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Speaker 1: (silence)

We're here for [inaudible 00:03:34], whatever he tells me to do, I'll do.

[00:03:30] Okay.

Good evening everyone. I'd like to call this meeting of the- this regular meeting of the North Hampton Select Board to order. Uh, it is about 20, 25 minutes after 7:00 and, again apologies for this incredibly late start. The Board is coming out of non-public, uh, from next door to discuss some, uh, some rather weighty issues. And, it took us longer than we had expected. So, I- I sincerely apologize for the delay in doing this business. But, uh, what I'd like to do before we get to anything else, uh, if you would please all rise and salute the flag.

[00:04:00] I pledge allegiance to the flag ...

Audience: ... 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.

Speaker 1: Thank you.

So, as you can see from our agenda, we had three non-public sessions. Uh, there were a total of four motions taken. Um, in the first, we had a, uh, motion that was approved unanimously to have the assessor act upon the decision of the Board. And then, also in that session, we voted unanimously to authorize the town to exec- execute the necessary documents to affect the decision of the BTLA in the Broom, uh, case. So that was in the first one.

[00:05:00] And then we had, in the second one, we had two votes. They were both to hire the two ... well there were both, there was one vote each to hire the candidates for the fire department as fire fighters, EMTAs who are also paroled in paramedic school. Both of those votes were unanimous.

And then, in the last session, uh, session three, uh, we had a motion to have the TA act in a matter consistent with the motion. And we will leave it at that. And, I will ask the Board about motions to seal in items two and four.

Speaker 3: [00:05:30] I make a motion that we seal the minutes for items two and four in the non-public sessions.

Speaker 4: Second.

Speaker 5: Um, we ... both of those would be one the basis of the reputation of one not the member of the Board?

Speaker 3: Those would be on the basis of the reputation of a non member of the Board.

Speaker 4: [00:06:00] Accepted.

Speaker 5: [inaudible 00:06:05]

Speaker 1: Okay.

Um, all in favor?

So, that's 3-0.

Okay. And Paul, you're good with that motion to seal both of those at once or did you want them sep- I didn't think of that? Do you want them separately?

Speaker 4: Um, you said two and four, I think they are technically sess- non public sessions one and three.

Speaker 1: Oh, one and three. I'm going by the ... my apologies.

But, you're still good with doing it in one?

Speaker 4: [00:06:30] Uh ... yes.

Speaker 1: Okay.

Okay.

There we go. So, that said, we will move on then to the first period of public comment. This is the period where anybody can come up, uh, to the podium and just state who you are and where you live at in town. Speak about anything on or off the agenda they would like. We usually have this, uh, last about 3 minutes. And so, typically a period of full discussion, but if you'd like to add something or suggest or recommend something for an agenda to make it a full item that we can discuss, you certainly have that, uh, um, you certainly have that discretion.

[00:07:00] So, I invite anybody up to the podium.

No, no takers.

Mr. [Goul 00:07:15].

Speaker 6:

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Um, I was motivated to come here tonight by virtue of my having watched a number of your meetings in the past. And also having observed what's been happening to my town. Uh, not that I own it, but I consider it my town, um, over the last several months.

[00:07:30] What really prompted me to speak tonight was Cynthia Swank, who spoke at your last meeting on the 31st. And spoke about the negativity in the town and her desire to see that eliminated. And that got my attention.

When she was talking about that subject, she mentioned Pollyanna, that beloved childhood figure. Um, and I happened to be reading this week a recent edition of the, um, the [Rapture 00:08:23] magazine. And they had an article in there about Littleton, New Hampshire. And Littleton, New Hampshire is the home of a statue to Pollyanna. And, every day ... I'm sorry, every year, Littleton celebrates a day of gladness and happiness. Um, celebrating her character.

[00:09:00] Um, since some of the recent activities that I've observed, particularly the activities of an organization called 083862 Strong, it's been my personal observation that gladness in North Hampton has been replaced by grumpiness and happiness has been replaced by hostility.

And you might ask, "What are you talking about?". Well, I'm talking about a number of specific things, let me give you some examples. I watched at this meeting and I watched the deliberative session a member of the community, a resident, thoroughly criticize and demean the police department, in the context of the discussion about the, um, officer ... whether an officer should be present in the school. And basically, she said ... the message I took away, 'police are bad people, they have a bad influence on kids, they frighten kids, and she wants nothing to do with them'. That appalled me. I-

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Mr. Gould:

... to do with them. That appalled me. I also heard one member of our community get up and castigate the fire department, again in this meeting, in this public comments section, for unspecified wrongs, apparently allegedly done to her, and complained about the fact that she filed a complaint and nothing ever happened about it. Negative, negative. I've seen attacks on the select board over the so-called party barn. I'm so sick of hearing about the party barn.

It's been going on for months, people parading in here, castigating you, the town administrator for alleged involvement in this scurrilous disruption of the environment of the old [Lamprey 00:10:50] homestead, all totally baseless in my personal judgment.

[00:10:30] I've seen and heard attacks on this board, particularly the prior board, for mismanagement, wild spending, out of control taxes. That, that appalls me, because it's not true. I've seen petty criticism of the select board for alleged violations of the right to know law. I've seen petty criticisms of the select board for alleged plans to spend surplus money, plans that haven't even been announced yet. Now, I suspect that this is all political claptrap, and it's designed to inflame passions and get votes, but I'm willing to reconsider my suspicion depending upon what happened hereafter.

[00:11:30] I've been around for a long time. As they say colloquially, I've been around the barn a few times. I've been involved in local politics here in North Hampton, in other towns I've lived in, for more than 30 years. I've been practicing law, and still do, for more than 50 years. I've seen the rough and tumble of those worlds, and that's part of participating in those worlds, and as a result of that, or at least partially, I don't believe in the Easter bunny anymore, and I don't believe in the tooth fairy. And as a matter of fact, I'm even starting to suspect that Santa Clause might not exist (laughing).

[00:12:30] But what I do believe in is fair play, and that leads me to transition to my next point. I am proud to be affiliated with a newly formed group in town called Step Up North Hampton. It's a large group of citizens who care deeply about this town and its future, and they formed the group to offer an alternative version of what life really is like in North Hampton, alternative to 03862. And by the way, we're not an anonymous group, as 03862 is, we have our names and contact information on the website. Anybody that wants to talk to us, contact us, can. And what we're suggesting, requesting, is that we engage in a conversation with 03862. We're extending our hand to 03862 to see if we can get a public dialogue going about some of these issues that concern them.

[00:13:30] Is everything perfect in North Hampton? Of course not. Can things be improved? Of course they can, but they are not as characterized by 03862. We have excellent management in this town, the town administrator, including the town administrator and the board, particularly the pass board. We enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in the area, whether compared to the contiguous towns, the five that surround us, or Rockingham county, or the state. We enjoy one of the lowest tax burdens in the area, and what I mean by that is how much in tax dollars the average median-priced homeowner pays. We enjoy excellent services from all of our departments, and at reasonable tax, tax rates.

[00:14:30] So we intend to offer a positive view of North Hampton and what's going on, and what we'd like to have going on, so I propose that the attacks stop, that we have a constructive dialogue, and maybe, just maybe, we can enjoy Pollyanna's spirit of gladness and happiness. Thank you.

Jim Maggiore: Thank you, Mr. [Gould 00:15:22].

Speaker 3: [00:15:00] Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

Jim Maggiore: The podium is open to anybody else who would like to speak. There's always a period of public comment at the end, too. No? Okay. Um, a couple of things I'll, uh ... I, I'm gonna apologize I guess a few times this evening. Uh, it's about 90 degrees in the building, so if folks are having difficulty hearing on TV, we do have all the windows open and the doors open so that, I apologize for the background noise, but it's the only way to keep it cool in here.

[00:20:00] The second thing is a housekeeping thing, which I haven't even, uh, told the board about, but if anybody's here to hear about the, um, where the heck is it? Item 13.3, review, ratify the barn easement process, um, I need to table that. I did not send out the documents, um, to the town administrator or to the board in a timely fashion, so nobody's had the opportunity to review those, nor has the public. Um, so when we get to that, I'm just gonna make the motion to table it. So if anybody's here for that, I'm not gonna be talking about it. So, okay. Housekeeping.

Speaker 4: Thank you for that confession.

Jim Maggiore: Ah, I confess.

Speaker 4: You're a human being.

Jim Maggiore: Well, some days. Ahh. Okay, uh moving on then to our consent calendar. We have three items on there. Um, they are, uh, the three items are all payroll manifests, and as I typically do, there are two on there which are very large, one for 210,000, that includes federal tax payments, uh, payments to the New Hampshire retirements system, and payments to health trust. The one for \$729,000 includes our nearly \$700,000, \$669,000 payment to North Hampton school. Um, does anybody have any questions or comments about the items on the consent calendar? And if not, I would ask is there a motion to approve?

Speaker 5: I'll make a motion for us to approve the items on the consent calendar as stated in the agenda tonight, and as read by Jim Maggiore.

Male: Second.

Jim Maggiore: All right, all in favor? I should've asked the discussion, sorry. So that's 3-0. All right, thank you. Um, moving on then to correspondence. Uh, there's one piece. Paul, has anything else come in? Paul's coming back from vacation, so I wouldn't expect that, um, his ... I would expect that his mailbox has been full, but I'm not sure if you were able to add any correspondence.

Paul: None of which I am presently aware.

Jim Maggiore: Okay. Then I will read very quickly if I can, a letter from, uh, uh, from Mr. Dan Innis 00:08:05, who is our senator for district 24, and with the board's permission is it okay to read the whole thing? Normally when we get something from a senator I should read the whole thing. Is that okay? All right.

Male: He's above our pay grade.

Jim Maggiore: He's above, well (laughs) only by a few bucks. Uh okay, so it, it comes to the chairperson majority, but I consider that to be to the whole board, and it says, "As the state senator who represents North Hampton, I want to first thank you for the opportunity to serve you in Concord. I'm writing to give you a brief update on some of the legislation we have b- we have been working on in the senate, as well as our offer to meet with your board to give you a more detailed legislative update and hear about some of the challenges you are facing in North Hampton.

"We have been hard at work this session developing policies and a state operating budget that better serves New Hampshire citizens and communities across our great state. There were almost 900 pieces of legislation proposed between the house and the senate during the session. In the senate, we are focused on improving North, in new, excuse me. In the senate we are focused on improving New Hampshire's economy by promoting job creation, reducing business taxes, and taking care of our, our v- most val- vulnerable citizens.

"On Wednesday," and this would have been, um, the first Wednesday in June, uh, "the senate passed our budget. The senate budget provides significant funding s- to support many critical resources our towns rely on. We expanded community treatment options and added 60 new beds to help relieve the growing mental health problem. We doubled the governor's commission on alcohol and substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery to bring new resources into combating the heroin, heroin crisis. We made sweeping changes to the leadership of the Division of Children, Youth, and Families and added more caseworkers to ensure our kids meet, our kids' best interest are being taken care of and they are protected from abuse and neglect, harm, and including programs to benefit families with a disabled child. The budget also includes additional business tax cuts and increases small businesses' ability to make capital investments. This will help business ...

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Speaker 1: "... small businesses' ability to make capital investments. This will help businesses in New Hampshire create more good paying jobs and grow their

business, keeping our state competitive with other states in New England and internationally.

I also sponsored and co-sponsored numerous pieces of legislation, addressed the emergent contaminants that are being discovered in our drinking water throughout the sea coast. This will continue to be a top priority of mine. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting," and then he gives his contact information.

(gasp) That's it. So, that comes from, uh, again, Dan [Emiss 00:20:27]. Any questions or comments about the letter from Mr. [Emiss 00:20:30]?

Senator [inaudible 00:20:32]? Yes?

Male: [00:20:30] Should we thank him for his letter, or -

Speaker 1: Always.

Male: That going overboard?

Speaker 1: No. So, we'll thank him for his letter and reach out to him. We have tried to coordinate that meeting to have our representatives in to discuss, so yeah, if you could do that, Paul, unless there's an objection from the board. No? Okay.

All right, uh, that's correspondence. So that brings us to committee updates. Item ten on our agenda this evening. Uh, the first item under 10.1 is budget committee. Are there any updates from the budget committee? Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: [00:21:00] There are none.

Speaker 1: Uh, that brings us to the economic development committee, which we have in three places, item 12.1 and item 13.2 so maybe we should take that up all as once, all at once, um, then we have the Heritage Commission, which is meeting on Thursday to discuss so many things and uh, so I don't have a, I don't have an update since our last meeting that I can think of. No? Did I need to think of? No, okay. Um, Conservation Commission. Where, where we don't have representation yet, any updates from there, Paul, that we need to know about?

Paul: [00:21:30] Conservation is meeting tomorrow in this place, uh, and uh, I would, I should have to re- uh, report on June the 26th.

Speaker 1: And in water commission, I will state that the uh, water commission is still meeting and uh, it is very much on top of the issues at Wiggins Way, or the ca-, depending case that we have with the water counsel and hopefully ultimate at the, the uh, PUC, or the water commission, that's up there, uh, to discuss that legal matter. But, what I also want to state and ask for input is the water commission and the select board attended a meeting in Hampton last week,

about well 22, which is the large ground water application. Uh, do you guys have any comments on that? We were here, uh, the uh, Chief Tolley acting as our deputy town administrator was there, uh, do you have any comments or sections on that one?

Male: [00:22:30] Uh, well all of us attended the meeting in Hampton, it, it seemed to me that the um, the comments about well 22, which are inside Hampton, were address by several people who were near that well. Uh, and that went on and there was testimony which I didn't hear because I left early. But since that time, it's been announced that Aquarian is going to be acquired by, uh, the power company-

Cathy: [00:23:00] Eversource.

Male: Eversource. Um, uh, I don't think a power company buys a water company because they just want a, just somebody to buy. I think they buy it because it's a good thing to do and you could expand Aquarian a lot into stratum. You could triple the size of that uh, you could increase it by 35% probably if you, if you really, really pushed it into stratum. I don't, I don't think, unless we fight this, we'll ever pay less for hyd-, fire hydrants, which we pay a quarter of a million dollars a year for. So, I, I think we're started out being um, guided by our own nose that we've got to fight this, and now we're probably, I hope, convinced that we're doing the right thing. Because it isn't just, it's not Wiggins's Way, which is the nose in the tent. It's taking over the water company for the [inaudible 00:24:16]. That's what this is all about. So, that's my observation.

Speaker 1: [00:24:00] Cathy, anything about that uh, meeting over well 22?

Cathy: There was a lot of uh, as Larry alluded to, there was a lot of um, Hampton residents that are in that area, um, asking really educational questions, very concerned about um, most of them had their own private wells and um, what the um, the concern was as if it goes through and they start pumping from well 22, um the application is for 500, 500,000 gallons of water a day?

Speaker 1: [00:24:30] A day.

Cathy: Um, of course, Aquarian stated the fact that they thing they can get 1.3 million a day.

Speaker 1: [00:25:00] Yeah.

Cathy: I think the bigger picture in that whole thing was and I, I understand your issue uh, w-, what your concerns are about stratum, but um, Hampton has the same concerns. They're doing the same thing. Eh, they, they have development on their radar scope. Their master plan is much different than our master plan. Develop, develop, develop, it's totally different to us. It's a concern. You, you have a concern about stratum, I have a concern about Hampton.

Male: [00:25:30] There you go. Especially anybody that's within, I would say, a half a mile of that well. If they're going to, if that's going to be the growth well for them, that's a lot of water to come out of one well. To feed the development as you said, you know, that's just ... I mean your, I can't imagine that, how much, how much they expect to grow, but that's a lot of water.

Cathy: [00:26:00] Was it Bob Landman at the um, at the meeting that um, got up and spoke and said how we, a, a, I wasn't really into the details back then, but well 17, 18, and 19 and we, we put something in place to protect-

Speaker 1: Moratorium.

Cathy: To protect those people if, after it went online, the drawn down was so affected by them?

Male: Yeah.

Cathy: I kind of hope Hampton hears that.

Male: [00:26:30] Yeah. Well, uh, I mean, Tim Hardon is near two wells, is he not?

Speaker 1: Yeah.

Male: Yeah. And he used to be, I mean I remember talking to him saying when those two wells were full boar, his wetlands was easy to walk across.

Cathy: It-

Male: It, oh, I'm sorry.

Cathy: I think this all brings up, um, a good time to have a discussion about conservation and I know we just listed, lifted our restrictions and stuff but, water is a precious commodity and not always guaranteed, and we should all try to conserve it.

Male: [00:27:00] The only, on, on a 95 degree day-

Speaker 1: Yup.

Male: Yeah. We should talk about it.

Speaker 1: The only thing I'd like to add to that is, is for the public's edification, that meeting was a public hearing, and it was, the public hearing was specific to the application, um, it was specific to the application, questions were raised, and those, and those were presented, but not much of a discussion. Then what happens is um, DES has 40, opens a window after that, after that meeting of 45 days where they solicit further questions from the public, then there will be uh,

testing that will be, that will be ongoing, then there will be another public hearing, so that meeting on Thursday was not the final meeting on what's going to happen with 22.

Um, the only other thing I wanted to add to that is the, what they're talking about with 22 is drilling down seven, I forget the exact number, but 700 plus feet, you, what water is down there, they have hired an expert, Dr. [Balistero 00:28:12], um, he comes with the approval of North Hampton also, so, uh, how old is that water, where is it coming from, and what effect will it have on Hampton, so I'm very pleased to say that the North Hampton Water Commission is active in this and is not just going to uh, allow it to happen without our input, so thank you all for attending that meeting.

[00:28:30] Okay, um, that's water commission. So, moving on then from, moving on then from committees-

Cathy: No, let's not, let's back up. Let's add 10.6, CIP.

Speaker 1: Oh.

Cathy: The CIP met-

Speaker 1: My apologies.

Cathy: Friday, June 2nd, in the town conference room and basically it was an organizational meeting. Um, they chose their chair and their vice chair, um Nancy [Montihan 00:29:02] as the chair, and the vice chair is [Shep Croner 00:29:05], and they set their meeting schedule for the, the season. It will kick off on Friday, July 14th, and go every Friday right now to September 1st, and will go longer if necessary.

Speaker 1: [00:29:00] Okay. Thank you. And we have item 13.5, discussion of appointments to the capital improvement committee, which we have to uh, discuss. So, I'll, I'll move on, thank you for the update on the committee and then we'll move on to the committee itself when we uh, as soon as we get there.

[00:29:30] Paul, report of the town administrator, do you have great stuff to report?

Paul: I don't have anything formal since uh, I just returned today, and I was present in town for only three days of the reporting period. Um, I will say that I did get a financial report today that um, the projections that I gave you last meeting have not changed appreciably-

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- Paul: Things that I gave you last meeting have not changed appreciably. Um, I also took a look at the work on the septic system for the stone building and the library. Uh, that is continuing at pace, should be done this week, we did get uh, approval to operate from the state, so they've come out and looked at it and we're looking to go on that one. Uh, the meeting schedule for this month is uh, significant. We will have a workshop session on Thursday at noon, at which time, department heads will present uh, their proposed year end spending processes, it'll be up to you guys to act as a winnowing body for that process and then we will take up that matter as a year end uh, issue on June the 26ths. And, of course, the workshop session is a public meeting, members of the public are invited to attend, uh, but uh, there will be public input on June the 26th of those items uh, that you passed through uh, for consideration in more formal context.
- Cathy: [00:31:00] Can I just interrupt?
- Paul: Yes ma'am.
- Cathy: Could we um, actually send an invitation out to the budget committee to see if budget committee members can be in attendance? I believe they might have some good input.
- Speaker 3: I mean, anybody can be-
- Larry: Anybody can be there.
- Cathy: Right, I know but specifically it would be nice to have, if, if there's any budget committee members available in attendance-
- Paul: For workshop or for-
- Cathy: For the workshop. Of course for the, the public but I think formally, we should ask that.
- Paul: [00:31:30] Okay. Yeah. Uh, we will also have a workshop session on uh, the Thursday following which is uh, 13, 14, 15, plus seven is the 22nd, uh, uh, in which you will uh, if you would like, uh, do a pass of reviews and uh, divide up the compensation fund which is normally what we do at this time of year, and um, then we will have a regular meeting on June the 26th, and uh, the close of the fiscal year is obviously June 30th. Um, I don't have anything else to report, um, except-
- Cathy: [00:32:00] Paul.

Paul: Perhaps that I did send around a quote for air conditioning in this building and as I indicated, if you'd to vote now, I would be more than happy, since I think I'm the one dressed the most here in this lovely heated weather, but I'm teasing. I know you won't do that so, yes ma'am.

Cathy: Do we anticipate, do we have an idea when we're going to have the public hearing on the encumbered funds?

Paul: [00:32:30] The public hearing on uh, the public discussion of year end spending and encumbrances-

Cathy: Yeah.

Paul: Will be June the 26ths.

Cathy: It will be June the 26th?

Paul: Yeah, that's the regular meeting on Monday, the 26th, so what you, what I envision is you guys acting as, as I said, that winnowing effect, eh ... Just, just to kind of give some context. When I came to North Hampton, we, we decided that we would manage um, b-, as a collective, rather than having departments more, uh, manage their own budgets, we would, we would operate collectively, in order to ensure that we did not end the year over budget, which for the first two or three years, we were awfully close in doing. So what I ask department heads to do during the year is essentially avoid anything but the most essential spending so that we get through the winter and any other sort of unanticipated cost, and get to the end of the year. They hold off on spending until now, because we've finished the year, and then they're going to propose to you that some of their projects that they've off on, that they should be allowed to go forward on.

[00:34:00] Um, it has worked well for five years, uh, this process. We have, we have stopped ending the year at \$23,000 and started ending the year with more money at the end. I think that a salute to the department heads is uh, an essential element of that, but um, they're going to have some proposals for you, it's up to you to say yes or no. And then, I think it's important to do that in public again, so that people see precisely what's going on, which is what we did last year and I believe the year before.

Speaker 3: If I can add a, a comment to that?

Paul: Oh, I'm sorry.

Speaker 3: Okay.

Paul: I bet your pardon.

Speaker 3: All right.

Paul: Um, one other thing, uh, we did get a request from a member of the school community to use the folding chairs here in this room for the graduation ceremony at the school. Um, I'm a big proponent of, of uh, elements of town government working together where possible, uh, so I'm incline to recommend that you approve that, uh, with suitable assurances from the borrowing party that those chairs be accounted for and returned. Um, that's of course the one worry is that you don't get the chairs back, but I, you know, it all comes out of the same till. So, I think we should uh, be more than happy to loan the chairs to the school, and would ask that you agree with that proposition, or give me direction to the contrary.

Speaker 3: [00:34:30] Larry, Cathy? Anything?

Larry: [00:35:00] They let us use the, the gym to vote.

Paul: They do.

Speaker 3: Anything, Cathy on that idea?

Cathy: N-, oh, I'm all for it, let them use the uh-

Larry: Are they gonna come and get them?

Cathy: It's their, I mean, it's the towns people's chairs and it's-

Paul: It's the town people's kids who are graduating from school-

Cathy: Correct.

Paul: So, it seems like we have a unity of uh, interest, so I, I don't know if they're going to come and get them, I'll, if, if, the DPW has time and, you know, we'll certainly work together to get that done.

Speaker 3: [00:35:30] K. Thank you. Can I just add something on, on the uh, encumbrances? Um, as many people know in town, or, or hopefully a lot of people know in town, uh, we have each year adopted the fund balance policy. Paul can you make sure that, or can you see that this is posted in addition to, or, or available prior to that meeting and then have it at the meeting? It's extremely informative and just so folks know, um, the fund balance policy spells out, uh, four different possibilities for the select board. I'm not going to go into all the details of the policy, but um, the select board can take undesignated funds um, undesignated fund balance in excess of the designated percentage for the following purposes: to offset property taxes, one time, um, uh, which would be presented, of course, to the budget committee. Uh, to be a contribution to a capital reserve fund, expendable trust fund, or other single purpose fund, to

purchase one time capital items, which would be the encumbrance, um, or for emergency purposes as deemed necessarily even if such decrease as the fund balance below the designated percentage.

[00:36:30] The reason I read that is we do have thresholds within that fund balance policy to have a target of a minimum of five percent of the total um, the total all up all in budget of the town, which includes the town and the school. A minimum of five percent, and um, we'd like to have it at, be, be at eight percent. So, Paul, I'm hoping you can also uh, have Ryan uh, I'm sure you already know this, but have what our fund balance is right now and as that percentage of that, so I'd like folks to be aware of that because this is the process that we will be considering on Thursday. Okay, sorry to interrupt for such a long time.

Larry: [00:37:00] Is he still doing his report?

Paul: I don't know.

Speaker 3: I'm done.

Larry: Can I ask you a question?

Paul: Yes, sir.

Larry: The [inaudible 00:37:32] meeting is next, is this Friday.

Paul: [00:37:30] It is, why did, I think I, while I was on vacation, I forwarded to you an email.

Larry: Oh, now you trying to make me responsible?

Paul: No, no, I'm simply saying that my memory of it is that it was the 20th, but I don't know. So I will find out. I forgotten, so I will find out what it is.

Larry: What you're saying is I should be remembering.

Paul: No, I'm saying talk amongst yourselves and I'm going to the email-

Larry: (laughs)

Paul: And at some point I will announce what that is.

Speaker 3: [00:38:00] Um, we trust that you had a good vaca-, well I'm not even gonna put that in there.

Larry: Oh, just so you'll know, I would be, I will be uh, suggesting we air condition this building coming up in our next discussion.

Paul: Tuesday, June the 20th, at two p.m.

Larry: Okay.

Paul: Cathy, you were going to comment?

Cathy: Will you update us on the building? The clap boards, that meeting with the-

Speaker 3: I can. Um, it's a very small update, we don't have anything from uh, Mister Langley yet, we were hoping uh, he did say he was going to be able to get it to us, he thought he was going to be able to get us some idea before the end of this month, the uh, communication I had from Paul [Cutera 00:38:38] which was on Friday, is that uh, there was some concern, issue about whether or not he could get quarter sawn, quarter sawn wood um, or if it would just be spruce, and uh, he, Paul communicated with, I believe the chair of the Heritage Commission just to ask on that opinion about whether spruce was acceptable. Spruce was used at Hubbington's, which was an approved, which was an approved project by the um, help me Donna.

Donna: [00:39:00] Preservation-

Speaker 3: Preservation Alliance. So, the consideration was, if spruce is what you can, is what you can get, then that's, that should be agreeable and he will present that. I expect all of this to be presented to us for our consideration. I don't have any more than that.

Cathy: Is it a short term supply or?

Speaker 3: I don't know. I don't know.

Cathy: Can we find out?

Speaker 3: I, I can certainly ask, yeah. Um-

Cathy: [00:39:30] And I would assume that quarter s-, quarter sewn?

Larry: Quarter sewn, yeah.

Speaker 3: It's the way it's cut.

Cathy: Quarter sewn, yeah, is um, would be the first-

Speaker 3: More expensive.

Cathy: Well more-

Speaker 3: Oh it would be f-

Cathy: I, okay.

Speaker 3: A better value.

Cathy: More expensive, but would it be the top product for the job.

Speaker 3: I think-

Donna: Spruce-

Speaker 3: I, eh, Donna.

Donna: It keeps paint for 15 years, that's the latest I heard.

Speaker 3: [00:40:00] It keeps paint for f-

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Speaker 1: For 15 years, that's the latest I heard. It's-

Paul: It keeps paint for 15 years.

Speaker 3: We-

Paul: And, and I think it's more consistent with the historic character-

Speaker 1: Yes.

Paul: Of the building.

Speaker 3: The quarter sawn.

Paul: The quarter sawn.

Speaker 3: Right.

Paul: Clapboards. Yes.

Speaker 3: Right.

Speaker 4: No, she's saying spruce keeps-

Speaker 1: Spruce can keep paint for 15 years.

Paul: But spruce, yeah.

Speaker 3: So what I would hope is that we have-

Speaker 5: What's quarter sawn?

Speaker 3: Quarter-

Speaker 4: That's pine.

Speaker 5: No, I know what it is, but how, the same specifications she just gave us, what are, what's, the specifications? Is that only-

Speaker 3: I don't have-

Speaker 5: 15 years for quarter sawn?

Speaker 1: I don't know it yet.

Speaker 3: Why don't I, uh, so I will add that then.

Speaker 5: [crosstalk 00:40:32]. Yes, please.

Speaker 3: To spruce versus, versus, okay.

Speaker 4: I don't think the p- Spruce is, is, is quarter sawn lumber. It's not. It's made like cedar.

Speaker 3: Okay. Um, to the point about air conditioning, I- I say this because, uh, it was, it's brought to me every time it comes up air conditioning in here. The capital improvements committee would like a- A shot at that to at least capture it within the plan. And, um, the- The- The folks looking at this building would at, would at least like to know how that would work in the building, because if it is something that the select board is serious about and does want to move ahead, we would have to work cooperatively with everyone involved. So I'm just throwing it out there, that we may need to make sure that everybody is up to date on air conditioning.

All right. As the sweat rolls off my brow. I look to, uh, anything else for Paul? Paul of, for, for or from? No? Thank you. Item 12. Items left on the table, Item 12.1 is appointment to the economic development committee. And again, this is part of the committee updates and we also have this in Item 13.2, so if there's no objection, maybe we can look at 13.2 and 12.1 at the same time? Any objection to that?

Speaker 5: No. (sighs).

Speaker 3: No. Okay. So, uh, we have been, since our organizational meeting we have been, uh, discussing the charge, the composition. The charge and the composition of the economic development committee. Uh, we have done some homework on that. Uh, we have sent that homework around and we're hoping to come up with a conclusion for those appointments. Uh.

Speaker 5: Clar-

Speaker 3: What?

Speaker 5: Clarification for the homework that was sent around. Uh, are you just talking about the original charge?

Speaker 3: I am talking, well what I was, what I sent around was the original charge from the minutes and then the original composition of the economic development committee. So that, those are the pieces that I sent around.

Speaker 5: Okay.

Speaker 3: Yes.

Speaker 5: Just wanted to make sure I had what you had.

Speaker 3: Okay. And, if I can, uh, so the, the first charge came out on March, in the minutes, on, uh, March 13th of 2013. Uh, the EDC would be made up of one member of the select board, one member of the planning board, one member of the Northampton Business Association who is also a resident of Northampton. The executive director of the RPC, which is Rockingham Planning Commission, or his or her designee, and one at-large member.

I will quickly add that two weeks later at the next regular select board meeting, um, the composition of the board was changed to add a second member at large to the committee. And that was passed, uh, that was, that motion carried 2- 0. Um, so, I forgot exactly why we only had two on there, but anyway that, that passed. So, and we have the charge contained within here.

So the, and the last thing I want to add is one of the, one of the nominees that we had to the economic development committee is Nancy Monahan and she came as the nominee from the Heritage Commission. It's come to our attention, doing a lot of homework here that Nancy Monahan, um, Nancy, there, there is no seat at the table for a Heritage Commission member. Now if we want to revisit the composition of the board, or the committee, uh, we, I, I think we should hold Ms. Monahan's nomination in reserve because she would like to serve. Um, but in doing that homework, and I went back into the minutes of the Heritage Commission, we had a discussion on whether, what the value would be

on having a person from the Heritage Commission and questioned it. And I am, I am loathe to think, and I've asked the, the, uh the recording secretary of the Heritage Committee how we got to that point. It was probably me going to Paul saying, um, "This is a good idea" or "You know, we should think about this" and, and, uh, suddenly we have a nominee.

But, and anyway, I know that Ms. Monahan, uh, in conversations with her, would be more than happy to serve, but we don't have a seat at the table. I will now cease and open it up to you guys for discussion.

Speaker 5: Paul? Have we had any response?

Paul: (smacks lips). Um, we did have a response, um, a local member of the business association who's also a resident, uh, sent me a letter and indicated a willingness to serve. Um, that was, I got that while I was on vacation. So-

Speaker 5: Okay, so ...

Speaker 4: So what're, what-

Speaker 5: What, what are we doing tonight? I guess, I mean, are you wanting us to seek people? Ah-

Speaker 3: What I, what I'm looking for is, we have nominees from their respective boards. Ultimately I would like to act on those nominees so that the committee can begin on its work.

Speaker 4: Yeah.

Speaker 3: That would be the first thing. The second thing I would like to do is open for discussion whether or not you want to revisit the charge of the committee and revisit, and/or revisit the composition of the committee. So I guess I'm looking for three things.

Paul: M- Mrs. Schultz, uh, Kirsten Larson Schultz is the person who, uh, sent me the note. She's a member of the business association. So I think under the current charge, I don't, uh, I know that Jim Bettor sometimes comes, uh, as a member of the EDC, uh, and sometimes the business association, uh, just sends somebody, uh, if he's not available. So, um, she would fit neatly into several categories because she's a resident and also active in the business association.

Speaker 3: And Gary-

Speaker 4: Who-

Speaker 3: I'm sorry.

Speaker 4: Are we, we-

Paul: And Gary Stevens as well.

Speaker 3: Right.

Speaker 4: Is there any reason why we can't have more people that want to serve?

Paul: No.

Speaker 4: She wants to serve?

Paul: One thing you might consider doing to the charge is amending it to include, uh, for example, up to X number of people, however you feel that is, in order to improve participation, you know. Instead of, instead of making it so narrowly detailed into these various categories, you know, keep the cate, categories maybe and then add, you know, the catch-all at, as many at-large residents who may express from time to time an interest in participating in the committee.

Speaker 4: I mean does ... Jim still wants to serve, right?

Paul: I believe he does.

Speaker 4: Yeah.

Paul: And so does Gary.

Speaker 4: Yeah.

Paul: But I- I think that Ms. Schultz would be, in addition to the other people who've applied, I think Ms. Schultz would be a great addition.

Speaker 4: Yeah.

Paul: And I see no reason to limit it, and frankly don't understand, I, I suppose the rationale at the time, if my memory serves, was that we didn't want the committee to get too large, but given that people have so many, I mean, the, these people are business people so they're out making money. That's a good thing. So they don't have time, every meeting, to come. So the more people we appoint, the better participation we get.

Speaker 3: We ... Yes?

Speaker 5: I agree, larger. I mean, I'm, I don't have an issue, specifically with the three nominees that are on, that're up on paper. On, on and in front of us. However, I just want to make a note, that they're all from the planning board. So it's almost like having a mini-planning board.

Speaker 4: You, I mean, you, we gotta take who wants to serve. So, I mean, first of all, we'd like to have this new person, I don't know her, she's from the business community, great.

Paul: I- I've met her.

Speaker 4: I mean-

Paul: She's very competent.

Speaker 4: Excellent. I mean, that's not just-

Speaker 5: No, no. I, I'm, and, I, I'm really happy that someone's-

Speaker 4: Yeah. Let's not discourage her-

Speaker 5: Someone's, I'm not discouraging it-

Speaker 4: Yeah.

Speaker 5: I actually have talked to the, uh, Northhampt, uh.

Speaker 4: But I would-

Speaker 5: Northampton Business.

Speaker 4: I would also say-

Speaker 5: Association myself to encourage them.

Speaker 4: Having served on the committee, um, I can tell you that my, my attendance wasn't great, um, being a business person. So I think additional people like this lady or, um, I didn't know we didn't have any Heritage representation. And it seems to me that, um, it's probably not a, I'm not saying it's an oversight, but I, I guess, it could be considered an oversight in the past. I don't, I don't think that we considered that economic development would be centered around, or have anything to do with heritage, but in fact it probably does.

Speaker 3: Paul.

Paul: Sir?

Speaker 3: Um, the nominees we have, sans Ms. Monahan at the moment, we, uh, I think we should consider that separately because that includes having an extra seat at the table. Can you, um, can you repeat for the community who-

Paul: Kristen, um. And Kristen, I apologize. Kristen, married name Schultz-

Speaker 3: Mm-hmm (affirmative)
Paul: And, uh, I believe Dan Darby and also-
Speaker 4: Derby.
Paul: Phil Wilson.
Speaker 3: Right.
Paul: Dan Derby.
Speaker 3: That's quite all right.

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Paul: -and also Phil Wilson.
Black shirt: Right.
Paul: Dan Derby.
Black shirt: [inaudible 00:50:03] Um, so- so we have two nominees right now, Phil Wilson and Dan Derby. Those are the two nominated people and we have th-this last woman who has come in, who has volunteered.
Paul: Yes.
Black shirt: Would you like to consider those 3 now to the committee?
blue shirt: We have no limit about how many people to serve, right?
Kathy: Um ...
Paul: If you want to be- if you want to be procedural the charge had laid specifically what the membership should be.
blue shirt: [00:50:30] Okay.
Paul: So if I were you, I would move to amend the charge ...
blue shirt: Right.

Paul: And change, uh, the membership element number five to read, "As many at large residents of the town who many express an interest from time to time in serving." Because right now it says, "And an at large resident of the town," which was then modified 2 weeks- 2 weeks later to say, "2". But, so I think you should just include that and then appoint residents, you know, f- as you've just suggested.

blue shirt: [00:51:00] So would that-that would be 3.

Paul: Right.

blue shirt: And then we can consider the heritage thing separately.

Paul: But if you get three or four people who say, "You know, I'd really like to get involved in economic development," why-why preclude them? Just put them on the committee.

blue shirt: No, I agree. I agree.

Paul: Right.

Kathy: I'm not saying that.

Paul: No, I know. I'm just saying that's a great idea. I'm agreeing with you.

Kathy: So ... Um, Ms. Schultz, who's, uh, nominated, I mean has, uh, expressed, uh, desire in- to be a participant in the Economic Development Committee. Um, is she gonna be the representative for North Hampton Business Association or is she going to be-

blue shirt: [00:51:30] At large.

Kathy: A new position?

Paul: At large. Cause we already have-

Kathy: So-

Paul: We already have somebody from the Business Association.

Kathy: Who's the person from the Business Association if you don't mind me asking?

Black shirt: Gary Stevens.

Paul: Gary Stevens. Yeah. And then Jim Better comes sometimes too.

Kathy: [00:52:00] Okay. I'm just going to express my concerns from last meeting. I mean, we have a core of people that have been part of this committee almost from the inception, and maybe they're not meeting at the right time, but it's a very important- it can be a very important part of this town.

blue shirt: Yeah. So-

Kathy: And it should be taken seriously.

blue shirt: Why are we not taking it seriously?

Kathy: Well, I see for 4 years th- I mean they barely met. I- I ...

Black shirt: [00:52:30] So if we could- if we can move on now to appoint to- to reconstituting the committee and sending them forth I am certain that these folks will meet, um, as they have expressed the desire to do so. The only thing I'd like to add is, um-

Kathy: I'd uh- I have one question from Paul.

Black shirt: Oh.

Kathy: Paul, d- um, how long was the, um, the notice up? It looked like channel 22 didn't go online until Friday? And it-

Black shirt: [00:53:00] I po- we posted on the website, uh, I think the Wednesday after you met on Tuesday. Um, I think they ... And that goes out in an email blast. Uh, I think, uh, I'm not sure when it went on channel 22. Uh, it may have gone on that Friday, and then it went out. It did not go out on the Friday folders, uh, June 2nd. It went out on June 9th.

blue shirt: [00:53:30] But we're not limiting this participation-

Kathy: All right.

blue shirt: -So we can put these people in and if somebody else comes forward, if they want to participate, wonderful. This is not limiting anything, right?

Black shirt: I would just like to throw in there that I have a concern about making it a limitless committee. Limited- limitless by number.

blue shirt: W- wouldn't that be a nice to problem to have to handle?

Black shirt: [00:54:00] Yes, but if- but if you have 37 people on the committee, which it would be great to have that many volunteers.

blue shirt: Let's- let's get there and then we'll have a- something to fix.

Black shirt: Okay.

blue shirt: We- I don't think we've ever had a problem with too many volunteers. If we get there we will have done something new.

Black shirt: We'll have done something new. Okay. So, then, let me backtrack and suggest that we take up what Paul suggested first, and that's changing the composition of the committee, which now again consists of one Select Board Member, one Planning Board Member, a Member of the Business Association as a resident, executive director of [Rocky and planning 00:54:34] commissioner's designee (inhales), and an at-large resident, making 5 on the committee.

[00:54:30] The suggestion then is to change at-large residents and at-large residents, Paul, how did you state it?

Paul: As many at-large residents of the town as may from time to time express an interest in serving.

Black shirt: Right. What does the group think of that suggestion as a change to the composition?

blue shirt: [00:55:00] I'll make a motion to that end.

Black shirt: Is there a second?

Kathy: I'll second that.

Black shirt: Discussion? No disc-

Kathy: Uh, no there is a discussion.

Black shirt: Okay.

Kathy: Um, so are we going to actively continue to post that?

Paul: Uh, if that is the board's desire we'll do that.

Kathy: Can you give me the- [inaudible 00:55:29] ... We can either talk about it here, or we can talk about it in my agenda item. Can you give me the exact areas of where it will be posted?

Paul: [00:55:30] Generally we would, uh, post, uh, on the Economic Development Committee page. Uh, it usually also goes on the Select Board page. Um, most recently, uh, I believe they decided to do a red bar, which is an option, but a red bar is kind of like you- you can see I've sort of highlighted this now. The problem with a red bar is it's like a flashing sign on the highway. At some point you just stop looking at it. So, um, you know I'm not sure that it makes a lot of sense to

do that forever and ever. Then we put it in the, uh, uh, Friday folders, which goes out on Friday mornings, and um, you know if we want to do a crawler on channel 22 we can, but again, I think, you know, you should use that with some sparing ... You know do it, and then stop doing it and then do it again, because people get used to seeing it and then they ignore it.

blue shirt: [00:56:30] But it's there now or was?

Paul: It is- it's my understanding it happened while I was away. My understanding is that it was there.

blue shirt: It's not there now.

Paul: I don't know.

blue shirt: So if we let it go for a few days and put it back.

Paul: Right.

Kathy: (clears throat)

Black shirt: Okay, so we have a motion by Mr. Miller, second was by Miss Killgore. We're having discussion.

Kathy: So can I have- so can I have a commitment that it will be on all the ap- all those venues?

Paul: [00:57:00] That's- yes. That's what- that's ... The question is of course timing.

Kathy: Yeah, but you don't do the email blast.

Paul: We do. Yeah. Jan does the email blast too.

Kathy: I'm gonna- I mean, I'll just bring this up and we can table it until the end to my agenda item, but I mean on, um, on other towns around us, and communities around us, they actually have a button on their homepage that talks about volunteering opportunities.

Paul: [00:57:30] We could add a button. Happy to do that.

Kathy: More visibility. Rye does it. [Exitor 00:57:37] does it.

Paul: Yep. We could add a button.

blue shirt: Good.

Kathy: Along with that, we can talk about it at the end. I have some other ideas that [crosstalk 00:57:45]-

blue shirt: Can you expand the- can you expand the number of buttons up there or not?

Paul: Um ...

blue shirt: Is that going to be too much?

Paul: If you do you're gonna ... We're probably at the maximum number of buttons, but we've got t- we've got ... For example I've got the town meeting button that's usually only active during town meeting season. That can come off. I just haven't done it yet. Um, so we've got- we've got capacity.

Kathy: [00:58:00] So is Phil Wilson the Planning Board rep?

Black shirt: Um, Phil Wilson ... Let me go back to my committee. Phil Wilson is the Planning Board rep.

Kathy: And Dan Derby is just citizen at-large?

Black shirt: Citizen at-large.

Speaker 5: [inaudible 00:58:29]

Black shirt: No?

Speaker 5: [inaudible 00:58:29]

Black shirt: Alternate. Thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Kathy: [00:58:30] So does any of the other boards have an alternate?

Black shirt: Any of the other boards? Planning Board has an alternate.

Paul: I think the- I think that was done, wasn't it, as an accommodation because Mr. Wilson was going to be in and out of town.

blue shirt: That was just because he had to be out of town.

Kathy: Okay.

Paul: Yeah.

blue shirt: We're just doing the construction right now, not the- who's going to be populating it, right? That was my motion.

Black shirt: Yeah, the motion now is just the- the- just populating the- the committee.

Kathy: [00:59:00] Right.

Black shirt: Okay. And again, Paul, I tried to write it down but there's not enough room here. We are saying as many people as come forward for at-large.

Paul: Correct.

Black shirt: Okay. Any further discussion on that?

Kathy: No further discussion.

Black shirt: No? All- all in favor? Miller and Killgore. Opposed? And that's- no it's okay. And that's Majorie. My opposition is that I'm concerned about having an unlimited number of people on there, although I welcome as many people. I just see we're going to have an issue if we're doing this every single week, which would be an interesting problem to have, but I see it as becoming an issue if we have no cap on the number of people. My only objection.

[00:59:30] So, that is approved 2-1. Um ... Shoot. Did we consider in there expanding this to include a member of the Heritage Commission?

blue shirt: No. Not yet.

Black shirt: [01:00:00] Okay.

blue shirt: [crosstalk 01:00:01]

Black shirt: Should that be the next piece of discussion?

blue shirt: I'll make a motion-

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Larry: [crosstalk 01:00:01]

Black shirt: Should that be the next piece of discussion?

Larry: I'll make a motion we include, uh, uh, a member to sh- sent by the Heritage Commission. One.

Black shirt: One member. Is there a second to that motion? I will second that motion for discussion. So move to include one member of Heritage. Is there a discussion on that?

Larry: [01:00:30] I think it would be wise to include Heritage on economic development in town. Exactly what the consequences would be--I can't imagine that they would be bad, but I think that not having them there is probably not good. So I'd rather expand it to as many people as--as I un- understand you don't agree--as many people at large want to participate, but also to have a key ingredient is the heritage of our town. That's why.

Black shirt: [01:01:00] Okay. I- I- I think it's a valuable idea if we- if we look at the, uh, long-range planning for the town. If you look at the history of the town we do consider, we do value our heritage and how that applies into town, or how that affects many of the things in town. So I have no objection to there being one member from the Heritage Commission. That said, is there further discussion on now we're only considering the expansion of the committee by that one member. Is there further discussion on that? Hearing none. All in favor. And that's 3-0. Okay. Thank you.

[01:01:30] Okay, so that then brings us to our, um, brings us to our nominees. I'm going to look, maybe this is taken out of order, but, um ... Well, we have the 3 nominees: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Derby, and Miss Shultz?

Larry: [01:02:00] Schultz.

Black shirt: Miss Schultz. Thank you. We have those 3 nominees. Um, do we also have the nominee from the heritage commission still willing to serve? Okay I have a nod of heads. So, okay. So, I would ask the board to consider ... Uh, do we want to consider the nominees one at a time or as a package?

Larry: Um, I'll make a motion that we, uh, include- that we vote to, uh, nominate the following people to the Economic Development Committee. Um, Wilson ...

Paul: [01:02:30] Derby, Schultz.

Larry: Derby and Schultz.

Paul: And Monahan.

Larry: Schultz. And Monahan from Heritage.

Black shirt: Just to- just to add to that, if you'll consider from the amendment, these were all one year terms. That was the original charge, all one year terms. Are we all agreeable to that?

Kathleen: [01:03:00] Yes, one year terms. That would be acceptable.

Black shirt: Okay, so that- so that remains the same.

Kathleen: Right.

Black shirt: Okay.

Kathleen: And can that be posted on the website? I mean, we're- I know boards we have our expiration, our term expirations, but we're not really consistent with that on committees, and I think that's something we should step up a little bit.

Paul: Yeah, we can post that.

Kathleen: And then I think--well, we'll talk about it. It- the other agenda item.

Black shirt: [01:03:30] So the motion then is to accept all 4 nominees. Is there a second to that? I will second that for further discussion. Is there-

Larry: Oh, move.

Black shirt: [inaudible 01:03:41] Is there discussion on the 4 nominees? No? Uh, all in favor then, please raise you hand for the 4 nominees. That's ... And opposed? Abstaining? Opposed. Okay, so it's Miller, Majorie 2, and Killgore against. Okay. So that motion passes.

[01:04:00] Um, the last thing that we have in there, then, if I may take it up is item 13.2, revisit the charge of the Economic Developing Committee. Is the board willing to revisit the charge so that we send these people to proper task. Would you like me to read the charge? I shall read the charge.

It says, "The North Hampton Economic Development Committee is a committee created by the Select Board to advise and assist the board in accomplishing the objectives of the town for economic development. The EDC shall be responsible for promoting the economic prosperity of the town through identifying and soliciting appropriate business development; encouraging job creation and retention and increasing the tax base; and considering any project, program, or activity the EDC shall balance proposed revenues with any direct or indirect costs, including possible burdens on services which- which such development may impose upon the town. The committee shall perform such other duties as prescribed by Federal, State and local law, and may receive staff support by the- from the departments of the town or other public non-profit and private entities as the Select Board shall authorize."

[01:05:00] It's, uh ... Okay. That is the charge of the Economic Development Committee. To what pleasure- to what end does the board- would the board like to discuss the charge. Or are we good with the charge?

Larry: [01:05:30] I didn't put- No, no. Who- Did you put it on there?

Kathleen: Yeah, I did put it on there.

Larry: Okay.

Kathleen: Um ... I just think it could be phrased not so ... It seems so restrictive.

Black shirt: [01:06:00] Okay. Do you have a proposed-

Kathleen: I don't actually have a proposed writing. I've done a lot of research, um, on towns around us. Um, it- It just seems so harsh to a certain extent. It's not ... It doesn't ... It doesn't mention what ... My concern is it- it- it seems leery about what economic development can bring to our town, and it doesn't really speak to how having a healthy economic center what it- what assets it could bring to our town.

Black shirt: [01:07:00] Okay.

Kathleen: It seems harsh. Um, it seems unfriendly. It seems rigid. It seems status quo to what has happened for 4 years, which has been nothing. I mean, nothing's really happened. I'm not- I'm not criticizing the people that have been involved in the process. I'm just criticizing that nothing's really come out of it.

Black shirt: [01:07:30] Okay. Paul, you looked anxious to add something.

Paul: Well, I- I ... So I think public- I think public sessions are designed to get, you know, some work done, and I think that a proposal should be before the board, and I think Mrs. Killgore has identified some- perhaps some deficiencies in the charge, and I, you know, I'm also conscious of the fact that we have people in the audience who are, you know, who are being paid by the town, and they're here, and I'd like to get them on so that I can get them off and stop paying them to be here. So, I'm suggesting that if we had a draft to consider we could put that on the agenda for the 26th, and just make a quick vote of it. Cause I mean-

Kathleen: [01:08:00] I will volunteer to put my research into a draft.

Black shirt: Okay. Larry? You waiting for the [crosstalk 01:08:25]

Larry: Just waiting for the last motorcycle to go by.

Black shirt: Okay.

Larry: When is the first meeting of the Economic Development Committee?

Paul: [01:08:30] They were supposed to meet after, uh, the fellow from Portsmouth had retired, and uh, I think that's June the 30th. So I think we weren't planning on a meeting until after June 30th. Um, I need to talk with Gary about that. Gary is

the chair. So, my understanding was that we weren't going to try for a meeting until after July 1st.

Larry: I mean it- the present charge was produced by a Select Board, right?

Paul: Yes.

Black shirt: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Larry: Okay. A previous Select Board. 5 years ago or 4 years ago. Suppose we ask them for their ideas of what actually they think they're supposed to do.

Black shirt: [01:09:00] As the EDC?

Larry: Yeah.

Black shirt: [inaudible 01:09:14] what they would do.

Larry: And then see how that jives with what Kathleen wants to do, because if we're going to tell them something that we want them to do and that's not what they're thinking of. Maybe we should ask them what you want- what you think economic development is going to look like, or- and what it takes to do that, rather than tell them, uh, all due respect to Kathy, I- I've served on it and I- I agree. We talked a lot of things, but actually what turned into something concrete was not much.

Black shirt: [01:09:30] Kathy, thoughts on having the- having both the committee and you work on drafts that might ducktail?

Kathleen: Yes.

Black shirt: Okay. Cause one suggestion I would have is to say something like "consistent with the town master plans," so that there is inclusion of the town master plan. Maybe that's the dumbest-

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Speaker 1: ... the town master plan, so that there's inclusion of the town master plan. Maybe that's the dumbest idea ever, but ... um, but yeah, if- if you're, if you're fine with that, Paul, maybe you can, uh, you can include that in your conversation with Gary? Sir?

Speaker 2: I don't think we've discussed anything that needs a motion. We have a volunteer. Okay. Great. Thank you. So moving on then to ... um, this brings us to new business. Discussion of the town [reval 01:10:35]. Mr. Marsh has been patient with us all evening, and we thank him for that, and I have asked him to, uh, include something in that reval discussion which, uh, which I appreciate you expanding on.

Mr Marsh: [01:10:30] Sure. Um, as you're probably aware, the constitution requires that values are new or taken at least every five years. Uh, 2018 is the year that you guys are due. The last one was done in 2013.

Speaker 5: [01:11:00] Fiscal?

Mr Marsh: Yes. Um, well, actually the tax year. It would be April, as of April 1st, 2018. Um, currently we do what's called quarterly reviews, or cyclical reviews of property, where we go and visit 20, 25% of the properties each year to verify the data. Um ... what the chairman was speaking about is, we're starting a new process where we're sending out postcards to give people an opportunity, a notice that we are coming. You know, we'll be in that area, those type of things, and give them an opportunity to contact us for, if for some reason they don't want us to come to their property. But it's mainly just to ... another ... another method to get it out there so people know who we are and what we're doing in the area, as we're walking around properties.

Um, as it is, reevaluation year's coming up, uh, you have a couple of options available. Um ... we can assist with an [RFP 01:12:00] if you wanted to send it out to bid, or um, [MRI 01:12:05] has added staff and ... we now have the capability to do reevaluations for our client communities. We don't go to other communities and do them, but our own clients ... and process r- revals.

There also are two types of reevaluations. You have a full measure and list reevaluation, and y- you have what's called a statistical reevaluation, where sales for the two years prior to the reval are inspected and those are used as the benchmarks to adjust all the other properties in towns that haven't sold. Um, we are currently in the process of doing a reevaluation in [Rye 01:12:42], um, as we speak. And next year we have a couple of other towns, um, we have done Exeter and several other communities over the last few years.

Um, and I'm basically just looking to see what the board's ... pleasure would be, regarding on how you want to handle getting the reevaluation ... process started. [DRA 01:13:09] requires a separate contract before any reevaluation work is started. So ...

Speaker 2: [01:13:00] Scott, thank you. Paul?

Paul: In 2013, you sent it out to bid.

Speaker 1: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: You had a number of companies that put in bids for the statistical reval. The cost at that time was ... um, in the neighborhood of \$70,000. Uh, there was also a study done by, I think, Mr. Wilson and Mr. [Kutu 01:13:35], uh, balancing the the value of a full measure and list, which is where they go out and actually inspect every home, uh, at a substantial cost, approaching several hundred thousand dollars- I think \$200,000. Um, with a statistical review and- and my recollection of that is that, uh, that it, that they concluded it was not worth the additional money to do a full measure and list. That was, uh, the conclusion, I think, in 2013 or 2014- 2013.

[01:14:00] Um, my understanding is that MRI's proposed ... cost for doing this task is substantially less than what ... um, the companies who bid four years ago ... uh, were proposing to do then. Um ...

Speaker 1: Which is what? Measure and list, or ...

Paul: No, a- a statistical review. Um, Scott, what ... uh, help me with the number. Do- do you remember-

Mr Marsh: It's a little, uh, less than 50.

Paul: Less than \$50,000 to do the statistical review. Uh, there would be some additional work by town staff, that last time was done by [Vision 01:14:42]. Mailing cards and things like that.

Mr Marsh: [01:14:30] Yeah, basically we put all the packets together, but the town actually does the mailings themselves.

Paul: I don't think that additional ... mailing cost would account for \$20,000. Um ... but so you, th- the decision, I- I supposed there's several decision points. The first is, do you want to do a full measure and list? If the answer to that question is yes, then we need to do an RFP ...

Mr Marsh: [01:15:00] Correct. And we do not have the staff to do a full measure and list, because that's all done within one year.

Paul: Right. Or, we do- we continue on with the statistical review, and ... do you want to go out for another RFP as we did in '13, or do you want our assessing contractor to do the work?

Speaker 8: Quick question.

Paul: I'm sorry?

Speaker 8: [01:15:30] So you don't ... you don't do measure and list.

Mr Marsh: We don't do full measure and list reevaluations. We measure and list properties, 25% a year, but to ... we don't have the staff to ...

Speaker 8: Right.

Mr Marsh: ... do the whole town in one year.

Speaker 8: Right.

Speaker 2: Paul, how much do we have in the fund for this?

Paul: Um, just over \$70,000. [crosstalk 01:15:53] We've been saving, we- there was a warrant, I mean a fund, created several years ago by a warrant article so that we can ... save for this every year, rather than having to pay for it all at once.

Speaker 2: [01:16:00] Scott, thank you on that. Um, questions for Mr. Marsh?

Speaker 6: Suppose you could do this, and we agree to it, when would you start and when would you finish? Five- five years or four years?

Mr Marsh: No, this reevaluation has to be completed by September 1st of 2018. We need to have these new values in place for your MS1 of next year.

Speaker 6: [01:16:30] So you're going to do 20% of the town.

Mr Marsh: We do 20% of the town each year, currently.

Speaker 6: Right.

Mr Marsh: And that's an ongoing process, along with the building permits and things. So we would continue that. If the town decides they want to do the reval, we will start measuring and listing the sale properties now, and all the way up til next April, we'll be visiting, and crunching numbers, and coming up with that ... and all that information comes back to the board before it gets released out to the public. Then there's an informal hearing period where people can come in and meet with us, and those type of things.

Speaker 2: [01:17:00] Thoughts, then, on ... the reval, um, full measure and list versus the statistical?

Speaker 7: I have a question.

Mr Marsh: Sure.

Speaker 7: Um ... so I'm actually one of the ones that got a notice, the little card saying ...

Mr Marsh: Sure.

Speaker 7: ... full- full measure and list. Um, and then you mentioned that ... building. So do you go out with building permits?

Mr Marsh: Yeah, it's, uh, yeah. All the per-

Speaker 7: Is that just new construction, or is that renovation-

Mr Marsh: [01:17:30] Anyone that gets issued a building permit, we do view those as well. And again, it's all the way up to April 1st. People who just got a building permit now, we may not see til later in the fall or early next year.

Speaker 7: Okay. Do we adjust, um, at the time of sale?

Mr Marsh: We correct any deficiencies, uh, that we find, but we don't ... adjust it to put it in like with, say, what it sold for. We just correct physical data descriptions.

Speaker 7: Oh, so ... oh, uh ...

Mr Marsh: [01:18:00] So say I went there and there was a deck that wasn't there.

Speaker 7: Yeah.

Mr Marsh: And it sold for \$300,000 more than we have it assessed for.

Speaker 7: Right.

Mr Marsh: All I do is list the deck.

Speaker 7: Okay.

Mr Marsh: I don't change the assessment to put it in line with what it just sold for. That's what the reevaluation is for.

Speaker 7: Is there a reason why we don't do that? Is there-

Mr Marsh: Because it- it would be treating that property differently than all the other properties in town that didn't sell. So we try to ... keep equity, is what we're trying to do, and that's where your equalization ratio and statistics that we provide to you each year, that the state does ... tell you whether or not you're maintaining that equity, so that everybody's paying a proportional share.

Speaker 7: [01:18:30] Okay.

Speaker 6: what- you mentioned you were Rye?

Mr Marsh: Yes.

Speaker 6: What did they choose?

Mr Marsh: Well, we're doing a statistical reval there.

Speaker 6: Starting when?

Mr Marsh: Uh, we started last fall. We're at the place where we're getting really close to providing numbers to the board of selectmen, so they can review them. Once they're comfortable with it, and they can ask their questions, we will then send them out to the public and have our informal hearings.

Speaker 7: [01:19:00] Do they- do ... a question, maybe you don't know the answer, um, does Rye do what we do? You just, uh, do they just, um, adjust for the physical changes at a sale, or do they adjust ...

Mr Marsh: Well, yeah, at- for the ... when we ... for the reval ...

Speaker 7: Yeah.

Mr Marsh: ... we are correcting everything, and-

Speaker 7: Right, oh, I understand that-

Mr Marsh: ... we're recording the values.

Speaker 7: ... but during-

Mr Marsh: For the non-reval, yes. Yeah, that's the process throughout the state, is you're not supposed to adjust the sale properties to make them any different than other properties that haven't sold.

Paul: [01:19:30] And who- who makes those rules?

Mr Marsh: Uh, that would be the DRA, is the ones, the governing body. Department of Revenue.

Speaker 7: Um, when was the last time we had a full list? Uh, believe me, I don't like the cost of it-

Speaker 1: Full measure and list?

Speaker 7: Yeah.

Speaker 6: Full measure and list, I have no idea.

Speaker 7: Was it when the ... when the law changed?

Mr Marsh: 2003, maybe? Uh, it's before I started here. We've been doing the cyclical process since we've started, and I know that was at least 2008.

Paul: [01:20:00] Not within anyone's mem-

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Speaker 1: I know that was at least 2008.

Paul: Not within anyone's memory ...

Female: Okay.

Paul: At present. Except for maybe Jan.

Speaker 4: So ... Um ... With this discussion, you are looking for guidance from us about which direction we should take ... Which direction would that the board would like to take. And as such, we have to consider whether or not we're gonna go out and stay consistent with what we've done or go out for the full measure and list, at which would require an RFP.

Female: [01:20:30] The ... The statistical re-eval doesn't ... require

Paul: You have ... You have ... You have the option to do an RFP on both.

Speaker 4: Right. We have the option to do it on both ... Excuse me.

Paul: I would say this, uh, you don't have the money to do a measure and list.

Speaker 4: Which is where I was going ... I, so ...

Paul: So, as much as I want to give you that choice, unless you wanted to go and take it out of the fund balance, you don't have the money to do that. Um, so I think the real choice is, I think you want to do a statistical re-eval, but the question is do you want to go out to bid like you did last time in '13 and solicit bids, or do you want to go with MRI at a substantially reduced cost? Um ...

[01:21:00] There are benefits and pluses ... Benefits and mi ... And, and, and whatever the other word is ... I'm losing my mind. But, uh, the fact is, is that, one advantage of going out to bid is that you get some distance between your assessing contractor and the values. You know, you get some synergy between those two companies and some, and some independence. So that's an

advantage, that's a benefit of going with an RFP. It's also consistent with our policy when we spend lots of money.

[01:22:00] Um, on the other hand, uh, it's a lot less than what we had anticipated. We had been planning on a price of between 70 and 80,000, and they're very familiar with the town and know where, if you'll pardon the phrase, all the bodies are buried, and so, you know, they, they can do a good job in that way. So it's really, it's really a policy judgment on your part.

Speaker 4: Watch Boston and an RFP and include them.

Paul: We can do that.

Female: Yeah, I think I'd like to see an RFP just to be consistent with our policies. Um, and our checks and balance. The offer, I mean, their price will still be on the table, right?

Paul: Okay.

Moderator: [01:22:30] You need a motion for that, Paul?

Paul: Is there any ob ... is there any objection to doing an RFP?

Moderator: I see none. You have consensus.

Paul: I will draft an RFP.

Speaker 1: If I may, Paul, I probably have them already set up, if you'd like me to send you some samples.

Paul: Yeah, we should talk. I think I have one from the last time.

Speaker 1: Yeah, probably from the last time ... And there really hasn't been any changes, so ... Thank you very much guys.

Paul: Thank you.

Female: Thank you.

Moderator: Okay. So, that was item 13.1. 13.2 is the revisit of charge EDC ... We did that. And I will move to remove item 13.3, review/ratify a [Barneysman 01:23:16] process, and Move that off of our new business until our meeting on June 26. Would anybody like to second that?

Speaker 4: [01:23:00] You can do it by yourself.

Paul: [01:23:30] You can.

Moderator: I can?

Paul: You don't need a motion ... If they don't like it, they can overrule you.

Moderator: There we go. So it's till the 26th ... And I will send that around and include the Heritage Commission.

Okay ... Moving on ... Item 13.4 ... Discussion of town administrators' meeting with [Laura Deemer 01:23:49], FB Environmental, regarding Apple Avenue suspected contamination ... Paul?

Paul: [01:24:00] So I think you guys know that there are a couple of hot spots around town where there appears to be greater concentrations of, uh, bacterial contamination in the surface water. One of those hot spots is near the Appledore neighborhood.

The Conservation Commission had asked for you to approach the Hampton Select Board about a joint solution to this hot spot. Then we found a map of their sewer system, which appears to serve all of the houses in that area. Uh, Mr. [Kroner 01:24:27] suggested that may or may not be the case ... Uh, so [Laura Deemer 01:30:03] is gonna revise her proposed scope of testing to include testing in Hampton, and my hope is that the Conservation Commission will then request you to ask Hampton for permission to test within Hampton, and to ask whether all of those homes are served by the sewer system, or not.

[01:24:30] If they are, and the contamination drops off as you move into Hampton, then the reasonable conclusion is, is that Hampton is not really adding much to the contamination, because they have a closed sewer system, and we're not seeing significant contamination, as we move through that neighborhood, uh, in a southerly way.

[01:25:00] On the other hand, if not all of those homes are served by the sewer, or we see contamination pretty consistent, then we may have a problem, either with their sewer system, in addition to our own homes ... I think we clearly have an idea that some of those septic systems aren't being properly maintained ... In which case we would then ask for them to enter into a joint solution with us. So that's the proposal going to conservation ... It's a little bit more ... It's a little bit more distinctive than what they had suggested when you tabled it last time, and Laura will be making that proposal to conservation tomorrow.

Moderator: [01:25:30] Thank you. Questions for Paul about that? Okay. We'll move on. Um, item 13.5 is the discussion of appointment to Capital Improvement Committee. I have an email from Cynthia Swank, and I know Paul ... has ... and I have an email from Nancy Monaghan, and I have confirmation from Paul there are no openings on CIP ... It is a full committee.

Paul: [01:26:00] I confirm nothing because I don't know, but Ms. Swank and Ms. Monaghan, I think are both convinced that there is no opening ... Is that the case?

Speaker 5: [01:26:30] Ms. Swank is ...

Paul: Ms. Swank is convinced that there is no opening on CIP. We did have ... So we have Mr. Stanton's interest, and we also have Mr. Bottomly, who's well known in town, who indicated an interest to serve.

Moderator: So, I will pose a couple of questions before the board, and these mirror what we just did with EDC. Is the board, uh ... Would the board like to consider that we have two more volunteers to the committee, and increase the number of people who serve on it, or would the board like to recognize that the committee is full, thank those who have applied, and say we hope that you will consider participation in the future, but right now, the committee is full? What is the pleasure of the board?

Female: [01:27:00] How did we not ... How ... Why did we think there was an open slot on the committee?

Paul: The suggestion was made, and then we, you know, candid ...

Female: [01:27:30] And we didn't do our due diligence to check back and forth?

Paul: Well, I wouldn't quite put it that way, Mrs. Kilgore, in light of the heat of the evening, but, uh, I think it's a fair point ... Uh ... That's quite right ... Um ... And uh ... I think that, candidly, we simply took as true that there was an opening, and that was a mistake ... We shouldn't have done that.

Moderator: I think that the ... I think what had happened was ... We had replacements on those com ... on that committee for two gentlemen who have, or for a gentleman who has since passed away. And similarly to EDC, I think we recognized that, um, that ... that change might have created an opening ... Um, yes? Nancy Mon ... Oh, Nancy Monaghan would like to speak. Is there any objection to Nancy Monaghan speaking?

Female: [01:28:00] Nope.

Moderator: Okay.

Nancy Monahan: The um ... There are eight members of the Capital Improvements Committee ... And in the pa ... There ... There were a lot of changeover last year, so I'm sure that that's how things got, uh, a little mixed up, but in the past, the CIP has had, like every other committee, an uneven number. Right now we have eight, so I think the expectation was that there maybe used to be nine ... Uh, somehow a seat didn't get filled along the way, but I can't be sure. Ms. Swank is the arbiter

of this, but my point is there are eight on the Capital Improvements Committee ... an even number.

Moderator: Thank you for that input. And anybody who's curious, Nancy Monaghan, Cynthia Swank, James Sununu, Judy Day, Shep Kroner, [Vicki 01:29:22] Jones, Kathy Kilgore, and Laurel Pohl are the members of the committee.

Speaker 4: How many did we have the year before?

Moderator: [01:29:00] Um ...

Paul: I don't know right off the top of my head. I think we had nine ... But you know what? While you're talking, I can look up the CIP and see the signature page.

Female: [01:29:30] Can we go over who's the representative of what?

Moderator: Yes. I have Nancy Monaghan as the Planning Board Representative, I have Cynthia Swank as the nominee from the Planning Board, James Sunu ... I'm sorry, I'm going quickly ...

Paul: So we have Cynthia Swank, community member, Nancy Monaghan, Planning Board Rep., Shep Kroner, Community Member, James Sinunu, School Board Rep., Judy Day, Library Trustee Rep., [Missing Audio 01:30:03].

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Paul: Jameson a new school board rep. Judy Day library trustee rep. Vic-, Vicky Jones, uh, community member. Laurel Pull budget committee representative. And Ms. Kilgore is the select board representative. And ...

Speaker 2: Was there fr-, somebody from Heritage?

Speaker 3: Well, it, it appear, it, it's possible that Vicky Jones replaced Dicky Garnett as the bud com citizen rep and it's possible that Shep replaced the [crosstalk 01:30:31]

Paul: [01:30:30] That's the open seat, that's the open seat. There should be a little Boar's Head representative.

Speaker 3: The little Boar's Head representative is not on there.

Speaker 2: That's why.

Speaker 3: That would be nine.

Paul: Oh, you're right.

Speaker 3: That would be nine. And we do not-

Heather: And do they know that they should have a rep there?

Speaker 3: Well, Dicky did, but-

Speaker 2: Dicky did. None of these people are in Little Boar's Head.

Heather: [crosstalk 01:30:49]

Speaker 2: Am, am I correct on that?

Paul: Uh-

Speaker 2: None of these people live in Little Boar's Head. So, um-

Paul: There were eight on the, there were eight on the committee last year.

Speaker 3: [01:31:00] Who's-

Heather: And Little Boar's Head didn't participate last year?

Paul: No.

Speaker 2: Oh, boy. Uh-oh. Do you have the original charge of the-

Paul: I don't.

Speaker 3: I don't have CIP with me.

Speaker 2: We should start with the original skeleton. The CIP is currently meeting, or it has met?

Speaker 3: [01:31:30] Well, it was-

Heather: It was an organizational meeting.

Speaker 2: Right. When does the CIP, uh, anticipate that they will begin on the, on the work again?

Heather: Friday, July 14th.

Speaker 2: July 14th.

Paul: No, I take it back. When Dicky was on, he was the bud com rep. So my-

Speaker 2: On citizens rep. And Shep must have replaced David O'Hare.

Paul: Shed did replace David O'Hare.

Speaker 2: Because who has-

Speaker 3: Who was in the-

Heather: So we have three community and then ...

Speaker 3: So we don't know-

Speaker 2: [01:32:00] So what we had in community, I'm sorry. What we had in community, uh, the people we had in community, Cynthia Swank, Shep Kroner, Vicky Jones, who h-, who we have in community.

Speaker 3: So the question is, does the board have a seat for the district?

Paul: Hold on.

Speaker 3: Don't know.

Speaker 2: Don't know. I do n-, I, I was going back and forth on this to, uh, to try to figure out where we had the opening and if we had an opening.

Speaker 3: I bet you we, I bet you it does and I bet it was [crosstalk 01:32:38]

Speaker 2: [01:32:30] And it's, and it's the Little Boar's Head representative. Um-

Heather: Can we, um, while we're talking about it, can we, I don't know if it's us or if it's Nancy. Can we reach out to Little Boar's Head? Because they should be a participant. They're part of our town.

Speaker 3: Well, I think we're gonna find out they are, but you're right, we should, we should-

Heather: Well, we should really encourage them to participate.

Speaker 3: [01:33:00] Oh, yeah, yeah.

Speaker 2: If there's no objection to that and, um, while I did hope to, uh, put this to bed this evening so that they can continue on, if we do not have a member from Little Boar's Head represented ed, represented here, it might be wise to table this until the next meeting, reach out to Little Boar's Head and ask them who

they'd like on the committee, unless there is strong objection to that, or any objection to that.

Heather: [01:33:30] I think we have time. Nancy, is that okay?

Speaker 2: And the b-, that one more person brings us to odd. For anybody watching who might not be aware, I mean, obviously we'd want an odd number because if we have a push, if we have an even number, motions fail, um, in that way. So by the odd number, unless somebody abstains, um-

Speaker 3: We make, we make it a goal to make sure that the next time to have a meeting that we fill this position, assuming we have a position to fill.

Speaker 2: Which would be July 14th.

Speaker 3: [01:34:00] Because we don't even know yet if we have a position to fill.

Speaker 2: So-

Heather: So our next meeting would be the 20-

Speaker 2: The 26th of June. So Paul, can we, can we do that? Can we, I would move then we table the discussion on the, on, on the CIP until and the nominee, move the discussion about the capital improvement committee until July, June 26th. Is that good Paul?

Paul: Sounds good to me.

Speaker 2: You're looking diligently.

Speaker 3: We want, we want to be able to vote on something on that day to get this thing over with.

Speaker 2: So, so then also, Paul, can you make sure that we reach out to Little Boar's Head. I don't know who the commissioner.

Heather: [01:34:30] It's Brian Goode.

Speaker 2: It's Brian Goode, thank you. Can we reach out to Brian Goode and, and tell him where, the quandary that we're in and ask him?

Paul: Sure thing.

Speaker 3: We don't even that if-

Speaker 2: If, if the-

Speaker 3: Right.

Speaker 2: If there is a position open. Unless there's objection.

Heather: Right, we don't know if there's a position open until we know-

Speaker 2: Right.

Heather: ... absolutely Little Boars Head.

Speaker 2: So we'll find that out first?

Paul: [01:35:00] Great.

Speaker 2: Okay. All right.

Speaker 3: (bell ringing) For whom the bell tolls.

Speaker 2: For whom the bell tolls. What's the next line?

Speaker 3: It tolls for thee.

Speaker 2: Item 13.6 is update from House representative Henry Marsh. Um, I do not see Henry Marsh here. I, I did reach out to him and I didn't hear back. Two things, I have one thing that I want to add there, unless, unless you guys have something that you were want to add first.

Speaker 3: To what, to 13.6?

Speaker 2: [01:35:30] To 13.6, yeah.

Speaker 3: Well, how are you gonna add it if he's not here?

Speaker 2: Uh, because it's, it's an update from Concord. May I add it now in that respect?

Speaker 3: Oh, oh, sure. I'm sorry.

Speaker 2: Um, because it's gonna give Paul and Hub some direction or a request at, at least from me, unless the board disagrees. Um, and I'll read this from the latest legislative bulletin. On Thursday, which would have been the first Thursday in June, the Senate concurred with amendments approved the House last week on Senate bill 38, providing \$36.8 million in additional highway and bridge funding for municipalities and SB57 providing 3.5 million in state aid grants funding for 19 municipal water and wastewater projects in 10 communities.

[01:36:00] And effectively what they have done is the, is the state wants to get that money off of their books. It's, I mean, uh, I'm not even gonna use the

analogy because it's a silly one, I think. But they want to get that money off the books and provide it to communities for this one time funding for, uh, highway projects or bridge projects. We don't fit into the 19 municipal water and wastewater projects and 10 municipalities, but they are bumping those up so that other things will move up the list. Both of those are beneficial.

[01:36:30] My ask it would have been to Henry, it still will be to Henry and to Senator Innis, it will also be to Paul and to Hub. How do we get onto that list so that we can possibly receive some of this funding?

Speaker 3: You mean for highways?

Speaker 2: [01:37:00] For the Highway Department. So is it possible to look into that? And I will certainly volunteer my time and efforts in every and any way I can to research the bill and provide all of that information, unless Hub has already done it.

Speaker 3: Okay.

Speaker 2: Any questions or comments on that?

Speaker 3: If you, if you had to pick one highway project, what would be at the top of your list? I know what mine would be. North Road, North Road and Route-

Speaker 2: [01:37:30] Oh, the, oh, the whole thing, North Road?

Speaker 3: Yeah.

Speaker 2: Oh.

Heather: North Road and Route 1?

Speaker 3: Yeah.

Heather: Well, it's on, it's slate, well, the bridge is slated for-

Speaker 3: '22.

Heather: ... either 2019, 2020. And at that time, and depending, we're gonna have a public hearing in October or November, um, depending on how we choose to go, um, there's only two options. You can either close Route 1 for, like, a three to four week span completely, or it can go three or four or five months with partial closure. Um, depending on how we go, though I don't think it depends on how we go, I think the state is talking about, they're going to, um, they're gonna move where North Road intersects on Route 1.

Speaker 3: [01:38:30] Right.

Heather: So the, the North Road that goes down into Rye, they're gonna push that further north.

Speaker 3: Right.

Heather: And then just slightly move the North Road going west.

Speaker 3: I guess what I'm getting at is if, if it's possible to, to move the funds along instead of waiting another few years-

Heather: So you meant to see if we could get the, those funds, get that moved up?

Speaker 3: Well, they haven't, they haven't bought the land in order to do those, those two road changes.

Heather: [01:39:00] Right.

Speaker 3: And if they don't ever get the land, there are never gonna be any road changes.

Speaker 2: And-

Heather: Um, the gentleman who came in and ran the public hearing, um, I was here for it. He said that, if, if he had, if we had any questions, if you, if we'd like him to come in and meet with us, he would. I mean, I don't know if it's a possibility, like you said.

Speaker 2: So maybe that in conjunction with this, let's see if we can put together an agenda item that will be inclusive of possibilities for this money and how they may be effectuated. Because I know the owner of the land, who I have spoken to several times, Mary Hale, is active in the, uh, in, in, in the progress that's going on here. And one of the considerations is to put the road right through the middle of her land.

Heather: [01:39:30] Oh, I know.

Speaker 2: Another, yeah, another consideration is to go around the other way. But I hear going around the other way is now less preferable than going right through the middle of the land. So, um, but yeah, so maybe if we can put this together in one neat bow for, for everybody to discuss.

Paul: [01:40:00] What about taking out the railroad bridge on-

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Chairman: For everybody to discuss.

Male Board 1: Well, taking out the railroad bridge on Atlantic Avenue.

Chairman: I was- that was number two, but no one said number two. So, you get the prize.

Ms. Kilgore: That's kind of a catch 22, if Rails to Trails goes through, how are you going to ... you're going to have Rails to Trails go across ...

Male Board 1: You can put, um, you can put basically you can put bars up. Um, there's more than one way to cross. You don't need a bridge. Um, in fact, a lot of the trails that I've ridden, they have- they have just bars. And a stop sign for the bikes and you're supposed to watch.

Chairman: [01:40:30] Right.

Paul: You're taking a lot of bridges out of main if you go up the other end of this and go into main ...

Ms. Kilgore: Mm-hmm (affirmative)-

Paul: Uh, there's lots of ways to people ... they obviously, the cars have the right of way.

Male Board 1: Yeah, you ride ... if you ride from [Kennebunk 01:40:47] Port to South Portland, most of the crossings are at grade. Uh, the principal exception being when you cross 95. There's a- there's a bridge.

Paul: There's a bridge ... yeah.

But- but, uh, if we're- just so ... we were talking about economic development. If we could get those people to stop in this town and spend money, somehow ...

Male Board 1: [01:41:00] If you put them up on a bridge, by the time they come down off the bridge, arguably, they're pretty much past our marketplaces here. Of course we were planning on fixing that with signage, but it'd be greater if they crossed at grade or something near grade, because then they're ... they can see where they are.

Chairman: [01:41:30] The homework still has to be done. We're talking about 36 million dollars spread across, let's just say every municip- municipality. 190 plus, in New Hampshire. We're not talking about, you know 36 million dollars for North Hampton. So, um, I think we should consider all of these possibilities. I will do my homework in- into the bill and make sure the Board has that. And, um, Paul if you could just run it by hub and get whatever input you have from him, I would certainly appreciate it.

Um, there's one other thing I would like to add. Um, this will come up in planning and I see at least one member of the planning board here. Uh, the committee of conference has been formed on HB 654. The bill, um, uh, uh, the bill that was written originally, we have eliminated local control for short term rentals. Short term rentals for people watching Airbnb is an example of one. You put your- you're not going to be in your house for a week, you put your bedrooms up for rent, somebody comes in and rents them.

[01:42:30] That is a very hot button issue right now, across the state, across the country on how to control that. How to tax it properly, um, they do have restrictions on taxing it, but how to also control business development. How to control, or at least monitor life safety issues.

I suggested and volunteered that I would take up this issue for planning. Um, I also think that, uh, in discussions I've had with neighboring towns and here, that this might be an issue that might have to rest with the select board. So, I'm going to bring it up in planning, but I'm also going to offer it to the select board for consideration. And, I just finished draft of that today.

[01:43:00] But, if HB 54 does not get amended in committee of conference, which commit- committees of conference have just started. These ... when a bill does not pass, it can be killed or it can be sent to committee of conference for further amendments. That's what has happened. If it does not kill, we won't have any control anyways. We'd like to have something on the books, if for not other reason, than we can allow our building inspector or allow the town to, um, to be able to say, with some degree of certainty, that if you're staying in that house, that house has proper life safety, um, measure ... or life safety equipment in it.

[01:43:30] um, we also will then have some inventory on what's happening in our residential districts, um, if you have a house that's renting for more than 185 days. There are a lot of nuances to this. So, rather than ramble on, I will provide it to the select board also and I will take it up with the next planning board workshop, where we've been discussing for at least a little while.

[01:44:00] Do you have any comments or questions on that?

And that's something I would have to take up with Mr. [Innis 01:44:19], because it's on the Senate side.

I'm sorry, Mr. Marsh, because it's on the House side.

Okay. Thank you.

[01:44:30] Ms. Kilgore, um, discussion of volunteer opportunities and visibility. Item 13.7.

Ms. Kilgore: Yep. Um, I asked this to be put on the agenda tonight, um, just been going out and doing some research on the- pretty much on the economic development committee around our Seacoast area. And, so I've been out on a lot of, um, town and, uh, other communities around us, their websites. And, I know ... so I started looking at, um, how they advertise for volunteer opportunities.

And, as we dis- discussed earlier, I'd like to see a radio button. I think we should do that on the front. Um, I think we should get a little bit tighter on our procedures and processes and on how we handle op- opportunities that come up on our committees. Um, a lot of the towns, um, [Rhye 01:45:30] was one of them ... and it might just be recently, you said that you had talked to the TA there and they struggle with the same challenges we do.

Paul: [01:45:30] They do.

Ms. Kilgore: Um, it looks like they've put a, um, notice of potential ... forward looking potential opportunities open for the upcoming year. Um, and I was wondering if we should try to do that. Get the committees to submit that in to the town administration and say, you know, we project these are the, um, positions that are going to come open in the next ... a rolling year, 360 days.

[01:46:00] I'd also like to see that, as I mentioned earlier, that we put the term limit ... the term, whether it's, you know, CIP for a year or it's CIP for two years or three years. Put that on all the committees and to assist you with that and Jan with that, I would assume that you're going to have help from Jan. Maybe pushing back to the committees to do that work for you and just ...

Paul: [01:46:30] Mm-hmm (affirmative)-

Ms. Kilgore: ... send it in for review.

Paul: Yep.

Ms. Kilgore: Um, I noticed a lot of the towns also have their charges of their committees on the actual website, as well. Which will give more transparency and more understanding to what the committee function is supposed to be. It should bring more education to our townspeople.

Male Board 1: [01:47:00] How about a way to contact the members.

Paul: I think, um, they already have the ability to contact through the website. Um, each-

Male Board 1: Many of the committees don't have, there's not-

Paul: There's a general- there's a general contact page, but most volunteers don't want their emails put on the website. Um, so I don't know what you want to do about that.

Male Board 1: [01:47:30] Well, I think it would also ... we might be getting into a little bit of trouble with, uh, right to know if you encourage people to talk to anybody but the chair. I don't know ...

Ms. Kilgore: Well, I- I mean, I guess I don't have a concern if we put on each page, you know, if you want to reach out, go to the gen- whatever the general ... is it a general email?

Paul: Yeah.

Male Board 1: Oh, okay.

Ms. Kilgore: Contact through the general email. I mean, I understand. I mean these are just committee members-

Male Board 1: [01:48:00] Okay.

Ms. Kilgore: We shouldn't have their personal information up there, other than their name.

Chairman: So, if you click on [Donatella 01:48:11] there, oh, she left. I'm assuming you get the general ...

Speaker 5: [inaudible 01:48:15]

Chairman: There you go.

Paul: See, so you have the ability to contact for heritage. Um ... uh, for- for recreation. The contact by design of the recreation commission is Mr. Ohara.

Male Board 1: [01:48:30] That's sufficient, right?

Chairman: Well, I think if Paul has no objection to that and the Board has no objection to that, I think it's a good idea.

Paul: Well, it's already there.

Chairman: No, no, no, I-

Ms. Kilgore: On all of them?

Paul: Um ... not for- not for, uh ...

Ms. Kilgore: [01:49:00] Yeah, I wo- I mean, I know that- I guess my concern is just being consistent across all committees and boards that we have that option- we have that ...

Male Board 1: Can I just confirm one thing, Chris ...

Chairman: Yep.

Paul: [01:49:30] Up there it says notice of vacancy, I believe, because of him.

Yep.

So, I think- I think what we can do ...

Ms. Kilgore: My recommendation to you, I'm sorry, would be to let the committees when they have a change over like that, submit in to you what needs to be changed, so it's not you and Jan trying to remember, "Oh something ...", you know.

Paul: Yeah.

Ms. Kilgore: Position change.

Paul: I think what we can do though, is like, if we go back to heritage, as an example. You know, if we put that smart link there on the chair, that I think that'll do it. People would be able to communicate.

Ms. Kilgore: Now see there ... the heritage commission has their- their mission statement.

Paul: [01:50:00] See, the problem with the website is that ...

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Kathy: Permission statement.

Paul: See the problem with the website is that ... Well, it's not the problem with the website, it's the problem with, if you'll pardon me for saying, our culture. Each of the various committees would like to maintain control over their own page, so we do not have consisten- consistency across the board by design, because the various committees like to have control over their own content. So Jan-

Kathy: [crosstalk 01:50:27].

Paul: ... Jan is really the, you know, I'll put it on there for you if that's what you want, but there has not been a tradition of centralized control.

Speaker 3: [01:50:30] We all know that maintain a website takes a lot of work, especially with so many people and so many things happening. At my company, I mean you could spend 15 hours a week making changes on the website just to keep it up to current with the next week 'cause so many things change. In this case we have 70 volunteers and employees. I mean it's, there's a lot of work to do, but we've got to make some basic standard to, to keep it up, but I, I mean, if we had, if we had an intern spending time on, 10 hours a week or just going through there and asking the questions, "Oh, so-and-so's gone. What do I do? Call up the chair, get the information, put it on." But there's a lot of digging to get that information to put it on. It really takes a lot of work, and it should be right. It absolutely should be right, and current.

Paul: [01:51:30] Yeah, I mean I think, I think, uh, I, I agree with you. Uh, but there has been no, there has been no one person design.

Speaker 3: Right.

Paul: You know, there's just ... we don't have the people for that.

Speaker 3: Yeah, I know.

Speaker 4: So we, so ... If I can circle back then to the original suggestion, the volunteer opportunities and visibility. Kathy ... Paul, did you understand Kathy's-... Okay, so we, so we have that one.

Paul: [01:52:00] I'm gonna put a button on for volunteer opportunities.

Speaker 4: Okay.

Paul: I'm gonna try to coordinate all of the volunteer opportunities. I also heard her say I'm going to reach out to the various boards and committees and see if we can get a sense of what's coming.

Speaker 4: Right.

Paul: Um, we're also going to put the terms, uh, of people on there and we're going to try to get the charges for the various committees. Some of those charges are statutory, so the question is, you know, what I may do is for the Budget Committee, rather than quoting the statuted I might just use knowing the territory or something like that, but we'll get something up there. And then, um, make sure that all of the chairs have a smart link there so that people can click on it and contact them.

Speaker 4: [01:52:30] If you could get that done by two, in two weeks we'd really be happy.

Speaker 3: (laughs)

Speaker 4: Kathy is that ...D-Does that capture?

Kathy: Yep, that's a start.

Speaker 4: Excellent, okay.

Kathy: It's an improvement, and we can continue to improve after we get that done.

Speaker 4: [01:53:00] Yep. All right, if there's no further discussion on 13.7, that is the last item that we have under new business, unless there's any new business that I have missed? Then I will move to item 14, approval of the May 31st meeting minutes. Um, uh, hopefully we had three hundred and, uh, eighty nine lines to that. I have gone through it, but I will say honestly, I did not look at it for punctuation and spelling, merely content. Does anybody have any amendments or a motion for the minutes? Would anybody like to approve them, or table them?

Speaker 3: [01:53:30] I'll, uh, move. We approved the minutes, uh, of the May 31st meeting as presented to us.

Speaker 4: [01:54:00] Is there a second, if for no other reason than discussion?

Kathy: I'll second it.

Speaker 4: Is there a discussion? No? All in favor? Raise their hand. Okay, that's 3-0. And thank you again to Jan for going through, um, all of the minutes.

[01:55:00] We have: any other items that legally may come before the board. I just realized one thing that I have, uh, I probably should have stated first, is that we really do need to recognize, uh, the staff that John Savastano, who is our program director, has. Uh, the 2 gentlemen that he has working for them who are, um, who are just young men with enormous talent, did an amazing job memorial day, uh, videotaping. Uh, their capabilities and th-their ability to capture the moment with technology that we have far sub- far sub- uh, exceeds anything that I would be able to do, and we are extremely lucky to have them. While we're also very fortunate to have Mr. Savastano guiding them in their efforts to provide this to the town.

Channel 22, as I think Kathy has said numerous times, is the, the shining example for what cable can be, um, cable access can be in, uh, cable access can be period. So, uh, special recognition needs to go out to all the gentlemen of channel 22.

Paul: [01:55:30] Maverick and Goose will be running the show-

Kathy: Yeah.

Paul: ... on June the 26th.

Speaker 4: That is true. Although, I believe Mr. Savastano will be-

Paul: Well, Mr. Savastano will be keeping a close electronic eye on the process, but he will not be present in the building, so continuity of democracy continues.

Speaker 4: Is there anything else that we have under the ... item 15? Hearing none I will open up the podium to anybody who would like to speak in our second period of public comment.

Nancy Monaghan: [01:56:00] I'm Nancy Monaghan, Mill Road. Uh, not to prolong this, but um, uh, on reflection, uh, so that Cynthia Swank doesn't have a heart attack at home, uh, there ... to my understanding there is no Little Boar's Head Seat on the CIP. Uh, we have had Little Boar's Head members in the past, uh, who have been appointed by their various boards, but um, I, I would hope that we can, uh, check that, you know, and see. I do not think there is a specific Little Boar's Head Seat on the CIP. Am I wrong, Paul?

Paul: [01:56:30] I couldn't find, but, um, after we had a brief conversation in the audience and I, I think Miss Monaghan is correct. I think what happened is 3 years ago there was an amendment to the original warrant article creating CI-creating CIP that added a library trustee's seat, and that took us from seven to eight, so we now have eight, and so, um, I'm gonna go back and look at that and find the original warrant article to find out what the seats are, and then we'll determine whether we have a, an opening or not.

Speaker 3: [01:57:00] Gotcha.

Kathy: Would we ... Since we're discussing it, if there is no opening, would we not entertain making an opening? I mean they're part of our town, and they're a big face of our town, especially going into this season.

Speaker 4: [01:57:30] I would recommend for, for the reason you just articulated, and also to have an odd number of people on the committee so that you avoid the chance of, of, of ties. So, but I think your, your reason is the primary one.

Speaker 3: Yeah.

Speaker 4: That's my opinion.

Speaker 3: So first check, and then if there isn't then we should fix it.

Paul: Yeah, and I, I think what ... As a matter of, just as a matter of procedure, um, we can go ahead and appoint that ninth member as a member pro-temporary, and

then we'll do a warrant article next month to add a Little Boar's Head rep, because the reason that I say that is because this particular committee was established by a warrant article and its membership was established by a warrant article. So I think future additions to its membership have to be ratified by the town meeting. Nothing says you can't add the ninth, and have them participate during the, um, during this season, but to close the loop we should do a warrant article in March.

Speaker 3: [01:58:30] For the, for a, a district representative?

Paul: Correct, or to add as many seats as you feel is, are necessary.

Speaker 4: Okay.

Speaker 3: But in this case we're talking about a district representative?

Paul: Correct.

Speaker 4: Miss Pole?

Laura Pole: Yes, Laura Pole, 100 North Road. Uh, just to give you a little history, um, I started the committee in 2005. There was not a Little Boar's Head rep at that time, and I was a Planning Board representative until 2014. Uh, I don't believe that we ever changed the composition to include a Little Boar's Head rep that whole time. So unless it was changed in 2015 or 2016, yeah, I don't think there is a Little Boar's Head rep.

Speaker 4: [01:59:00] Okay. Thank you. When did you ... Laura, I'm sorry. When did you ... Do you remember when you created Little, the, the, the CIP committee?

Laura Pole: [01:59:30] Yeah, if you want the history of it look in the 2005 annual report.

Speaker 4: 2005?

Laura Pole: The Select Board has a-

Speaker 4: Right.

Laura Pole: ... has the history of when it was created and who was on it, and ...

Speaker 4: Thank you. That's, I will do that too for my own notification. Okay, uh, any other public comment?

Kathy: I will get up and speak.

Speaker 4: Oh, get up? Okay.

Kathy: Kathleen Killgore, 220 Atlantic. I am speaking as a resident, and not as my position on the s-

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Cathy: Resident and not as my position on the select board. Um ... I've gone back and forth wondering should I address it if it came up here tonight, and obviously it did earlier in the first public uh session. Um ... I will agree that we have an unhappy town. And I will agree it's because we can't speak to each other. I do think a lot of people have attempted to come up here and be part of the process, ask questions, get answers, not get answers. An-and most people wouldn't do what I probably did. I mean I've been a-a, Jim you've looked at me for what, 10 years now, asking questions and stuff. I tried to get on the budget committee to make a difference. Um I was on the budget committee for one season, that, I mean one year. That was last year. I've filled out somebody's term. And it was mentioned in a mailing that went out to the residents this past week. They specifically mentioned me by name. I'm on their website by name. Questioning my vote at a budget committee m-meeting. And oppo- and then how it contradicts my running for select board. People who endorsed me. The "other" group, the 03862.

[02:02:00] Um the reason, my motivation to run for select board when I did, and when people ask me, was simply when I was on the budget committee, we were handed a budget that was pretty much complete. Not a lot of room for changes or suggestions. And I understood that. So did I vote for the budget, the operating budget that was proposed? I did. Solely because the default budget was higher. I also was part of the vote to remove the Emergency Management Department. And I stand by that. That's what I could do.

[02:02:30] So I contemplated running for the budget committee again, and said it would be the same. So how can I affect, be part of a change, or at least get a voice out that caused me to decide to run for select board? And that's the reason why I ran for select board. I felt that if I was in the select board position, I could help with the process. Maybe we can change the process, be more inclusive. It seems to, as I've advocated this year, to bring the budget committee in at the beginning of the season. Maybe, have the joint meeting that we're going to have on July 31st as two boards, outline some goals, and move forward.

I know a lot has happened for the town that is out of their control. Costs from the state have come down to this town's and we can't push it back up. And we've accepted it. But our taxes continue to grow. And it is hard. And I just want

an open dialogue with two, of-of the two sides, on how we can work together. Let's not point fingers at each other. I don't feel li- You know I don't wanna walk into, into Home Depot and see someone say "Oh do I say hi or do I not?" We all love the town of North Hampton. And we all want what's best. And either side is not the right way. Somewhere in the middle. But how are we gonna get to that middle? And maybe part of getting to that middle is speaking with, uh, Senator Innis and Representative [Marsh and Lee 02:05:04], and tell them our concerns so they can advocate for change in the state house. It won't happen overnight, but if they don't hear our voices up there, they won't understand that either.

[02:05:00] I'm just talking for me. I want everybody to be civil to each other and I want everybody to work together. And I don't be, I don't appreciate being singled out. I'm of like mind of 03862. I speak with them. But everything they advocate for doesn't mean I advocate for it. I have my own thoughts and my own feelings. And I'm also charged with what's best for the town. I'm done.

Larry: [02:06:00] May I ask you a question?

Cathy: Yeah.

Larry: Your signs were paid for by the 03862, right?

Cathy: Yes.

Larry: I'm just saying that that might be the obvious conclusion that that's where the association came from. Maybe that was not a good idea.

Cathy: I'm-I'm not running away from the association.

Larry: All right.

Cathy: And anybody asks me, I tell them I, I speak with them.

Larry: But there's a, there's a difference. You, let's be fair now.

Cathy: I'm not running away from it. We are of like minds. I was, I mean I helped put that data together.

Larry: [02:06:30] But you're, again you, they paid for your signs. I-I'm-I'm not saying you should be ashamed of that, I'm just saying-

Cathy: I'm not-

Larry: That's, it's a fact-

Cathy: I-I know that. I know that.

Larry: Okay.

Cathy: But I'm not, but ... The group is asking questions.

Larry: It's far more than that.

Cathy: I guess we'll respectfully disagree on that.

Larry: Uh ... Y-you scared off two firefighters and some policemen.

Cathy: I believe we've had some help on the opposition with that.

Larry: [02:07:00] Sorry. Disagree. Let's dis-

Cathy: Again I'll respectfully disagree with you, Larry.

Larry: I respec- Uh, same here.

Speaker 3: If I may-

Larry: And I'm, and I'm glad you're on the select board.

Cathy: Thank you.

Speaker 3: You've made valuable contributions to the select board. You do every single meeting. You've made valuable contributions for the years that you have been sitting in this room during all of our meetings. Those do not go unnoticed. The, um ... What is confusing, um ... Uh let-let me, actually let me get to the end game. What you said about an open dialogue, I agree with completely, wholeheartedly, and we heard that from Mr. Gould this evening. And it certainly was in the mailer. We are not sitting at the same table. We are not talking. Not you and I, but groups are not talking. Um when we do talk, it seems that when there is any discussion, disagreements become uh, we-we can't, there-there seems to be no middle ground. That respect, that-that uh, that-the civility seems to be lost. Maybe it's because of what's happening in Washington and it's just trickled down to us. Um I had somebody the other day say "We've got it in Washington, we've got it in North Hampton, we have it in North Hampton school now because of the changes that they have proposed. There is no more civility in this town. Nobody is talking." And I, and I concur completely.

[02:08:30] So we wanna have an open dialogue. Because we, uh-uh, have said this. 03862, passionate about North Hampton. Step Up, passionate about North Hampton. The people that volunteer are passionate about North Hampton. And we don't like being called names, being said that we are mismanage things, that we've done shameful things. We derive nothing from our service except for, uh, you know except for doing something positive for the town. And we'd all like to continue to do that. Um so, let this be the moment that we, or, hopefully we

have a moment where we can continue moving forward. And even if we can't agree, be civil and respectful about that so that we can make North Hampton a great place. We've offered ... You know we're not trying to take anything. We're trying to give things. And it, and it seems like whenever we try to give or do something positive, we are beaten back as, or some-some people have been beaten back as being wasteful. And-and again, the mismanagement and-and such. And I, that's, it's disheartening. It's frustrating to sit here and do this and, and uh, it makes you not wanna do it anymore. So, that's all I had. But you have a valuable, an extremely valuable member of this town. An extre- an extremely member of this board. And I hope you continue to be so.

Miss [Paul 02:09:55]?

Speaker 4: [02:09:30] Um I'd like to echo Cathy's comments. Um I heard Mr.

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Speaker 1: I'd like to echo Kathy's comments. Um, I heard Mr. Gold stand up here tonight and say it was his town. It's not his town. It's our town. And until people like Don start to see it as our town and not his way, solely his way, his town, it's not. He also spoke about uh, a complaint that I had made about the fire department. He has no idea what he's talking about and he shouldn't have made any comments to that effect either. It seems that the negativity, Mr. Majory is coming from the opposition to 03862, not from 03862.

[02:10:30] And the thing is that if I ... And I'm not speaking pro 03862, I'm not their spokesperson. I didn't crunch any numbers for their website. I didn't put any content on their website, except a little blurb where they endorsed me. But it seems that if I was 03862 Strong, I wouldn't engage with you either, because of the negativity. It seems to be coming from you. Thank you.

Speaker 2: [02:11:00] Since it's just me personally um, I feel compelled to say that um, the board that Larry and I sat on with Mr, uh, with Mr. Stanton and me specifically have been accused of proposing shameful things. Have been accused of mismanagement. Have been accused of empire building. Um, we have been accused of uh ... We have been accused of not making tough decisions, but rather trying to be congenial. Um, uh, there has been no to every proposal, or many proposals that have been put forward.

[02:11:30] Um, and again if we're not agreeing on the proposal that's fine, but there's been strict opposition to those proposals and I think the ... Not I think, the ultimate uh, straw that broke the camel's back. No one will disagree with

this, is what happened at the last election, where the, the slate, the agenda put forth by 03862. The, the collateral damage from that. I don't think 03862 was advocating to reject the 275th anniversary. Um, but it happened. The ripple effects through all that and I'll fight until the day, uh, until the sun comes up.

[02:12:00] We had two firefighters, firefighter paramedics and we've had the Deputy Chief say it was the political atmosphere in this town that caused them to leave and the two firefighters were specific to 03862 in their argument, or in their, in their uh, comments to the paper. We are in a bad place. If you would like to blame this side, fine, I will blame your side and no one, and no one will agree and we will not advance. Let's advance from this in some way that again, provides some stability, some respect for both sides and open ears and closed mouths, so we can hear what we're saying.

Speaker 1: I agree with you that until we come up to some middle ground, we aren't going to progress forward. But the problem Mr. Majory is that everything that 03862 has done has been in response to letters that were written to the editor that provoked those types of responses. Uh, the fire department, as far as the two firefighters quitting, I don't believe for a minute that they weren't looking for a job long before the election. And you can shake your head, but [crosstalk 02:13:42] ...

Speaker 2: [02:13:30] That's sad, really sad. This is sad.

Speaker 1: I doubt that, I doubt that the election [crosstalk 02:13:46] ...

Speaker 2: They, they ... I'm sorry you're, you're speaking.

Speaker 1: I, that's fine, they can say whatever they want to say. I don't have to choose to believe it. Anyway, the point that I am trying to make is, 03862 Strong has been accused of harassing firefighters by you directly.

Speaker 2: [02:14:00] Hm-mmm (affirmative).

Speaker 1: And there is no proof whatsoever that any of those people on that group did any of that. But you accuse them.

Speaker 2: Yes.

Speaker 1: And there has ... An ongoing investigation, has that ever concluded?

Speaker 2: Yes it did conclude.

Speaker 1: And what was the conclusion?

Speaker 2: It, the case just closed.

Speaker 1: With?

Speaker 2: The, the case was closed period.

Speaker 1: Closed with no conclusion.

Speaker 2: No, the case was just closed.

Speaker 1: (laugh) Okay, so in other words [crosstalk 02:14:31] they did not find [crosstalk 02:14:33] ...

Speaker 2: [02:14:30] We have, we have a right to know request that, that was requested and all the facts are in the right to know request.

Speaker 1: Okay.

Speaker 2: The case was closed and, and if anybody would like to ... That's public, that's for public consumption is it not Paula [crosstalk 02:14:45] ...

Speaker 1: Okay, so are you suggesting I have to do a 91A request to find out what the conclusion to closing that?

Speaker 2: No, the 91A request is, was already requested. It has been out for a month Paul?

Paul: Yeah I think so.

Speaker 2: At least a month. Paul will you forward it?

Paul: I can.

Speaker 2: Okay.

Speaker 1: Okay, I'd, I'd like to see the ...

Speaker 2: [02:15:00] Okay, it's all right there, I mean ...

Speaker 1: Well, I didn't ask for the (laugh) 91A request, so how would I know?

Speaker 2: 03862 asked for the 91A.

Speaker 1: Okay, well I'm not 03862, (laugh) okay? That's, that's what I'm saying is, you treating uh, a bunch of people who stand up and speak their minds. They, we think taxes are too high. My taxes have doubled, more than doubled since I moved to town. Now, you can't deny that that doesn't concern a lot of people. There's a lot of people who lived here a lot longer than me and their tax, taxes have grown more than mine have.

[02:15:30] Now, people who have moved here just a couple years ago, it hasn't increased as much. It hasn't doubled in the past three years, but it has grown more rapidly. And if 03862 Strong had not done what they had done at the deliberative session. Our taxes would have gone up a lot more than they already did.

Speaker 2: And if I can, my, my taxes have doubled as I am a resident. Uh, I've been here for 20 years, uh, 20 years last month. And what Step Up North Hampton would like to provide is, the reason behind some of those warrant, or articles. Why do we propose putting money into a, uh, into the health care stabilization fund. Why and all of the other funds. And by not, by, by rejecting that money, which is the voter's choice. It's certainly the voter's choice. Um, what are the ramifications of that?

Without saying, without pointing fingers, or, or throwing mud, or anything like that, um, this is the effect of that. This is the effect of all of these things. So, to provide a fact base, which, I, I ... Step Up North Hampton is providing a fact based resource for people to come to a logical conclusion about things. You will not ... You may deny and we will argue that the cheat sheet, for lack of a better word, that 03862 put out, which was brought into voting booths. People were handing it to the [crosstalk 02:17:09] ...

Speaker 1: [02:17:00] Hm-mmm (affirmative).

Speaker 2: ... To, to Mr. [Besh 02:17:10] our Town Moderator saying, "Why is this in my booth?" People just went down that list and voted that way. Um, I know people are busy and we begged them. You do, I do, we all do. We beg them to become informed, but the truth of the matter is, we're all extremely busy and I don't know how any member of the public has the time to go through everything. They were told how to vote at the last election.

I will accept the responsibility that we somehow failed in explaining and educating more people about it. The deliberative session clearly wasn't enough. Budget committee met, meetings clearly weren't enough, in order for people [crosstalk 02:17:47] ...

Speaker 1: [02:17:30] Hm-mmm (affirmative).

Speaker 2: ... To fully understand the, the implications and the, the facts behind the articles that were presented. We would like to do that.

Speaker 1: Okay. I think there's one thing that you're missing. And it's an assumption that it was a lack of information, which caused people to vote no and that they were clueless walking into the voting booth, until they were given direction from 03862. I think the part that you're missing, is that most people think their taxes are too high and they would have voted anything no.

Speaker 2: [02:18:00] I, I will give you that there, there is certainly a, a segment of the population that feels that way and we all are concerned about taxes. We can also use um, we, we use it all the time. There was one ... The North Hampton Forever Bond that went through. Received the highest percentage of, of, of votes when it passed. At 70, it was like 76, 74, 76% something like that.

Speaker 1: [02:18:30] In 2004?

Speaker 2: The assumption from that ...

Speaker 1: Hm-mmm (affirmative).

Speaker 2: ... Is that and we use it all the time. 25 people, 25% of whomever votes, whatever the number is, is probably going to say no. What ... If, if we, if we can use some metric we can say, we can assume that 25% of the people will say no. We've never had a warrant article pass with a greater percentage than that. If we say that, how do, how do we ... If not convince those people, how do we at least reach out to those people and help them make an informed decision if that's what they are requesting.

[02:19:00] If they're going to say no, if they are concerned, please come in and yell at me. Yell at us. Scream at us. I mean, you know, you can call. Whatever, but we're not hearing that dialogue. We try, but we're not hearing it.

Speaker 1: [02:19:30] Well, I think you, you think you tried, but as I was saying and what I'm trying to get across to you is the negativity in town swings both ways. And if I was 03862 Strong and I read your website, where you opened a challenge. I heard Don tonight say you know, point at uh, the people who incorporated that website and say, "We want to talk to you." I wouldn't talk to you.

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Speaker 1: ... and say, "We want to talk to you." I wouldn't talk to you in the current situation. I would not talk to you.

Jim: But you are.

Speaker 1: I am. I'm not 03862 Strong.

Jim: If 03862 - if - if we cannot - if - if this town cannot sit down at a table on Channel 22, in this room, in some room, at the bandstand, at the be- ... I don't care it is. If we can't sit down and talk ... if you are right that 0C- 03862 and - and

whomever they are, refuses to sit down because they're angry, then we are never going to get anywhere. We are - we are offering an olive branch. Please, let's sit down and talk. Even if we agree to disagree, let's sit down and talk.

Speaker 1: [02:20:30] I - I don't have anything else to say. (laughs)

Laurel: I don't believe ... I don't believe she said that they were angry. But I do know that I've come up here as a citizen, way before any of this, and because I don't agr- you don't agree with me, you dismissed me.

Jim: We've never - we've never ... I have never, while I've been sitting in this chair or at this table, never refused a comment from anyone, ever. You've al- ... the podium is always [crosstalk 02:21:15]

Laurel: [02:21:00] I'm not saying that you've dismissed me and not let me make a comment. But dismiss it in your response to it. And I remember, Wally and I had just moved to town when, uh, the Forever New Northampton bond went through and everything. Um, and I was ... we came from Rye, and I was really pleased to see the - the, um, the participation from the electorate in a - in election, because typically if it's not a presidential primary or - or a presidential election, it's lower when it comes to the town.

[02:22:00] Um, and I totally agree with the ruralness of our town. And the investment we made in those conservation - in those cars- conservation parcels are, um, invaluable. However, they didn't come with just a cost of the purchase price. We've taken revenue out of the tax streams and not replaced that, along with costs being pushed down, and I think there just needs to be discussion about that. Maybe we can't do anything about it, but just people asking questions and feeling like they're going to get attacked. And I'm not the only one who's felt that in the past. I just want to change that.

Jim: [02:22:30] But-

Laurel: And it's not just the group sitting down with the other group. It's about everybody participating, having people come in here more.

Jim: I - I agree completely. Let's talk. Mr. [Kilgoy 02:23:09] [crosstalk 02:23:09]

Wally Kilgoy: I've stood at this podium many times, and I agree with Laurel that you can stand here and speak your mind. You will hear it, and you will have the same safety complex pro- ... try to be ... shoved down your throat three years in a row, when it's obvious that half the people in town really had some concerns about it. So I'm - I'm just ... when you - when you say what you're saying, Jim, yet I believe you believe that. I believe you really think that - that you want to discuss and engage and do the right thing, but at the end of the day, experience outweighs desire and belief. And the experience is that a conservation easement is still

gonna get violated, a safety complex is gonna be put up to vote three years in a row, even though half the population is- [crosstalk 02:23:57]

Larry: [02:23:30] Which conservation easement is getting violated?

Wally Kilgoy: I'm speaking, Larry. I don't have to answer your question. And people will get upset and they will no longer engage. That's what happens. And that's all I'm gonna say. Thank you.

Jim: [02:24:00] I - I have to say one thing.

Larry: M- may I ask you which - which conservation easement is being violated, Wally? You wanted to speak. We've already addressed the - the ...

Wally Kilgoy: I did.

Larry: Then it's not being violated. It's not being violated. We can only enforce the laws of New Hampshire. That's what all we can do, and it's not being violated. So you can keep singing that song, and keep digging yourself a deeper hole, and keep building that derision, and it's gonna do anybody any good. That's the exact same thing that we're talking about. Put it to bed, Wally.

Wally Kilgoy: [02:24:30] That's what I'm talking about. Just-

Larry: Put it to bed. It's over.

Wally Kilgoy: Jim, Larry, keep [crosstalk 02:24:50]

Larry: Put it to bed.

Wally Kilgoy: ... opposite opinion of you, and you can say that, but again, I am just asking [crosstalk 02:24:53]

Larry: It's not an opinion, Wally. It's the attorney general's ruling. [crosstalk 02:24:56]

Jim: ... Wally talk.

Laurel: [inaudible 02:24:57]

Wally Kilgoy: I was at that meeting in the attorney general's office.

Jim: [02:24:59] What'd they say?

Wally Kilgoy: [02:25:00] They were very upset about what happened.

Jim: What'd they do about it?

Wally Kilgoy: They couldn't do anything because this town decided not to pursue it.

Jim: That's not true.

Wally Kilgoy: Yes it is. I was in that meeting.

Jim: It is not true, sir.

Wally Kilgoy: I am now done [inaudible 02:25:10].

Jim: Well, but you brought up - you brought up a point, though, that's - that's frustrating. You said, if I heard you correctly, "The municipal campus that has been shoved down our throat three times." The select board put the municipal campus on the warrant twice. The last time it was put on the ballot, it was done by a citizen. The select board rejected it. The budget committee rejected it. We did not put the - we did not put that on the ballot. And so to be accused of shoving that down somebody's throat for the third time, we expressed serious, serious doubts about - about whether or not that was a good idea, and said why.

Wally Kilgoy: [02:25:30] I will - I will go back, get the videotape of the budget - of the select board meeting prior to the election, with your coffee mug with a "Vote for Six" sticker on it. Thanks, Jim.

Jim: [02:26:00] This - this is-

Larry: Vote for six, that was the year before that.

Wally Kilgoy: No.

Laurel: Yes, it was the year before that, actually.

Speaker 1: It was the year before that, Wally.

Jim: It was the year before it, Wally. I didn't vote for ... I rejected it. It was unanimous on the select board and the budget committee. Please offer the information and I will consider it.

Speaker 1: Okay. The other point that I wanted to make that I forgot to make was, people have-

Jim: We'll sit here-

Speaker 1: Pardon me?

Jim: No, I just ... Paul's frustrated. I said, "We'll sit here all night, cause I want to hear what you have to say."

Speaker 1: Um, you extended the olive branch. (laughs) I know [crosstalk 02:26:32] it wasn't to me, but you're gonna hear it. What happened at deliberative session was done within the confines of the law.

Jim: [02:26:30] Yes.

Speaker 1: The people who made those motions and voted for them, half the room voted for them, they were close, I'll admit that, for the people in the room, but it was still the democratic process. That's what this is, this dialogue that we have. It's - it's the political process. Sometimes it gets heated. Sometimes feelings get hurt because people think that they've been accused of something. Now I agree with you that maybe the language had ... you know, wasn't Pollyanna-like, if you will, but I don't think that's the point here. I think the point is that half this town, at least 575 out of the 900 who voted, roughly, thought the taxes were too high. Now I know that you think that those 575 people were little sheep that Kate took that sheet and went in and voted however they were advised to vote. But you just, by assuming that they don't know what they're voting for, have insulted 575 people in this town. Does that make more sense to you? I mean, is that getting the point across.

Jim: [02:27:30] Oh, that gets the point across. I - and to those five hundred and seven- ... to anybody who voted no on there, if you took my comments as saying, "You are sheep" and that you voted according to that, my apologies. What I do know to be a fact is that several people called me or commented that they were shocked, and some of them actually happy to see that somebody had told them how to vote. I say ... uh, this is what people said to me.

Speaker 1: [02:28:00] Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jim: I - I offer it not that it was 100 people.

Speaker 1: Mm-hmm (affirmative)

Jim: It was just a few people. A small sampling. Happy that people told them how to vote. I ... you would, I think, you and I can agree-

Speaker 1: [02:28:30] This is why I put Channel 22 there-

Jim: ... no one wants to be told-

Speaker 1: ... so they would be informed.

Jim: Right. I - so we can agree on that. People don't want to be told how to vote. They want to be informed. Can we agree on that?

Speaker 1: Absolutely.

Jim: And - and so will we get to everybody? I would like to think we can, but we probably won't get to everybody. We'll try. And so, again, extending the olive branch to sit down in this room, in any room, in somebody's house, and have an open discussion like we're having now, whether we agree or disagree, will be productive. But if 03862 refuses to do that, I'm not sure where - I'm not sure where we are. I'm not sure where we'll be.

Speaker 1: [02:29:00] Well, I think a change in your approach might be beneficial. Because like I was saying before, the negativity ... all 03862 has put some numbers on a page, a couple of us who were endorsed by that group wrote letters supporting our candidates. Nothing ... this happens every year. Right? I mean, this is what ... it - it was no, uh, different this year than it was the previous year.

Jim: [02:29:30] I would argue that it - that it - I would like to have the discussion that it was different. In years past, it was about singular issues. In this year, it seemed-

Speaker 1: Yes, I would - I agree with you on that. Completely.

Jim: This year it seemed like it was in totality. And - and Laurel, I - I will - I will pull out the editorial that you yourself wrote, saying that I was empire - or, not I.

Speaker 1: [02:30:00] Not you.

Jim: The board.

Speaker 1: (laughs)

Jim: The board.

Speaker 1: Yes.

Jim: Prior to mis- ... was empire building-

Speaker 1: The government has been growing.

Jim: Mr. - Mr. Ferraro made a claim in there that he said-

Speaker 1: Not in my letter.

Jim: I'm sorry?

Speaker 1: Not in my letter.

Jim: Not in your letter. In his own letter.

Speaker 1: Okay, we're not talking about my letter.

Jim: He said in there while - and I'm - and I'm not quoting, but I certainly can. I can certainly get it. "While we would not accuse the town of mismanagement, it certainly can be con- ... You could construct the argument that we were." It was systemic, from Mr. Apple, to department heads, to the select board. And again, I apologize to Mr. Ferraro that I - that I am misquoting now, but I will certainly bring that to the discussion to say, "You're talking about mismanagement of the-

Speaker 1: [02:30:30] No.

Jim: ... entire town." If you want to say-

Speaker 1: I don't even remember him saying that. I remember you saying something like that.

Jim: I remember specifically. If - if you want to say that - that I have done something wrong on a particular issue or in general, I'll be happy to - I'll be happy to entertain that and we can talk about it.

Speaker 1: [02:31:00] Mm-hmm (affirmative)

Jim: But there was no - there was - it was - the accusation again was in it's totality. In years past ... I wish Rick was still here, because, uh, I haven't been afraid lately to point people out, Rick won largely because Phil was arguing in favor of the complex. I don't think-

Speaker 1: [02:31:30] Right.

Jim: We could construct that argument too. Right? That was one issue. Maybe people had other issues, but with - with Phil. But that was on one issue. Here we've been - we've been accused systemically of mismanaging the entire town.

Speaker 1: (laughs)

Jim: I take offense to that.

Speaker 1: Well, um, I would too, if I construed what was said that way. I don't remember Frank saying that, but, fine, you know, you might have better recall than I do. But every year that we have had campaigns, I've run campaigns with Larry before. We have always put out a sheet that said, "Vote this way. Vote that way. Do this and that." Granted, there were probably five or six or seven things that we said vote up or down. There was probably eight or nine on ... I don't remember the number that were - was on that sheet. But it's - it was no different last year than it was this year. Except maybe, I'll grant you this, there were probably more items on that sheet that said, "Vote no,"-

Larry: [02:32:30] (coughs)

Speaker 1: ... than in previous campaigns. But those practices have always happened in every election. Don Gould's put out stuff like that. Craig Solomon's put out stuff like that. So it's - it's - it's really no different. I think you just took it a little more personally this year.

Jim: I won't argue with you on that.

Speaker 1: Okay.

Jim: I won't argue. I certainly did take it personally. So again, it's 10 o'clock. I will talk about this until the sun comes up.

Speaker 1: [02:33:00] I'm done. (laughs)

Jim: And I'm - and I'm happy to do so. Let's engage in an open dialogue. I offer it again, to whomever. I don't - it doesn't matter what political group you're affiliated with, what PAC you're associated with, who you endorse or who you support, come sit, come talk, come call, come email, whatever it is, I'll be happy to talk.

Do we have anything else to discuss? No? That said, thank you all, and good night.

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