



Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript April 28, 2021

Board Attendees: Mike Bocchino, Sue Bodson, Nancy Chapin, Gary Dell'Abate, Frank DiVincenzo, Scott Johnson, and Kirk Schubert

Staff Attendees: Lenore Caserta-McClester, Brian Kerzner, Blaize Levitan, and Joseph Siciliano and Sue Snyder

Guest Attendees: Sue Baker, Linda Bruno, Bill Drake, Tracy Freedman, Karen Giannuzzi, Miriam Kreuzer, JoAnn Messina, Mary Saleeby, Valerie Stauffer, Leslie Yager, LG and David

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Gary Dell'Abate: Approval of the March 31 minutes motion to approve.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Second.

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Scott Johnson: Second, second.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: roll call.

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Gary Dell'Abate: A roll call so Gary del about de approves Kirk schubert.

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kirkschubert: Yes, Bruce.

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Scott Johnson: Johnson pros.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So.

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Sue Bodson: Okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yeah the apparently you have to say it on here, because the recording it right
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Frank DiVincenzo: A pro.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And Nancy taper.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: A period and Mike Bochino just joined.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Give Mike a second.

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Gary Dell'Abate: hey Mike.

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Gary Dell'Abate: imani we were just going over Approval of the Minutes so if you if you're a good to
approve to say yes.

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Mike Bocchino: Yes, awesome.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great okay excellent, so why don't we start with the recreational report so snyder.

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Sue Snyder: evening yeah sorry i'm having a little camera trouble, but I am I am here.

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Sue Snyder: Okay, Joe asked that I share a little about our spring and summer programs and how we're managing during the club and 19 pandemic, so our skates car was the first thing to open this spring we opened mid March as usual.

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Sue Snyder: park pass it is limited to 10, but that is up from eight from last summer and the fall and currently masks are required for all.

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Sue Snyder: Our spring clinics, which begin next week are limited to eight participants our summer clinics will be limited to 10 we're not lending out any equipment, everyone must bring their own we also don't have picnic tables inside the.

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Sue Snyder: skatepark our admission sales both daily and monthly are all being done online in 2021 we have no cash sales at the skate park.

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Sue Snyder: spring swim it was canceled in 2020 and 2021 we learned late this year that the boys and girls club pool.

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Sue Snyder: would be available but, however, it was at an increased rental rate of \$175 per hour, which was up from the hundred dollars per hour, which we normally pay.

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Sue Snyder: And with their restrictions for indoor swimming being very tight we couldn't take many children into the program so it would have operated at a significant financial loss, and we would not have served many so we decided instead to add two weeks to our summer swim Program.

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Sue Snyder: Our rink indoor turf was not installed in 2020 we barely had time to melt the ice and clean the slab.

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Sue Snyder: But it has been installed for 2021 we're ready starting this weekend to have Rentals it is two weeks later than normal, but the season did go two weeks.

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Sue Snyder: longer than normal this year, as we had a two month sports pause and then the high school season went late as a result of that sports boss.

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Sue Snyder: will have similar Kobe 19 protocols in place for the turf rental know locker rooms masks will be required the doors are locked and they'll be no congregating basically come in for your rental and once that's done leave the building.

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Sue Snyder: The kite flying festival was not held in 2020 we did hold it this year 2021 However we limited our advertising to only in house.

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Sue Snyder: And we only started advertising two days in advance of the event, we wanted to limit the attendance and order to be able to keep people socially distanced at crunch point.

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Sue Snyder: Our field scheduling for this spring is overall is up, we had no spring use in 2020 each organization must submit a code 19 operation plan, and they must also sign an agreement in response to code 19 in addition to the normal requirements in order to obtain a field permit.

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Sue Snyder: In general, for our springs sports programs all were cancelled in 2020 and all except these frames swim are being held in 2021.

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Sue Snyder: What we've had no in person league or coaches meetings everything's being done virtually.

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Sue Snyder: Our adult softball program This year we have 42 teams that's almost double what we had in 2020 and last year, and also the program started late we didn't start till July last year, and now we're already underway.

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Sue Snyder: More people are comfortable playing this year.

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Sue Snyder: We have the number of corporate teams is low, as people are still working remotely rather than.

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Sue Snyder: The rather than coming into branch if their businesses aren't Greenwich.

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Sue Snyder: mighty mite soccer enrollment is up that's our youth soccer program we have created more teams in each age division.

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Sue Snyder: Currently, all are required to wear masks and at the park we we hold this at Costco Park, we have a separate entrance and exit at the field, so the groups coming and going don't have to interact with each other.

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Sue Snyder: Our T ball and small fry one baseball is for ages four to six, the four year old group is off significantly to share and we have kept enrollment at 12 children per team.

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Sue Snyder: are small fry to and junior baseball which is ages seven through nine we've kept enrollment at 13 per team this enrollment is down slightly compared to.

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Sue Snyder: Girls softball for ages seven to 14 enrollment is up, we have created more teams for ages, seven and eight we've kept enrollment at 13 or 14.

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Sue Snyder: Digital we have outdoor at Laughlin Avenue and our programs, including our instructional clinic is filled for all dates and times we have.

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Sue Snyder: A slightly restricted the enrollment, meaning that we do have a waitlist but we're not going to take any more because we're trying to keep a numbers manageable as a result of the pandemic.

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Sue Snyder: We do have more outdoor opportunities this year, because we have we're having fewer opportunities indoors we're trying to keep as much play outdoors as possible.

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Sue Snyder: Previously indoors at Western Civic Center was only a drop in program now we've eliminated all drop in activities and we're only having it by pre registration.

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Sue Snyder: same thing for Eastern Greenwich civic Center where we used to have drop ins or pre registration, now it is only all pre registration.

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Sue Snyder: enrollment again completely full, but we have limited the number slightly.

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Sue Snyder: And indoors master APP absolutely required.

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Sue Snyder: platform tennis we normally just have a fall and winter activity this year we've added a three month spring summer membership from May 1 to end of July.

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Sue Snyder: And that's because we've had such a higher demand for outdoor court use Members do get a set reservation over the three month period.

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Sue Snyder: This year's Jim fixx Memorial Day road rates in 2020 we only had a virtual race, but in 2021 we are having a live race.

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Sue Snyder: It will be a five K, this year, which is roughly 3.1 miles, and the reason we're doing that has to do with bridge construction at Bruce park has nothing to do with the pandemic.

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Sue Snyder: But we're not having a kids half mile race on the track and that is a result of the pandemic, because the half mile race on the track there'd be too many kids crowding together at one time.

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Sue Snyder: For the race, we only have pre registration and we're doing waves of 50 runners and they'll be based on time so basically the fastest runners will go first, followed by slower heats up runners.

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Sue Snyder: Are electronic electronic timing we're going to have chip mats at both the start of the race and the finish of the race that way we can socially distance at the start of the race normally We just have to electronic timing matters at the end of the race.

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Sue Snyder: And we know physical posting the results and no reward ceremony, people will be able to get their results posted online or they can also get a text message and medals for any age group winners will be mailed.

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Sue Snyder: Starting our summer programs tennis is first up we do open court reservation starting next week.

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Sue Snyder: we're currently renting some court space to certain groups and each group has to sign an agreement in response to Kobe 19 so we aren't, we know that they're following the rules as they've been set for us.

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Sue Snyder: Our youth and adult tennis clinics held at Bruce park we're going to have backup to 12 per class in 2021.

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Sue Snyder: Last year, we only had six per class, but this year we're back up to our normal 12 per class in 2020 we also began the clinics two weeks late because we had to wait until we were allowed to run them, which was towards the end of June this year we're starting them on time early June.

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Sue Snyder: fireworks the details are still to be determined what, but we are hoping to have some fireworks this year, obviously last year it was all canceled.

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Sue Snyder: Summer concerts again we're going to limit our advertising to in House only no paid advertising and again this is in order to limit the attendance, we want to keep the numbers manageable.

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Sue Snyder: We should not need any other restrictions, except perhaps mask wearing we're going to wait for the new recommendations to come out from the Department of public health, hopefully, in the next couple of weeks.

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Sue Snyder: In 2020 we only had Dr in concerts at the horse neck arch street commuter lot, but this year we will have.

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Sue Snyder: concerts where people can sit on the lawn at Roger Sherman baldwin park couple of many park and we all start going to have our island beach theory that dixieland jazz band on the ferry to Sunday nights this this summer.

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Sue Snyder: Summer swim.

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Sue Snyder: we're going to offer for two weeks sessions which is up from three normally since we canceled spring swim enrollment numbers will be limited, but they won't be limited quite as much as they were last year in 2020.

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Sue Snyder: In 2020 we had to take temperatures of all the people coming out to the pool deck, whether it be the kids and the parents.

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Sue Snyder: And for the youngest programs or the the novice swimmers we actually requested the parent to be in the water, with the swimmers in order that our staff instructors did not have to do hands on instruction.

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Sue Snyder: masks were not required last year, but as of right now masks would be required of our swim instructors we're waiting to see if that might change when we actually do start our lesson, the end of June.

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Sue Snyder: pickle ball and baseball this summer we're hope that the potential will be to offer relatively normal basis, but again we're waiting for the new recommendations which should come out from the Department of public health, hopefully, in the next few weeks.

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Sue Snyder: Summer camps, we have are a three day camps, they will all be subject to the oversight and the rules of the office of early childhood, which is a division of the department of public health.

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Sue Snyder: Currently groups are limited to 20 children in 2020 groups were limited to only 10 children currently campers and staff will be required to wear masks in 2020 only our staff had to wear masks campers did not.

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Sue Snyder: Music art and dance camp was not held in 2020 as we did not have access to the crunch public school buildings and 2021 will we will be hosting it for the 84th year and will be operating out of the central middle school this year.

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Sue Snyder: camp carefree in 2020 our enrollment was capped at 40 campers compared to the usual 135 to 150 per session.

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Sue Snyder: In 2021 we're going to be kept it at campus so it's double what it was last year, but still about half what normally is.

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Sue Snyder: adventures in 2020 enrollment was kept 30 campers and TRIPS were severely limited, mainly because a lot of places were not open.

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Sue Snyder: And we normally have at campers procession this year in 2021 enrollment will be capped at 60 campers so again double last year, but still not quite normal.

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Sue Snyder: More trick size will be available this year but still some some of the places that we would have liked to have gone will not be not be opening this year, or may not be opening in a camp group, so we have to find some other some other trips sites.

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Sue Snyder: So that's pretty much it, except for other special events that we do give permits to but those are our programs that we operate in House so anyone has any questions I will gladly answer.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I have a couple of questions so first of all thank you because that sounds like there's a lot going on there on does the town, we follow the the rules from the board of health or the CDC and I wonder it's kind of a two part question, I wonder if they.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Did you have any issues last year, where people when they were told to wear masks pretty well.

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Gary Dell'Abate: You know compliant and not give anybody a hard time.

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Sue Snyder: well.

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Sue Snyder: So we yeah I am.

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Sue Snyder: speak for I mean, some people are cooperative, but certainly not everyone, you know there's a lot of differing opinions out there, so we have had.

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Sue Snyder: concerns and issues with certain programs or facilities, but we deal with them as they as they come up.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And, and whose rules are we following meaning it like I just wonder the town has you're saying waiting for you know the I guess the town has rules, but you know, I wonder if sometimes people hear stuff on the news from the CDC and does the town follow that or the tiger own thing.

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Sue Snyder: The CDC puts out guidelines and then within each State each State comes up with its rules in the state of Connecticut.

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Sue Snyder: governor Lamont was given like emergency authority or emergency powers last year, so they set for from the state offices and there were different offices, putting out the rules, for example, sports rules were created by the D C D, which is department of economic and Community development.

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Sue Snyder: The OTC, which is the office of early childhood, which is a division of the department of public health, they put forth the rules that we have to follow for.

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Sue Snyder: camp preschool daycare so all of these sector rules that were created by the state of Connecticut.

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Sue Snyder: which they cover everything from restaurants and parks and massage parlors and anything you can imagine any type of business, there are sector rules.

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Sue Snyder: So, depending on the type of activity we're doing whether it's a sports program whether we're running an indoor special event an outdoor special event.

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Sue Snyder: You have to look at the specific sector rules for each type of program or activity or function and see what those rules are and follow those rules for the last year, they have been rules, however, come may 19 the.

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Sue Snyder: governor's powers will be changing he's they will no longer be rules, they will instead become recommendations.

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Sue Snyder: So we do plan to follow whatever recommendations are coming out from the State Department of public health, but as of may 19 they will not be rules.

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Sue Snyder: The Governor does plan to eliminate most of the rules, effective may 19.

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Sue Snyder: The latest press conference says that there will be a few exceptions, such as wearing masks indoors but, until we actually see what comes out around me 19th.

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Sue Snyder: we're currently following what's in effect and we're expecting that around may 19 will have new recommendations for our summer programs.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great that's super helpful I think Scott has a question.

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Scott Johnson: yeah thanks so.

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Scott Johnson: what's an example of the you mentioned operational plans are required for I guess at you know non non department programs what's what's an example of.

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Scott Johnson: One that you could say to be acceptable, we have you have you do you have a model plan or how.

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Sue Snyder: Okay well basically we send them the Saturn rules from the state of Connecticut and again, as I mentioned a minute ago.

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Sue Snyder: every type of activity program business has a different set of sector rules, so if it's an outdoor special event I send them the rules for outdoor events.

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Sue Snyder: If it's sports programs I send them the rules for sports programs and then each organization is supposed to take a look at the Rules and then device, the plan for their activity.

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Sue Snyder: For example, if in their plan it says, you know that there they don't mention wearing masks you have to rule say they're required to wear masks.

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Sue Snyder: We need to tell them you're not following the Rules, you need to correct your plan so we want to make sure that they know exactly what the rules are and for their activity, they are following the rules.

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Scott Johnson: And then, just one more question calm.

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Scott Johnson: How are the basic physical grass field conditions to they seem I know it's weather related but they seem to be in better shape because they weren't used as much.

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Sue Snyder: Generally, yes, but it also does depend on the field, I mean some fields are in better shape than others, but I think, overall, in general, I would say yes, the grass fields are in better shape because they were rested.

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Sue Snyder: they've been used pretty pretty heavily since we reopened, though, but you know, last spring, they had a complete rest.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright, so thank you very much, everyone have any other questions before we move on.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thank you very much to appreciate the work you're doing their.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Job let's let's hear the directors report.

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Joseph Siciliano: i'd be remiss if I didn't say that.

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Joseph Siciliano: shoes put an enormous amount of time into managing all these and there's our local.

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Joseph Siciliano: coven expert, so we have a huge catalog of all of this information from the day we started this.

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Joseph Siciliano: But although the rules of the requirements plans etc it's pretty comprehensive to follow, and thank you suit for me couple of things like to talk about is that is that we are in the process of going.

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Scott Johnson: Through.

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Joseph Siciliano: Our team budget review for the 21 budget blaze and i've been meeting with various groups answering questions.

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Joseph Siciliano: Our team parks and recreation committee meeting is next Tuesday evening at 8pm virtually so if you're so inclined, and want to tune in.

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Joseph Siciliano: We asked the capital of Babel chairs and some advanced questions she has done, that blaze and I are in the process of answering those advanced questions, a lot of it stems from the capital.

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Joseph Siciliano: projects that have been requested, our operating budget is pretty pretty dull there's nothing there really to talk about and.

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Joseph Siciliano: So that will be working with them and other any other rts committee groups that would like to talk about the parks and recreation budget next week with the hopes that the following Monday.

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Joseph Siciliano: that the budget would get past and the budget would then go into effect July 1 2021 couple other things, another thing observation for mine is that I want to thank Sue batson for a great event last week a wine tasting event.

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Joseph Siciliano: I actually enjoyed it, I thought was very informative very interesting and I think some other people found it very, very entertaining and the wine was great so thank you Sue they put a little money into the Foundation and will be using that money wisely.

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Joseph Siciliano: couple other things here.

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Joseph Siciliano: I just want you just to go back one step, you know we're we're we're being very cautious here we don't want to be the organization that has a super spreader group okay.

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Joseph Siciliano: Right now, there are at least three teams that we know to at the high school and one club team that is in quarantine because they had more than two or three children or young adults in that organization that have have coven.

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Joseph Siciliano: I get the counts every Wednesday of what the code counties and branch we have you still have the first selectman is coven Task Force meeting every Wednesday and.

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Joseph Siciliano: This past week from Wednesday Wednesday for last Wednesday this Wednesday we still saw hundred positive cases in Greenwich that were detected.

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Joseph Siciliano: So you know the numbers are starting to drop I mean we can't I can't say that's a bad thing, but at the end of the day, last week there was 100 week before there's 141.

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Joseph Siciliano: week before that there was 160 so as people start to get vaccinated and get with the program you know we're seeing the numbers drop and that's a good thing.

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Joseph Siciliano: We just don't we just dealing with the guidelines dealing with the regulations and recommendations and being a little.

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Joseph Siciliano: cautious here, because the last thing we want to do is to have a one of our programs be that spreader and, of course, that would affect some of the other programs that would come after that so.

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Joseph Siciliano: that's that's our goal is to keep everybody healthy keep the numbers climbing up as far as participants, and you know it's more of a slow very calculated start for us.

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Joseph Siciliano: I can talk about golf now you guys Gary Scott if you'd like because I don't think there's anyone to talk about that at the moment, and when we get to Dorothy hamill rink I can give you some information about the least of be.

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Joseph Siciliano: Boc meeting that took place last night so whichever you prefer.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Once you.

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Scott Johnson: Go on, on call just give us a basic update on on the status of the course.

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Scott Johnson: You know scheduling our other I can't even remember the capital projects that were done in the early part of the season.

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Joseph Siciliano: Sure, so so i'm just a couple of things, the restaurant is open and people are loving in, so I think they're enjoying the the opportunity to sit outside again and some of the.

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Joseph Siciliano: entertainment that's being provided by cover North and food seems to be good, a lot of positive comments pro shop is open lessons are available pro merchandise is available carts are also available.

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Joseph Siciliano: This year we spend some money on some dividers so that people can ride side by side in the cart with a plexiglas or piece of clear through.

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Joseph Siciliano: material, so that they can look at the other person, but it divides them as far as sitting close together those are.

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Joseph Siciliano: Some people have started to take those, and so we have some large number of walkers and we still have some people taking single rental cards so we're trying to provide an updated opportunity.

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Joseph Siciliano: We asked people to be courteous and where their mass when, in close contact on the course and.

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Joseph Siciliano: we've asked for the cooperation, especially in the cart, especially when, on the TEE boxes and etc and it's been relatively good, we have the Rangers working on that constantly.

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Joseph Siciliano: On the numbers, a good day seemed to be up, I mean, in the sense that we are doing about 200 to 225 rounds on a good sunny day.

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Joseph Siciliano: And that's that's a good thing that the range is on fire, you have a lot of people use the hitting range balls and getting ready for the summer.

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Joseph Siciliano: Our attendance, I mean not attendance but excuse me, our membership at the golf course.

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Joseph Siciliano: Already at this time superseded, the entire season last year, last year we had about 1600 and 10 members, this year we already have 1700 and 79 members.

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Joseph Siciliano: And climbing so we implemented a couple of new rules that said that you had to be a member by a certain date or otherwise, even a resident would have to pay the.

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Joseph Siciliano: Non non Member fee that seems to be going well, we converted the reservation system from a four day reservation system to a seven day reservation system.

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Joseph Siciliano: and set up some different parameters about the reservations, the time that you can book start to book 5am in the morning.

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Joseph Siciliano: And we also went to a pre pay resin reservation on Saturdays and Sundays and holidays from the from the first time until noon.

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Joseph Siciliano: And that's because those are the most desired times and we wanted to guarantee that if you're booking a time you are.

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Joseph Siciliano: using it, or if you're booking a time you're not holding it and then releasing it at another time so that others can book that time so it's a little bit of a challenge we've been a little bit pushback from a couple of user groups.

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Joseph Siciliano: But we are doing it right now, and our goal was to try to experiment with it for a month.

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Joseph Siciliano: and see what would happen, we are using it right now with those with all of those requirements and the first user group that.

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Joseph Siciliano: gave some feedback said that you know we were trying to you know manipulate their groups, so they couldn't play together and all these other things that did not happen, the first weekend.

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Joseph Siciliano: Those same guys got the same four or five first TEE times and they just had to pay for them in advance and they did open up some other times later in the morning.

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Joseph Siciliano: Of the women were also concerned that you know we were.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know that not being fair to them because we're now requiring people to make reservations that start making reservations at five o'clock instead of am instead of six o'clock am.

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Joseph Siciliano: And they also did protest, the prepaid weekend times but it all worked out this this past reservation reservation weekend and this Saturday, will be the first day.

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Joseph Siciliano: That the the TEE times will be prepaid from 6am until noon and so we'll see how that kind of goes we're open to some suggestions we may do some fine tuning, but at the end of the day.

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Joseph Siciliano: we're going to experiment with this for about a month and see where it all goes so that's pretty much golf golf is.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we're seeing people still play golf at times that they normally wouldn't play because they're still working virtually and their schedule is very flexible.

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Joseph Siciliano: On the men's both ladies groups are in full swing, the men's Group is in full swing, the retirement Group is in full swing, the Calcutta is playing on Wednesday, Thursday afternoons all is good in the world of golf, so I think.

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00:28:58.740 --> 00:29:12.870

Joseph Siciliano: As long as we can manage the folks and they and they don't we don't get too far out in front of it, I think we'll have a very successful golf season and we're all looking forward to having that so we're in pretty good shape that's what I have on girls.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you, Joe excellent.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So, to talk about the Foundation will have Scott and Sue I don't know who's oh sorry Mike you have a question.

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Mike Bocchino: yeah oh sorry, can you hear me now.

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Sue Bodson: you're muted.

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Gary Dell'Abate: you're muted Mike.

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00:29:41.430 --> 00:29:41.850

Mike Bocchino: yeah.

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Mike Bocchino: That better.

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Mike Bocchino: There you go sorry those guys have done a fantastic job at the golf courses, most of you know i'm up there all the time.

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Mike Bocchino: The maintenance group has been outstanding joe's done a great job with you know reorganizing the the system up my one question is Joe is there an opportunity like what is the main.

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Mike Bocchino: forum for the people when they want to ask a question, or have a comment about what the changes are things that have been done is there is it best for them to email, is it.

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Mike Bocchino: How is that working.

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Joseph Siciliano: The best thing for them to do is the email Steve use the golf course operations manager.

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Joseph Siciliano: And they can always copy us in but we're going to rely that the communication line on the front line goes to Steve okay proceed to the university, but for everybody else steal the operations manager.

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Joseph Siciliano: They don't know Steve if you do and i'm So it goes to Stephen Stephen Bob will take the questions up front we're always open to reading that information but um.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know when i've got those questions I forwarded them to Steve and asked him to be the you know the front guy for the for the course.

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Mike Bocchino: Okay, thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, great so I guess if we're gonna.

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Gary Dell'Abate: we're taught to sue bots and Scott, about the parks and REC foundation.

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Sue Bodson: We want to start stop.

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Scott Johnson: y'all not let me just start off.

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Scott Johnson: And then you want i'll do the civic Center later I guess care yeah so turn over to Susan phenomenal job because what we're trying to do is get.

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Scott Johnson: More PR out there about the Foundation still get calls from people That said, including our TEAM members that said they don't even know, an event the Foundation so that's important so.

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Scott Johnson: Sue is a genius at this stuff we've never had anybody really in the marketing background on this so.

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Scott Johnson: she's been.

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Scott Johnson: Holding events and scheduling events she's drafted PR releases which we're going to have more of because that's important.

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Scott Johnson: Because we're also kicking off really a fundraising campaign, which has not been stalled, but it hasn't been advertised so that's something we have to do, let me just right now, the committee consists of basically carry so.

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Scott Johnson: molly sleepy from the rpm who also has a background that.

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Scott Johnson: Kirk and myself, who am I.

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Scott Johnson: Who am I forgetting and Angela Angela.

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And rest.

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Scott Johnson: can wreck so that's important because we just need to really pick it up fast it's kind of a requirement of BT and it's also required, and really a phrase initiative for public private partnerships.

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Scott Johnson: we're not Pooh poohing small things because we also have expenses and the foundation of that can help differ, but we're also trying to target bigger things and we're going to mimic some of the ideas that Sue knows that junior league uses.

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Scott Johnson: I talked to our finale today that he is also encouraging the use of plaques like you guys did at the pool so if if somebody gives money for.

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Scott Johnson: arts facilities and one of the the the non designated all kind of thousand square foot user spaces that's something that we know will do scoreboards has always been a hot topic, but everybody should feel free to give us ideas.

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Scott Johnson: Basically, a list of people that we or organizations that we can hit up with us user groups or just people that they know have some history in this so go ahead, take it away so.

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Sue Bodson: Thank you Scott um So yes, we talked about it at our last meeting about sort of walking before we run and and, obviously, the goal is to get to that running cadence.

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Sue Bodson: And and fundraise for the larger ticket items so we're in my mind we're in a phase right now, where we're walking and we're.

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Sue Bodson: doing some housekeeping in terms of the Foundation website and to get it to a place that is more user user friendly so we've made a couple of changes to it, but now that we've had this initial.

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Sue Bodson: Soft fundraiser i'll call it, which really was a fundraiser we have raised a little bit of money that we can now utilize to make more enhancements so.

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Sue Bodson: With the bell conte event that we had, I think it was two weeks ago we had 24 people participate and have those 24 people.

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Sue Bodson: Joe included and three board members, so we really had 20 people sign on and and some of them had multiple people signing on together, but we had 20 sign ons and and I check this with Lenoir.

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Sue Bodson: All of those people are new they were new donors to the Foundation, so we we meet new friends and and that's what we want, because it's friends make friends so i'm really happy.

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Sue Bodson: That with the outcome of that and as Joe said it was it was really entertaining and it was informative and and you know it was an hour's it was in and out so it was it was that part was was really nice, we have an event.

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Sue Bodson: That is posted on the foundation website, now that the kickoff will be next Wednesday it's at Veronica beard on Greenwich avenue it's.

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Sue Bodson: A woman's clothing store and their tagline is a place in the sun, which again goes perfectly with you know getting outdoors and recreation, whether it's active or passive and.

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Sue Bodson: us being able to utilize the outdoors which we are doing more so now than ever so we're partnering with them there will give 10% of the proceeds of the sales from Wednesday.

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Sue Bodson: On may 5 from Wednesday night until through the weekend and i'm positioning this as a mother's day event, so you know it's they have beautiful clothing and it's a nice.

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Sue Bodson: pick out what you want, for mother's day and make it really easy on your husband and your kids and give back to parks and REC foundation so.

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Sue Bodson: they're they're really posting to deal with and there's no to clarify there's no out of cost expense on our part, so it's.

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Sue Bodson: You know I will promote it and i'll send out information about it and then we'll get out in the press and, hopefully, people will come and support it and then.

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Sue Bodson: Then, the next step, really, and I, and I sent you a draft of a wireframe of how we can update the parks and REC.

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Sue Bodson: foundation website and it looked at a lot of different other foundations around the country to sort of like see what they do and how they do it, so that would be really my goal.

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Sue Bodson: For the next step, I really wanted to do that before we launch the big fundraising campaign because we want people to we want to drive people there and have them see something that is.

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Sue Bodson: That represents really who we are and what we're doing now, and the photographs need to be updated to more current photos etc so um I.

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Sue Bodson: I was put in touch with molly sleepy and I did email you back molly and i'm looking forward to talking to you.

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Sue Bodson: and connecting with you i've heard a lot of good things about you, so thank you, I would love to work with you and Angela and I have changed have treated messages and we have not been able to connect that.

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Sue Bodson: I feeling really confident that we can put together a plan for the Foundation to support the larger projects that we have coming forward.

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Scott Johnson: You can try do a zoom meeting fairly soon right, yes or get together, I mean it's up to you guys.

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Sue Bodson: yeah totally yeah I asked molly for some times that she is available and we'll connect and i'll pull Angela and when she returns and will be good.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes to pull me into that as well, because I have a couple of thoughts and I know I haven't been able to email me it's been crazy, but I have a couple of thoughts on.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I like the way you're handling this like we're taking our time but I, I can see in your eyes were ramping up to something good so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: we'll get there.

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Sue Bodson: yeah and I think I mean it's what i've learned over the many years that I have done this is, it is a marathon is totally a marathon we're just at the beginning of it so slow and steady wins the race.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I love that I love hearing that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And my frozen.

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Sue Bodson: You are.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I may come up I may go come out and go back, but let's Scott is there anybody here to talk about Dorothy hamill.

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Scott Johnson: Well yeah yeah okay go ahead, sorry.

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Joseph Siciliano: we're in the process right now of asking for some money \$950,000 for the second part of the design phase of the skating rink.

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Joseph Siciliano: As you know, we have \$400,000 currently of which \$300,000 is committed to an org vendor designer by the name of slam.

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Joseph Siciliano: And we selected that group several months back and now we're in the contract with them they're currently preparing.

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Joseph Siciliano: The site plan work in my work, so we can go to planning and zoning for 30 30% site plan approval and what we'll be doing is we've been asking the BT.

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Joseph Siciliano: we've asked Dr TIM to approve this 950 so in concurrence with the 30% once we get that outlined by the p amp Z we can then just commence and continue to work on the.

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Joseph Siciliano: The hundred percent documents, the drawings documents and specifications, now we did the feasibility study we've asked for the 30% money for the.

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Joseph Siciliano: For the site plan approval those normal steps that we usually follow the town follows the third step is this is the hundred percent.

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Joseph Siciliano: With a you know and that'll give us the one all of the drawings he'll talk about all the finishings it will talk about everything and it will give us an opportunity to use that information to fundraise if we if we can.

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Joseph Siciliano: And it will also give us an estimate of what the word cost of the work will be because right now we're doing square footage estimating this will give us an actual.

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Joseph Siciliano: Professional estimate about how much the rink would cross the bill and then of course in our year we have.

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Joseph Siciliano: A 2324 we've had a quick question for \$17 million to build the rink so we're right at the beginning of the site plan work.

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Joseph Siciliano: There is a Community that's been formed, the committee has several board members on it, it also has.

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Joseph Siciliano: The user groups reading skating club, the high school high school coach add our own skating group the granny skating.

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Joseph Siciliano: School with the hill skating club, you know all of these groups, we have all these people on the committee, and what the intent is to have our first meeting.

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Joseph Siciliano: With slam as a committee next Wednesday and we'll be posting that very shortly, by the end of the day tomorrow and we'll make an invite just send it out to everybody on the board.

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Joseph Siciliano: You can attend if you'd like yeah, but there is a set group of people that are the participants, and then there are all people that are here to listen.

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Joseph Siciliano: And we will also have a short public comments section at the end of the meeting after the Committee does its work so as we go forward that's how we're going to operate.

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Joseph Siciliano: And this will be the first one next Wednesday Wednesday morning so we're looking forward to that we are plugging along we've gotten a lot of resistance or from the Boc that's the budget overview committee of the RCM.

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Joseph Siciliano: Alan and I and bill Drake spent an hour and 45 minutes last night answering numerous questions of misinformation.

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Joseph Siciliano: Okay This reminds me of the eastern civic Center discussions are all over again, where people were talking about that we're building a regional rink i've no idea where that ever came.

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Joseph Siciliano: From and we're going to be rented it's not primary use is not going to be for the.

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Joseph Siciliano: folks of Greenwich high school team, you know other private schools that we might support a collaborate with.

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Joseph Siciliano: i'm not sure where they're getting all this information so it's kind of like a schmeat in the sense that.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know the misinformation people start to believe, but nobody really wanted to hear the answers to some of the information so we're working hard to keep it in the queue and that will go through the process and be voted on Monday I think it's the 11th or 12th I can't remember.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Charlotte just out of curiosity what is a regional rank.

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Joseph Siciliano: Well, I think, when people you know the regional link is like something that.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know it's a collaborative from other users in fairfield county well we do invite other users for fairfield county to the ring.

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Joseph Siciliano: We have schools high schools, we have other clubs sports that bring in other teams, we have other I mean you, even down to the grandage blues or Greenwich Cardinal skating whatever.

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Joseph Siciliano: The Cardinal skating club they bring in other teams, I mean so that's not really a regional operation that's a hometown operation that invites other users to come in.

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Joseph Siciliano: Use the ice with them play against them compete against them escape figure skating skating figure skating competitions.

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Joseph Siciliano: it's not reasonable when you say there's no reciprocal, but they can book anytime it's my invite and that's exactly.

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Joseph Siciliano: Some of the misinformation that's out there, so we're trying to correct it we're trying to hold it together.

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Joseph Siciliano: But we're going to commence because we do have \$400,000 to start the process we do estimate that'll take us about six months to get through planning and zoning for 30% approval.

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Joseph Siciliano: And that'll be planning it's mid 30% approval and architectural review committee will probably eat up about six months of the of our time going forward.

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Joseph Siciliano: If we have the.

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Joseph Siciliano: In our budget or and it is subject to released by the BT because the BT said well we'll put a little appropriate the \$950,000 but before we actually release it for you to us, we want you to come back and talk to us about the EMI site plan.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know 30% approval and architectural review we want to know what we're actually building and see some modeling of what we're building, such as.

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Joseph Siciliano: Building a profile floor plan, it will not have a lot of detail, but those of us on the east i'm going to civic Center committee saw this progression happen.

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Joseph Siciliano: It worked and that's the one we're going to be using and matter of fact that's the one that BT mom said we should model it after and we are doing that so let's see.

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Joseph Siciliano: let's see how it plays out the worst case scenario is that if they take the money out of this next year's budget, we would have to ask for an allocation.

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Joseph Siciliano: That we would not get to July of 2022 instead of having it July of 2021.

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Joseph Siciliano: As we go through the 30% process will be eating of six months, but then on the back side, we have an additional six months to start on the on the more detailed work so it's just that debate about timing.

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Joseph Siciliano: And I don't think anybody said that they didn't want to build around that a lot of questions about business models.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know revolving funds.

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Joseph Siciliano: Questions about regional rinks questions about you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: Market market analysis of ice time in the area and all of these other things and we'll have to address that as we go along seems like it seems scenario that we had a decent civic Center.

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Scott Johnson: A lot of this is like what kind of question Joe.

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Scott Johnson: Can you remember a bill Drake I know you're tending what's your original any first tranche amount was.

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Joseph Siciliano: Well, it was the 400,000 for the.

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Scott Johnson: mascot is is my sleeve you just told me that that plc.

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Scott Johnson: voted to to pare it down to \$50,000 so i'm not sure how that how that tracks.

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Joseph Siciliano: So what what what their thought process was is to give us see they don't want to \$50,000 of bias nothing Okay, because.

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Joseph Siciliano: we're going to spend \$300,000 on the 30% and have \$150,000 to spend on the 90%.

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Joseph Siciliano: So we can't go in the contract with the vendor because we can't commit to the full amount of money, and this has already been pre negotiate.

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Joseph Siciliano: Their pre qualified vendor their pre negotiated amount so it's not like you can go back and say okay now we're going to \$150,000, what do you, what can you do for us.

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Joseph Siciliano: But can do anything for us because they're looking for the balance of the money to do the 70% design work that hasn't been done yet and that 70% is worth \$950,000.

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Joseph Siciliano: For this project, so I think they voted to do that for a reason they don't want to be totally negative about this whole project.

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Joseph Siciliano: They have some unanswered questions by giving us 50,000 that is not usable at all they're just saying that well we're not.

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Joseph Siciliano: Cutting all the money out, we are interested in the project, we have some questions and our pledges to give \$50,000 so that we can vet out the rest of this information, but it's the money is not usable at all we became one contract with slam for the second phase of the design.

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Joseph Siciliano: With a SOFA so.

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Scott Johnson: So fat initiative continues it's going to slow us down.

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yeah.

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Scott Johnson: Right bill Drake you heard that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thanks thanks Joe Scott tell us what's going on with this civic Center and you know, at some point what just to put what Joe just said in context.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I would love, if you would just tell everybody like how far ahead, we are of the rank like where how long it took us from where they are now to get to where we are now because it just gives it some context on how it's going to move.

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Joseph Siciliano: Yes or.

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Gary Dell'Abate: No i'm asking Scott okay.

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Scott Johnson: Well, we you know we we did not have this initial hurdle, we got our initially any money advanced so that we could get going.

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Scott Johnson: And we started to see conceptual drawings and we kind of knew where we were headed we knew what you know what our ultimate.

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Scott Johnson: goal is going to be, and then we had a project that people you know could see some sketches.

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Scott Johnson: On some actually pretty detailed sketches so we knew that we develop consensus opinion which was extremely favorable in the beginning.

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Scott Johnson: And then, let me i'll just jump to it right now on we then had a such a tour leads to which is normal, which was just approved last week by the etc, so this.

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Scott Johnson: The second tranche for success Center for \$530,000 was approved so that means the architects can now go to the next stage of construction drawings of interiors.

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Scott Johnson: And then ultimately we can get bids and firm pricing, which is something we have to have so that's good, because if we didn't get that.

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Scott Johnson: The next stage would have been stalled.

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Scott Johnson: And he would actually create a contract problems with the architects, because we have to go back and amend the contract to say, which is something else to do to say that, yes, was approved so get going, and then the Committee will meet, probably in.

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Scott Johnson: A month or two to see the new set of drawings for interiors and some of the details so that's good so we're on track design wise.

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Scott Johnson: And we if we don't have the design, we can't get the numbers and then he can have confidence that our numbers are have been vetted and we're either on or off budget when the ultimately hopefully approves the format.

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Great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great Thank you Scott that's perfect.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Nancy champion will talk about any park event pomerance.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay, can everybody hear me okay so just briefly three things to talk about benny.

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Nancy Chapin: One we did a little presentation, it was in presentation for the prot library and the I believe it was co sponsored with the Granite Granite garden club.

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Nancy Chapin: And it seemed to have been very well received, so we were happy with that and he did a really great job about talking about the history of any park and.

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Nancy Chapin: I really tried to emphasize the partnership between the volunteers and staff, so I think it was great it was fun.

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Nancy Chapin: I am zooming just terrifies me, but you know, maybe i'll figure it out and then zooming will be done The other thing to mention about any is there was an eagle scout, who did a project.

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Nancy Chapin: And there was a launching of his project, they were turtle pads.

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Nancy Chapin: And that happened this week and well attended we had Darren was there and John Disown staff, they were the ones, helping the eagle scout get this turtle turtle pad launched.

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Nancy Chapin: And Margaret because he was there was so great to see her she's so nice and friendly and actually Joe at our last board meeting.

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Nancy Chapin: You mentioned, maybe talking to her about the benches she and I walked down and she showed me where those benches might go and I think you both have a great idea So hopefully that will work.

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Nancy Chapin: And so that is pretty much it on Benny I don't know if anybody has any questions about anything or.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay okay.

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Nancy Chapin: So I will then move on to parents tech men premium and basically a couple things to talk about there are we've done.

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Nancy Chapin: You know the invasive remediate you know, working on the Barbary and then there was also a permit to restore an old bridle path and.

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Nancy Chapin: That was something we really wanted to do in a private, public partnership, where we brought in the grant writing and trails association trail manager.

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Nancy Chapin: And he and we thought we're going to get have to get a lot of volunteers, but basically he went out with my husband and you know, Diego works, the.

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Nancy Chapin: equipment fully insured and they were done under an hour, and so there really was nothing left to do so, we think, now we have this map and the trails that are on the map, are now open.

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Nancy Chapin: I think we showed the map at another board meeting so will work to get that finalized, and hopefully get it up on the website.

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Nancy Chapin: I just want to add that i'm part of this, I don't know if anybody else's this next door and.

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Nancy Chapin: there's just been comments about you know thanking the parks department for taking interest in all the work they've been doing there, so people are really starting to notice that.

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Nancy Chapin: The parks and REC department has really made some great improvements there so Hats off to Greg and Darren they've been doing some great work and also thank you for keeping my newly retired husband busy as well.

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Nancy Chapin: I think that's it and i'm looking forward to frank has taken me up on my offer for a guided tour and we're both fully out of our vaccination wait time where we're headed out on the trails so.

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Nancy Chapin: Again, if anybody wants i'm obviously passionate and can fill you out and all the history and I think that's all I have on those two at some point Gary let me know, I just wanted to speak briefly about that COs cob town meeting as well, and you tell me when I should do that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: um you do that now if you'd like.

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Nancy Chapin: as well, so I guess first Hats off to sue snyder I just you know I gave her you know hey Sue you know, can you add anything.

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Nancy Chapin: And somehow she whipped off and I just am so impressed, and I will repeat because she gave a great presentation earlier about the hoops and hurdles.

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Nancy Chapin: That she's gone through and basically it was a it was the annual cost of town meeting hosted by the costco library and the goal of it was to they had a great panel of variety of people, you know they had principles from the.

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Nancy Chapin: Central middle school, as well as cost cub school they had Joanna seen as a tree conservancy.

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Nancy Chapin: grant there was I won't list them all, but it was highly right, you know represented, and we had a very short window to talk so I really didn't know quite know what to say I basically just wanted to read sue's email back to me but try to highlight.

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Nancy Chapin: That parks department, you know a lot of people, I know, when I joined the board, I had no idea of the scope and breadth that parks department has to do and.

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Nancy Chapin: I tried to emphasize that you know you can't just say to the parks department go go work remotely and.

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Nancy Chapin: So I think soo really captured you know the constant having to adapt and reinvent themselves talks about the beach, you know and how.

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Nancy Chapin: The the use of our parks just exploded So hopefully that came across in the zoom and I was able to share a little bit of my experience with a range of vision, I see brian's on and.

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Nancy Chapin: How amazing it was that they were able to navigate this pandemic and you know I mentioned how look they had to get the boats resident boats out of the parking lots and how do you do that when they're all the parks are closed so.

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Nancy Chapin: So try again just spoke spoke about, you know how amazing the parks department has handled this pandemic and that's basically all I have to share.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Excellent Thank you.

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Frank DiVincenzo: Thank you so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Much, for all that that's that's awesome so okay does anybody have any new business, which I think that started off does anyone have any new business.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Is there any public comment i'm looking.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Joe do you have your hand raised.

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Joseph Siciliano: yeah i'd like to say, set up and when you're ready it's fine just little comment that's all.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Well now's the time.

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So.

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Joseph Siciliano: I left please kicking for a minute here but blazing or in some of our staff that has been pumping them this information.

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Joseph Siciliano: has done a really good job recently on social media, so please, if you would just explain that people aren't on our social media.

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Joseph Siciliano: website, the counter branch how they could get on there and to look for our information with that you know we talked about this today that the next fundraiser that Sue is planning.

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Joseph Siciliano: Coming up for mother's day we're going to push that out on social media to it is part of what we do in parks and recreation, the foundation provides scholarships other opportunities.

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Joseph Siciliano: And I think it's very much it fits within the in the content of what parks and recreation is all about so we're going to push this out on the advertisement for mother's day fundraiser.

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Joseph Siciliano: out on social media, so please can you just tell people how to get on and what to look for and thank you, Linda or because she does all artwork so please we'll talk about that.

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Blaize Levitan: yeah real quick, so we partnered with the first select MINS office on social media and it's been going very well when nor and I coordinate on.

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Blaize Levitan: A week's worth of social media posts every week, all the divisions submit and its really been working well to highlight our projects and we've had really good engagement on So if you if you haven't seen it if you're just following the town's Facebook account, which is just town of Greenwich.

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Blaize Levitan: that's where most of the posting is happening, and on the instagram account is also very active they've got over 30 by like 3100 followers and that's Greenwich cto fs.

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Blaize Levitan: And those are both being managed by the first select ones office partnership with Jenny who does a great job posting a lot of our content.

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Blaize Levitan: And lenore is really good at.

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Blaize Levitan: photoshop and has been creating all kinds of great graphics and we've been getting really good feedback and.

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Blaize Levitan: Especially with some of the memberships golf and beach cards, we had a lot of information, get out there and really seems to be working and actually.

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Blaize Levitan: tricia and sue's team, let me know the other day that she's had a lot of people, let her know that they've been getting their information from social media as well lately too so.

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Blaize Levitan: it's going really well and if anyone has some ideas as well for social media, they can just send it to lenore and I, and we can kind of partner and and work together on that and she's really good at what they have some good graphics with our logo on it and.

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Joseph Siciliano: So so also I also want to throw some kudos to sue because she keeps plugging every three weeks on our newsletter.

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Joseph Siciliano: You have a large following that 20 I think around 20,000 email addresses that goes out to about every three weeks that's another form of communication that we're we're using so you can sign up for the newsletter.

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Joseph Siciliano: You can sign up for social media and hopefully every week or every few days you'll get something from parks and recreation.

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Joseph Siciliano: That promote something or at least identifies something that we're doing a project or some beautification thing or just a nice scenery of Granite for the day so so stay tuned and get on and and then and look at it it's very interesting.

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Joseph Siciliano: It takes a little bit to manage, but we, we got the right folks managing it she does a great job with the newsletter and lenore and place really get this going, so this is great.

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Joseph Siciliano: Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you, Joe Thank you place and thank you guys are all working really hard and it's it's showing it is greatly appreciated.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Any public comment.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I will check my participants screen.

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Scott Johnson: Nancy Su Su bakers Rana.

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Gary Dell'Abate: OK so Baker.

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Joseph Siciliano: she's muted, which is.

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Gary Dell'Abate: People couldn't do it, but zoomed in it.

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Joseph Siciliano: Bigger people in zoom have tried that so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So unmute and, if you want to turn your video more than happy to so.

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sue baker: Now.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Here we go.

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here.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Oh so you're just muted again.

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sue baker: Can you hear me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Now we can.

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Joseph Siciliano: Okay.

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sue baker: Without the microphone, I just wanted to thank God Joe and Craig rick and learn bro Nova everybody at the point for helping with this wonderful all town beach cleanup we had at todd's point it was Saturday the perfect combination of of earthquake for the town so thanks to you guys.

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Joseph Siciliano: Thanks to.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Nancy do you have something to say.

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Nancy Chapin: Sorry just quick question with the social media I would do you ever include so if a nonprofit had an event.

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Nancy Chapin: don't do that okay.

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Joseph Siciliano: Now we stick into our own format, we don't want to commingle and manage anybody else's information so they have their own opportunities to develop.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know their own social media platform, so this is strictly about parks and recreation and we.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we're going to we're going to put some stuff out there about the Foundation, because we do partner on things, but other than that we.

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Joseph Siciliano: everybody else has to manage your own social media, I mean even the restaurant at the golf course.

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Joseph Siciliano: We have a link on our web page that says cover North you click on it takes you right to the web page, we have a link on that says pro shop it click it it goes right to the pros web page so we're not.

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Joseph Siciliano: that's that's what we would prefer to do.

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Nancy Chapin: So I know the selections letters on his weekly update he's sometimes ads you know audubon is doing this or.

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Joseph Siciliano: I do, he can do that that's that's.

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Joseph Siciliano: that's a that's a that's A newsletter that he puts out of his office he does welcome some contributors.

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Joseph Siciliano: Right, so if you have something you know Fred puts that out every Friday, sometimes it gets in sometimes it doesn't but if that's an avenue that people can try to get the word out he is about 5000 followers so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: This all right, thank you, everybody, I think, do we have an unfinished business before we wrap it up.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And with that I will say thank you very much, we shall adjourn Thank you all.

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Joseph Siciliano: Thank you.

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Frank DiVincenzo: Thank you.

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Mike Bocchino: Okay, you guys.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: And night everyone.