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Paul Apple: Turn the smoke machine on.

Mr. Pinette: Good afternoon, today is Monday, uh, May the 22nd. And we are, uh, going to be conducting the town Northampton budget committee. Uh, so I'd like to start by stating the Pledge of Allegiance, and then we can get on with the meeting.

Group: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. Pinette: Alright, so, uh, so the first thing I'd like to do is ... My name is Jonathan Pinette, and I'd like to go around the, the uh, the table real quick and everyone can introduce themselves, and then we can start with, with the meeting.

Mr. Gallant: Charles Gallant.

Ms. Pohl: Laura Pohl.

Mr. Simmons: John Anthony Simmons, Sr.

Mr. Sununu: James Sununu, School Board Representative.

Mr. Goode: Brian Goode, Little Boars Head representative.

Mr. Ferraro: Frank Ferraro.

Mr. Pinette: Great. Uh, so the first thing I think we need to, uh-

Mr. Simmons: You missed Larry.

Paul Apple: I think you missed Larry.

Mr. Pinette: Oh, and Larry Miller is, uh, on the TV set right now. He is, um, currently out of town. So the first thing we're going to be, uh, doing, is actually taking a quick vote, uh, in order to allow Larry to participate in the meeting. Um, so, who, uh, everyone in favor of allowing Larry to participate? So, it's unanimous. Uh, so Larry, welcome.

Mr. Miller: Thank you.

Mr. Pinette: Uh, so, um, alright so, I guess the first thing is the consideration of a procedure for filling the vacancy, uh, and, if, uh, it is the will of the committee, uh, to review the letters of interest. Uh, so, the first letter that we received, uh, was in regards to, uh, Mr. Rick Stanton. (someone whispers) And then the second, uh, was a letter, um, a George Chauncey. So, should we read the letter, you think,

out loud? Or should we just ... How do, how do we want to go about listening to the potential ...

Mr. Simmons: I know last year, um, it certainly included an opportunity for the candidates to address the board. I don't recall if we read their letters and then let them speak, um, but uh, I just want to make sure that, I- I see that both candidates are here. I certainly think it's appropriate and I think it's the best-

Mr. Pinette: That they read-

Mr. Simmons: ... procedure that they present, that they be given the opportunity to present after you- after their submissions are read into the record. And if they don't want to so speak, then they don't have to, but um, I think it'd be ... a both-and approach would be good. I think you should read what they submitted to the board, and then give them the opportunity to speak. That would be my two cents.

Mr. Pinette: Anybody else?

Mr. Ferraro: I agree with Jon, that sounds fine.

Mr. Pinette: Alright, so the first one was, uh, actually, uh, submitted in from Mr. Rick Stanton. "Please consider this memo as my request to be considered for the selection to fill the vacancy on the budget committee, with the registration, uh resignation of [Cari Schmidt 00:03:51] on, uh, May 1st, 2017. I have several years of experience and I am quite familiar with the process. I can start anytime. Sincerely, Rick Stanton." Uh, that was submitted, uh, on April the 16th, um, at 8:35 p.m.

Uh, the second letter, uh, was received on April the 18th of 2017. Uh, and it reads, uh, "Dear Paul, I read the notice of vacancy created by Cari Schmidt's resignation from the budget committee. I am interested in being appointed to serve until March of 2018. I am currently a cemetery trustee, and I have served the town on a number of different committees during the many years I have lived in Northampton. I am open-minded and prepared to listen, but I run my own business and I am familiar with the proper management of financial matters. I believe I would be an asset to the community. Please let me know if the committee would like me to- to meet with me. Sincerely, George Chauncey."

So, um, I think that we probably should invite them to speak, uh, if you'd like to. Uh, if not, that's- that's fine as well. Um, so I guess I'd ask, Rick, do you have anything you'd like to say to the board?

Mr. Simmons: Mr. Chairman, as a point of order, while he's approaching, can we just check in with Larry and make sure that he's catching the meeting, and that the technology is not failing him?

Mr. Miller: Uh, we have two candidates, uh, I've heard the, uh, Stanton and Chauncey, and I heard when they submitted and what was there ... Submitted letters, that's what I just heard.

Mr. Pinette: Okay. Great.

Rick Stanton: Hello everyone and, uh, to the board. Um, I'm Rick Stanton, as I mentioned in, in my letter that uh, I did have some experience. I've had several years on the budget committee. One as the chair and then 3 years as the select board representative so, I do have a background in the process, and I understand a lot of the things that go on in town. I think I would be an asset for the board and uh, I do think that it's one of the more important boards in town to get an understanding of how things operate on town. So, the more people that watch the budget committee, I think will learn a lot from it. Thank you.

Mr. Pinette: Thank you very much.

Rick Stanton: Do you want me to answer any questions?

Mr. Pinette: Uh, does anybody have any questions for, for Rick? Okay. And George?

George Chauncey: Good evening. Uh, George Chauncey, Hobbs Road. I've been a resident of uh, Northampton for almost 40 years. I've served as cemetery trustee, uh, trustee of the trust funds, uh, president of the historical society, keeper of the clock, and I'm very conscious of what's going on in town. Um, (clears throat) right now I own my own company, I've ran it for 30 years, it's a small precision sheet metal company. Uh, I've been successful for 30 years. Uh, anybody that knows the industry knows the last 10 years has been pretty tough on my industry. Uh, China has really devastated our industry big time. And I've had to make some tough decisions just to keep the company, uh, competitive.

Uh, one thing I would, one thing I'm really interested, and that's the town of Northampton can't afford 4 or 5 percent increase in taxes every year. I think some tough decisions are gonna have to be made down the road, and I'm not afraid to make any tough decisions. Uh, and that's about it. Any questions? Thank you.

Ms. Pohl: Jonathan?

Mr. Pinette: Yes?

Ms. Pohl: You might want to see if some of the audience wants to speak to ...

Mr. Pinette: Yeah, does anybody in the audience have anything that they would like to ... state, or ... No. Okay. Well, we're gonna need to do a roll call vote. Uh, so I'm gonna run that over to Paul.

Paul Apple: You don't need to have a nomination-

Mr. Ferraro: Mr. Chairman, can I make a comment?

Mr. Pinette: Yes.

Mr. Ferraro: Okay. You didn't open it to the committee so I didn't, I waited. Um, uh, I think that the results of the March election um, were surprisingly clear on what the voters and taxpayers are looking for from the budget committee. Um, almost all the money articles were voted down. Um, surprisingly, 'cause there were some that seemed to me to be no brainers, that they would be adopted. But, um, there were so many that were defeated.

Um, and, uh I just want to say um, I'm sure Mr. Stanton is a fine person and we'd probably get along great over coffee at Dunkin Donuts, uh, but the results of the March elections demonstrated um, that, um, Mr. Stanton's positions were out of touch physically with what Northampton taxpayers, uh, wanted. At the election in March, uh, Mr. Stanton's opponent for select men garnered 50% more votes than Mr. Stanton did. Mr. Stanton, as a select person, also recommended passage of every warrant article to spend money, except the safety complex. On those spending initiatives, the voters disagreed with him almost 70% of the time.

I think this, um, demonstrates that we need new and fresh idea. Um, and not, um, ideas that were tied to issues that the voters overwhelmingly rejected. That's ... Thank you.

Mr. Pinette: Anybody else?

Mr. Gallant: I have a motion that I'd, I'd, would like everyone to have the opportunity to speak first.

Mr. Pinette: Larry? You have anything?

Mr. Miller: Uh, with the motion involved the collective voting that is nominating both of them voting, correct?

Mr. Pinette: Uh, the roll call voting, I believe, I, I think that Paul would be ... I think the answer is no. I, I think there should be a nomination for one candidate, which will either succeed or fail. And if that fails, then you should move on to the next candidate, that would be my advice. But the committee is free to handle it any way you want.

Mr. Ferraro: Okay.

Mr. Pinette: So ...

Mr. Simmons: I would move, uh, that we accept the, uh, nomination of ... or, I, I move to nominate George Chauncy as the next uh, member of the budget committee.

Mr. Pinette: Secon- Second. Uh, all in favor?

Paul Apple: Uh, we should do a roll call vote.

Mr. Pinette: Okay.

Paul Apple: We should so a roll call vote, so, uh, Mr. Gallant, yes or no?

Mr. Gallant: No.

Paul Apple: Ms. Pohl?

Ms. Pohl: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Simmons?

Mr. Simmons: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Ferraro?

Mr. Ferraro: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Goode?

Mr. Goode: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Sununu?

Mr. Sununu: No.

Paul Apple: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: No.

Paul Apple: Mr. Pinette?

Mr. Pinette: Yes. So, congratulations. I believe Mr. Chauncey is ...

Paul Apple: Right.

Mr. Pinette: Appointed. So, we have two no's, I believe. Correct?

Mr. Simmons: There were three no's.

Mr. Pinette: Three no's.

Mr. Simmons: Three no's.

Mr. Pinette: Okay. Alright. So, I believe that he would actually be able to take a seat up here, correct?

Paul Apple: Um, I can swear him. Or you ...

Mr. Simmons: No, no you go ahead and swear him, that'd be great.

Ms. Pohl: You might want to put that in low power mode.

Mr. Pinette: You're going in low power, Larry.

Mr. Miller: What's that?

Ms. Pohl: It's not charged?

Mr. Ferraro: George, you want to go up, to be sworn in?

Mr. Simmons: They've put you in low power mode to save some battery, Larry. We'll be right with you.

Paul Apple: Are you ready to take the oath?

George Chauncey: Yes.

Paul Apple: Raise your right hand. Do you swear that you will faithfully execute the office upon which you're about to enter, so help you God?

George Chauncey: Yes.

Paul Apple: Congratulations.

George Chauncey: Thank you.

Mr. Pinette: Alright, well congratulations. Alright, so the uh, next thing on our agenda is the reading of the preamble for the town of Northampton code of ethics. Um, and ...

Paul Apple: This is my thing.

Mr. Pinette: Did you bring it?

Ms. Pohl: I have a copy.

Mr. Simmons: You're gonna actually read it? Or just state the ...

Mr. Pinette: Just the preamble.

Ms. Pohl: Just the preamble.

Paul Apple: Just the preamble.

Mr. Simmons: Alright. Thank you. I was gonna say, we'll be here a while. (laughs)

Ms. Pohl: (laughs)

Mr. Pinette: Alright. Article two, preamble, the town of Northampton values honesty, transparency, accountability, respect, and civility in the behavior of it's officials. All town officials, whether elected, appointed, or hired, shall act in the best interest of the town, shall maintain the highest standards of personal integrity in discharging their public duties, and shall never abuse their positions or powers for improper reasons or personal gain. Therefore, in order to promote and sustain an ethical culture, it shall be the duty of all officials to read this code of ethics to familiarize themselves with its content, and to acknowledge this code as among the duties they accept when taking the oath of office.

Alright. So the next is election of officers to include chair, a vice chair and a secretary. Uh, so, um ... Does anybody-

Mr. Sununu: I nominate Jonathan Pinette as chair.

Mr. Gallant: Second.

Paul Apple: Mr. Gallant, yes or no?

Mr. Gallant: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Chauncey?

George Chauncey: Yes.

Paul Apple: Ms. Pohl?

Ms. Pohl: Yes.

Paul Apple: Uh, Mr. Simmons?

Mr. Simmons: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Ferraro?



Mr. Ferraro: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Goode?

Mr. Goode: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Sununu?

Mr. Sununu: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Pinette?

Mr. Pinette: Yes.

Mr. Sununu: Mr. Miller.

Paul Apple: Oh, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Would you repeat the question?

Group: (laughter)

Paul Apple: The nomination is Mr. Pinette for chair.

Mr. Miller: Uh, who's Mr- oh, that Mr. Pinette. So it's up to me now?

Paul Apple: It's up to you.

Mr. Miller: I'll say yes.

Mr. Pinette: Great. Well, thank you very much. Uh, vice chair.

Ms. Pohl: We're [inaudible 00:15:25] for volunteers, right?

Mr. Sununu: We're looking for a motion.

Mr. Simmons: Doesn't have to be a volunteer, it could be a, uh, pushing off of the cliff.

Mr. Sununu, you had the first bright idea, you got the second one for the night?

Mr. Goode: Just to clarify, can appointed members be vice chair? Or just, or not vice chair either?

Mr. Pinette: I believe-

Mr. Goode: I'm not asking for myself.

Mr. Pinette: Members can be vice chair, yes.

Mr. Goode: Okay.

Mr. Miller: [inaudible 00:15:53] there is an open chair.

Mr. Sununu: What? I'm sorry Larry.

Mr. Simmons: You beat me to the punch, go ahead.

Mr. Miller: In the statute, there is only one, one uh officer. You can make anybody, you can make any position you want, and you can put anybody in it, if it's not chair. So you can have emperor, or ... whatever. But there is, there is only one official in the budget committee called chair.

Mr. Simmons: I nominate Mr. Sununu for vice chair.

Mr. Miller: There you go.

Mr. Ferraro: Second.

Mr. Miller: Need a second?

Ms. Pohl: Frank seconded.

Paul Apple: Frank seconded. Mr. Gallant?

Mr. Gallant: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Chauncey?

George Chauncey: Yes.

Paul Apple: Ms. Pohl?

Ms. Pohl: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Simmons?

Mr. Simmons: With gusto.

Paul Apple: (laughs) Mr. Ferraro?

Mr. Ferraro: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Goode?

Mr. Goode: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Sununu?

Mr. Sununu: Grudgingly, yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Pinette?

Mr. Pinette: Yes. Alright, and a secretary.

Mr. Simmons: So, point [inaudible 00:16:48] um ...

Mr. Pinette: Congratulations.

Mr. Simmons: I don't think that we necessarily had one last year, but to the extent that we could, could create some confusion here, the recording secretary for our minutes was treated by staff, and I think it was Jan, even, last year. So I just want to make clear as we're about to discuss who we may or may not want to nominate to this position. Paul, is Jan still in place on the, at the staff level to do minutes, uh, for the meeting. And the, minutes and agendas and all the secretarial administrative work.

Paul Apple: Uh, she has less time this year than she did last.

Mr. Simmons: Okay.

Paul Apple: Um, I would advise the committee to elect a secretary who may assist Jan, uh, given that the select board, for example, has decided to have greater detail in their minutes, and that's gonna eat up more of her time. So I think it makes sense to, uh, I would recommend that you appoint a secretary.

Mr. Simmons: Okay. Um, I know this may be out of order, but it's dove tailing with the conversation we're having, so Mr. Chairman, if you'll allow me a follow up question.

Mr. Pinette: Go ahead.

Mr. Simmons: Um, our minutes, ar- uh, excuse me. Our rules, which is a subsequent agenda that we need to get to (laughs), um, but they do not mention a, a uh, secretary or clerk. Um, they only mention chair and vice chair. So, I'm not against this move, I'm just trying to cl- say that, by doing so, we are going to trigger another work item for ourselves but, I've heard the town administrator, I, you know, if there's somebody that's willing to take a more hands on approach to being

essentially a recording secretary, or, or, uh, clerk, um ... That's great, it's just not gonna be me. Um, I just, so, for purpose of discussion, I think we need to find somebody who has the bandwidth to do this. It's, you know, like Paul is pointing out the obvious very next question which is, well what's the, what's the flavor of the board. Some boards like near transcripts and others require, you know, motion to uh, open the meeting, motion to adjourn and not much in the middle. So, you have to beware when you step forward that ... You know, what level of detail you're committing to, but, I just wanted to point those things out for the pur- for the discussion.

Mr. Miller: I'll volunteer not to do it.

Mr. Simmons: (laughs) You're a team player, Larry.

Mr. Ferraro: I'm, I'm not volunteering. Um, but to, to, um, John Anthony's uh, point on the detail. Um, I've been going back and looking at the minutes from last year to acquaint myself, and I found those were, I thought, fairly detailed, which helped me understand, um, some of the practices and approaches that were taken. So I think uh, while, it doesn't have to be every sentence that's said, certainly getting, uh, all the important details. Not a motion to open, motion to close. But I think in, in that context, I certainly would not be able to take those kind of notes. So, I don't know ...

Mr. Simmons: I, I think the level of detail that Jan's been putting in them strikes a good balance. It's, you know, its not sparse, but it's not everything. So ...

Paul Apple: Why don't we try, why don't we try with Jan, and if it's a problem then I'll come back to it.

Mr. Simmons: Okay.

Paul Apple: Alright?

Mr. Simmons: Thank you. So, that having been said, Mr. Chairman, I wou- I would say that we don't need-

Mr. Pinette: Right. We gonna move on.

Mr. Simmons: We don't need to go into electing an officer that's-

Mr. Pinette: Right

Mr. Simmons: Probably gonna be from the department of redundancy, department.

Mr. Pinette: Alright, so a sect- or, B? Ratification of rules of procedure. We have a little bit of a problem actually locating uh, the, I believe the final copy of the rules and procedure. Uh, I did get a copy from Mr. Simmons tonight. Um, which I did

forward to Paul. Um, I believe that this is already approved and voted on, if I'm not mistaken at our, uh, last meeting. Or, two meetings ago, I think. Um, so, I don't know if there's really anything that we need to do if ... um, does anybody have anything that they want to add to this at all as far as the rules and procedures?

Mr. Ferraro: Hadn't seen it so ...

Mr. Sununu: Uh, yeah, I would suggest if we can confirm which is the final copy we circulated to everyone, and then we can make it the first order of business at our next meeting.

Mr. Pinette: Okay. So then we'll do that then, I'll forward the, the copy to everyone.

Mr. Simmons: I would suggest sending the un- red lined, the soft copy that I forwarded to you Mr. Chairman, which apparently has been forwarded to Mr. Apple.

Paul Apple: Right.

Mr. Simmons: 'Cause a soft copy with red lines, I would suggest striking them out and just, so as to not confuse people that are, um ...

Ms. Pohl: Accept all the changes.

Mr. Simmons: There's a lot of new faces, I think the history of the red lining is gonna only uh, muddy the waters, not get us to a moment of clarity. But I agree with James' suggestion that we should uh, bring it up at the next meeting. They've already been adopted, but I think at the next meeting we ought to insure that everybody's comfortable that they're gonna be recorded permanently as they call to be on the town website, so everyone will have them available to them.

Mr. Pinette: Okay. The next-

Mr. Simmons: If I may, Mr. Chairman, the, the next, and, and very related topic is, of course, that the rules call for a certain methodology for submission of information from the various boards. And so, I think, um, we probably ought to figure out ... I mean, it's May, so we have plenty of time, but I'm, that's why I'm raising it in the context of this meeting because, typically our very next meeting would be in August, getting the, well ... For the two years that I've been here, I don't want- you know, maybe two years doesn't make a pattern or a history, or a uh, or a way of doing things but typically our first meeting is in August, it's a very brief one.

The precinct commissioner um, uh, representative, uh gives a status of that the precinct is ask- asking for a budget. I don't know if that has been communicated to our newest member but um, obvi- obviously, uh, and then aft- I think, at the next meeting, we typically receive an economic review. James has been kind

enough to do those in the past. I don't know if he's gonna ... volunteer to do that. But my point is our, our next two meetings, if it's not already too late, it's gonna be very close to too late to notify all of the department heads, and, and, uh, various entities, to submit the information in a manner consistent with what the rules call for. So I'd like to clarify that tonight that we're expecting that that, that the information be submitted in that format.

Mr. Pinette: Well, since we don't have the actual rules and procedures, copy of everyone I'd rather-

Mr. Simmons: Right-

Mr. Pinette: Actually send this out to everyone first. Um, and then we could probably reconvene and kind of ... How does everyone else feel about that? I mean, I don't ... go ahead.

Mr. Ferraro: Sorry to be talking so much. Um, I, I, I agree send it out, where they'll still get it, but my suggestion is that we have a meeting ...

Mr. Pinette: Prior?

Mr. Ferraro: Prior to August.

Mr. Pinette: Mm-hmm (affirmative)-

Mr. Ferraro: I know we're getting into summer here, but with the, you know, three, four week advance notice, hopefully we can schedule a date when we can all be here.

Mr. Simmons: A mechanical question, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Pinette: Sure.

Mr. Simmons: Um, Paul, do you know when the actual ... I don't want to call them an exhibit as such, but, you know, occupational hazard. I mean, at what point do all of the entities actually bring together and to bare in the documents what they're gonna present? Uh, uh, you know. If it's not until September, then our August meeting may be early enough. But I just want to head off a crisis before it happens if we could.

Paul Apple: Yeah we, we generally-

Mr. Ferraro: First, first presentation is usually in mid October.

Paul Apple: Right. We usually don't have the data together until early Fall.

Mr. Simmons: Okay.

Paul Apple: You know the, the department heads work on it in the late summer and right the way through but, in terms of formal presentation, they, they get their data together. They, we, we go through the, that process then we present it to the select board. They work through it, and then they recommend it out to you.

Mr. Simmons: So if we took this up in August it's not, the train has not left the station on that issue?

Paul Apple: No. Work will have begun-

Mr. Simmons: Okay.

Paul Apple: But not, it's not gonna be a problem for you folks.

Mr. Simmons: So I think it's, I think we're out of ... We're in my comfort zone that taking it up in August when everybody's reviewed the minutes would be okay and not put anybody at prejudice for having to redo work that they've already done.

Ms. Pohl: Well, I have a question for Paul, if I may.

Mr. Pinette: Mm-hmm (affirmative)-

Ms. Pohl: Um, aren't the department heads pulling together fiscal data for the CIP committee as early as June?

Paul Apple: They are. Um, and, and that, the processes dovetail, because the goal is to get CIP finished on time for the budget process so that CIP informs the capital budget that's proposed to you. So that's, that is a process that's parallel. Uh, but slightly different than the operating budget numbers that I think Mr. Simmons made reference to.

Ms. Pohl: Okay.

Mr. Pinette: Anybody else?

Mr. Ferraro: As you know I'm, I'm a newcomer to town, but I was on the budget committee and selectman in [Exeter 00:26:18] and, we were a budget advisory committee so we didn't have the authority that this committee does. But, we started um, having subcommittee meetings with the different departments, uh, in September. And then we'd have full committee meetings in September on the various departments, um, and we only had to deal with the municipal budget, where here, it's the municipal, the default, the school default, and the district. And it seems like ... you've done a great job but, seems like it's all squashed into a very short period of time. When I looked at the minutes, it looked like November 7th of last year is when you got the actual budget, to go through.

Mr. Pinette: Mm-hmm (affirmative)-

Mr. Ferraro: And that doesn't give you a lot of time to go through, with departments, to go through a 7 million dollar budget plus a default, plus a school budget, plus the district budgets. Um, so, I, I'd ... I'm hoping that we, were getting a lot of information that I didn't see in the minutes earlier, than later. 'Cause I'm a, I'm an engineer by training and I love numbers, and I go through numbers, and so I'm, I'm gonna be looking at all the numbers.

Mr. Pinette: Right. I think historically, the, the information is given to us pretty much at the same time for like the last couple of calendar years. So as far as being able to speed up the process, or getting that information ahead of time, our ... I'd-

Mr. Sununu: The budget books are usually distributed one to two weeks before the first review, so you have a week or two, to formulate questions that can be asked at the first review. And then there's, uh, about a month ... correct? About 4 weeks between the first review of the town budget and the second review of the town budget. The school usual- well, last year town went first, school went second, this year it'll be reversed. And then there's about another month between the first review and, and the second review, which allows time to provide any questions or inquiries during that month long period. Um, between the first and second reviews of each particular budget where we, you can get information from Paul, or the select board, or department heads, or ask any, you know.

Typically, we send questions to the chair who passes them on to the, the, the department heads, or to Paul who will pass them on to department heads so ... Between the time you receive the budget book and the second review is a good month and a half. So to me, that seems like quite a bit of time especially given how much work has to go into these. It's, you know, it's not a, it's not a convenient schedule just by nature, because it has to be done by a certain time in January, but you can't expect ... You know, a budget that doesn't take effect until July of the following year to be done a year in advance so, um ...

I think from that perspective it's worked well, it's just a matter of, once you get the book it's, that's when it's time to do the homework. And I mean that's, it's only been a problem in the past when people haven't done their homework ahead of time, frankly. And, and come to the meetings prepared with questions and um, and, and providing questions as a follow up. You know, we've gotten to the second review or, final vote and people still have questions 'cause they clearly haven't read anything. So, I think from the perspective of, if we're getting them at the- on that same schedule, to me, in my mind there's still ample time to ask questions of department heads or select board, or school board or anybody like that so, um ...

Mr. Pinette: Excellent. The only other suggestion I would make to the entire board is do not hesitate, if you have any spare time, to actually go to the police station or the fire station, the school ... I learned quite a bit actually I'm, I probably spent a little bit more time than what I would probably expect everyone here to. I was probably around 6 or 7 hours per uh, and going through absolutely everything, getting a tour on- asking questions and that way when I actually came to the



meeting I knew exactly everything that was going on, I knew everything, you know, pretty much almost everything. I mean, I still had questions and so forth, but it just gets you really kind of like, gets in the soup of things and it really familiarizes everyone so, uh ... and I can't imagine the, you know the chief, either of the police or the fire chief or the principal not being able to set some time aside to kind of give you guys a tour, or to answer any questions, or kinda give you the rundown of what's going on, so ...

Mr. Simmons: Yeah, I would echo that experience. Both chiefs were very liberal with their time with me when I came on the board and, and asked for some of their time. It was ... There was no looking at the clock wondering, you know, when, when this is gonna get over. They were very liberal with their time and so, I echo what Jonathan's saying.

Mr. Pinette: Alright so, (someone clears throat) um, so-

Mr. Simmons: Mr. Chairman I, if I could I'd, I'd like to make a motion that we um, re-circulate the un-red lined version of the minutes um, for, uh, to the board (clears throat) before our next meeting, and that at our next meeting, we um, clarify the rules that have already been adopted, make sure that they get posted, and um, and also um, take any proposed amendments at that time. We have new members, they may have different ideas or whatever. And that we then also discuss implementing them, because it's our first time through with making sure that uh, every- all of the data is presented consistent with them, so I'd like to move that we take up the rules in, in that manner at our next meeting.

Mr. Pinette: Okay. Do I have a second?

Ms. Pohl: I'll second.

Mr. Pinette: Second. All in favor?

Paul Apple: Um actually, whenever we have an electronic participant we have to do the roll call.

Mr. Pinette: Really? Okay.

Paul Apple: Mr. Gallant?

Mr. Gallant: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Chauncey?

George Chauncey: Yes.

Paul Apple: Ms. Pohl?

Ms. Pohl: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Simmons?

Mr. Simmons: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Ferraro?

Mr. Ferraro: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Goode?

Mr. Goode: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Sununu?

Mr. Sununu: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Pinette?

Mr. Pinette: Yes.

Alright the, uh, next, on here is the discussion of meetings scheduled for the fiscal year. (clears throat) Um, who would like to start?

Group: [crosstalk 00:32:35]

Mr. Simmons: Laura mentioned at the last meeting that she had a, a, a um, changing schedule so ...

Ms. Pohl: And it's changed again, so-

Mr. Simmons: Okay, good.

Ms. Pohl: It's up in the air right now.

Mr. Simmons: Great, why wouldn't it. Okay.

Mr. Ferraro: Uh, I might suggest that um, if we can work on a draft schedule kind of based on last year's and we'll do the flip between school and town.

Paul Apple: I had circulated something to the chair-

Mr. Ferraro: Oh.

Paul Apple: A couple of weeks ago-

Mr. Ferraro: Oh, okay.

Paul Apple: That's already been created so I think-

Mr. Ferraro: Okay.

Paul Apple: What we should do is circulate and make sure that everybody's agreeable, and uh, we'll make the start time at 7:00. Does that-

Ms. Pohl: Right now 6:30's fine.

Paul Apple: Okay.

Ms. Pohl: Yeah. I ...

Paul Apple: So-

Mr. Simmons: Were we Mondays last year, or Wednesdays?

Paul Apple: We were Mondays.

Mr. Pinette: Mondays.

Mr. Sununu: So, is the proposal that we would stay Mondays?

Paul Apple: Uh, that's-

Mr. Simmons: I mean, obviously you can't change it a whole lot before you start running into, into problems with other boards and whatever, but ...

Paul Apple: I would encourage you not to change it.

Mr. Simmons: Yeah. Right.

Mr. Ferraro: I believe we started on August the 1st.

Mr. Sununu: -encourage us not to change it. (laughs)

Paul Apple: I would encourage you with the strongest possible terms given that everybody else is sort of structured in with select board and budget committee alternating on those Mondays. It, it kind of works well for this room.

Mr. Simmons: So, to the extent that a draft uh, of actual calendar dates apparently is already in the works, can I, um, would this be the appropriate time then, to, to give dates that aren't convenient for us?

Paul Apple: I think we'd rather-

Mr. Pinette: Well, I'd rather circulate the-

Mr. Simmons: Okay.

Mr. Pinette: Circulate it out to everyone and then we can kind of-

Paul Apple: Just to circulate it then everyone can return their-

Mr. Simmons: Okay.

Paul Apple: Their conflicts to Jonathan and we can see if there's any that need to be moved.

Mr. Simmons: Great.

And there's no, um, 91-A problem there because it's scheduling, correct?

Paul Apple: Well, what I would encourage you to do is, um, when you reply, you just reply either to me or to the chair, and not hit reply all. And in that way there's no sequential, and no decisions will be made so you'll be all set for right to know.

Mr. Simmons: Right.

Mr. Pinette: Thank you very much. Alright so, any other items that-

Group: Mr. Chairman, you need a representative to CIP. Uh, CIP is meeting June the 2nd, the budget committee usually sends a representative CIP [crosstalk 00:34:44] one permits number, and also a citizen rep. The citizen rep is uh, Vicki Jones who is present here tonight, and is willing to continue her service. But, uh, in our ... We don't have a budget committee person. So, we do need some- one of you, to uh, volunteer to come on Friday mornings at 8:30 for most of your summer to do CIP.

Mr. Pinette: Do we have any volunteers?

Mr. Simmons: Stop the rush.

Mr. Sununu: I'll already be there, so don't look at me. (laughs)

Paul Apple: So you will already be there?

Mr. Sununu: Yes.

Ms. Pohl: I don't know what my schedule is going to be, but it's possible that I could do that, Friday mornings at 8:30. So I volunteer for that.

Mr. Pinette: Excellent.

Mr. Simmons: I nominate Laura Pohl.

George Chauncy: Second.

Paul Apple: Mr. Gallant?

Mr. Gallant: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Chauncey?

George Chauncey: Yes.

Paul Apple: Ms. Pohl?

Ms. Pohl: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Simmons?

Mr. Simmons: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Ferraro?

Mr. Ferraro: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Goode?

Mr. Goode: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Sununu?

Mr. Sununu: Yes.

Paul Apple: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Repeat the nom- the motion?

Paul Apple: Nominating Laura Pohl to serve on CIP.

Mr. Miller: 10-4. Yes.

Paul Apple: And, Mr. Pinette.

Mr. Pinette: Yes.

Alright. Well that's, I believe the last thing. Does anybody have anything else they want to ... discuss before I end the meeting?

Mr. Simmons: Well, we probably ought to have a next meeting date.

Mr. Pinette: Um-

Mr. Simmons: I mean, I know we're gonna circulate the sort of, proposed schedule, but I mean, I think we ought to at least figure out the next one.

Mr. Pinette: I think last year, I believe that our, our first meeting, or, the next meeting would have been on August the 1st. I don't know what that falls for 2017, so-

Paul Apple: The, the draft schedule had proposed that first Monday in August, um, consistent with last year's schedule, and the year before that.

Mr. Pinette: Right.

Paul Apple: 'Cause I think you're gonna do the district budget, so um-

Mr. Pinette: Which, would be actually July the 31st, which is a Monday. So, is everyone fine with July 31st at 6:30 p.m. as our next meeting?

Mr. Ferraro: Works for me.

Mr. Pinette: Alright, so that's, that'll be our next meeting, will be July 31st, 6:30 p.m. Um, and that should be it. Anybody else?

Mr. Simmons: Move to adjourn.

Mr. Pinette: Can I have a second?

Paul Apple: Mr. Chairman, in order to avoid the roll call, it is the prerogative of the chair to adjourn the meeting.

Group: (laughter)