Selectboard Meeting

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00:01 - 00:04
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00:44 - 00:46
Town Hall
In front of everybody, but it's not going to stop me.

00:47 - 00:48
Town Hall
You know what happens for the most part?

00:48 - 00:50
Town Hall
We look that way because of the screen, you know?

00:51 - 00:53
Town Hall
So we're like, I can smell it.

00:54 - 00:55
Town Hall
Where'd it come from?

00:56 - 00:57
Town Hall
Where'd it come from?

01:00 - 01:01
Town Hall

That's a big one.

01:01 - 01:02
Town Hall
You know, it has cookies there?

01:03 - 01:04
Town Hall
Do they bake them?

01:04 - 01:05
Town Hall
Is it a maligno cookie?

01:06 - 01:07
Town Hall
I don't know.

01:07 - 01:09
Town Hall
I don't even know.

01:09 - 01:10
Town Hall
That's where I did them, but I don't know.

01:12 - 01:14
Town Hall
Yeah, they have them every day.

01:20 - 01:31
Town Hall
We were in Amherst and we had some Persian cookies this morning, which is like, you know, so it's like, well, we'll try one of those and one of those and one of those, you know, it's like, I've never had them before and they were delicious.

01:31 - 01:33

Town Hall
They were cardamom and pistachio.

01:34 - 01:35
Town Hall
And I was like, oh, these are really good.

01:36 - 01:37
Town Hall
That sounds awesome.

01:37 - 01:42
Town Hall
I just heard an interview with a Persian baker actually talking about cookies.

01:42 - 01:43
Town Hall
Oh, that's funny.

01:43 - 01:44
Town Hall
Because there's a place in Amherst that you can get these cookies.

01:44 - 01:45
Town Hall
In Amherst.

01:45 - 01:46
Town Hall
It used to be Rayo's Coffee.

01:46 - 01:50
Town Hall
It's now, I can't remember the name because of the name.

01:52 - 01:54
Town Hall

But Mubada or something.

01:56 - 02:00
Town Hall
All sorts of different coffees and Persian food and cookies and cake.

02:02 - 02:03
Town Hall
Near Boltwood Walk.

02:03 - 02:05
Town Hall
You know where the old bars was?

02:05 - 02:07
Town Hall
So it's down the alley there.

02:08 - 02:13
Town Hall
There's a Rayo's Coffee used to be there and there was a yoga studio above it.

02:14 - 02:21
Town Hall
I don't know, but that's All right, let's let's go ahead and get started About cookies.

02:21 - 02:30
Town Hall
Yeah, right So first up on the agenda, we're talking to joshua jaw um About a position at the highway department.

02:30 - 02:44
Town Hall
We've been trying to fill And now we have a a plethora of candidates, which is awesome So, um, why don't you tell us a little bit about yourself and why you're interested in the job and then we can ask some questions um I'm Josh Fra.

02:45 - 02:46
Town Hall
I grew up in Cummington.

02:46 - 02:49
Town Hall
I've lived here for 12.

02:49 - 02:49
Deb Clapp
Years, I.

02:49 - 02:50
Town Hall
Think.

02:54 - 02:56
Town Hall
I live right around the corner from the highway department.

02:56 - 03:01
Town Hall
I've done construction and that sort of stuff my whole life.

03:02 - 03:04
Town Hall
I'm a single dad of a 13-year-old girl.

03:05 - 03:12
Town Hall
It would be really nice to be able to get out of work before she gets home from school and be around for her.

03:12 - 03:14
Town Hall
Oh, she's.

03:14 - 03:14
Deb Clapp
13.

03:14 - 03:16
Town Hall
Play the violin ready.

03:16 - 03:17
Town Hall
No.

03:17 - 03:18
Town Hall
No, that one is 19.

03:27 - 03:29
Town Hall
That's not a musical career no.

03:34 - 04:03
Town Hall
Yeah, I don't know I love the town I love to be a part of it and seems like a good Staying job for me, you know, yeah so you haven't actually worked for a town um, I I paid power road for the town of coming to end but I was like just a summer help But And you do have all your licenses.

04:03 - 04:04
Town Hall
Is that right?

04:04 - 04:08
Town Hall
Yeah, I have a class B and air Brake license.

04:08 - 04:10
Town Hall

I do not have the oysters yet.

04:10 - 04:14
Town Hall
Okay So that's a CDL is yes.

04:17 - 04:22
Town Hall
It's just it's the same license that Travis had to get one after he was hired the posters yep.

04:24 - 04:24
Deb Clapp
Yeah.

04:27 - 04:31
Town Hall
So I'm the person on the phone we're getting a little Whatever is going on there.

04:31 - 04:33
Town Hall
Can you hit star six to mute yourself, please?

04:41 - 04:53
Town Hall
Thank you So you guys have questions yeah, so Good for you for wanting to contribute to the town and be around for your daughter What are you gonna do when it snows like it snows last?

04:54 - 05:08
Town Hall
Winter and you're not around at all except behind a plow Is that gonna be any issues the just there's I mean, there's just so much I don't see that being an issue now.

05:08 - 05:12
Town Hall
I mean, she's a young adult and pretty self-sufficient.

05:13 - 05:34

Town Hall

I'm Well, that long during plowing time, I'm assuming there's probably not gonna be school if there is, my sister lives over in Comington and takes care of my parents at their house and she'd be more than willing to take Autumn for the day if that becomes an issue, but I don't see it being an issue.

05:34 - 05:37

Town Hall

She'll happily sit in her nest of a bed.

05:38 - 05:40

Town Hall

Is that a job while I'm not around?

05:40 - 05:40

Town Hall

Yeah.

05:45 - 05:57

Town Hall

Yeah, I mean, so, you know, reality would be able to tell you better how late you might be out plowing, because that would just be if you're out really late plowing, obviously she's home alone.

05:58 - 06:06

Town Hall

But if she's of an age where she might be okay, I'm sure she's got a cell phone she can call you.

06:06 - 06:25

Town Hall

I'm sure there's enough lenience where I could stop for five minutes at the house and check Because I can't because I don't know how late the guys were out plowing or how early they're out Yeah, all I know is that by the time I'm ready to leave which is quite a bit later because I don't have no need to Be out early in the morning.

06:25 - 06:26
Town Hall
Everything's flat.

06:26 - 06:31
Town Hall
That's the goal the assessors Yeah.

06:34 - 06:43
Town Hall
I think that was really I mean that's always a good question cuz you know If you want to be there for your daughter, but you have to be out.

06:43 - 06:51
Town Hall
Yeah, then again, you know Who knows like we could get almost no snow, but I think they're saying that's not I mean, it's a mean Yeah, you're right.

06:51 - 06:53
Town Hall
Yeah, I think we might get whack pretty good this year.

06:58 - 07:04
Town Hall
So have you driven pop trucks Just like small pop trucks like residential pickups.

07:04 - 07:05
Town Hall
Yeah pickup trucks.

07:05 - 07:21
Town Hall
Yeah So you've driven big trucks, but not plowing Yes, but not that kind of I've never driven like a big dump truck like that before I've done Like CDL size box trucks.

07:25 - 07:27
Town Hall

Pretty darn good drivers.

07:31 - 07:36
Town Hall
So Will you continue with your is it a carpentry business basically?

07:36 - 07:47
Town Hall
No, probably not I mean I might do some side work here and there just to You know, for people I like in town that asked me to do help, you know, is that what it was?

07:47 - 07:48
Town Hall
A carpentry business?

07:48 - 07:48
Town Hall
Yeah.

07:48 - 07:48
Town Hall
Yeah.

07:48 - 07:51
Town Hall
Like small home remodeling.

07:51 - 07:51
Town Hall
Carpentry.

07:51 - 07:52
Town Hall
Yeah.

07:54 - 07:55
Town Hall

Multi-talented.

07:56 - 07:56
Town Hall
Yeah.

07:58 - 07:58
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:00 - 08:05
Town Hall
I did construction for like 20 years before I did the restaurant gig.

08:06 - 08:10
Town Hall
So did you work for Ryan's for quite a while, looks like?

08:10 - 08:11
Town Hall
Tilly?

08:11 - 08:11
Town Hall
For Charlie.

08:12 - 08:12
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:12 - 08:13
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:14 - 08:14
Town Hall

Yeah.

08:14 - 08:15
Town Hall
On and off.

08:16 - 08:16
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:19 - 08:20
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:20 - 08:21
Town Hall
He has a lumber mill.

08:22 - 08:22
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:22 - 08:23
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:23 - 08:25
Town Hall
Down on the Chesterfield town line.

08:26 - 08:28
Town Hall
That's on the side of 143.

08:29 - 08:29
Town Hall

Yeah.

08:29 - 08:29
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:29 - 08:29
Town Hall
Yeah.

08:29 - 08:35
Town Hall
I did I did mostly like a large painting company out of Northampton.

08:36 - 08:40
Town Hall
Tilly was only like, I I don't know, five years, 10 years, somewhere in there.

08:44 - 08:48
Town Hall
How do you feel about taking direction from somebody that's half your age?

08:49 - 08:50
Town Hall
No problem with it.

08:53 - 09:01
Town Hall
I think that if you think you're smarter than someone because you're older than them, you're gonna lose out on a lot of knowledge.

09:04 - 09:08
Town Hall
It's been a few years though since you've not been a manager essentially, right?

09:10 - 09:28
Town Hall

Um looks like well right now I'm right now I'm back doing doing work with Charlie with Tilly's so I mean for the last like two months ever since I kind of took the class and talked to him and got this ball rolling I went over and started working with Tilly for a while and.

09:30 - 09:42
Town Hall
Then I got the call last week that you guys want an interview so I have no problem taking directions I have no more from my meeting with them.

09:42 - 09:42
Town Hall
Mm-hmm.

09:42 - 09:43
Town Hall
Okay.

09:43 - 09:44
Town Hall
I have a question.

09:44 - 09:44
Town Hall
Okay.

09:45 - 09:54
Town Hall
So, it's funny, the references, nobody's last name is mentioned, and so I thought, well, I wonder, I wonder if that's what you thought, or I know too, Taylor, and then Ken.

09:55 - 09:58
Town Hall
No, just joking around, but, did you check all the references?

09:59 - 10:00
Town Hall

I called them, yes.

10:00 - 10:02
Town Hall
And everybody was happy with it?

10:02 - 10:03
Town Hall
That's all I was wondering.

10:04 - 10:06
Town Hall
But I also thought it was funny, you didn't have the last one.

10:06 - 10:07
Town Hall
Oh, sorry.

10:07 - 10:11
Town Hall
A couple, or one of them, I don't think I got a phone call back from, but.

10:12 - 10:12
Town Hall
Rebecca?

10:13 - 10:14
Town Hall
I think it was.

10:14 - 10:14
Town Hall
Probably.

10:15 - 10:16
Town Hall

She's been doing a lot.

10:16 - 10:19
Town Hall
She's had a lot of medical stuff lately, dialysis and stuff.

10:20 - 10:23
Town Hall
That's, oh, shoot, I can't remember her father's names.

10:23 - 10:25
Town Hall
He lives up by the Red Bucket.

10:25 - 10:27
Town Hall
He's like a old artist guy.

10:27 - 10:29
Town Hall
He's in his eighties.

10:29 - 10:29
Town Hall
Can't remember.

10:30 - 10:30
Town Hall
I don't know.

10:31 - 10:33
Town Hall
By the Red Bucket or up on Sam Howe?

10:33 - 10:36
Town Hall

Just through the intersection, straight through the intersection there.

10:37 - 10:38
Town Hall
On Fisk?

10:39 - 10:40
Town Hall
Whatever road straight down.

10:40 - 10:43
Town Hall
Can you broke where the red bucket is or up here?

10:46 - 10:53
Town Hall
Yeah, I know we were talking about yeah, the artist said he has a big barn all sorts of art stuff.

10:53 - 10:53
Town Hall
Yep.

10:53 - 10:53
Town Hall
Yeah.

10:54 - 10:55
Town Hall
Yeah.

10:58 - 11:09
Town Hall
On Sam Hill, yes The first house on the left on the dirt part of Sam ****, okay I Think his wife was a teacher at the school years ago.

11:09 - 11:11

Town Hall
I know right?

11:11 - 11:11
Town Hall
I think so.

11:22 - 11:27
Town Hall
Good well, thank you for coming in we've got I guess another interview at our next meeting.

11:28 - 11:28
Town Hall
Okay.

11:29 - 11:30
Town Hall
Oh, he's not here today.

11:33 - 11:34
Town Hall
So sorry.

11:36 - 11:38
Town Hall
Well, they are it is a public meeting yeah.

11:41 - 12:01
Town Hall
So it'll be a couple weeks before we hear back Yeah, and we do have to talk about scheduling when we get probably to the end of the meeting because we've got some conflict I think I have a conflict at our next week and then the following ones elections and we've got a conflict there We can't really be yeah.

12:01 - 12:08
Town Hall

Yeah, they need This is where they come votes yeah and next meeting.

12:15 - 12:20
Town Hall
Well, I would like that if you do hire me I would like the opportunity to get Charlie a two-week notice.

12:22 - 12:26
Town Hall
So yeah, I have a conflict on the top, so I'm gonna ask.

12:34 - 12:38
Town Hall
You want me to look to see if we Might as well talk about it now.

12:40 - 12:44
Town Hall
If that's okay with you guys and you can meet without me, too Oh.

12:55 - 12:58
Town Hall
I could do Monday that would work fine.

12:58 - 13:00
Town Hall
Thursday is also Thursday.

13:00 - 13:01
Town Hall
You have a hearing, right?

13:02 - 13:09
Town Hall
Thursday the 22nd So It's to Monday Monday the 19th.

13:09 - 13:14
Town Hall

Okay I'm meeting with Lindsay Sabadosa about that.

13:14 - 13:15
Town Hall
Oh, wow.

13:16 - 13:17
Town Hall
This man.

13:20 - 13:20
[speaker unknown]
Yes.

13:22 - 13:22
[speaker unknown]
Yeah.

13:22 - 13:24
Town Hall
He's right down, down Boston, right?

13:25 - 13:26
Town Hall
So profits.

13:27 - 13:27
Town Hall
Okay.

13:28 - 13:30
Town Hall
I thought you didn't go to MIT.

13:33 - 13:34
[speaker unknown]

Okay.

13:35 - 13:37
Town Hall
So that's what we'll plan on.

13:37 - 13:38
Town Hall
What was that?

13:44 - 13:52
Town Hall
My dogs are getting groomed that night, too Right Okay, moving on Thank you.

13:52 - 13:53
Town Hall
Thank you guys.

13:54 - 13:54
Town Hall
Thank you.

13:55 - 13:55
Town Hall
Thank you, Josh.

13:56 - 13:58
Town Hall
Yep Here.

14:00 - 14:05
Town Hall
Since you guys are here to you know for the that discussion.

14:05 - 14:38
Town Hall
There's no reason we couldn't skip ahead to the selection committee stuff okay

that's okay with you okay with me yeah okay so the two things that i had asked was that um we i talked with uh following all of that discussion um with the governor's people there was a question about the possibility of adding community benefits into any deal whether it's your deal or the one on old post road you know it's one of those things you've ask for they can say no but they might say yes.

14:40 - 14:50
Town Hall
So Jeff Blake had asked me whether we would like him to approach Blue Wave's lawyers to discuss it with them and I said well let me run it back by the select board.

14:50 - 14:58
Town Hall
I don't want to say for the town sure you know I'd like to first just see if there's any objections to that.

14:58 - 15:06
Town Hall
He said he's not familiar with any of these things being added to the solar agreement, but that doesn't mean that they won't say, maybe say yes.

15:06 - 15:10
Town Hall
But we don't know, also don't know, you know, what they would agree to.

15:11 - 15:12
Town Hall
But that's another question.

15:12 - 15:16
Town Hall
So is this part of discussions you've already had or not?

15:19 - 15:20
Town Hall
With Blue Wave?

15:21 - 15:24

Town Hall
No, as a board.

15:25 - 15:29
Town Hall
I think that it's something we started talking about, you know, a year ago, basically.

15:29 - 15:37
Town Hall
Um, and the, I think the sense at the time was we've got a lot of other stuff to figure out, but we should come back to it at some point.

15:38 - 15:45
Town Hall
I think that, uh, governor's meeting talked a lot about it.

15:45 - 15:55
Town Hall
And, um, I talked to Jeff Blake too, and he, I mean, it is a strange thing for the planning board to get involved in negotiations.

15:56 - 16:11
Town Hall
We're supposed to be, you know, coming up with Some sort of decision and it shouldn't look like quick pro quo like but isn't that where it ends up in you're just it's not a part of your So that's part of our negotiation.

16:13 - 16:17
Town Hall
Right he he felt it was far more appropriate for us to do it then for the plane.

16:29 - 16:54
Town Hall
Okay, so I misunderstood I thought it was part of your no, so what's any confusing is the do we are Regulations that are not in effect for this project, but will be at some point Def it's required as part of the permit process So the there has to be a community benefits plan and agreement And I believe the planning board is the driver of that.

16:54 - 16:57
Town Hall
So okay, but that has to present what they want to do.

17:00 - 17:17
Town Hall
So some day So so assuming this gets through the planning board and the conservation commission then at that point we could ask blue wave What they could offer or we could ask them you have to set a tie it to you know, you could ask him tomorrow We could be asking now.

17:17 - 17:21
Town Hall
Yeah, I Mean Jeff offered to contact them now.

17:21 - 17:26
Town Hall
Okay, they discussed it was discussed with them, which I think is a good idea Waiting longer.

17:26 - 17:32
Town Hall
I never feel is a good thing I always feel like, you know, let's put some of the cards out on the table there and say, well, how about this?

17:32 - 17:34
Town Hall
Are you able to offer us anything?

17:35 - 17:35
Town Hall
Right?

17:36 - 17:40
Town Hall
It'd be interesting to see other contracts that they did and what they offer to other people.

17:40 - 17:40
Town Hall
Sure.

17:40 - 17:47
Town Hall
Yes So I'm trying to find information on that, but I don't have any just yet I mean, I don't have full stuff, but I have some information some leads.

17:50 - 17:55
Town Hall
Yes, yeah, I have a bunch of stuff and I had asked um, Oh Mike.

17:58 - 18:01
Town Hall
But Mike judge because he's the one who talked about he was great.

18:01 - 18:23
Town Hall
Yeah, and I actually So can you like give me some examples and he hasn't gotten back to me yet But I I'm trying to think I I emailed him a day or two after you and I spoke So it was either Wednesday Thursday last week or something like that I think it was early Friday, but it was they were kind of busy too because I know okay They were here Tuesday.

18:24 - 18:36
Town Hall
Then the same team was in Pittsfield on Wednesday, and I'm not sure where else they been, but I knew he was doing plan for, but I don't know what dates and then they're going to, uh, shoots for anything.

18:36 - 18:37
Town Hall
It is.

18:37 - 18:38
Town Hall

Yeah.

18:38 - 18:40
Town Hall
They're on tour, but I don't remember the dates.

18:40 - 18:43
Town Hall
So I knew Wednesday they were going to be in Pittsfield.

18:43 - 18:48
Town Hall
So there's no way anybody was going to get back to me on Wednesday or even think about Worthington again on Wednesday.

18:50 - 18:52
Town Hall
So, um.

18:56 - 19:02
Town Hall
There was Jeff going ahead or we, no, I asked him to let me talk to the board first and decide whether we wanted him to do that.

19:02 - 19:08
Town Hall
So I think it makes sense, but I didn't, I do not want to make a decision unilaterally.

19:08 - 19:08
Town Hall
Okay.

19:09 - 19:10
Town Hall
Thank you.

19:10 - 19:12

Town Hall
Yeah, we're a committee of three.

19:15 - 19:16
Town Hall
So no, but that sounds good to me.

19:17 - 19:17
Town Hall
Yeah.

19:17 - 19:18
Town Hall
No.

19:19 - 19:19
Town Hall
Okay.

19:19 - 19:21
Town Hall
I'll ask him to go ahead and please do so.

19:21 - 19:25
Town Hall
So I assume this apparently didn't come up in Northfield because he's representing Northfield.

19:25 - 19:28
Town Hall
I don't know if it did Northfield.

19:29 - 19:30
Town Hall
Yeah, he talked about that.

19:30 - 19:40

Town Hall
He said they are sort of bringing it back and Deciding if they can put in some conditions that will allow them to.

19:43 - 19:51
Town Hall
He said he's kind of amazed that the floodplain part did not Carry the day and allow this project to be disallowed.

19:51 - 20:03
Town Hall
He was kind of surprised by that, but I I don't think they're focusing on community benefits, but they might look at it because it's basically if you're gonna have to do it Can you get something out of it?

20:03 - 20:06
Town Hall
But I don't know what they're doing on that.

20:06 - 20:18
Town Hall
Okay I mean, I would think we could ask blue wave where else they're what other towns are working with and then So when Jeff contacts are water I certainly can ask you are you doing this anywhere else, right?

20:19 - 20:26
Town Hall
It seems like it's a sort of a I mean, Jeff has told me that he's not really come across these.

20:26 - 20:26
Town Hall
Right, he's not.

20:26 - 20:39
Town Hall
There was an email to the mass planners list, which is, you know, statewide, saying, does anyone ever know, saying, can someone send me examples because the solar

developers telling me they've never heard of these things.

20:40 - 20:48
Town Hall
And people wrote back with basically either, what are you talking about, or examples out of state.

20:48 - 20:51
Town Hall
So I'm not sure how common they really are.

20:51 - 20:58
Town Hall
I think they're very common in other contexts that are utility related.

20:59 - 21:03
Town Hall
Or Jeff, he just negotiated one for a quarry.

21:04 - 21:07
Town Hall
They got $0.50 for every ton that was taken out of the quarry.

21:08 - 21:09
Town Hall
Look, the town did.

21:09 - 21:14
Town Hall
So there are these kinds of agreements between towns and industry.

21:14 - 21:25
Town Hall
But solar specific seems, but at the same time, the state has a whole list of examples of things that they think they, I mean, they're not specific.

21:25 - 21:31

Town Hall
They're just, they have in the new DOER stuff, they have examples of what these agreements might look like.

21:32 - 21:33
Town Hall
So somebody's doing that.

21:36 - 21:45
Town Hall
The other thing that I would wonder about is if, when I sort of started this last fall, with is there something the town would like?

21:45 - 21:50
Town Hall
I think that there are things that are easier for the solar companies to do than other things.

21:51 - 22:03
Town Hall
And I don't really understand, but one of them is putting solar onto municipal buildings because the solar company can get the tax benefit, which is valuable to them.

22:03 - 22:05
Town Hall
It's not valuable to the town.

22:05 - 22:06
Town Hall
Right, we get no tax.

22:06 - 22:07
Town Hall
There is no such thing.

22:08 - 22:42
Town Hall

So I believe that there have been companies that put uh solar municipal buildings that either low or no cost retained ownership for six years while they took advantage of the tax benefit and then gave them to the town but when i raised that i think it was with kevin sort of like yeah there's no good buildings in town yeah unfortunately because i've looked into this more than more than once and the school would be okay but it's not Ideal and you know we have some roof facing can you do ground mounting that your grandma's doing that really makes sense.

22:44 - 22:51
Town Hall
Yeah, but then the only so if we do ground mount like for town hall for instance It would have to be in that lot there a nice big open field, right?

22:51 - 22:57
Town Hall
But then that deal becomes not usable for other things so that's a thing no, but there's potential.

22:57 - 23:06
Town Hall
There's potential space behind the school right So, you know, walk the walk and put a cover over the parking lot over there.

23:08 - 23:09
Town Hall
I'm serious.

23:09 - 23:10
Town Hall
No, yeah.

23:16 - 23:25
Town Hall
Over there, yeah over there that would be a possibility and benefits would be again, you know You have shade in the summer and a little protection from snow in the winter.

23:31 - 23:32

Town Hall
Electricity here would be nice too.

23:33 - 23:46
Town Hall
Yeah, which is that that's the part I don't understand but evident I think they must have in the governor's thing that right so I mean our electric bill is substantial so they could pay for someone some are all over electricity that would be significant.

23:50 - 23:59
Town Hall
Yeah okay so anyway next step yep Jeff will talk to their wire yes yes all right um So the next one then.

23:59 - 24:03
Town Hall
So the consolidated permitting and the local government reps.

24:04 - 24:12
Town Hall
So in the DOER's presentation, so this is Doug Finn presenting about how this is gonna work, how this entire process works.

24:12 - 24:19
Town Hall
So the reason it becomes a little bit more beneficial to us is that they have to do a lot of free work and they have to get in time-packed with the town.

24:19 - 24:20
Town Hall
Excuse me one sec.

24:23 - 24:23
Town Hall
Hello.

24:46 - 24:49
George

Sorry to interrupt, but who are the two people in the room?

24:49 - 24:51
Town Hall
Oh, go ahead.

24:52 - 24:54
Town Hall
We have Katherine Rude Sina.

24:54 - 24:55
Town Hall
Sorry about that.

24:55 - 24:56
Town Hall
And Timothy J.

24:57 - 24:57
George
Sina.

24:57 - 24:58
George
Thank you.

24:58 - 25:01
Town Hall
Just make sure the dogs are getting fed.

25:01 - 25:01
Town Hall
Oh, sorry.

25:02 - 25:04
Town Hall

All right.

25:04 - 25:07

Town Hall

So as I was saying, they would get in contact with us much sooner.

25:07 - 25:09

Town Hall

So we would know about upcoming plans much sooner.

25:09 - 25:16

Town Hall

And there's a lot of things about it that make it, you know, they have a checklist of things that they're supposed to tell us.

25:16 - 25:46

Town Hall

And if they don't tell us these things, you back to them and say you haven't told us this and um anyway so and if they then they have to come back to you with the information that they haven't given you and if they don't come back to you in a timely manner the application is no longer considered an application it's denied they have to resubmit from the whole from the beginning so it gives us a little bit more control and so in ways it seemed very good but this is October 1st.

25:46 - 25:59

Town Hall

As of now every town has to accept the consolidated application and my thing was that they said right now it's at the discretion of the applicant.

25:59 - 26:05

Town Hall

So if they want to make your life easy they can say we're using consolidated, they want to make our lives hard, they can say we're not.

26:06 - 26:25

Town Hall

So then we're back where we are now Having hearings hearings hearings every board so not required to do the no, but this is what he said They're working on that They're

they're thinking of changing it and making it required because it makes no sense to me You're going to make the town accept this but then you're not making the town say, okay fine Follow the procedure they can do whatever they want.

26:25 - 26:56

Town Hall

So I think that will change but When it is in effect There is a local government rep that they will submit all the papers to there has to be one person who and what Doug has said is that the the operating consensus is that it is the uh chief um administrative the chief administrative person in the town which is usually town manager in our case it's Peggy because she is the administrative.

27:03 - 27:17

Town Hall

So she's the one who would coordinate everything being done but she was also able to hire somebody to do to look at the application and all of everything that's written in it.

27:17 - 28:22

Town Hall

No but that's not the engineering part that's the part where you know they have to be able submit the information to you as required but it would be the chief administrative person because that's somebody you can guarantee being present in town hall whereas like it's not any good relief it's you know you you don't make decisions you're really just administering right administrative making sure the papers that have come in yeah well i i i was i was she wanted i went to one of the things too and he's great it was great informational and i asked him to send the slides I haven't gotten the slides yet but um there's a lot of work I there's a lot of work involved in it yes so it is something that I'm going to negotiate with not tonight obviously but I'm going to talk to you about it because I'm already I already can't take time off you know I can't use my vacation time so I'm yeah I'm just gonna have to do some wiggle room I'm going to talk to Doug and see what the protocol is in a lot of different towns and and just see um Well.

28:22 - 28:42

Town Hall

Isn't this something that we can think of as a sort of combined duties full-time job B kind of thing because we were talking about needing help there and Catherine relinquishing some of her right do sure it's right and so I don't I don't blame you for wanting to go like this.

28:42 - 28:43
Town Hall
Well, right.

28:43 - 29:09
Town Hall
Well, that would be part of my negotiation really is that, you know, Catherine won't And although she's being vague about you know that I'll talk to her more about it, but um, I I know that Kirsten is interested in In someone she's not real happy with her assistant I could use someone and I don't know about you.

29:09 - 29:16
Town Hall
Yeah, so that's already So that's what we've been talking about is you know hiring a full-time person.

29:18 - 29:30
Town Hall
So whether then that person could take this on or you could take or they could just help with it Thank you right my suggestion would be still that it's under Peggy's right.

29:33 - 29:36
Town Hall
Someone who is a legitimate right help right?

29:36 - 29:40
Town Hall
Yes, and you know I think it should be It's a legitimate help.

29:40 - 29:46
Town Hall
She's a wealth of knowledge, but she's not Right So that.

29:54 - 30:13
Town Hall
So the meeting I went to about this at the CDC There've been a number of subsequent meetings that I haven't been to but there was discussion about being

about town sharing a person To do this function is that still on the table anywhere?

30:13 - 30:33
Town Hall
I don't know but I also don't know how But yeah, I mean it could work but then what every we're hiring a full-time person who's only gonna do that full-time person hired by however many towns and But none of us have applications yet.

30:34 - 30:42
Town Hall
You know, I mean the PVPC has been looking at whether they could have us to a person who would be Available on a consulting basis.

30:42 - 30:45
Town Hall
I think the problem for all these towns is you might get one, right?

30:45 - 30:51
Town Hall
Um, and so you really need to just have someone you can hire On pretty short notice.

30:51 - 30:51
Town Hall
Yeah.

30:51 - 31:03
Town Hall
Um, and so I think pvp I know pvc is looking at it Um, I think the hilltown cdc folks Yeah, we're trying to where does that person live is the question?

31:03 - 31:16
Town Hall
Yeah, pvpc originally was reluctant now that softened up a little Well, I mean, I think I think Dave was interested to the right structure Dave Yes, okay.

31:16 - 31:16
Town Hall

Yeah.

31:16 - 31:24
Town Hall
No, that's that's actually part of it that you know, you can hire somebody And I believe the applicant has to pay for it.

31:24 - 31:27
Town Hall
So not not totally known yet, right?

31:27 - 31:30
Town Hall
Yes Thing is sitting somewhere, right?

31:31 - 31:33
Town Hall
Yeah, sure Tim.

31:33 - 31:39
Town Hall
What is Consolidated permitting So that's the new state regulations.

31:39 - 31:47
Town Hall
It doesn't affect you guys What but does it entail it in so it entails a lot of pre-planning on the part of the?

31:49 - 31:52
Town Hall
Applicant so they actually have to approach the town much earlier.

31:52 - 32:11
Town Hall
So everything goes in one stream the application comes in to the town and So you have first a proposal and then there has to be hearing in the town And then if they go beyond that they have to prepare all of the reports to every single department that

needs a report.

32:11 - 32:12
Town Hall
They have to prepare it.

32:12 - 32:27
Town Hall
They have to submit it to our local government rep who then verifies that these reports have been made and you know that they've been approved by the health department, the building department, the highway department, whoever's involved, the planning, whoever's involved.

32:27 - 32:38
Town Hall
So it's a stream for to make sure everything is done and they have to meet certain criteria in their application.

32:38 - 32:46
Town Hall
So is that is that person going to have the ability to to do away with redundant questions?

32:47 - 32:54
Town Hall
Well it's the the questions are pretty much I believe all stated in the application that they are the ones no no it is consolidated.

32:55 - 33:05
Town Hall
When you give back when when when each organization the organizations gets gets contacted they give back a list of questions.

33:05 - 33:14
Town Hall
Well We know from the past 68 something stupid questions can be consolidated into probably five that are actually meaningful.

33:15 - 33:23

Town Hall

Now, is this person going to have the ability to limit that or are they going to be just inundated with hundreds of questions just to fill in time?

33:25 - 33:35

Town Hall

What I would say is that each board, the planning board, the conservation commission, they each still the bylaws that govern their operations still exists.

33:35 - 33:38

Town Hall

So they still have to receive the application.

33:38 - 33:39

Town Hall

They still have to open a hearing.

33:39 - 33:41

Town Hall

There still has to be conversation.

33:41 - 33:45

Town Hall

They still have to come sort of some sort of decision that still has to have conditions.

33:45 - 33:48

Town Hall

So all of that stuff exists still.

33:48 - 33:50

Town Hall

It's just, there's an overarching.

33:52 - 33:57

Town Hall

I've been to them open meetings and people keep talking and talking and talking and

talking.

33:58 - 34:02
Town Hall
They get recognized four or five times and the same people just keep talking.

34:02 - 34:05
Town Hall
No, this this isn't going to straighten out anything.

34:05 - 34:07
Town Hall
It's not going to speed up the.

34:12 - 34:14
Town Hall
Book a year is a year.

34:14 - 34:15
Town Hall
We've been through a year already.

34:20 - 34:31
Town Hall
Okay, but this this new new new legislation or whatever it is new rules put it put a clock on right and we have to Is there going to be a neutrality in this?

34:32 - 34:32
Town Hall
A neutrality?

34:32 - 34:34
Town Hall
A neutrality by that?

34:34 - 34:43
Town Hall

I mean, is there not going to be preference given to a town member who would like to take over this position?

34:45 - 34:46
Town Hall
Um, I've already...

34:46 - 34:48
Town Hall
I'm not sure if you mean by taking over this position.

34:48 - 34:52
Town Hall
Um, this local rep that will worry all this stuff.

34:53 - 35:01
Town Hall
The local government rep is a municipal official and it has to be, an administrative official.

35:01 - 35:20
Town Hall
So as I'm saying, the local government rep would, in our town, because we don't have a town manager, would be Peggy, but she could, underneath her, could be a person who's actually doing the paperwork part and looking at it because she doesn't necessarily have the time, but she will be the supervisor of that.

35:21 - 35:23
Town Hall
Well, not necessarily.

35:23 - 35:41
Town Hall
The select board will decide, ultimately, Whether we decide to put this under Peggy or we have a person at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission that we can hire I mean, we'll We'll be weighing those Question is that the person would have to be new of course.

35:41 - 35:47

Town Hall

Yes, I'm not I have to be truthful with you and tell you I'm not feeling a lot of neutrality.

35:47 - 36:10

Town Hall

It's not going to be I don't I don't blame you for that Okay, I am NOT feeling a lot of neutrality Well, certainly, I think it would be our job to try to hire somebody who's neutral and is just there to do the administrative work I was just wondering if this is going to be another thing where somebody else can be hired To delay delay delay delay delay and if it's I'm getting that feeling already Well.

36:10 - 36:26

Town Hall

No, it's the opposite that we're required to have a single point person for this process And no and once the clock starts there's a year and then it's gotta be decided Since this person isn't appointed by anybody higher up in government whose insurance policy is he going to be under?

36:26 - 36:36

Town Hall

Errors and errors and omissions policies Who's if this person violates errors and omissions whose insurance company is going to cover up the town?

36:36 - 36:47

Town Hall

They're going to be a blue waves not going to cover the cover the line Well, they're not paying them in that they're on a blue wave payroll It's a reimbursement and they're reimbursing.

36:47 - 36:50

Town Hall

So this is a government bureaucrat that's going to take in.

36:53 - 37:05

Town Hall

So yeah, exactly it'd be a government bureaucrat of some sort whether it's

somebody literally working in town Or we hire or we're working with other towns on the third party or somebody the PvP C.

37:08 - 37:27

Town Hall

Yeah, yes, yes, but there are time deadlines that everything has to be submitted by and everything has to be Sort of sign off on your and you know our time there are deadlines by calendar Signed your Valley Planning Commission was mentioned not those people Well, it would be not them.

37:28 - 37:40

Town Hall

Yeah, it would be somebody if they had we don't know who it would be You know, we don't know who they're are They're considering whether to have a person available for towns to do this specific job, right?

37:40 - 37:49

Town Hall

Well, right you already have people that you're that you're trying to Push under the bus because you don't agree with what they tell you now How many times is this going to go on?

37:49 - 37:51

Town Hall

I guess I'm not sure what you're talking about.

37:51 - 37:53

Town Hall

You're not sure what I'm talking about?

37:53 - 37:54

Town Hall

I'm talking about your own town council.

37:55 - 38:00

Town Hall

You're looking for outside council to give you a different opinion than your town council.

38:00 - 38:02
Town Hall
Well, your town council is telling you what the law is.

38:02 - 38:08
Town Hall
Well, we're just trying to follow something that passed at town meeting.

38:08 - 38:37
Town Hall
And the consideration is even, you know, so when they're saying they want a second opinion, and this is what the town passed at town meeting, in order to have a second opinion, You have to have a first opinion, so what are the questions and you have we have some questions we put together we are asking them of our About of KP law they will give us the answer and then if the committee says well We'd like another opinion on one of those possibly we are asking somebody else.

38:37 - 38:48
Town Hall
But if the first If the first opinion is satisfactory, then we do not need a satisfactory to who Who's to us?

38:48 - 38:49
Town Hall
To our committee and to us.

38:49 - 38:54
Town Hall
So you have insurance to cover bad policy or bad...

38:55 - 38:55
Town Hall
Sure.

38:56 - 38:56
Town Hall
Okay.

38:57 - 38:59
Town Hall
It's an errors and omissions policy?

39:00 - 39:04
Town Hall
Will the initial application process go through the select board?

39:06 - 39:08
Town Hall
No, this consolidated application, no.

39:09 - 39:13
Town Hall
It goes through whoever the local government rep is.

39:13 - 39:46
Town Hall
They get everything and they make sure the documents are complete that the questions have been answered that each but it'll be somebody that somebody reports to us that we will hire but we're not making the decisions there and they're not making decisions either they're really just pushing papers yes yes yes everything is signed what everything has been filled in every question that should have been answered has been answered everything's been signed they make sure of that and then they pass that on at that point it goes to consideration for whether it's Approved or denied.

39:46 - 39:47
Town Hall
I really like you.

39:47 - 39:48
Town Hall
I think you're wonderful.

39:48 - 40:01
Town Hall

You're going to say but I see a conflict of interest She sits on the conservation commission, which is definitely one of the boards that will have to be contacted Sure.

40:02 - 40:11
Town Hall
Yeah and But okay, is there a neutrality that she can show i'm not saying can But what i'm saying is I see a conflict of interest.

40:11 - 40:23
Town Hall
Well, she's not making any decision All she would be so she would be the one who as the LGR the you know local government rep She'd be the one who says here's the report from the Conservation Commission.

40:23 - 40:24
Town Hall
It is complete.

40:24 - 40:25
Town Hall
It is signed.

40:25 - 40:55
Town Hall
Everything is proper and Here's the report from that's all she's doing Not make a decision one that is directing this final papers to the Planning Board to the Conservation Commission Who is directing that it's in the application they basically have to Within the application I think they submit it then to the planning board to the concom and although that's the end to be honest They haven't really worked out a lot of the kinks.

40:55 - 40:59
Town Hall
Nobody has done this yet Yeah, this is something they came up with as of October 1st.

40:59 - 41:01

Town Hall
I've been following quite.

41:01 - 41:13
Town Hall
Yeah, nobody's done it yet because it's not it's not so So you still don't have a application from the old post road, right?

41:13 - 41:21
Town Hall
But they obviously have doing they do have an NOI With the conservation so would they be subject to this new provision or?

41:24 - 41:29
Town Hall
I don't think so because the zoning got frozen on okay, so this so they're following the same.

41:38 - 41:39
Town Hall
The answer is no.

41:39 - 41:40
Town Hall
We think not.

41:40 - 42:05
Town Hall
We think it's not gonna go under the consolidated So it would take a whole other proposal that we don't expect, you know I'm of the opinion that blue wave made the major mistake of Combining your things and giving you all the free time in the world Otherwise for 65 days would have run out a long time ago and this thing would have gone through It took playing field approximately two months to get through their first part and it's taken yet just shy of a year Well.

42:05 - 42:10
Town Hall
There's some other stuff coming up I mean we made our first application September

25th of 2025.

42:10 - 42:25

Town Hall

We're now on October 6th of 2026 we've gone more than a year and we are no closer to a decision than we were in September 25 No, you absolutely that's not fair Not fair that to say there, you know closer.

42:26 - 42:41

Town Hall

There's a process going on and I think you know Conditions at the last meeting that need to be met That's what we were handed with 68 conditions that need to be met So is that not did those exist a year ago?

42:42 - 42:45

Town Hall

No, they were given at the last meeting to okay, so how's that not progress?

42:46 - 43:18

Town Hall

As progress like to get a whole bunch of people to stand up at a meeting and to come up with other things that they think Blue Wave ought to do or other things somebody you have to hire somebody else to do well We've hired some people to do some stuff and the results will come out and when they come out I don't expect it to take more than 30 days for this thing to end up it's a it's it's you know I've lived through all my life and and this thing is the most pathetic thing I've ever seen is how you're operating and how the planning board is operating.

43:18 - 43:43

Town Hall

I see the pioneer valley planning commission the map with the green circle on it that you told me you didn't know where it came from and who made it well I know where it came from and I know who made it so that's going to be part of This whole thing is it is it's going to change the face of The town I'm afraid It just seems like we are facing more and more prejudice.

43:43 - 43:51

Town Hall

And I am really afraid of this local government rep That has nothing to do with your

project has nothing to do with you.

43:51 - 43:52
Town Hall
It may have.

43:54 - 44:11
Town Hall
No, no Your application once you started over from scratch Yeah, well, then we expect we expected the next meeting to move on to the building inspector and get a building permit I would not expect that I would expect that Because there's no such thing as a problem.

44:11 - 44:12
Town Hall
It's coming.

44:12 - 44:24
Town Hall
Okay, just this new process Will not apply to your project This doesn't apply you're not gonna deal with any new Go to their meeting their last meeting.

44:24 - 44:28
Town Hall
What was the date of the meeting of our next meeting was?

44:29 - 44:35
Town Hall
Last month's meeting The ones the one that I mean the one just got postponed was in September.

44:35 - 44:36
Town Hall
That was September.

44:36 - 44:45
Town Hall

I believe 29th and I Imagine it was postponed because governor healing was here No.

44:48 - 44:56
Town Hall
Sooner no, I don't think that's the reason we were never given a reason for the postponement I don't think anybody gets a reason for postponement.

44:56 - 44:58
Town Hall
I think you met and explained why you postponed, right?

44:58 - 45:00
Town Hall
No, we got nothing.

45:02 - 45:13
Town Hall
We agreed with blue wave to postpone because we were working on a list of Draft of conditions which are and how much work have you been putting in on all of these all of the?

45:13 - 45:37
Town Hall
Moratoriums you tried to get just the home the whole thing that I listened to just today And wrote down all the information from was all on moratoriums And and how many more times you can try to come before the town and get the town and special town meetings You know when you went east and you took all that information down east You you should have looked up some of the stuff that was in there I didn't know what you're talking about.

45:37 - 45:38
Town Hall
You know, you don't know what it was.

45:38 - 45:45
Town Hall
I don't know what you're talking about going down east when you went It will work.

45:45 - 45:48
Town Hall
I think you know exactly what I haven't gone anywhere.

45:48 - 46:09
Town Hall
I'm talking about I don't the things that were denied denied denied denied Moratorium attempts they were passed and looking for a special special something that the governor would sign You took the home rule thing, you had things in there that weren't even true.

46:09 - 46:11
Town Hall
That were false information.

46:11 - 46:12
Town Hall
You know what fraud is?

46:13 - 46:18
Town Hall
Fraud is when you try to gain something by giving bad information that you know is bad.

46:18 - 46:24
Town Hall
I look at the maps, the first little one I look at is, oh, that's deception.

46:25 - 46:27
Town Hall
The second one I look at is fraud.

46:27 - 46:30
Town Hall
We didn't write the Home Rule Petition.

46:31 - 46:33

Town Hall
It was written by Lindsay Sabados and Paul Mark.

46:33 - 46:35
Town Hall
We did not write it.

46:35 - 46:38
Town Hall
Well, it was signed by the three selectives, wasn't it?

46:38 - 46:39
Town Hall
Sure.

46:39 - 46:40
Town Hall
Yeah.

46:40 - 46:42
Town Hall
They asked us if we wanted to file this.

46:42 - 46:43
Town Hall
They would file this for us.

46:43 - 46:44
Town Hall
We had to sign it.

46:44 - 46:49
Town Hall
I mean, Worthington seems to think that there can be no changes to Worthington.

46:49 - 46:57
Town Hall

I can tell you right now, there are several large tracts of land in this town that you're going to see major changes to in the next two or three years.

46:57 - 47:06
Town Hall
And it may not be very pleasant for a lot of people because a lot of people don't see that we as a farm Need this income to continue.

47:06 - 47:24
Town Hall
I'm not arguing with you I just didn't change and there are a lot of other farmers in this town that also need the income to continue many don't But we do and there are many others that do and it seems like this town is working very hard That punish a farmer who is trying to save their property.

47:24 - 47:32
Town Hall
The town is not doing that There are certainly people in town who are trying very hard to make sure this doesn't happen.

47:32 - 47:36
Town Hall
But you can't say the town is doing this, because it's not.

47:36 - 47:38
Town Hall
We're doing our best to represent both sides.

47:38 - 47:41
Town Hall
You're each taking your turn to slow things down.

47:41 - 47:44
Town Hall
So we're getting way off topic here.

47:44 - 47:45
Town Hall

Things cost a lot of money.

47:46 - 47:49
Town Hall
A lot of money costs, adds up real quick.

47:49 - 47:50
Town Hall
Wait a minute.

47:50 - 47:51
Town Hall
I want to see one other thing.

47:52 - 47:59
Town Hall
I'd like to see the release for the first refusal on certain property See the release.

47:59 - 48:01
Town Hall
Oh, we don't know.

48:01 - 48:09
Town Hall
I just have a letter for them just to So we're gonna decide we we're gonna discuss and we can move on to that now.

48:14 - 48:16
Town Hall
Alright so that's fine.

48:16 - 48:52
Town Hall
So in our previous meeting There's a property on Thayer Hill it's in chapter 61 and they want to sell it for house lots and Since it's taking it out of 61 we've Tom gets right a first refusal So we did check with Organizations that might potentially be interested in the land the town really has no we's no None of us see that any reason for the town to want to acquire it so I think the question is whether you know

somebody like Hilltown land trust would be interested.

49:00 - 49:02
Town Hall
Anyway nobody's interested in it.

49:02 - 49:08
Town Hall
It's it's not contiguous to any state land or any other You know protected land so.

49:11 - 49:21
Town Hall
Yeah, it has enough frontage for two households So it has 800 foot or it has 400 plus No, it requires 400 feet.

49:26 - 49:31
Town Hall
But that's not really what we're talking about there really is a question about whether they can sell it Or not, right?

49:31 - 49:51
Town Hall
And so the board has to vote whether they want to um release it release our writer vote against exercising the town's writer first so that's what this letter is and Um, and then the assessors there's a whole thing about taxes and paying taxes Take something out from over 61.

49:51 - 49:54
Town Hall
How long do you have to pay back the taxes for now five years?

49:55 - 49:55
Town Hall
I do my viewers.

49:58 - 50:14
Town Hall
So all we're deciding is whether the town wanted to acquire for ourselves and that

we have no use for this But I can see Yeah, we I mean we we talked about it I don't see it in here.

50:14 - 50:20
Town Hall
It wasn't a huge chunk of land, but it's big enough for a couple of house lots But they want $80 ,000 for it.

50:22 - 50:26
Town Hall
So I was gonna ask for a motion and then we can discuss it further.

50:27 - 50:30
Town Hall
Okay, so I move that we, what are we doing?

50:31 - 50:39
Town Hall
We release our right of first refusal for the property on Payor Hill Road owned by James and Michelle Ryan.

50:39 - 50:40
Town Hall
Second.

50:40 - 50:43
Town Hall
Okay, so now any further discussion?

50:44 - 50:52
Town Hall
I would just say as I already have that it doesn't appear there's any value to the town to acquire it.

50:52 - 50:57
Town Hall
And there's no interest from conservation organizations.

51:00 - 51:02
Town Hall
And so, you know, let's get it on the tax rolls.

51:04 - 51:04
Town Hall
Yeah.

51:07 - 51:07
[speaker unknown]
That's my opinion.

51:08 - 51:10
Town Hall
I mean, I don't see anything here stating that.

51:10 - 51:13
Town Hall
I have the page that I sent it over.

51:13 - 51:16
Town Hall
I looked it up on the property records last time.

51:16 - 51:17
Town Hall
One other question for you.

51:17 - 51:17
Town Hall
Yes.

51:17 - 51:27
Town Hall
The person that was just hired by the conservation commission from, from finding Valley planning association has a past history with this town already.

51:28 - 51:29
Town Hall
You're, you're, you're aware of that.

51:30 - 51:34
Town Hall
You're aware of the map, the map situation and the planning board.

51:34 - 51:35
Town Hall
You're aware of that.

51:35 - 51:35
Town Hall
Yes.

51:35 - 51:36
Town Hall
Right.

51:37 - 51:37
Town Hall
Okay.

51:37 - 51:38
Town Hall
That's fine.

51:39 - 51:40
Town Hall
She made the map.

51:41 - 51:42
Town Hall
We'll see.

51:43 - 51:43
Town Hall
Okay.

51:43 - 51:44
Town Hall
Well, you're being cagey.

51:44 - 51:45
Town Hall
I'm not being cagey.

51:45 - 51:47
Town Hall
I'm just trying to be honest with you.

51:47 - 51:50
Town Hall
I wish the town in the planning board was as honest as I okay.

51:53 - 51:53
[speaker unknown]
Good luck.

51:53 - 51:54
Town Hall
All right.

51:54 - 52:13
Town Hall
Thanks for coming in Sorry, but it's um, no i'm sure Really surely I will be here at the next two meetings because truthfully i'm thinking of running for someone Okay, so I guess I will be running against you if I am well if I haven't decided whether to run again Well, I don't know.

52:13 - 52:20
Town Hall

I just I really really disappointed the way the town has gone I haven't lived here all my life.

52:20 - 52:22
Town Hall
I've been here for 50 years.

52:24 - 52:27
Town Hall
We've tried very, very hard to maintain our property.

52:27 - 52:30
Town Hall
We've tried very, very hard to contribute to town.

52:31 - 52:34
Town Hall
And this project started a year ago.

52:35 - 52:39
Town Hall
And it is delay, delay, delay, delay, delay.

52:40 - 52:47
Town Hall
And it is almost to the point where we are thinking maybe we will refile because then it has to be done within a year.

52:48 - 52:51
Town Hall
And we are right now casting you.

52:51 - 52:58
Town Hall
And I can't speak well of the boards that have done things to us.

52:59 - 53:08

Town Hall
And the, I don't want to say the ignorance, but the non niceties.

53:08 - 53:11
Town Hall
I mean, children are going to come up and climb on the fence.

53:11 - 53:12
Town Hall
Give me a break.

53:13 - 53:16
Town Hall
You know, things are getting a little ridiculous with the solar stuff.

53:16 - 53:19
Town Hall
And I will be following solar stuff very carefully.

53:38 - 53:42
Town Hall
So um get back to the subject at hand is there any other discussion.

53:49 - 53:49
[speaker unknown]
I.

53:53 - 53:56
Town Hall
Move that we try to get we're down the heck out of here now.

53:58 - 53:59
[speaker unknown]
Okay.

54:01 - 54:01
Town Hall

So.

54:04 - 54:09
Town Hall
I think he's are you here for Albert's farm, and then are you are you here for something else, or what do you?

54:20 - 54:39
Town Hall
So you're just here entertainment, and I just update and everything it's been a little bit since so you're in no rush to leave No, okay, so why don't we just go back to the I just feel for you I'd be in bed by now if I were you Me oh, thank you.

54:39 - 54:48
Town Hall
So let's so we need to sign the Okay.

54:49 - 54:50
Town Hall
What?

54:51 - 54:53
Town Hall
Three, four, five.

54:54 - 54:56
Town Hall
But maybe you don't.

54:56 - 54:57
Town Hall
It's two sided.

54:58 - 54:58
Town Hall
I.

55:00 - 55:01
Town Hall
Don't know.

55:01 - 55:03
Town Hall
Six and seven.

55:04 - 55:05
Town Hall
Okay.

55:05 - 55:07
Town Hall
Two, three, six and seven.

55:07 - 55:08
Town Hall
You're right.

55:09 - 55:10
Town Hall
Let's see this one.

55:10 - 55:11
Town Hall
Does that one have everything?

55:14 - 55:15
Town Hall
That's question one.

55:15 - 55:17
Town Hall
This is.

55:21 - 55:23
Town Hall
Yeah, that's got more pages.

55:34 - 55:38
Town Hall
Every one, but he actually wants to see how is it's worded and yes, I'm three.

55:45 - 55:46
[speaker unknown]
Over the other stuff.

55:50 - 55:50
[speaker unknown]
It's okay.

55:51 - 55:51
Town Hall
I'll read them somewhere else.

55:52 - 55:54
Town Hall
I'll read them somewhere else.

55:55 - 55:56
Town Hall
You need to read them.

55:56 - 55:57
Town Hall
Did you get the red book?

56:00 - 56:03
Town Hall
It's only 85 pages or something.

56:04 - 56:07
Town Hall
Did you see the election book?

56:07 - 56:08
Town Hall
Oh, did you see the large print one?

56:12 - 56:17
Town Hall
Oh yeah, there's only like four of them out there or something because they take up a box this big.

56:19 - 56:29
Town Hall
Yeah, you didn't copy all the only question so other on the back side no One two three and then we get.

56:32 - 56:38
Town Hall
Every time I try to scan it or print it it's like flip upside down.

56:38 - 56:38
Town Hall
I can't.

56:49 - 56:57
Town Hall
So why isn't he printing the document what I did print the document, that's More copies you print more copies of the document.

56:57 - 57:08
Town Hall
Yeah scanning type is just Why and because I wanted to put it in the folder on the website Again do you not have the document?

57:08 - 57:10

Town Hall
Yeah, so just make a PDF.

57:13 - 57:17
Town Hall
Yeah, yeah, so you have a hard copy Well, it's in the folder.

57:17 - 57:19
Town Hall
So how did where did this come from?

57:20 - 57:28
Town Hall
So she printed it right so she has an actual document with text that's it so send you the document then She doesn't have it on her computer.

57:28 - 57:31
Town Hall
I think she has it doesn't come out right on my computer.

57:34 - 57:52
Town Hall
She doesn't have anything in her computers who created this So there's text she has a document with text like a word document in her computer Oh, I got I just so I had that and I copied it and what I'm saying is ask her for the real thing.

58:07 - 58:11
Town Hall
I want us to stop taking pictures of text.

58:11 - 58:21
Town Hall
It's really that simple There's no reason take pictures of text when they exist as an actual Yeah, for sure.

58:28 - 58:32
Town Hall

Because you can't search it it's not it's not real it's a picture.

58:38 - 58:42

Town Hall

You can't cut and paste text you can't do anything with it because it's just a picture.

58:45 - 58:59

Town Hall

Yeah, Adobe thing I don't need it Microsoft print the PDF Please I'm happy to help but just stop taking pictures of text if this is tech support.

58:59 - 59:13

Town Hall

We can do this another time, please Sorry, that's one of my I'm the guy that has to deal with all this stuff So now we're gonna move on to the Albert farm discussion, which is always on here.

59:13 - 59:44

Town Hall

So I think last time I brought us up to speed that there was the solicitors wrote the opinion that we had the power actually Kirsten has the power to Sign a waiver so they can go so contractors for the state can go on the property Kirsten's uncomfortable signing her own name So one of the things I would like to endeavor tonight is for us to vote to put me on the hook for signing the waiver instead of Kirsten.

59:45 - 59:50

Town Hall

I don't there's no reason like I just am going to be the town official that signs the waiver.

59:51 - 59:52

Town Hall

I had a meeting.

59:52 - 01:00:08

Town Hall

I just want to say at that time that so I talked with Maya about that because just

because they're still on it so and they'll cut they'll put insurance on it so that for the people that are testing there just as a liability thing because we don't have any insurance on it.

01:00:08 - 01:00:10
Town Hall
Okay okay thank you.

01:00:10 - 01:00:12
Town Hall
Yes and then you'll be covered professionally anyway.

01:00:12 - 01:00:32
Town Hall
So maybe before we move on you could do a motion of me right I moved that we appoint Debra to be the Person to sign in the liability liability waiver waiver First thing For the safety the liability.

01:00:37 - 01:00:43
Town Hall
Second that okay Is there anything to discuss Hearing none.

01:00:43 - 01:00:44
Town Hall
Oh favor.

01:00:44 - 01:00:45
Town Hall
Hi.

01:00:45 - 01:00:46
Town Hall
Okay.

01:00:46 - 01:00:50
Town Hall
Um, I had a meeting with this the way the state EP last week.

01:00:50 - 01:01:00

Town Hall

They are As soon as I can I'm gonna get back to them tomorrow and tell them that we're all good and I can sign the waiver the Signed access agreement.

01:01:00 - 01:01:06

Town Hall

That's what it's gonna be And then they'll start they'll Write one up.

01:01:06 - 01:01:08

Town Hall

We can send it to our attorneys.

01:01:08 - 01:01:20

Town Hall

I can sign it and then they are working to get a contractor and should have one on board within a couple of weeks after signing the access agreement.

01:01:23 - 01:01:35

Town Hall

And then they will come here and they will do a phase one due diligence assessment and hopefully right after that we can move into phase one for the actual sampling.

01:01:36 - 01:01:41

Town Hall

But that actually needs to go to EPA and they have to turn it around in 30 days.

01:01:41 - 01:01:43

Town Hall

And I said, well, that must never happen.

01:01:43 - 01:01:46

Town Hall

And they said, actually, it does.

01:01:47 - 01:01:47

Town Hall

Oh, awesome.

01:01:47 - 01:01:49
Town Hall
So there we have it.

01:01:49 - 01:01:52
Town Hall
We might get this all done before the end of the year.

01:01:53 - 01:01:55
Town Hall
And I know, it's pretty exciting.

01:01:55 - 01:01:57
Town Hall
That'd be awesome.

01:01:57 - 01:01:59
Town Hall
So then- What, and Noah is there?

01:02:00 - 01:02:03
Town Hall
Wait, the mystery's gonna be gone.

01:02:05 - 01:02:42
Town Hall
Um, and so the other piece of this is that, um, on a little side conversation that was happening, um, the, that doesn't belong in the record, a side conversation, uh, somebody had a conversation with a check catalog to see if he would be amenable to perhaps maybe selling a piece of the property that is encumbered in conservation reserve for the garage.

01:02:42 - 01:02:45
Town Hall
And he did not say no.

01:02:45 - 01:02:47
Town Hall
He said, yeah, I could entertain that.

01:02:49 - 01:02:52
Town Hall
So there's part of that property is not across the street.

01:02:52 - 01:02:53
Town Hall
No, it all is.

01:02:54 - 01:03:39
Town Hall
But Joe seems to think that our elected representatives can make that go away very quickly I I'm I am I'm dubious but that's that's entirely not what I was told and I thought I believe you I talked to somebody from you know this thing I believe you but we're but keeping all options okay I would like to kind of mosey on down this path a little bit to see what I I'm dubious as well and would like to have maybe could we do something like a little highway committee that would be made up of Rial.

01:03:39 - 01:03:54
Town Hall
Kevin, Joe and myself just so we like can kind of so I'm not really doing all of it because I want to empower Joe to go off and see how his idea comes to.

01:03:57 - 01:03:58
[speaker unknown]
Yeah.

01:04:00 - 01:04:06
Town Hall
Yeah If he wants to pursue It I don't even need a highway committee.

01:04:06 - 01:04:09
Town Hall
I don't know that no committees are good committees are good.

01:04:09 - 01:04:09
Town Hall
Okay.

01:04:10 - 01:04:11
Town Hall
All right Look at that.

01:04:12 - 01:04:13
Town Hall
Should I make a motion?

01:04:13 - 01:04:14
Town Hall
I'll make a motion.

01:04:14 - 01:04:35
Town Hall
Okay, so I'm beginning to feel like I I'm I move that we establish a committee for I'm looking at possible properties for the new highway garage and that committee be comprised of Real, Joe.

01:04:35 - 01:04:37
Town Hall
Kevin, and myself.

01:04:37 - 01:04:38
Town Hall
I second.

01:04:40 - 01:04:41
Town Hall
Discussion.

01:04:43 - 01:04:44
Town Hall

All in favor?

01:04:45 - 01:04:45
Town Hall
Aye.

01:04:45 - 01:04:47
Town Hall
Won't they be surprised?

01:04:49 - 01:04:58
Town Hall
So, you know, as I mentioned, I'm gonna have coffee with Lindsay in a couple of weeks I'll ask her whether that's something They could help us.

01:04:59 - 01:05:00
Town Hall
I mean, I think it's a great idea.

01:05:00 - 01:05:13
Town Hall
I just got shot down I mean, I think it's I think it's bad to be able to like just pop your land in and out but The land we're talking about is paved and right.

01:05:18 - 01:05:27
Town Hall
Place where I see bobcats all the time just want you know they come out Well.

01:05:30 - 01:05:37
Town Hall
We currently have a raccoon that typically lives in the shed out back and then who knows for mice and what else in the ground.

01:05:40 - 01:05:54
Town Hall
So it's the idea that if the, I don't know, the one that's not owned by the town or not Not the airstrip if not the airstrip doesn't work then look at the airstrip.

01:05:54 - 01:06:01

Town Hall

Is that what you're so Or no, this is we've been looking at the one that's across the street.

01:06:01 - 01:06:22

Town Hall

And you know, there's just Contaminants there so I've contacted DP and they're like, yeah, I want to get rid of that So we're moving down that path and I think we'll continue to move down that path whether the highway garage lives in here or not because Wouldn't we want to like right know what it is.

01:06:22 - 01:06:35

Town Hall

Yes resolve that think But I think I think both of these options are probably pretty lengthy and time I mean, it'll probably take a year or two to pursue both options.

01:06:38 - 01:06:47

Town Hall

Yeah We could buy that piece on Thayer Hill and yeah perfect place for Nice wide road.

01:06:48 - 01:06:51

Town Hall

Easy to get in and out of.

01:06:51 - 01:06:54

Town Hall

Yeah, the deliveries of sand and gravel will be so simple.

01:06:54 - 01:06:57

Town Hall

Yeah, even that's just a lot like they might.

01:06:57 - 01:06:59

Town Hall

Yeah, that kind of business.

01:07:01 - 01:07:02
Town Hall
Okay, cool.

01:07:02 - 01:07:03
Town Hall
Is that pretty much it?

01:07:03 - 01:07:04
Town Hall
That is it.

01:07:04 - 01:07:05
Town Hall
Thank you.

01:07:05 - 01:07:05
Town Hall
Pretty much it.

01:07:06 - 01:07:07
Town Hall
Thank you for doing all that.

01:07:08 - 01:07:09
Town Hall
See, now he's going.

01:07:09 - 01:07:10
Town Hall
Oh, yeah.

01:07:14 - 01:07:17
Town Hall
Were you going to talk about the questions come by town council.

01:07:19 - 01:07:21
Town Hall
No, we had them the other weekend.

01:07:24 - 01:07:28
Town Hall
The two that you have, they're actually on the back of you think I was going to back of my thing.

01:07:28 - 01:07:32
Town Hall
Yeah, the old questions are on the back.

01:07:32 - 01:07:32
Town Hall
Okay.

01:07:32 - 01:07:34
Town Hall
So that's not actually a topic or a thing?

01:07:35 - 01:07:35
Town Hall
No.

01:07:35 - 01:07:36
Town Hall
What are you talking about?

01:07:36 - 01:07:38
Town Hall
No, it's the same questions that Amy had.

01:07:38 - 01:07:39
Town Hall
I know, but they're not here.

01:07:40 - 01:07:43
Town Hall
It should be on the back of your agenda.

01:07:43 - 01:07:43
Town Hall
The agenda?

01:07:43 - 01:07:44
Town Hall
No, no.

01:07:44 - 01:07:46
Town Hall
No, they're on the back of the, like, the last thing.

01:07:46 - 01:07:46
Town Hall
I'll write that one.

01:07:46 - 01:07:48
Town Hall
The one with your two questions.

01:07:48 - 01:07:50
Town Hall
Whatever, it's not on the agenda.

01:07:50 - 01:07:51
Town Hall
It's this one.

01:07:51 - 01:07:52
Town Hall
Well, it is on the agenda.

01:07:53 - 01:07:53
Town Hall
It is?

01:07:53 - 01:07:54
Town Hall
It's on me.

01:07:54 - 01:07:54
Town Hall
It's here.

01:07:55 - 01:07:57
Town Hall
Selection committee's questions.

01:08:01 - 01:08:19
Town Hall
No, no, that's what I So you're waiting to meet with Jeff, right No, I I called him and I discussed the questions with him I sent him to him and I called him and we had a discussion.

01:08:19 - 01:08:26
Town Hall
He said he will get me the answers to them And then at that point, I will get back in touch with him.

01:08:27 - 01:08:35
Town Hall
And if there's any clarification to be done, and then the committee will meet again to determine if, you know, look at the answers to the questions, right?

01:08:35 - 01:08:37
Town Hall
So that's where we are.

01:08:37 - 01:08:38

Town Hall
Whether we need to ask a second opinion.

01:08:39 - 01:08:41
Town Hall
Yeah, I mean, some of these, he's dragging his feet.

01:08:41 - 01:08:44
Town Hall
And you'll be coming back to us with a recommendation.

01:08:44 - 01:08:49
Town Hall
Yeah, some of it, because some of the answers are not so simple, they're fairly involved.

01:08:50 - 01:09:42
Town Hall
And so, um, yeah, so he and he's kind of he's been a little busy So he said he would get back to me with I can't remember exactly which day I talked to him spoke to him but um So if we do meet with him and do it as a zoom call I'm gonna I have to ask him to arrange it because I no longer have the ability to do if I have to ask him to set it up because I can't do a Go to meeting He took away my seat and gave it to peg I can't Can always switch it back temporarily or whatever well the thing is like I also think maybe sometimes Instead of switching it we have it instead of being Amy Pegg It's a it's a title like you know other use and it you know And just here's the password and we can change the password periodically if we want if you think and we want to change it Cuz now we don't want that part guy to be able to do it anymore.

01:09:42 - 01:09:46
Town Hall
Yeah But yeah, or I could just ask Peggy.

01:09:46 - 01:09:49
Town Hall
What's what's your whole ID stuff and just use that?

01:09:49 - 01:09:54

Town Hall
But which I could have given to you for you, but you know rather than keep changing it You know what I mean?

01:09:55 - 01:09:56
Town Hall
Okay, it just seems well.

01:09:56 - 01:10:08
Town Hall
You're actually you're you're you're still on there You're just I forget what the word not suspended in active in that because I probably have your login still No, no, you're still in the system.

01:10:08 - 01:10:14
Town Hall
I was able to just make you inactive and make heavy yet It's easy enough to switch them around or do what you suggested.

01:10:14 - 01:10:24
Town Hall
I really don't care We only have three seats Because I think I still have your login you gave it to me once when you were away and so.

01:10:29 - 01:10:29
Town Hall
But yeah.

01:10:41 - 01:10:43
Town Hall
I don't know why she was enjoying it.

01:10:45 - 01:10:50
Town Hall
All right, so I signed Deb's letter already.

01:10:50 - 01:10:57
Town Hall

Route 143 construction, there isn't much other than I've been talking with Paula about her drainage issues.

01:10:58 - 01:11:09
Town Hall
And apparently what work they did do on the area up above where her driveway is all washed down and clogged up the culvert under her driveway, so.

01:11:09 - 01:11:10
Town Hall
She was really happy.

01:11:10 - 01:11:11
Town Hall
She was really happy.

01:11:12 - 01:11:16
Town Hall
Oh, yeah, but we have a nice So it's okay.

01:11:16 - 01:11:38
Town Hall
Okay, so I talked to the ot and of course I'm waiting for them to get back to me To answer my questions because now her driveway is like this too because the roads so much higher Mm-hmm, and they did and they're supposed to level or driveway out to certain degree, but they haven't done that I'm trying to find out whether they're gonna do it before winter because it'd be oh.

01:11:39 - 01:11:49
Town Hall
They'll be able to get up and down Yeah, if they don't So, you know and if you're talking to them anyway, can you just remind them that those lights are supposed to be sensors?

01:11:49 - 01:12:10
Town Hall
Yeah, you sure as **** hope you know it they have to be for future lights Cuz yeah with this inconvenience because I would I start I get I I got up to that light and

somebody was already I had to meet going through but it turned red so I had to sit there and wait so they went all the way through and Then obviously it's cycled on in the other direction.

01:12:10 - 01:12:16
Town Hall
There was nobody coming nobody ever came Until it finally cycled back clearly on it.

01:12:18 - 01:12:29
Town Hall
Yes got out took pictures Yes, because they're they went through that whole thing about how right to be a sensor and there has to be a button for pedestrians and bicyclists.

01:12:31 - 01:12:32
Town Hall
No, I will try to remember.

01:12:33 - 01:12:46
Town Hall
Yeah This has all been And I don't even live there yeah, I know well, that's all right next year it's gonna be worse for me The next two years, I guess they're gonna be **** for me.

01:12:46 - 01:12:51
Town Hall
So, um, I think that's all we got except for some minutes Whiting street whiting street fund.

01:12:51 - 01:12:54
Town Hall
Oh, i'm sorry Yeah, thank you.

01:12:54 - 01:12:55
Town Hall
Mr. Whiting streets.

01:13:02 - 01:13:05

Town Hall
So I just need a motion to okay.

01:13:05 - 01:13:08
Town Hall
I can't find it anymore.

01:13:08 - 01:13:09
Town Hall
It's just having.

01:13:11 - 01:13:14
Town Hall
Approve the Whiting Street Fund request.

01:13:15 - 01:13:21
Town Hall
I second in the discussion.

01:13:24 - 01:13:27
Town Hall
No Okay, it seems fine.

01:13:27 - 01:13:28
Town Hall
Yeah, all favor.

01:13:31 - 01:13:40
Town Hall
Surprise it looks like they have a it's a date today No, I think it's I know there's more info here than.

01:13:44 - 01:13:54
Town Hall
Today's the sixth I needed the same thing Taxpayer identification Yeah.

01:14:02 - 01:14:10

Town Hall
And then there's minutes September 20th, so I move that we accept the September 22nd minutes.

01:14:13 - 01:14:14
Town Hall
Favor.

01:14:17 - 01:14:17
Town Hall
And.

01:14:20 - 01:14:27
Town Hall
Does anybody else have anything they wanted to say before we adjourn Deb I'm not sure who's on the phone.

01:14:30 - 01:14:31
Town Hall
Yes, okay.

01:14:31 - 01:14:32
Town Hall
All right good.

01:14:32 - 01:14:33
Town Hall
We're gonna adjourn.

01:14:33 - 01:14:33
Town Hall
Thank you guys.

01:14:34 - 01:14:35
Town Hall
I'm sure it was entertaining.