only person left on the Commission would be Julie Yeah, we hear you.

43:50 - 43:53
Town Hall

Sure Well, we go there no Emily.

43:53 - 43:54
Town Hall
Go ahead.

43:57 - 44:02
Emily l
Hi guys Um I just want to reiterate what Charlie said.

44:02 - 44:06
Emily l
I'll just go ahead and read what a conflict of interest is.

44:06 - 44:19
Emily l
It says is a situation where a person or organization's private interests such as financial gain, personal relations, or competing loyalties clash with their professional duties or responsibilities.

44:19 - 44:24
Emily l
Um in my opinion I have never I don't I'm very close with Julie.

44:24 - 44:36
Emily l
I don't know She definitely does not have any financial relationships, competing loyalties or financial gain from a solar project going through or not going through.

44:37 - 44:42
Emily l
Also, I saw on the letter that was submitted by the Sena's that they.

44:42 - 44:43
Emily l
Said Julie.

44:43 - 44:44
Town Hall
Said.

44:44 - 44:47
Emily l
That she will, here I'll read the exact quote.

44:48 - 44:54
Emily l
Ms. Grim has publicly stated that she will try to stop any solar project in the town of Worthington.

44:55 - 45:06
Emily l
And I'm just curious if the Senate's have a time, a date that that was said, because I am not aware of Julie ever saying that.

45:09 - 45:10
Town Hall
Well, wait till you're done.

45:10 - 45:11
Town Hall
Catherine didn't want to speak again.

45:12 - 45:12
Town Hall
Is that it?

45:14 - 45:14
Emily l
Okay.

45:15 - 45:15
Emily l

Yeah, that's it.

45:16 - 45:16
Town Hall
Okay.

45:17 - 45:18
Town Hall
Annie, did you want to speak?

45:18 - 45:19
Town Hall
Did you have your hand up?

45:20 - 45:25
Town Hall
So when people run for office, they generally say what they're for and what they're against.

45:25 - 45:29
Town Hall
That's part of why we vote for people to go in.

45:30 - 45:42
Town Hall
Everybody does have certain opinions and you know are they a good fit for the job is very important and I agree that Julie is.

45:43 - 45:51
Town Hall
I've known her for a short time but again I forget who said or many people said this but she does ask a lot questions.

45:52 - 45:53
Town Hall
I'm a question asker myself.

45:54 - 45:55
Town Hall
That's how you gather information.

45:55 - 45:59
Town Hall
That's how you figure things out, how to make things make sense.

46:00 - 46:03
Town Hall
So I'm 100% for having Julie on the board.

46:06 - 46:07
[speaker unknown]
Okay, thanks.

46:08 - 46:10
Town Hall
Catherine, did you want to say something else?

46:11 - 46:17
Town Hall
Because a group is anti-solar in town does not necessarily make that group right.

46:18 - 46:23
Town Hall
Being pro-solar in town does not necessarily make that good price either.

46:25 - 46:27
Town Hall
Okay, doing what we're doing.

46:27 - 46:29
Town Hall
Do I have a financial interest in it?

46:29 - 46:30
Town Hall
I definitely do.

46:30 - 46:31
Town Hall
I own the property.

46:31 - 46:32
Town Hall
I've never did that.

46:33 - 46:33
Town Hall
Okay.

46:35 - 46:46
Town Hall
I am extremely concerned because of the way she has spoken out against solar and I would suggest you review the meeting of 12 I believe it's 12, 28, 25.

46:47 - 46:58
Town Hall
And I also think she spoke out very vehemently on the February 14th, I think it was the 13th of 26, I think, okay?

46:59 - 47:05
Town Hall
And I don't have the list of meetings here with me, so it really would not be fair if I didn't give you the exact dates.

47:06 - 47:15
Town Hall
To say, though, that somebody who's appointed to a committee, not elected, When you are elected, you definitely can state anything you wish to state.

47:16 - 47:17

Town Hall
It's your First Amendment right.

47:17 - 47:28
Town Hall
If you want to stop solar, if you want to stop water power, if you want to stop wind power, anything like that in an electable statement, you have every right to say that.

47:28 - 47:35
Town Hall
But to be appointed, when you have vehemently spoken against solar, and she has.

47:38 - 47:45
Town Hall
I will to be an offensive person, I just don't see how there is going to be any fairness here.

47:46 - 47:51
Town Hall
As the person who has gone in front of, I think seven boards here in Worthington.

47:53 - 47:56
Town Hall
I just, I don't see the fairness of an appointment.

47:56 - 47:58
Town Hall
I really don't.

47:58 - 48:02
Town Hall
And I will question this beyond this down in Boston.

48:03 - 48:04
Town Hall
So that's certainly right.

48:04 - 48:05
Town Hall
Yeah, please.

48:05 - 48:07
Town Hall
Yeah, I'm sorry I'm late.

48:07 - 48:10
Town Hall
I'm Mary Constable on the Conservation Commission.

48:10 - 48:20
Town Hall
I've caught the tail end of what Mary was saying that conservation commissioners are guided by the Wetlands Protection Act.

48:20 - 48:22
Town Hall
There are seven of us on the commission.

48:24 - 48:29
Town Hall
We do not bring our personal feelings to those decisions.

48:29 - 48:34
Town Hall
We spend a lot of time reviewing the Wetlands Protection Act.

48:34 - 48:36
Town Hall
We've had consultants.

48:36 - 48:43
Town Hall
So the fact that Julie has made statements against solar, I think she has a right to

state her own opinions.

48:44 - 48:55
Town Hall
And I believe the Conservation Commission has always been very professional and it is going to continue to be professional, whether it's your solar project or anybody else's.

48:56 - 48:57
Town Hall
So that's what I have to say.

48:58 - 49:00
Town Hall
But I also have to say one more thing.

49:03 - 49:07
Town Hall
And let me ask this here, because I feel like it's a neutral venue.

49:08 - 49:15
Town Hall
Catherine, when we came to the site visit last week, you collected our names and our phone numbers.

49:15 - 49:15
Town Hall
I did.

49:15 - 49:16
Town Hall
Why did you do that?

49:16 - 49:17
Town Hall
And what do you do?

49:17 - 49:22
Town Hall
Because my commercial insurance requires anybody that I have on site to sign in.

49:25 - 49:27
Town Hall
We've never had that before.

49:27 - 49:28
Town Hall
I don't understand that.

49:29 - 49:33
Town Hall
If you had fallen and broken a leg, my insurance would definitely want to know that.

49:33 - 49:56
Town Hall
Why do you need our phone numbers you have what the insurance company asked me to go I question that and Mike my reasoning is that I do believe that there's that this request to recuse Julie and Asking for our name and phone numbers and also your husband's Reaction.

49:56 - 50:11
Town Hall
I think it was in the beginning of the year at a hearing when he came up to pet me And he started yelling at us because he didn't like the decision then you and Your daughter got into an altercation a verbal altercation.

50:11 - 50:13
Town Hall
Can you tell me when that's what happened?

50:13 - 50:29
Town Hall
I it was one of the hearings I can I can go back but I'm getting the strong feeling and this is just my personal opinion that the Conservation Commission is being bullied or

intimidated and And that is not appropriate.

50:29 - 50:31
Town Hall
I know that this is a contentious issue.

50:32 - 50:37
Town Hall
Every member of the Conservation Commission understands that.

50:38 - 50:43
Town Hall
And we're trying to be, like I said, as professional, as courteous as possible.

50:43 - 50:46
Town Hall
And I feel like that's not reciprocated.

50:47 - 50:50
Town Hall
So, I'm sorry, you're finished and then I just- No, that's all I have to say.

50:51 - 50:53
Town Hall
I'm concerned about this pattern.

50:53 - 50:53
Town Hall
Okay.

50:53 - 50:56
Town Hall
And I hope it doesn't escalate.

50:56 - 51:08
Town Hall
Okay, so I just want to say I'd like to limit this to statements This is not meant to be a

debate, so I appreciate everybody getting a chance to say how they feel Again if you want us.

51:10 - 51:28
Town Hall
One I'd like to thank everyone in the room for their comments Thank you, and I would like to state that During our appointment hearing I feel like I was asked a lot about this and I answered honestly and fairly to the select board.

51:29 - 51:38
Town Hall
I will also state that a large part of my decision to serve on conservation commission was the fact that I was asked to serve.

51:40 - 51:50
Town Hall
I saw that as a huge honor to serve my community and to do it fairly and honestly and with justice following the WPA.

51:50 - 51:52
Town Hall
It's not that complicated.

51:52 - 52:01
Town Hall
I mean, the document is, but the- The goal is not that complicated that I've set forth for myself to do well.

52:01 - 52:10
Town Hall
I also see it as a duty of a resident here with a CONCOM that is generally older.

52:11 - 52:19
Town Hall
We need people on it who care and want to learn and will be here to continue that sharing of knowledge.

52:19 - 52:33

Town Hall
So I do take my appointment very seriously and look up to my fellow members for their knowledge and experience having served.

52:34 - 52:36
Town Hall
That is it.

52:36 - 52:37
Town Hall
Thank you.

52:37 - 52:38
Town Hall
All right, thanks.

52:38 - 52:55
Town Hall
You know, and I'll just add that when we discussed this, as you said, we had an extensive discussion about this specific subject and that your letter to us asking to be appointed specifically mention being neutral regardless of your opinions.

52:55 - 52:57
Town Hall
So I don't have the exact words, but it was in the letter.

52:57 - 53:10
Town Hall
And so we discussed it and then I would just add, you know, it never hurts to talk to the ethics commission and they'll give you an answer in writing after you have a nice long discussion with the lawyer.

53:11 - 53:15
Town Hall
What happens is you call, you leave a message and the lawyer of the day calls you back.

53:15 - 53:20

Town Hall
Usually the next day and then they give you an opinion in writing based on the discussion.

53:20 - 53:22
Town Hall
So it's usually pretty helpful.

53:22 - 53:22
Town Hall
Okay.

53:23 - 53:26
Town Hall
So I would suggest doing that just to make everybody comfortable.

53:26 - 54:07
Town Hall
And I will also add that all of my comments, except for the one where Governor Healy was here, in which I did speak about a lot of the legislation and regulations and guidelines that gone through um and what a burden that is on uh as an agent of the CONCOM um to understand and correctly implement all of that um for our community everything else I have stated at boards or meetings has been as an independent citizen before you were on the conversation yeah even so she could still i mean yes you know and now and clearly states though so No.

54:07 - 54:19
Town Hall
We, you know, I just want to say we did ask you and, you know, when we interviewed you and you gave us your assurance and I felt that your assurance, your assurance was perfectly acceptable.

54:19 - 54:22
Town Hall
I did not feel there was any reason why I should doubt it.

54:22 - 54:23
Town Hall

So thank you.

54:24 - 54:24
Town Hall
Okay.

54:26 - 54:29
Town Hall
So, alright, Catherine, one more and then we need to move on.

54:29 - 54:38
Town Hall
First of all, I think probably if Tim did yell at you and I am I'm sorry if he did, but I think it was more frustration than intimidation.

54:38 - 54:38
Town Hall
Okay.

54:39 - 54:39
Town Hall
I think.

54:40 - 54:41
Town Hall
All right.

54:41 - 54:44
Town Hall
And the other thing is, Mary, we run a commercial hay farm.

54:44 - 54:51
Town Hall
We have huge insurance, we run huge equipment, and we are required by our insurance policy that when.

54:51 - 54:52

Emily l
We have.

54:52 - 55:00
Town Hall
Any type that we have the name and telephone number to give to the insurance company is not given to anybody else.

55:01 - 55:01
Town Hall
Okay.

55:01 - 55:09
Town Hall
When we had the spring inspection, everybody here signed in that came to that meeting because again, I had to give it to the insurance company.

55:10 - 55:12
Town Hall
We've been to that site twice.

55:12 - 55:16
Town Hall
And we've never, three times I believe, we've never had to sign in, never.

55:17 - 55:17
Town Hall
Never, yeah.

55:18 - 55:20
Town Hall
You should have because it's supposed to be there.

55:21 - 55:23
Town Hall
We were told we weren't approached.

55:23 - 55:26
Town Hall
And I think in the future, Kathlyn, what would be helpful.

55:26 - 55:39
Town Hall
Is that if you're asking individuals on a committee or board to come to your property town business, you should explain why you need that.

55:39 - 55:42
Town Hall
And I do question why we had to get phone numbers.

55:43 - 55:46
Town Hall
If you'd rather give your address than your phone number, I'm sure that would be fine.

55:46 - 55:47
Town Hall
Yes, you didn't ask that.

55:48 - 55:50
Town Hall
I will ask them that.

55:51 - 55:54
Town Hall
But that is purely the reason that you were asked to sign.

55:54 - 56:00
Town Hall
And the other meeting that we had in the spring were a parable corporation game.

56:00 - 56:02
Town Hall

Everyone signed into that.

56:02 - 56:06
Town Hall
And then we had another one with the planning board that came and did an inspection.

56:06 - 56:08
Town Hall
Everyone signed in for that.

56:08 - 56:13
Town Hall
We never had to, like I said, that was our third visit and we never had to sign in at other places.

56:14 - 56:14
Town Hall
Okay.

56:15 - 56:17
Town Hall
All right, well, thank you.

56:18 - 56:18
Town Hall
Thank you everyone.

56:20 - 56:21
Town Hall
I think we can move on.

56:24 - 56:25
Town Hall
Still no sign of Barbara Julie.

56:25 - 56:28

Town Hall
So I guess we put that off the next time.

56:34 - 56:57
Town Hall
We'll put the building inspector stuff up maybe Well, maybe we could get them here get them on for Thursday So why don't we try that I think you dropped something I heard something hit the floor Okay, okay Julie's doing work at my house, so I'm in constant contact with her I'll talk about it.

56:58 - 56:59
Town Hall
Okay Put it on me.

57:02 - 57:16
Town Hall
Yes, you're talking the building department about increasing fees Yes, you know my driveway permit cost $20 and if it had to go to our treasurer Then have to go to pay then has to go to the slackboard.

57:19 - 57:27
Town Hall
You had to go to real real had to do a site visit and it's for $20 I know that definitely should go it should 50 bucks.

57:27 - 57:28
Town Hall
Yeah for sure.

57:28 - 57:40
Town Hall
I mean, it's I don't like to spend money, but I need a poor two parties involved in this and you're getting $20 So yours is the only driveway that we require.

57:44 - 58:01
Town Hall
No, we definitely do them all the time but I mean in your situation I think you're probably right most people wouldn't have but So who who's sort of the issuing

agency of that permit us you guys you are the issuing.

58:08 - 58:16
Town Hall
So could could we ask Let's put this on a future agenda and would you put out a stamp thing and see what other towns sure?

58:19 - 58:24
Town Hall
But I good suggestion things And we can make it retroactive.

58:28 - 58:32
Town Hall
You can't have four people getting paid.

58:36 - 59:23
Town Hall
It's a good point All right, so um RDP grant so once again, we did well got lots of points Susan did a wonderful job, right and we all do trying to doing various things at the transfer station accumulates points and then we get to spend that money on recovery right new platform for the covers hazardous waste that we pick up just to contact that company yet about the platform I have three different companies to the one I gave you I haven't had time mr. but you want to Oh.

59:23 - 59:26
Town Hall
I will though.

59:27 - 59:29
Town Hall
Don't call me mister.

59:30 - 59:31
Town Hall
That's my serious voice.

59:31 - 59:33
Town Hall

Okay, so I'll go ahead and sign this.

59:33 - 59:34
Town Hall
I don't think it needs it.

59:34 - 59:36
Town Hall
No, I don't think so, but that's great.

59:36 - 59:36
Town Hall
Where am I signing?

59:37 - 59:37
Town Hall
I don't see it.

59:37 - 59:40
Town Hall
It should be, there should be a little red tag.

59:40 - 59:41
Town Hall
There's no tag.

59:41 - 59:42
Town Hall
I don't see a red tag.

59:42 - 59:43
Town Hall
No, there it is, it's stuck in the middle.

59:43 - 59:45
Town Hall

Oh, it's, yeah, stuck in the middle of page.

59:46 - 59:49
Town Hall
It moves, it's because I reuse those things.

59:49 - 59:50
Town Hall
They lose their grip, like me.

59:51 - 59:52
Town Hall
Okay.

59:54 - 59:55
Town Hall
Not too much left here.

59:57 - 01:00:05
Town Hall
So we had a really good meeting last week catching up on senior center things.

01:00:05 - 01:00:08
Town Hall
I'll just recap real quick and then let Kevin present.

01:00:11 - 01:00:23
Town Hall
We've been actively looking at a way to use the $2 million earmark in a way other than building a brand new building since it was gonna be more like 4 million to build the building.

01:00:24 - 01:00:33
Town Hall
Anyway, it's three plus and nobody really is thinking on the senior center committee that there's an appetite for that kind of spending in town.

01:00:34 - 01:00:38

Town Hall

So we were in active discussions with the church.

01:00:38 - 01:00:54

Town Hall

It actually initiated with them about possibly giving the church to the town to use and then we could convert it to a senior center, but also allow the church to continue to use it, of course, for services.

01:00:56 - 01:01:05

Town Hall

And it seemed like a good idea, but the church has more or less changed their mind and decided, well, maybe we would lease it to you, but we don't want you to touch the sanctuary.

01:01:06 - 01:01:15

Town Hall

So if we can't take the pews out and make that room usable for meeting in whatever space, it's really not a practical solution.

01:01:16 - 01:01:43

Town Hall

There's a sizable cellar there, but that's really not going to meet our needs and the only option would be to if we had that property would be to try to add on to it and it's questionable how practical that would be there's not a lot of land there actually and and with setbacks i'm not even sure how much you could even add between them and the and the school and the town common and the and behind them is the.

01:01:48 - 01:01:51

Town Hall

Well, it was Frazier, the old Frazier property.

01:01:55 - 01:01:59

Town Hall

So Sarah and her husband, who's on the school committee actually, McMullen, thank you.

01:02:00 - 01:02:19

Town Hall

So anyway, so that turned out to be out and there was a suggestion to possibly use the work with the Historical Society to adopt that building and share it with the Historical society, but I think the historical societies decided to go another direction and that didn't really make sense.

01:02:19 - 01:02:28

Town Hall

So Kevin came to us this past week with some concepts for essentially.

01:02:30 - 01:02:35

Town Hall

Doing some work on expanding town hall to incorporate a senior senior.

01:02:35 - 01:02:56

Town Hall

Yeah, and just other facts on the Historic Society, the overlap of 501c3 being the Historic Society and a civic entity such as Town Hall, the grant's midship is different.

01:02:56 - 01:03:02

Town Hall

And they've pursued a grant and they've gotten it for the current study work that's going on.

01:03:02 - 01:03:10

Town Hall

And then there'll be another grant to actually start the implementation of important drawings and getting that done.

01:03:10 - 01:03:27

Town Hall

So they're content now sticking with the grant road they're on, what there was a meeting with them just last night and the scheduling will be such, they'll probably be ahead of any revision to this building.

01:03:28 - 01:03:40

Town Hall
So the board agreed that, just tentatively, should the town need to use the refurbished COA briefly while this is being redone?

01:03:41 - 01:03:46
Town Hall
That could happen, but it depends on who goes first and who can accommodate who.

01:03:46 - 01:03:53
Town Hall
Right, you did talk about how you essentially, you have a really nice meeting space that could be used for more than just the historic process.

01:03:53 - 01:04:13
Town Hall
Yeah, so the process has been, as we've talked about the different sites and me getting to know this building, even more so during the last arts week when I was here two days in a row, three days in a row, five hours each and walk the property.

01:04:14 - 01:04:22
Town Hall
That ideas I've had about improving this building and merging in the COA facilities.

01:04:23 - 01:04:25
Town Hall
There is a big room that holds 150 people.

01:04:26 - 01:04:27
Town Hall
There is a kitchen.

01:04:27 - 01:04:29
Town Hall
So it all started with that.

01:04:29 - 01:04:42
Town Hall

So and the other part of it is the colored site plan is probably the most revealing because some of the Considerations that they've been when.

01:04:46 - 01:05:06

Town Hall

Was that the big lawn where events happen Was getting swallowed up and yours very parking and parking parking and septic So, some of those practical things still need to be solved, but this is a diagram makes the day-to-day entrance, even the event entrance, to the south.

01:05:06 - 01:05:20

Town Hall

So you can see a yellow-colored area in front of the new entry and a walkway to some paved parking, and that would be the minimum we would need to keep the building code happy.

01:05:21 - 01:05:28

Town Hall

That still needs to be worked through but it leaves the majority of that big lawn available.

01:05:29 - 01:05:47

Town Hall

There would have to be a break in the wall but and we lost our tree warden but some of those maples that are drawn on the I'm gonna call it the Moran Road need to be limbed up or one of two of them just need to be of those.

01:05:48 - 01:05:58

Town Hall

So, but you'd be entering through that grove of trees, which is certainly different from how we come in now.

01:05:59 - 01:06:25

Town Hall

You'd also see down in front of the building on the 112 side more or less a platform that would go across the building rather than the steps that are there And there could be a ramp from the left side to make the main entry available Let's say for town meeting or for for events day to day the the entry would shift to the south side

Which is what it did when it was a standalone building.

01:06:27 - 01:06:36
Town Hall
So Is it really so you mean before the assessor's office was added on there was an entrance down there, so no no.

01:06:39 - 01:06:40
Town Hall
Would I just say wrong?

01:06:41 - 01:06:45
Town Hall
Yeah, it sounded like you said there used to be an entrance down at that end of the building.

01:06:45 - 01:06:45
Town Hall
No.

01:06:47 - 01:06:49
Town Hall
I probably heard wrong.

01:06:49 - 01:07:01
Town Hall
Yeah So The you can also see that's a roof plan and the assessor's wing is only as wide as the shaded part So the addition is that white area?

01:07:02 - 01:07:16
Town Hall
To the West of the assessors so if we go to a really sketchy floor plan Architects typically do sketches like this for themselves.

01:07:17 - 01:07:18
Town Hall
Which page are they talking about?

01:07:18 - 01:07:19
Town Hall
They're talking about this guy.

01:07:22 - 01:07:27
Town Hall
And if I color-coded it, it would have been a lot more helpful.

01:07:27 - 01:07:32
Town Hall
But you can see that this is now oriented with 112 to the left.

01:07:33 - 01:07:39
Town Hall
That little arrow at the bottom is now the day-to-day entry, the main entry.

01:07:40 - 01:07:42
Town Hall
So we'll get through about this.

01:07:43 - 01:07:55
Town Hall
And previous architecture, this wing and the kitchen wing, the accessories wing were added, add that porch theme.

01:07:56 - 01:07:57
Town Hall
This porch faces south.

01:07:58 - 01:08:09
Town Hall
It's deep enough to have what there was talk about in the previous one, seating that you could sit there on the south side is going to be sunnier or you're going to be under shade of the trees.

01:08:09 - 01:08:12
Town Hall

But the idea is to keep that porch idea going.

01:08:13 - 01:08:16
Town Hall
And then as you come in, there'd be a lobby.

01:08:18 - 01:08:21
Town Hall
And again, we're doing this to host COA.

01:08:21 - 01:08:22
Town Hall
They'd be to the left.

01:08:23 - 01:08:25
Town Hall
The receptionist and clerk would be to the right.

01:08:27 - 01:08:30
Town Hall
That men's and women's rooms, actually, those doors are the existing doors.

01:08:31 - 01:08:36
Town Hall
So just imagine that hallway and the existing porch become one much wider.

01:08:38 - 01:09:06
Town Hall
And then there's a direct lead to a double door into the hall for big meetings or just day to day meetings and in between there's a conference room possibly a select board room again In the main entry of the building And then where we are becomes offices for the health department the assessors the building department of treasurer Which seems like a lot but it's going to be the whole whole thing.

01:09:06 - 01:09:24
Town Hall
Not just this room That still has to be worked out and then going up the plan since the entry on the north will now become a service entry, the kitchen can take over

that corridor and be much bigger.

01:09:24 - 01:09:40
Town Hall
The health department regulations for a kitchen according to the program for COAs, 200 square feet, this is much larger than that, it's 225 I think, but it's also big enough where could be a gathering place, it would be up fit.

01:09:41 - 01:09:46
Town Hall
The team did visits to, you were on the tour, weren't you?

01:09:47 - 01:09:56
Town Hall
Yep, to different COAs and the kitchen in Dalton, which is much more residential, much more, it's not a lot of stainless steel.

01:09:59 - 01:10:02
Town Hall
Was definitely on the wish list for the committee.

01:10:02 - 01:10:10
Town Hall
That the idea is that this would be less looking like a commercial kitchen than what we've got now.

01:10:10 - 01:10:13
Town Hall
So this would be like a residential eat-in kitchen.

01:10:13 - 01:10:14
Town Hall
They have like some tables and chairs.

01:10:14 - 01:10:14
Town Hall
Yep.

01:10:15 - 01:10:25

Town Hall

The program element that's missing, it would probably go down below where we are now, where it says garden, would be like a break room.

01:10:26 - 01:11:28

Town Hall

It was described as a copy of art somewhere, it would face south and the reference to what used to happen at the corner store you know people would come in the morning and just sit and gossip so that that space has to be or in in Dalton there was a crossword puzzle the Dalton facility is quite deluxe yeah there literally was a puzzle room so where are you talking about for a see where it says garden yes so that would be more structure we have to what yeah trying to figure out not expand the program not not example footprint anymore but just try to get to that's the one thing that's come up in this uh arrangement that was that was mentioned and we also talked about um the stage being the least used uh space in the building and if there was access to it and the drawing is showing a little stairway and a lift but if the stage could be taken away and when there was a stage-like event.

01:11:28 - 01:11:43

Town Hall

There's one riser in there that could be other risers to make the stage back to a stage again, but it could be in day-to-day use, another meeting room or another gathering room and curtain back.

01:11:43 - 01:11:46

Town Hall

You talked about like a folding wall sort of thing.

01:11:47 - 01:11:48

Town Hall

Yeah, that's another space.

01:11:48 - 01:11:53

Town Hall

Again, trying to stay within the perimeter of the building as it exists.

01:11:54 - 01:12:05

Town Hall
So the question came up, did I think this could be accomplished within the 2 million we've got?

01:12:06 - 01:12:10
Town Hall
And the CDC is going to hold back a contingency of 20%.

01:12:10 - 01:12:12
Town Hall
So it's 1.6 million.

01:12:12 - 01:12:17
Town Hall
And off the top of my head, is this doable for 1.6 million?

01:12:18 - 01:12:33
Town Hall
Maybe the one thing that will help the budget, and I'm looking at the check right over there, is the next stage of Green Communities grants, which is $250 ,000.

01:12:33 - 01:12:41
Town Hall
So the ballpark for a new HVAC system here would be at least $100 ,000.

01:12:42 - 01:12:56
Town Hall
So the process of this going forward has to work in tandem with green communities so that we can guarantee the next grant level to do this HVAC redo.

01:12:56 - 01:13:01
Town Hall
And then so that would take some pressure up to $1.6 million.

01:13:01 - 01:13:08
Town Hall
And then the rest of the $250 ,000 hopefully would go to the school, which is in dire

need also.

01:13:09 - 01:13:13
Town Hall
The highway department is the biggest dire need, but that's different.

01:13:13 - 01:13:14
Town Hall
They're going to get a new building.

01:13:15 - 01:13:15
Town Hall
Yeah.

01:13:16 - 01:13:45
Town Hall
So we're I would just you know had coffee with Lindsay before this meeting and asked she asked me about the MVP grant for the system here that didn't that didn't go through so there's a new round so yeah okay so it's we she was encouraging us to the other person that triggered this thought was Dave Middleton and our emergency management.

01:13:45 - 01:13:47
Town Hall
Need for a cooling center.

01:13:49 - 01:14:00
Town Hall
So, I don't know if that comes with grants or not, but the idea of using multiple grants, starting with the Greek communities.

01:14:01 - 01:14:25
Town Hall
And then the punchline of the meeting that Charlie was talking about is that Dave Christopoulos, he's very good at what he does, and he had come prepared, we were coming to the meeting from different parts and he was coming to the meeting to tell us to find a way to spend the 1.6 million and I had done these sketches.

01:14:27 - 01:14:36
Town Hall
So Charlie was right and then we got follow-up from the two members who didn't attend, everybody's CUI committee agrees this is the way to go.

01:14:37 - 01:14:48
Town Hall
So the next steps, Marie did a really good job summarizing, but I need to talk to one or two real architects.

01:14:49 - 01:15:08
Town Hall
By real architects, I mean a civic project like this is going to need someone with more depth in their LLC and their liability than I've got and more expertise and more connection to commercial level HVAC and so on.

01:15:08 - 01:15:12
Town Hall
So I'm gonna be talking with a firm in Florence soon.

01:15:13 - 01:15:22
Town Hall
I'm gonna clean these up a bit and sit with them and see if they're interested in Kathy Ford had another firm she could think of.

01:15:22 - 01:15:23
Town Hall
We're probably gonna need three.

01:15:23 - 01:15:31
Town Hall
When I'm thinking, if this is gonna be over $1.5 million, it has to have an owner's project manager.

01:15:32 - 01:15:36
Town Hall
And the owner's project manager is the one who gets all that stuff together.

01:15:38 - 01:15:39
Town Hall
Oh, you're looking at me.

01:15:40 - 01:15:41
Town Hall
No, I know, I'm just letting you know.

01:15:42 - 01:15:45
Town Hall
Couldn't that be the other firm?

01:15:47 - 01:15:50
Town Hall
I don't know if they are, if they're qualified to be the owner's project manager.

01:15:50 - 01:15:51
Town Hall
Ok.

01:15:52 - 01:15:53
Town Hall
You know, it's a thing.

01:15:54 - 01:16:00
Town Hall
Yeah, well, I guess the punch line is the pragmatic aspect of this is hitting now.

01:16:02 - 01:16:05
Town Hall
So is that state procurement law?

01:16:05 - 01:16:06
Town Hall
Yeah.

01:16:06 - 01:16:19

Town Hall

Okay, so that so backing up if the budget let's say we We polished up the drawings enough to get a budget that brings it under 1.5 million Does that undo that it does?

01:16:20 - 01:16:40

Town Hall

But there yeah, but you have to be real though, you know, we have to be real And also of the we still have I think 22 grand left in the green communities that we have to spend that money before we can go up for go for another round of Green communities.

01:16:40 - 01:16:49

Town Hall

Yeah So if you I don't know if the school needs something or another building needs something You have to show that it's green communities worthy.

01:16:49 - 01:16:50

Town Hall

Yeah, basically.

01:16:50 - 01:17:00

Town Hall

Yeah, we should talk to dave manson because he Temporarily, there might be a cooling center with that That budget if he doesn't have his own grants.

01:17:00 - 01:17:02

Town Hall

Can we yeah one sec?

01:17:02 - 01:17:05

Town Hall

Can we use green money for cooling?

01:17:07 - 01:17:21

Town Hall

Yeah, well the other part is When the the building was standalone the the

understanding was future Heating and cooling would need to be heat pumps.

01:17:24 - 01:17:29
Town Hall
Yeah Yeah, but the palette things sort of me Yeah.

01:17:32 - 01:17:37
Town Hall
The guard to show me here on your own drawing?

01:17:38 - 01:17:43
Town Hall
Okay, will that entail digging up the driveway that the access to the Moran property?

01:17:44 - 01:17:44
Town Hall
No.

01:17:45 - 01:17:45
Town Hall
Okay.

01:17:45 - 01:17:48
Town Hall
So back to the drawing with the yellow zone.

01:17:48 - 01:17:56
Town Hall
So in looking at the site plan and taking it on what the previous plan was done.

01:17:57 - 01:17:57
Town Hall
The.

01:17:57 - 01:17:59
Town Hall

So the driveway symbol.

01:17:59 - 01:18:00
Town Hall
Yeah, the line of the.

01:18:00 - 01:18:06
Town Hall
Okay, and then my other question is how many actual square feet are allocated to Council on Aging?

01:18:06 - 01:18:09
Town Hall
That's hard to say because the programs are now overlapping.

01:18:10 - 01:18:25
Town Hall
So the way I described it as a meeting, imagine that $3 million building being pushed and morphed into this space, and the program elements of the COA and the program of the town hall are merged.

01:18:25 - 01:18:38
Town Hall
So in terms of the only, in this drawing, the only rooms really dedicated to the COA are two 10 by 12 offices and everything else is shared.

01:18:40 - 01:18:55
Town Hall
So the difference in the grant we're getting from the FED, from HUD, is it's not encumbered with what the previous source was, where it had to be a COA and it had to have this had to have that.

01:18:56 - 01:18:58
Town Hall
And that has gone away.

01:18:59 - 01:19:07
Town Hall

The money that Dave Christopoulos has procured needs to go to a community center.

01:19:07 - 01:19:12
Town Hall
That's why I keep saying COA community center, because we're no longer encumbered.

01:19:14 - 01:19:16
Town Hall
We just have to spend it.

01:19:16 - 01:19:32
Town Hall
So the goal of the committee, Dave Christopoulos, is We really have to get get on it because we have to share the two millions and said sitting there for yeah Yeah, four years now, and we're lucky.

01:19:32 - 01:19:32
Town Hall
It's not a guy.

01:19:32 - 01:19:39
Town Hall
It's husband So the yellow zone in this plan Left alone.

01:19:39 - 01:19:56
Town Hall
It's because the wall stays the same driveways The yellow was should You need to expand that that's And it's probably not a good place to do it, but it just was the free zone in front of the building.

01:19:56 - 01:20:00
Town Hall
The existing wall of Assessor's is that line.

01:20:01 - 01:20:03
Town Hall

It doesn't go any further than the existing building.

01:20:04 - 01:20:05
Town Hall
This right there?

01:20:06 - 01:20:06
Town Hall
Yep.

01:20:07 - 01:20:09
Town Hall
So that was part of the goal.

01:20:09 - 01:20:19
Town Hall
And the other thing I brought up with the COAs, during the arts weekend, I was able to walk back where Ralph's house was.

01:20:19 - 01:20:23
Town Hall
And it really is a nice place to walk.

01:20:24 - 01:20:33
Town Hall
And with the emphasis for the COA on safe walking trails, it's pretty nice down there.

01:20:33 - 01:20:34
Town Hall
The wall is still there.

01:20:35 - 01:20:37
Town Hall
The built-in barbecue is still there.

01:20:37 - 01:20:40
Town Hall

And where his house was is still very flat.

01:20:40 - 01:20:41
Town Hall
Yeah, isn't it, right?

01:20:42 - 01:20:50
Town Hall
Anyway, so the group was convinced this is the way to go.

01:20:51 - 01:20:55
Town Hall
And I don't know if the select board needs to weigh in or...

01:20:57 - 01:20:58
Town Hall
I don't know if we really do or not.

01:20:58 - 01:21:00
Town Hall
I think, I.

01:21:02 - 01:21:10
Town Hall
Mean, we are talking about spending some money to get, you know, actually, so that the next design work done.

01:21:11 - 01:21:15
Town Hall
I suspect once we have bids, maybe we'll have to approve.

01:21:16 - 01:21:21
Town Hall
Yeah, so maybe you and I need to talk to Dave in terms of how that funding...

01:21:22 - 01:21:30
Town Hall

Filters through and whether his 20% includes design budget or not.

01:21:31 - 01:21:34
Town Hall
I know it's administrative, but I don't know.

01:21:35 - 01:21:36
Town Hall
I don't know either.

01:21:37 - 01:21:40
Town Hall
It seems like a long time since we've been working on this, right?

01:21:44 - 01:21:46
Town Hall
Yeah, that's right.

01:21:46 - 01:21:46
Town Hall
It would never go.

01:21:46 - 01:21:48
Town Hall
It would never fly here anyway.

01:21:48 - 01:21:52
Town Hall
Like that 5 ,000 grand, I mean, 5 ,000 square foot.

01:21:53 - 01:22:09
Town Hall
I do think though that, you know, if we find that this is more than, let's say the 1.6, we have available that may be going to the town for some additional is not out of the question, just not a million dollars.

01:22:11 - 01:22:13

Town Hall
I mean, Lou, we stay up on that.

01:22:13 - 01:22:42
Town Hall
Yeah, I'd like to add that Marion and myself, walked around the building with the plans because you know we received the plans on the phone there and everything and visually just visualizing things from the outside the different points of view and everything I think it I thought and Marion did too that it that could work very well and uh the parking's easy there is places to walk um so I think it's good really maintains the Yeah.

01:22:42 - 01:22:43
Town Hall
It does.

01:22:43 - 01:22:46
Town Hall
And also the green outside that you're leaving behind.

01:22:46 - 01:22:54
Town Hall
Again, the front thing that I've marked garden gets smaller, but still pretty nice.

01:22:54 - 01:23:09
Town Hall
And then this back corner here, I mean, the trees are throwing a lot of shade right now, but that that corner actually faces south and that in terms of egress.

01:23:10 - 01:23:12
Town Hall
The generators there, right?

01:23:12 - 01:23:17
Town Hall
The generators there, but that's, you know, in the scale of what we're doing, that's not a big deal.

01:23:17 - 01:23:33
Town Hall
But I included a door that would go out to that area partially for egress, but also because that could be a nice place to go out for a break or park benches and whatever.

01:23:33 - 01:23:38
Town Hall
It seems strange, but it's one of those areas that would be.

01:23:38 - 01:23:42
Town Hall
So right out here is what you're talking about basically, yep in the L.

01:23:45 - 01:23:59
Town Hall
Yeah It is 26 It's as big as the assessor this morning is 26, but I take out the porch by 24.

01:24:02 - 01:24:06
Town Hall
So whatever that is 400, 500 square feet.

01:24:08 - 01:24:09
Town Hall
Jp, you weren't done, I'm sorry.

01:24:10 - 01:24:14
Town Hall
No, on that subject, well, it's related.

01:24:14 - 01:24:17
Town Hall
If we have communities, we have $22 ,000.

01:24:17 - 01:24:32
Town Hall

Is it possible that we put that in to a mini split here in this existing building, which would be utilized in the new building, but then that if we spend that 22, that allows us to when we have when we have an application.

01:24:33 - 01:24:34
Town Hall
Even if it's only part of the building.

01:24:34 - 01:24:36
Town Hall
We just did the main hall.

01:24:51 - 01:25:16
Town Hall
I mean, I don't think 22 ,000 judging by what I just put in too many splits would do the whole What so sized I mean, I would think you'd need four maybe six units or you know three two or three on each wall To to cool that room I don't know.

01:25:16 - 01:25:22
Town Hall
They come in all different sizes and and and there are different ways to do it So i'm no expert by any means.

01:25:22 - 01:25:26
Town Hall
Yeah so But I think it's worth getting a heating and cooling.

01:25:27 - 01:25:34
Town Hall
Yeah in here to look at it We had john thomas do this do this similar study for the for the so he that's your society.

01:25:34 - 01:25:41
Town Hall
Yep, and his His budget for that building Or he accomplished 50.

01:25:41 - 01:25:46
Town Hall

Okay, so you're right 22 is a Partial.

01:25:47 - 01:25:50
Town Hall
Yeah, it won't be hard to make the 22 go away that right.

01:25:50 - 01:26:16
Town Hall
Yeah But I think that and maybe we could find another grant since it was for or You know if we need to raise an appropriate that it's not a huge yeah, I'll reach out to Dave cuz he'd be okay We're just potentially the point two grand could satisfy the office area, but you're in upstairs I think you were thinking the upstairs would go away though right well the upstairs again back to.

01:26:19 - 01:26:39
Town Hall
Grants and grant making and ADA and all of it's always better if you can say there's no Second floor to try to get to yeah, if we're gonna modernize the building you almost have to put in a lift to get up Should be kind of crazy Yeah, the historic society is Planning yeah, I was impressed by that.

01:26:39 - 01:26:41
Town Hall
But you've got three real floors.

01:26:46 - 01:26:48
Town Hall
All right Yeah.

01:26:56 - 01:27:00
Town Hall
High-end bond wrote the class so you saw that.

01:27:02 - 01:27:21
Town Hall
Didn't read that one so what were they for It was all highways right now to the tune that I read the beginning of it Well to that time bond they wrote the grant in the town got it Totally all total I think came to 1.5 million With the three grants I mean I

talked to John McVeigh today.

01:27:21 - 01:27:23
Town Hall
He's pretty plugged into this stuff.

01:27:26 - 01:27:29
Town Hall
So you've got my attention, I'll tell you that, so.

01:27:30 - 01:27:42
Town Hall
From a lot of people that I've been talking to, I've contacted the engineering company that Cork Farming works with, that he had a big project moving along with that came to a halt because of the 143 project.

01:27:42 - 01:27:42
Town Hall
Yeah.

01:27:43 - 01:27:47
Town Hall
And they're very interested in helping us move forward that direction.

01:27:48 - 01:27:48
Town Hall
Yeah.

01:27:48 - 01:27:49
Town Hall
Is that white engineering?

01:27:49 - 01:27:49
Town Hall
Yes.

01:27:50 - 01:27:59

Town Hall
So I'm hoping to continue the conversation with them and see where that brings us, But potentially if white engineering doesn't work out.

01:27:59 - 01:28:01
Town Hall
I'm willing to give them a shot.

01:28:01 - 01:28:07
Town Hall
I've heard many good things Such as from huntington with pine bomb having good luck with them.

01:28:09 - 01:28:16
Town Hall
Roadwork projects large projects like what reconstruction of roadways drainage paving.

01:28:25 - 01:28:37
Town Hall
Yeah to Kenny Brook, there was a numerous amount of roads that Cork had engineered by White, including Old Post, Buffington Hill, Radiker.

01:28:37 - 01:28:52
Town Hall
There's a whole big group of them he had put together, and some of the work had started, and then other work was kind of pieced together to try to get it to pass because it didn't have the funding because of the 143 project at the time.

01:28:53 - 01:28:55
Town Hall
So how would this stuff get funded?

01:28:55 - 01:29:08
Town Hall
So the engineers is What I'm learning with all this they write Themselves into a grant to get funded to do the work Who funds the grant the state?

01:29:08 - 01:29:08
Town Hall
Okay?

01:29:09 - 01:29:26
Town Hall
This is over and above it's so like the one There's mass works one-stop grants that we had talked about earlier the spring that we were late to the ball to get on right and And there's a lot of legwork, as Peg knows, that goes into these grants to try to get approved for them.

01:29:27 - 01:29:30
Town Hall
And there's just a lot to know.

01:29:30 - 01:29:40
Town Hall
And from what I've been gathering and trying to put together is the engineers, as long as you get the right ones, they're the best ones to go to to make sense, get approved and get through with this work.

01:29:40 - 01:29:57
Town Hall
Because if you have them write it correctly and themselves and the costs of the project in the grant it's kind of take care you take care of the whole thing It gives them some incentive exactly yes moving.

01:29:57 - 01:30:00
Town Hall
Yeah a little bit incestuous, but I get it.

01:30:02 - 01:30:13
Town Hall
All right, so All right, well that sounds good and I will say I did speak to John McVeigh today I think I said that already about We're talking about police stuff.

01:30:13 - 01:30:16

Town Hall
So why don't we put that on the agenda for our next meeting?

01:30:19 - 01:30:21
Town Hall
John McVeigh is on the select board in.

01:30:25 - 01:30:29
Town Hall
He was instrumental in us getting the hotbox which is sitting.

01:30:34 - 01:30:50
Town Hall
I see that started on Kenny, but you know so yeah, I think looks like it's spot like it hasn't been used yet We're keeping it clean And the other towns that we share it with are doing their best to keep it clean as well Is it more than just I think it's?

01:30:50 - 01:30:52
Town Hall
Worthington Huntington and Russell, I believe okay.

01:30:55 - 01:30:59
Town Hall
So I'm do you have plans to use it in the next week or so I believe we're using it tomorrow.

01:31:00 - 01:31:01
Town Hall
Where about Kenny Brooker?

01:31:02 - 01:31:18
Town Hall
Okay, I'm not a we'd be out there first thing in the morning it Takes about an hour to get down to get the material and then about an hour back, so usually we're going by 9 10 o 'clock, so what about Wednesday you're doing anything Wednesday Wednesday?

01:31:19 - 01:31:23

Town Hall
We will not be using Pictures I think yes obviously tomorrow.

01:31:23 - 01:31:24
Town Hall
I'm like pretty excited.

01:31:25 - 01:31:27
Town Hall
Do you keep me apprised?

01:31:27 - 01:31:27
Town Hall
Yes, okay?

01:31:27 - 01:31:31
Town Hall
I probably can't get there tomorrow Catherine thanks for coming in.

01:31:36 - 01:31:39
Town Hall
I Talked to him about possibly sharing.

01:31:43 - 01:31:44
[speaker unknown]
Yeah.

01:31:46 - 01:31:53
Town Hall
I very much like the idea of Investing in a building that we have right No.

01:31:57 - 01:31:58
Town Hall
But this well.

01:32:02 - 01:32:03
Town Hall

Coa's using it all the time anyway.

01:32:13 - 01:32:19

Town Hall

So I'll take a motion to accept minutes from October 6 I move that we accept the minutes from October 6.

01:32:24 - 01:32:26

Town Hall

I move not to discuss it any further.

01:32:37 - 01:32:46

Town Hall

So I think with that I assume there's nobody else with anything to say since everybody's leaving the room so I'm gonna adjourn.