



**Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript
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Scott Johnson: So so let's start so it's it's it's like 630, this is the.

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Scott Johnson: January 26 meeting of the Board of parks and recreation.

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Scott Johnson: it's a regular meeting.

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Scott Johnson: and

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Scott Johnson: The first item is to approve the December 8 minutes, so when or send out revised one's going to revise location, I think.

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Scott Johnson: That was what we added at Eastern question Sir so Does anyone want to take a motion to approve that.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, so Nancy raise your hand anybody want a second.

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A second.

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Scott Johnson: All in favor.

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Rick Loh: Okay.

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Scott Johnson: Any any boast okay So those are approved, let me say something about minutes.

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Scott Johnson: Remember the Minutes are generally done by lenore from tape recordings, which are generally pretty good quality not perfect.

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Scott Johnson: And anybody can make a comment on the accuracy rate accuracy of the Minutes

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Scott Johnson: And we rarely get outside comments on the Minutes, but every once while we do, and particularly from one individual and that's fine there's nothing wrong with that.

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Scott Johnson: But when people make comments, and this is to the public, not just the board comments on a minute they've got to be specific, like something is just wrong.

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Scott Johnson: versus what we have been getting which is on.

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Scott Johnson: General thoughts on the meeting or i'd rather say it this way or i'd like to add this as comments on the meeting that's not really appropriate for Minutes that that can be done, you know, to follow me so.

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Scott Johnson: Enough one is.

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Scott Johnson: let's jump into.

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Scott Johnson: Something I guess directors report before we do that, though Mike you what time is, you have to leave seven so.

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Scott Johnson: it's like even on yet so we'll get going, I said sure once you get your report.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, good evening everybody, so the directors report is really going to be comprised of two.

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Joe Siciliano: presentations and the first one, will be the field study master plan, update and this is a similar to report that we gave to the BT Budget Committee a week ago, or so.

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Joe Siciliano: Since that meeting, we you know, we were able to collect some information from the Budget Committee.

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Joe Siciliano: And some questions, our goal would be two to work those issues and come back to the Budget Committee and the BT in February, during our budget hearing time or maybe add another day to get to answer those questions and to have continuous conversation and.

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Joe Siciliano: To hopefully get the hundred and \$50,000 release that has a condition to release of from from the 22 budgets, so this is a work in progress.

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Joe Siciliano: we've been trying to update the report as much as we can, since the border parks, recreation has not seen this version.

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Joe Siciliano: It will be seamless for you, but some of the maybe be TEAM members that are listening in, and I know there's a few it'll be some of the same that you've heard that you heard at the budget meeting on the two weeks ourselves so just bear with us again.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we will be working the questions from the BT.

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Joe Siciliano: After this meeting, if there's a other questions from board members, we would be more than happy to engage and answer those questions and have a complete package so that, when we go to the BT meeting in February, we will.

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Joe Siciliano: will have most mostly everything answered and ready to go okay so blaze is going to walk us through this he's been taking a principal role in dealing with the field master plan, even though we are all on the meat on the meeting myself lays Donald.

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Joe Siciliano: TIM coffin.

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Joe Siciliano: And and Ryan malinowski our consultant for Western Samson we've been meeting regularly to work on this stuff this, this is a summary so go ahead blaze if you can take it take the take the the presentation.

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Blaize Levitan: Alright, so we'll start with the field master plan report here i'm just gonna share my screen.

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Blaize Levitan: let's see if it works there's usually a technical problem.

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Blaize Levitan: Right when it's time to present so can we see my screen.

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Rick Loh: yeah yeah okay.

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Blaize Levitan: So this is the.

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Blaize Levitan: Report that you know the master plan that we put together with our consultant Ryan shema linsky from Western and Samson this is, but you know, two years little over two years worth of work.

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Blaize Levitan: On the department end and many other people in the first version of this so organized start walking through this is just kind of what the the overall plan looks like.

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Blaize Levitan: But just some background on kind of how this got started so in the fiscal year 20 budget the department had originally sought some funds to do some fieldwork and starting some expansion and through conversation with all of this be the BT.

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Blaize Levitan: The town of the commissioning a comprehensive athletic field study for \$75,000 in the fiscal year 20 budget.

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Blaize Levitan: And so once that budget started, we had set up a contract with Western and Samsung, which is based in rocky hill Connecticut the department got a really good.

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Blaize Levitan: consultant, as I said, Ryan Shin alinsky he's a.

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Blaize Levitan: landscape engineer, and he also he specializes in athletic fields and sports and has worked all over the state of Connecticut on a bunch of different field projects.

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Blaize Levitan: The main thing for the first the study piece, there is there's the study that we published last year which i'll get into and the than the master plan that we that we have before us today.

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Blaize Levitan: The study involves doing a full inventory of all fields in the town be only and town fields engaged dozens of the key stakeholders that they did a survey at the time.

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Blaize Levitan: And through Ryan also identified the industry standards and benchmarks that we should be kind of assessing field conditions and hours against.

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Blaize Levitan: The working group involved, the number of people here today on this call from the board of parks and REC we also.

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Blaize Levitan: have representatives from the board of education, as well as a number of athletic field stakeholders throughout that process, and they held a series of.

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Blaize Levitan: public hearings and also through people like Donald more who does a lot of this work.

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Blaize Levitan: And is has field user meetings every year when he's setting up the schedule and everything gets a lot of input on field usage and field comments every year on that process.

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Blaize Levitan: That was all compiled into which many of you on the border probably remember because we got a lot of confusing comments last year and emails and everything.

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Blaize Levitan: um where the field study we published in February 2021 So this was the study this was basically a full inventory of all our assets and if someone to like Ryan.

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Blaize Levitan: kid have a blank slate at every property, how could you maximize the field use at every single location that's kind of what that what if you had a dream and you were field.

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Blaize Levitan: designer, this is what you would do you could redraw like a park and then kind of You might remember that you know people actually kind of just took that as the 15 year plan and thought that's what we were going to do we got all those comments.

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Blaize Levitan: And all those comments we actually have posted online with this report if you're going to kind of refresh your memory, but that's where that piece came from, and that formed the baseline for developing what would be the realistic capital plan, something that the town cadet actually implement.

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Blaize Levitan: And before we got into to that we before we got into the capital plan it was identifying what the problem is, and it was it was.

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Blaize Levitan: There was a well documented problem everyone kind of knows that there was this efficiency.

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Blaize Levitan: One thing you know, working with joe's everyone knows it's just the town historian he's got file after file to file and I think there's been three different field studies and there was a.

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Blaize Levitan: There was a deficiency, but it was kind of trying to use some modern day you know something to actually define what that deficiency is um.

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Blaize Levitan: You know, so that if you could summarize basically what the problem statement would be, it would be that the town of grants through both our parks and recreation and Board of education.

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Blaize Levitan: properties has a deficiency in available field hours there's excessive use during all seasons that's cause stress conditions at multiple of our prime locations.

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Blaize Levitan: And the overall user experience has been negatively impacted due to field, availability and condition not being able to host certain games moving people around having difficulty in where you're going to you know move people to.

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Blaize Levitan: And then, also the quality of some of the fields.

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Blaize Levitan: This is the benchmark for Western and Samson based on research from the University of North Carolina.

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Blaize Levitan: That you would kind of assess your your field conditions, you know your number of hours on your natural grass fields, which is what most of our fields are.

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Blaize Levitan: So you know you're looking at the the hours here are the hours of use at each location at each location.

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Blaize Levitan: And we want to look at basically so basically to get good field conditions you're looking at eight and looking at targeting between 406 hundred hours, and this was kind of the metric use for rating the fields in the in the full study.

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Blaize Levitan: In the report you'll see basically that you know went through and we inventory field tape and the capacity you're looking at your diamonds.

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Blaize Levitan: Your rectangles your size of your rectangle and then also you're the large rectangles are your turf large turf fields.

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Blaize Levitan: And the town has a number of overlays as many of you know 23 field overlays where you're making you sort of a rectangle and a diamond kind of over the same space.

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Blaize Levitan: So taking that inventory and we're going to kind of go through a lot of data, and I will apologize because ryan's not here and i'm you know landscape engineer, but.

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Blaize Levitan: Just know that we're kind of go through a lot of data, today this these slides that i'm going to walk through the defining the problem for the BT and what will share with the board.

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Blaize Levitan: Ryan is putting together a much more simple walkthrough of this that we will share with everybody in the BT because.

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Blaize Levitan: This is kind of a lot of data and it kind of was like this table up here can like almost kind of give you a headache to look at, but he's putting together a little bit better of a visual version of this but.

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Blaize Levitan: You know, basically, right now, if you took the fields and assuming the capacity here, which is highlighted of 400 hours because.

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Blaize Levitan: None of our fields other than the large turf which have a 1500 our capacity we're using the 400 hours because we have natural native soils, most of them are the heavy clays and slow draining soils there.

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Blaize Levitan: That we haven't really had any fields that have been rebuilt, you know completely from scratch they're just something that has been put together over the years.

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Blaize Levitan: And Basically, this would come out to having a if if we were playing all our fields in all our fields are all there, none of them were shut down.

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Blaize Levitan: Like they are right now, we would have a deficit of 1600 hours switches for large rectangles.

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Blaize Levitan: The town is the main takeaway from this is that the town has a deficiency of large rectangles and a surplus of dimes.

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Blaize Levitan: we've got more kind of diamonds, that we need for hours but bless rectangles and i'll get into this in a little bit.

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Blaize Levitan: um if you add it in, and if you add it in the fact that we shouldn't be renovating fields i'm on an industry standard cycle of basically every 10 years that's giving them the appropriate rest period for a season every number of years, plus.

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Blaize Levitan: Closing down, you know your field, some of your fields for rebuilding or.

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Blaize Levitan: Trying to think of the name of you know upgrading the soil basically i'm totally blanking on what the word is, but you should be doing that, on a regular basis.

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Blaize Levitan: If we were going to basically allow four of our fields to breed as we should, that jumps up with your normal maintenance program to a deficit of 3200 hours or the better way to think about it, is a deficit of eight large rectangles and still we've got that surplus of diamonds so.

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Blaize Levitan: If you add in the fact what we're dealing with right now, which is if we were closing the fields appropriately.

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Blaize Levitan: For the maintenance program to produce good conditions and with jhs in western middle school, which are huge huge players.

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Blaize Levitan: being closed that deficit jumps up to what our field users have kind of been experiencing recent you know, for the last few years, which is 5700 hours or 14 large rectangles.

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Blaize Levitan: And so that's that's assuming here that's taking.

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Blaize Levitan: The number of field hours available looking at all of what our field hours are using so you get your field use ours, we tracked through all of our programs.

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Blaize Levitan: And that's programming that the town does that's programming at the board of education and then programming from all of our private or nonprofit groups that rent field time.

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Blaize Levitan: and run their programs on the town and Board of ID field, so if you take that all together.

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Blaize Levitan: Use over the years you're looking at deficit right now of the 14 large rectangles with DHS and Western middle school field closures, which is we'll talk about Western middle school in a second.

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Blaize Levitan: The other major constraints here are things that we're kind of all familiar with that we know that the that study looking at the deficiency.

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Blaize Levitan: doesn't necessarily account for peak programming everybody wants the fields, at the same time looking at your after school work and weekends, so that you can even tighter crunch during your peak Program.

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Blaize Levitan: Because the fields have not either you know the proper soil or they're using native hard clays and stuff.

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Blaize Levitan: you're seeing an unnecessary length and closure some of those fields are actually closed 50% longer than they would need to be if they were proper soils proper subsurface drainage.

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Blaize Levitan: Implementation and we're losing between 150 and 250 extra fields hours per year just due to some some key locations that have poor training field conditions we also lack a.

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Blaize Levitan: game day field conditions for hosting some tournaments we were able to because of coronavirus which is not a good reason but because coven had shut down a lot of programs the upper have Meyer field actually was closed for most of the last year.

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Blaize Levitan: And that was that a lot of programs were cancelled, so that was actually able to be a game day you know, be able to be used as a game day field, but that was the only one that we were able to have.

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Blaize Levitan: there's limited lighting, you know neighborhood considerations, which is something.

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Blaize Levitan: That really impacts capital investment and field programming, we have to think about you know there's some field locations, especially a non you know in town property.

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Blaize Levitan: That would be great locations, but you've got neighborhood constraints and we hear from the neighbors, we have to think about parking and the impact you're not going to have.

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Blaize Levitan: You know programming tournaments and stuff in certain neighborhoods where it just won't make sense, especially where there's parking constraints we've got the organic maintenance program requirements.

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Blaize Levitan: Many other towns Ryan pointed this out that towns that he works with in other parts of the state where there's a lot more available real estate or there's open.

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Blaize Levitan: there's open parcels you know it's almost cheaper for the town to just acquire another parcel but that's not really an option here in branch there's really not readily available real estate for the tend to just purchase for the use of fields.

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Blaize Levitan: Because of these constraints, especially with Western middle school and DHS we have very little flexibility and scheduling.

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Blaize Levitan: And you end up with this dynamic where you have a lot of times, it might be a statewide lead or something and they're trying to get a schedule, just last minute.

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Blaize Levitan: And there's not a lot of flexibility for moving things around that gets even tighter when there's weather constraints.

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Blaize Levitan: And the other, I think that the final couple of water as they try to speed through this basically having a surplus of diamonds is.

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Blaize Levitan: In a deficiency and rectangle it has a larger problem, because the large rectangles are the best you know kind of benefit where we would need to have you know the best investment that we could make i'm.

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Blaize Levitan: Using you've got.

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Blaize Levitan: You know you're kind of future trends, you know, like the the large rectangle can support so many more programs, you can also you can divide it up into small rectangles you know some of the trends, with three on three.

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Blaize Levitan: Seven on seven lacrosse ultimate frisbee rugby you know you can do all that were on a diamond you're a lot more limited.

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Blaize Levitan: So you know, ultimately, what we're dealing with is because of the current conditions Western middle school and jhs about a 5700 our deficit.

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Blaize Levitan: and basically if those two fields came back online, we would be operating at around a 3200 our deficit because of the shortage of large rectangles and basically.

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Blaize Levitan: The anecdotal evidence that probably we all have most you know most frequently is that there are just some poor conditions and this kind of helps explain why we're constantly hearing about this frustrating user experience.

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Blaize Levitan: So we took this information, I mean obviously this is not an exact science, but we took this information and developed, you know the study last year.

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Blaize Levitan: This analysis and working with Ryan, as well as TIM caitlyn who's you know great and Donald more who's got tons of you know, experience and scheduling and needs and.

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Blaize Levitan: put together the 15 year plan, and it was a 15 year capital plan specific for field improvements that address both Bo D and town.

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Blaize Levitan: To individual budget items.

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Blaize Levitan: And the main goals here were to one in the first five years but dress that immediate deficiency first let's tackle some low hanging drainage.

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Blaize Levitan: That we can just kind of bring us up to capacity and then second let's just look at two or three key fields where if we made you know investment upfront that it would really relieve a lot of the burden produce a much better experience.

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Blaize Levitan: we're looking to also kind of build in capacity for that necessary maintenance, so that we can achieve good field conditions.

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Blaize Levitan: and have one or maybe two game day field conditions available at some point throughout the season.

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Blaize Levitan: The key assumptions here and what we're putting forward are you know, obviously, as rain if he was here, he would be pointing out that the best.

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Blaize Levitan: You know value, you can get for using a property is putting in synthetic turf and lights.

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Blaize Levitan: But realizing that that's not necessarily realistic, you know through fs we got the instruction and no synthetic turf on VOD property, except for soil remediation projects.

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Blaize Levitan: there's no public use of do we fields during school hours we're assuming some type of return to normalcy here and do the programming because.

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Blaize Levitan: Obviously, right now, with the code precautions the fields are getting used way more than they normally would be with pretty much any chance to get outside they're outside.

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Blaize Levitan: This is assuming that Western middle schools are priority and so remediation is going to be complete and we're going to use a synthetic turf as CAP.

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Blaize Levitan: And we're not proposing here and our plan any expansion of existing field late hours, so this is what.

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Blaize Levitan: The 15 year plan looks like with the green line here is showing the focus on the first five years and our there's two budget items here, obviously we oversee both parks and the B2B properties.

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Blaize Levitan: The poor This is intended warily the you know our own capital plan that we have a lot of control over is you know kind of something that is ready to implement.

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Blaize Levitan: The field master plan for the Bo P, you can see we're using.

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Blaize Levitan: The information that was provided through the study process, as well as the adopted fiscal year 22 budget.

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Blaize Levitan: So there will be some changes to talk about as kind of explore the fiscal year 23 budget, and you know some things have been moved around, but overall we designed it this way.

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Blaize Levitan: To try to keep it realistic and really focus on this first five years you know the priority for the be a week would really be getting Western middle schools field.

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Blaize Levitan: up and running, it looks like and the fiscal year 23 budget in 22 they had Western middle school budgeted 8 million, but looks like and 23 they're showing that it's 16 million, which is probably a more realistic number for that soil remediation, but this is where the focus is and.

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Scott Johnson: It plays it plays and Scott.

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Scott Johnson: Yes, let me.

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Scott Johnson: ask you a question.

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Scott Johnson: yeah why explain why you have.

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Scott Johnson: toffel in there.

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Blaize Levitan: Yes, yes, that is going to be let me just keep going a little faster here, so if we just zoom in on what.

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Blaize Levitan: These key projects here, and the reason that these are the way they are you know there's some low hanging drainage improvements that we can just tackle hopefully kind of right away, we already have some funding available.

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Blaize Levitan: And there's two other town fields that we have proposed here, the first one's tough and that one can give us one of the largest gains and hours, and that is because toffel is the only.

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Blaize Levitan: location where we have the light use there's not really the neighborhood impact that you have and almost all of our other fields.

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Blaize Levitan: And it's the only place that we have lights and so you can gain, we can leverage the existing leading that we have there.

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Blaize Levitan: By making an investment at that location and it's kind of one of the most realistic projects that we could actually tackle that will give us one of the highest gains and hours and that's specifically due to its location and also due to the fact that the flights.

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Blaize Levitan: And the other large you know other projects that would be another key one would be Eastern Granite civic Center field up front and that would just you know we could leverage that with the construction project that's going to happen that can be timed well.

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Blaize Levitan: And that would also give us a large gain and hours on the on the town side outside of making the drainage and fruit improvements.

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Blaize Levitan: tufnell really it seems like it's one of the you know the best locations for For those reasons, and then Western middle school if I think as a department that you know we can emphasize kind of any project.

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Blaize Levitan: Western middle schools, a key one and central middle school and the.

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Blaize Levitan: is another kind of key projects and some drainage, you can kind of see we have listed here, this is something we'll be talking about with the BT.

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Blaize Levitan: In the 22 budget it showed construction happening out and 20th like 33 and the Bo US budget for 23 it looks like that was maybe moved up by 10 years so that's something that.

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Blaize Levitan: I just there's a little Asterix here because we're going to kind of have to work with the BT on on that piece, and so all together, you know we can largely by making these kind of key investments, here we could address the full deficiency and provide a program.

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Blaize Levitan: That cover and remember when you're looking at this to this also covers maintenance that kind of should have been happening should be happening, and you know that you won't have to do, but we can address the deficiency and build in some of the surplus capacity that we need.

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Blaize Levitan: The program kind of before us by focusing on some key pieces, especially a couple of those key fields, we could drastically knock out a huge chunk of.

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Blaize Levitan: The deficiency but also just improve you know the conditions, the experience provide us a little more flexibility and scheduling.

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Blaize Levitan: And peak neighborhood relief and I think you know another key takeaway for this if I had this second bullet at this point is that it considers.

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Blaize Levitan: neighborhoods, and that is a key piece that we've got to do when we're designing kind of any capital investment program to make it realistic.

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Blaize Levitan: Western samson's future considerations, this is my last slide here just you know field lighting and combination with synthetic turf fields is the most cost effective ways effective.

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Blaize Levitan: To you know maximize sports programming and lighting is essential to experience and playability and that's one of the main reasons that toughest.

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Blaize Levitan: toughest a top location, and that is that's the field master plan that's what we presented this is, you know very much a work in progress and something you want to talk about and Joe are you know you there you want to kind of add in anything here is like close this out or.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah there's a couple key points and Scott knows this, because he was on that he's been on the board.

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Joe Siciliano: quite a long time that a few years back, we did ask for money for TOEFL field to to do be you know explore the plan and cost estimate and the cost benefit of expanding that field and renovating the lighting.

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Joe Siciliano: But when the central middle school field planned and whether it was.

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Joe Siciliano: turf combination of turf and natural grass, whichever one was out there and the board of ED stepped up and said, well, we were going to do something about the way central middle school feel.

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Joe Siciliano: We got behind that project, the central middle school field and we lapsed our money at at.

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Joe Siciliano: At temple to do the preliminary because we all figured that you know with the high school undergoing the remediation.

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Joe Siciliano: working at central middle school and making central middle school work would benefit everyone, including the high school because it's just a short stone's throw.

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Joe Siciliano: From the high schools or central and they could use it for overflow obviously the location has great parking you know can transition is good there.

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Joe Siciliano: We have multiple you feel there, so what we what we did at the time and said well let's not get into tougher.

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Joe Siciliano: But let's get behind central middle, because that will not only benefit the board of education program but a little benefit the recreation program and.

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Joe Siciliano: Our you know other users, that we provide skills space to so we we we we lapsed our money.

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Joe Siciliano: Of 100 it was like \$100,000 and we got behind that program and I, you know, I was on the committee to conflict was on the committee, Dan watching um you know, we had a consultant.

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Joe Siciliano: Working with with the board of that and that kind of dissolve that'd be i'm not quite sure where it is at this moment.

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Joe Siciliano: I think it kind of dissolved when the building when the when the board of ED did their building masterplan and found out that central really has some.

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Joe Siciliano: critical issues and the discussion about well let's not go any further, because we're not really sure where we're going to position the new school on the property.

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Joe Siciliano: What that will require and start to think about rolling have an improved field.

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Joe Siciliano: opportunity in with a school rebuilding opportunity, and so I think that the program i've been i'm sure the money still there, but the conversation died.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know, here we are today talking about TOEFL again now, let me just talk about TOEFL just a little bit.

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Joe Siciliano: Obviously, during the prime beach season, which is from a Memorial Day to Labor day.

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Joe Siciliano: We use the field in the evening and it's a scheduling process that will be used because we have beach and Paul during the day, and we have.

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Joe Siciliano: ball field in the evening, but what we're really looking at is expanding the spring season and the fall season.

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Joe Siciliano: of use of that field by putting in turf and putting in adequate lights because there isn't a parking issue in the spring in the fall, I mean once the beach primary beach season goes away.

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Joe Siciliano: there's available parking actually either could even be a concessions, they have there because there is one there there's restrooms that are available.

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Joe Siciliano: It has a lot of the amenities, that we would need to operate a field during the spring and during the fall.

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Joe Siciliano: And we all know, I mean there's many ways to deal with the extended light situations, but at this location, the neighbors the users of the park.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, are used to the lights being on and from middle basically may 1 to October 1 for softball.

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Joe Siciliano: And so they've gotten accustomed to that evening at you know atmosphere, you know in their neighborhood or across the water and.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, since the beginning, and I was here in the beginning, when we put the lights in.

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Joe Siciliano: The you know the neighbors had issue with it, and we did some adjustments and you know different type of lights and slowed shades on the lights and all kinds of other things.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know in 20 years we haven't had a complaint about the lights, so the advantage of going to a lighted surface expands our program based whether it's for us.

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Joe Siciliano: Combined parks and recreation with other users, or even the board of education program I think it opens up an opportunity for all the users to have.

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Joe Siciliano: A lighted experience and expanded probe a number of hours without purchasing a piece of property which will never be able to do in Greenwich where there's not going to be a neighborhood issue about ways so.

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Joe Siciliano: I think this is something really we should explore I know it's a it's a large investment of 4 million plus dollars, but I think it might be a worthwhile investment to.

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Joe Siciliano: To to take a look at the other thing is, is that when we talked about no further expansion of leading.

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Joe Siciliano: i'm going to say this because I truly mean this is that when we look at the Western middle school field and how that's going to get remediated.

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Joe Siciliano: And how that might get you know, hopefully it'll have artificial surfacing which will bias some field hours because of the playability.

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Joe Siciliano: One of the things we should look at their to is the possibility of lighting.

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Joe Siciliano: Is when you look at the typography and you're looked at the neighbors and you look at you know.

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Joe Siciliano: The surroundings, it probably is a piece of property that has good have minimal effect with lady even, not to say we weren't going to get some comments, but at the end of the day, it might be an opportunity to capitalize on lady now.

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Joe Siciliano: You know we're in this trend here but we're trying not to get into the same routine that we did is give up tussle.

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Joe Siciliano: And then hope for for Western middle school and then but and then it doesn't come through, so I think these are two projects that we want to consider design wise.

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Joe Siciliano: playability wise features simultaneously to see which one's going to yield the best opportunity for us and.

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Joe Siciliano: And again, yes it's going to be in the western into town and, yes, you know it's you know.

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Joe Siciliano: That, if the you know we have Kafka Park, which unfortunately we haven't lighting on, but at least surf we have the high school, you know we have limited lighting there but.

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Joe Siciliano: Having some limited lady and i'm not talking it's a free for all all day you know all night long type of thing.

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Joe Siciliano: Most of the programs that have been successful in achieving lighting in their communities have done what's called curfew type lighting okay.

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Joe Siciliano: In the spring, when it's early spring we're playing in March, we need more lady when we get to June we need less lighting because there's more daylight okay.

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Joe Siciliano: And then, in the fall it works differently in September less lady in November, more lady.

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Joe Siciliano: And a lot of the town's kind of put into play what's called like a curfew based on the month the data available daylight.

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Joe Siciliano: And the time you know the year that they're actually needing the lights and could expand the playability of fields, by doing something like a curfew and an agreement that says.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, in March, we might be doing this, but in June we're going to be doing this in the summer, we might not be doing anything and then in the fall, it would go in the opposite direction.

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Joe Siciliano: All possibilities to get where you need to go, and you know we've we've talked to some of the people I live in a Community where that's been done the this is.

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Joe Siciliano: The this curfew type of lighting arrangement, and I think it's something definitely to explore to try to keep in check all of the negative comments about lighting in my neighborhood.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, it gives you that multiple factor of playability after dark, to a certain time, which I think could be reasonable, I know in wilton.

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Joe Siciliano: And that's the closest Community i'm familiar with, they have no lights on Sunday evening, they made a commitment Sunday sacred there's no lights okay during these other times it's either nine o'clock or 10 o'clock.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, and you know and It ranges depending on what time of the season, it is okay, and what the needs are very smart thinking.

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Joe Siciliano: And that's what i'll say about that, for now, I mean i'm just trying to think about keeping all of the options open.

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Joe Siciliano: um you know there's been a lot of work put into this there's a lot of discussion to go, I mean you know people say well you know why tougher why why you still targeting central middle when you know we're going to be building the school.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, another opportunity would be is that when are we going to build that school, we know that the board of ED has moved the schedule is it realistic from both planning and funding.

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Joe Siciliano: Or if we put a modest investment in have a couple hundred thousand dollars and i'm not saying that's the number but.

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Joe Siciliano: In drainage, and we got five years of better playability out of the out of central middle school because we're not down on a on a rainy or.

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Joe Siciliano: No down substantially on rain occurrences, have we done that we service, you know the the user groups, yes it's money that might be.

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Joe Siciliano: You know you talk to us, you know, could be used differently or could be, you know we could wait until the buildings built, but we're talking about probably even if their schedule was followed.

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Joe Siciliano: we're talking about five years plus at least three years in construction, I mean you're talking about eight years, maybe to you know, have a possibility of using.

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Joe Siciliano: The field in a better way and and and getting more hours out of the existing surface, these are all active conversations we can have.

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Joe Siciliano: And if it's not central middle school, we can find another place to use that money, I mean we have we have more of the list that you see in this program tonight.

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Joe Siciliano: To to work on, but you know, but we should have that conversation and together make that decision, are we going to invest the money in central and we know we might forfeit that money if we build okay.

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Joe Siciliano: And how long that's going to take, or do we invest that money in eastern middle school or do we invested in another field that has different type of drainage issue.

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Joe Siciliano: There are operators that there's an opportunity to have a a an open educated conversation here and.

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Joe Siciliano: Whether it's central or you know something like that we can move, we can move it to another location.

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Joe Siciliano: And, and maybe maybe we do that, or maybe we stick with central and say okay we're looking at six or seven or eight years before any of this really happens at central.

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Joe Siciliano: We know the time frames are alternatives, we know the board of its wishes to build a school Okay, but is that realistic to say that you know.

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Joe Siciliano: Three years down the road or four years down the road we're actually going to be putting the shovel in the ground, it still has to go through all the planning and zoning stuff all the Connecticut state Board of education stuff.

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Joe Siciliano: You know all of the bonding you know for the state and there's a lot of things that have to happen here and they have you know they have to happen sequentially.

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Joe Siciliano: So you know these are some discussions I think would be very well received on all parties that's you know, so we will continue to work this.

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Joe Siciliano: field plan this update that, as you as blake said the master plan and the inventory is online, you can the comments that people submitted are all there too, and.

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Joe Siciliano: But this is just a small excerpt of what what we came out of that project, and we will continue to work this and you know, and because we want to be successful, what we don't want to happen.

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Joe Siciliano: Is we don't want to do all of this work, we don't want to spend the money that we spent and we don't want because the noise may be down at this point.

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Joe Siciliano: We don't want to put it back on the shelf, I mean because the noise will just continue to recycle and my experience in the least the other two field studies that we have.

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Joe Siciliano: It was pete we did a little tweaking the noise went away and five years later than we showed back up again, you know, so this is a cycle that we have to address, and we have to stay current on it and keep making incremental.

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Joe Siciliano: Improvements in order to get to get the maximum that we can have one of the facilities that we have, thank you.

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Scott Johnson: let's break in for a second to some of the questions that i've been getting.

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Scott Johnson: The simplify the focus, what are the items in here that have been like advanced or the numbers have been significantly changed so trench improvements and 23 and number 600 How does that compare to prior prior Middles.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, we beat before in price middle we had asked for 350,000 and this most recent 150.

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Joe Siciliano: Because we knew we're going to do some drainage work, but we were also talking about cultural practices in improving turf deep tiny verification.

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Joe Siciliano: overseeing top dressing, you know to a different standard than what we've been doing so part of that.

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Joe Siciliano: 400 and or 500,000 original \$500,000 request was the do several of those things this additional 600,000 has been specifically address is some.

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Joe Siciliano: drainage problems on some specific fields Okay, and a slight improvements i'm already feeling cause God.

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Joe Siciliano: Because we have a need there to kind of reconstruct the infield to make it a combination 5070 baseball diamond because right now it's a short baseball diamond.

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Joe Siciliano: Because now there's an intermediate group of people playing you know 50 you know 50 foot diamond.

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Joe Siciliano: 70 foot diamond and then there's a 90 foot diamond and we have a shortage of the 70 foot diamonds.

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Joe Siciliano: Right now, so so we're trying to address that when we go in and do some of these drainage issues and we create some new fencing maybe move the backstop slightly put up some security fencer.

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Joe Siciliano: On the neighborhood's done the neighbor side there's a few things like that, but we're trying to we're trying to stretch it as much as we can to get the maximum out of you know, the the 500.

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Joe Siciliano: That we've currently are asked to have or maybe get released and the 600 that is additional appropriation to get some of that stuff done so.

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Scott Johnson: So is this a time for other questions from panel.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah well how do you how do you want to do this because.

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Joe Siciliano: The next presentation is the is a is an overview of our budget and we're going to get blazed voice arrest because he's, but we can accept questions or we could.

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Scott Johnson: Well yeah why don't we.

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Joe Siciliano: accept them, we can accept them in.

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Scott Johnson: A panel first questions on.

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Scott Johnson: The field plan and then have.

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Scott Johnson: Visitors question and then you can move to the capital plan.

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Scott Johnson: There are other questions by my board members or liaison.

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Rick Loh: yeah Scott rick rick Lowe here, just to clarify bit on what Joe was saying.

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Rick Loh: The tunnel field, I believe one of three done will still be a small baseball diamond.

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Rick Loh: It will not be a 90 foot diameter, which is high school college major league whatever you want to call.

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Rick Loh: Four sides, so the importance of what Joe was saying about Western middle school and the availability of lights, we do not have a we do not have lights on a 90 foot diamond in our towns, and that is unusual in today's world.

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Rick Loh: We need that someplace in town, we need to get a full size baseball field.

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Joe Siciliano: that's awesome Thank you.

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Tracy Freedman: Just what is the Is anyone know or what is the status on Western middle school and I know you have it in here as a date is when but you know I haven't heard any updated still with the.

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Tracy Freedman: State.

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Tracy Freedman: In terms of getting trying to get approvals.

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Joe Siciliano: that's what we know to.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, Tim coffin our turf manager gets information from the facilities people over at the board of ED but it's still at the regulatory state.

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Joe Siciliano: And with some work about how they might do the remediation and the remediation looks like it's been broken into two appropriations to \$8 million appropriations do do the remediation and the reconstruction and those have been.

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Joe Siciliano: in and out of the sequence of the 15 year capital plan now looked it up today, there is one, there is one in the.

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Joe Siciliano: Capital plan, a request for 8 million and then with a notation that says that there may be another you know they're most likely will be another.

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Joe Siciliano: appropriation requested for \$8 million to finish the project in another year, so is that consecutive years, or is that two different years I mean I don't think they know this yet based on the regulatory.

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Joe Siciliano: issue and the commitment to say how are we going to execute the work I mean if we gave you a million dollars today.

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Joe Siciliano: Could you do all that work in one year and then the next year do \$8 million of the rest of the work, or is there going to be this additional remediation.

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Joe Siciliano: And that's going to take more than 12 months and then there'll be a year with it'll be a past and then there'll be another year, where there'll be another appropriation so, is it a.

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Joe Siciliano: three year project or five year project don't know that I don't know that at this point, I think the board of ED has more information about that.

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Joe Siciliano: And, but it's all on speculation of how the regulatory people give them permission to execute the project so.

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Joe Siciliano: Again I think they're trying to plan for it the best that they can, but a lot of the questions are still out there in the trying to sum up some estimate.

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Joe Siciliano: of money to kind of get this thing rolling I mean it's been offline for five years already.

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Joe Siciliano: So a real hardship when you're looking at those the size of those fields and they're really workhorses you know and they've been offline already for five years, not fair to the Community, and especially not fair to the students that go to school, or you know just not.

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Tracy Freedman: And what about Eastern Greenwich civic Center is that are those fields going are we it's out later because we have other things we're doing but is that going to be done after the building is done.

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Joe Siciliano: We have to yes yeah it's going to be done after the building's done obviously we're going to try to keep the field going, while a building is under construction, we cannot forfeit another film field.

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Joe Siciliano: So we're going to try to.

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Joe Siciliano: we've laid out the construction zone, so that we are the field will be usable and we've looked at facing the parking situation at Eastern.

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Joe Siciliano: Civic Center because we need the field space, because with the high school being down and Western middle school being down, we can not forfeit another surface while we're building that you know.

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Joe Siciliano: To do the both projects simultaneously the building and the field, at the same time it's just it would just drive the schedule over the edge.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know and our users would be you know, with some of their program base with just you know dissolve because they just wouldn't be available field space so we're trying to do the sequentially.

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Joe Siciliano: And with some thought that we, we have some thoughts about how to I mean obviously Eastern civic Center is a huge drainage problem I mean.

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Joe Siciliano: You know it's it's built in a swamp it's built in a wetland we've already had the soil scientists out there to do a soil analysis of what the substrates are we know that was built in a bog it was phil.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, so that there's some issues about the drainage, how are we going to elevate the field, how are we going to move the water off the surface.

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Joe Siciliano: You know what what what's the best process to do that, and you know we've been starting to talk about that, but you know we haven't done we haven't done any engineering design.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, work on that at all and but it's a it's an active conversation on how would we do this if we you know if it and you know when we put together some cost estimates based on.

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Joe Siciliano: You know square footage or square yardage of elevating the field drainage, you know new surfacing etc, etc, so.

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Scott Johnson: So there any questions from the public on this and then we'll move on to the 15 year plan.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, so so sure once you dive into that one or okay.

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Well, so.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, but we're saving blaze voice a little bit here because he's gonna he's gonna go through this so we put together last year first year blaze was on board.

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Joe Siciliano: We put together more of an extensive little PowerPoint presentation for the BT we do know that our BT hearing, there were a lot of regular budget there were a lot of.

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Joe Siciliano: A Budget Committee hearing there a lot of the team members there last year and we try to highlight some of the features of what we're going on in their department, some of the initiatives that we're taking forward.

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Joe Siciliano: Some of the information about you know our our our operational issues or improvements.

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Joe Siciliano: Also, or what our percentage of increases kind of what our overall capital plan looks like for the for the next year 23 and um.

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Joe Siciliano: I think I hope, but you know it was pretty widely received, because the comments you know when we are in those meetings and i've been in a bunch of them.

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Joe Siciliano: So I have a whole wide spectrum of how they operate, we seem to have we gave a lot of information and we got some very good questions back.

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Joe Siciliano: And and and they were they were targeted based topic based, and I think we answered a lot of the questions that the B E T and the Budget Committee wanted.

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Joe Siciliano: departments to to do as far as a short presentation.

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Joe Siciliano: I think the overall presentation took about 15 minutes or so, but I think we gave enough information.

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Joe Siciliano: And some good information so that we didn't spark questions that were just general, but we have specific questions on specific capital projects and maybe a couple of operational.

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Joe Siciliano: Discussions but, overall, I think it went really well so we're going to do, like an abbreviated version tonight because the number of slides that we have.

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Joe Siciliano: About 15 but the little the slides that we have for the BT or a little bit more extensive but but let's let's give it a try and we're gonna we're gonna we're going to preview it right now, and so blaze go ahead.

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Blaize Levitan: ra apologize everybody gets to hear me give another presentation here, so you can hear me quite a bit we'll see if this works okay can everyone see the presentation to my screen okay see Tracy none, yes, all right.

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Blaize Levitan: Excellent so i'm gonna go through this quickly a little more comfortable with this one than the last topic.

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Blaize Levitan: Definitely, you know in favor of the budget here, so this is an abbreviated version of basically what we give to the BT Budget Committee, and we have our meeting with them on February 15 as a department.

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Blaize Levitan: And just kind of a quick, I was talking with with Scott and kind of a quick overview of the budget process too so just we.

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Blaize Levitan: We start the budget process basically in September, you know we're a direct report department for the first selectman.

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Blaize Levitan: And so we you know start our development in September, the first selectman puts out an invite and we start capital and then operating.

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Blaize Levitan: And throughout October November, December we're meeting regularly with the first selectman his office to develop the budget because it's the first selectman budget and.

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Blaize Levitan: Then, last night, the first selectman handed it off on gave the presentation to the BT and basically handed the budget over to the BT Budget Committee.

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Blaize Levitan: And then the Budget Committee has it through February, and then the full vtt has it in March, and then I was tracing knows the RCM that gets to have you know April committee meetings and vote on the budget may.

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Blaize Levitan: So that's just kind of the background of the information and we don't.

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Blaize Levitan: Really, the first life and kind of keeps everything you know within you know his own office and kind of under wraps until he puts it out.

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Blaize Levitan: To the BT Budget Committee, which did last night so just real quick i'm going to go through this really fast again lots of talking sorry about that, but.

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Blaize Levitan: You know summary responsibilities, the department is especially for in the state of Connecticut.

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Blaize Levitan: A very diverse in terms of the services that we provide from trees to having our own public ferry service to over 1500 acres of parkland and also taking we take care of all.

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Blaize Levitan: public property, schools, as well as a number of abandoned cemeteries.

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Blaize Levitan: And i'm going to coven 19 you know this was now a whole nother year of coven and we've continued to see an increase in demand for service, I mean kind of like almost through the roof.

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Blaize Levitan: And, especially for our non traditional locations if anyone's out there neighborhood Park, you know that you've seen a lot more traffic at some of your you know granted point, always a lot of people go in there, but a lot of these.

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Blaize Levitan: pocket parks and these walking trails and everything has been.

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Blaize Levitan: You know very use has been way up we've seen an explosion and digital communications and interactions kind of like everywhere else.

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Blaize Levitan: The website or web communication through the roof we've had a number of vendor issues and there's been some billing impacts with timing.

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Blaize Levitan: Between supply chain issues and also having people flying on and off, there is a huge.

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Blaize Levitan: Our department like schools, we have very significant swings in Corbett kind of an operating requirements for us, especially with camps and preschool so you've got.

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Blaize Levitan: Stay guidance coming specific to youth programs and then we've also the town guidance and then CDC guidance for other buildings and programs and.

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Blaize Levitan: Sue Snyder's on here, I believe, and has done an incredible job again for another year kind of being our liaison with managing all the different requirements, whether it's a State law or a CDC recommendation.

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Blaize Levitan: But it's really put a lot of volatility in programming, probably the recreation division more than anybody else and hiring issues for some temporary seasonal staff has been a problem.

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Blaize Levitan: Major lessons learned here in fiscal 22 and it's coded this was something that was asked by the BT and their budget guidelines again and we thought that we would share this.

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Blaize Levitan: Most probably the most significant takeaways for us, have been the rapid comfort that people have had with online services things that we never thought we'd be able to put online.

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Blaize Levitan: We, or would take a decade to get on there, people have just been comfortable boom reservation day was a very manual process.

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Blaize Levitan: People come in and person like waiting outside camping out at night, like beforehand, we moved it online people were comfortable no complaints nothing.

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Blaize Levitan: same thing with moving a lot of these other programs ticket sales and stuff as we transition to my line.

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Blaize Levitan: thing people have just become really comfortable with it same thing with cashless comfort most of you probably know, people have become pretty comfortable with.

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Blaize Levitan: You know, paying by credit card and, for example, at the golf course we eliminated cash it's just all card and or paying through the online system.

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Blaize Levitan: they've had almost you know no complaints about it at all it's been a huge success we added fairy card.

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Blaize Levitan: Transactions down last year at our street and immediately, but people didn't even really know about it, but two thirds of the transaction pay by credit card so.

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Blaize Levitan: The last cash that we have to it's cheaper for us because cash handling costs money to pay service and have accounted you know it's actually kind of more of a problem.

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Blaize Levitan: Budget pressure points and i'm kind of going through here a little fast, so I apologize again but.

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Blaize Levitan: covert impact in the uncertainty supply chain problems we again have a very conservative budget within the guidelines found ways to kind of use existing resources and we've explored using.

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Blaize Levitan: more cooperative purchase agreements and other competitive bids that other government agencies have.

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Blaize Levitan: To help lower some of our operating costs minimum wage fiscal year 23 we're going to be dealing with to fiscal you know to increases in the same fiscal year.

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Blaize Levitan: goes to \$14 this year and then next June on June 1, which is our peak season of hiring it'll go to \$15 an hour the \$15 an hour range crosses kind of a threshold where that really puts a lot of pressure on our.

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Blaize Levitan: Wage our whole wage scale we restricted raises for seasonal we built in a pretty scaled down, you know returning you know rate for people and brian's on here marine they did a good job they've got a bulk of people and they reduced their overall headcount and hours.

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Blaize Levitan: And contractual salary increases.

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Blaize Levitan: It was doing.

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Significant.

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Blaize Levitan: increases and we're also the teams or contract contract just came in and we have a lot of teams thurs and it was higher than what you know the budget was.

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Blaize Levitan: And, but we have no new headcount and we've been able to you know basically leverage our existing staff we've done a significant review of our table of origin, you know organization.

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Blaize Levitan: And you see to the pressure that it puts on basically if you adjust for inflation or cutting the materials and supplies to help pay for the contractual salary increases.

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Blaize Levitan: efficiency and performance, you know, we had a really we've implemented a lot of changes the customer service team and parks and recreation has been you know they're incredible.

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Blaize Levitan: um lenore also, as everyone knows, incredible worked with Jenny to do Jenny Larkin to do a full kind of website audit of our whole online experience this year.

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Blaize Levitan: And we're designing a whole redesign of how you interact with us and having consistency across the town website, the golf website and then the Web track system.

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Blaize Levitan: It so that's in process right now we have the most trafficked website overall in the town top 10 we have multiple pages in the top 10 every month 12 months out of the year.

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Blaize Levitan: We put in some brand standards, and we also moved more things online we conducted to intend to help reduce budget costs.

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Blaize Levitan: We did an intensive expenditure review no expense was left off the table superintendents that incredible job we have you know auditing everything we were able to find 10 non town.

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Blaize Levitan: Internet phone lines that we didn't need, we were able to reduce those at \$353 a month we squeezed a bunch of utility bills.

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Blaize Levitan: We moved more of our trash removal with the tip fee and House so special thanks to darren's crew for taking on more in house trash removal.

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Blaize Levitan: And we reached out to vendors and just ask them if they can do the same same service for for less.

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Blaize Levitan: And you know Vermont systems is one of our biggest that's our online program that's web track and we got a 30% reduction in pricing, this year we renegotiated that.

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Blaize Levitan: we've had a really successful social media partnership with the first selectman his office, one where does a ton of work.

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Blaize Levitan: it's really driving a lot of positive communications, so if you're following the town account we submit, we have a good partnership with the first selectman his office and it's having an effect, we were already.

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Blaize Levitan: we're already at probably end of February early March numbers for residency and it's only January, so in terms of people seeing the information online and just applying earlier.

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Blaize Levitan: planted over 600 trees in partnership with Granite tree conservancy.

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Blaize Levitan: We implemented, you can set up a if you're a new resident, you can set up your account online sort of doing it by paper.

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Blaize Levitan: And that's a huge reduction peak waiting time by over eight, this is a much better experience so they're doing they're doing really well up there, and the customer service team we actually through remote work.

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Blaize Levitan: And through a change in their schedule with no overtime we've extended our customer service hours from the normal business hours of eight to four three days a week we've extended that till 6pm.

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Blaize Levitan: By phone and email, so people have been kind of surprised if they're starting to get responses, you know it's 530 and then everyone go home town hall type of thing and parks and REC three days a week.

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Blaize Levitan: we've got someone covering phones and email and we've done that, with existing staff.

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Blaize Levitan: You can see here, these are just a given impact of how much volume is crossing through our department here in 2021 we battle, you know over 740 3000 people come through the beaches.

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Blaize Levitan: 670 something thousand of those over at Greenwich point, and this just and we'll go through every single week you just see the huge volume of people that come through our department.

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Blaize Levitan: So rabid now overall we're going up 1.9% in revenue and the main point here is Eastern Greenwich civic Center being closed.

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Blaize Levitan: that's it a reduction, the primary source of revenue and East eddie ranch civic Center is the rental of the facility about 180 5000.

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Blaize Levitan: And you know we're assuming that the building is going to be closed and there won't be any revenue there but otherwise pretty straightforward revenues actually been pretty strong, especially at our outdoor facilities, the most challenging group to budget for was the recreation division.

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Blaize Levitan: they're the most sensitive to the impacts of Colbert and they've seen the largest swings and programming and that all makes sense really strong two years in a row now park past sales of people.

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Blaize Levitan: Wanting to go to the beach 23 fiscal year 23 budget highlights so in our budget, something that we're really excited about is we're going to implement.

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Blaize Levitan: We put in some money and the 801 budget line item to implement parks and recreations one card we've been talking about this concept for a while.

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Blaize Levitan: We were able to actually leverage, you know some other services in a reduction in the Vermont systems contract to pay for this, but.

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Blaize Levitan: The one card is right now you've got all your individual park past your tennis past you go past your marine past they're all different pieces of plastic.

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Blaize Levitan: we're going to merge that all into one, so you just have your one.

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Blaize Levitan: parks parks and recreation one card and that's going to be part past your tennis golf whatever membership you buy that'll all be on the one card and we're going to implement that for the January 2023 season.

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Blaize Levitan: You know if the budget goes through we've begun to we're going to automate on residency verification.

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Blaize Levitan: we're working, hopefully with a vendor basically that could take about 80% of the manual residency verification processing we're doing.

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Blaize Levitan: And could do it in two hours of six months, worth of work that we might be able to automate and people's experience you know peak season you're waiting.

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Blaize Levitan: We could hopefully do that immediately replying on hopefully hopefully further expanding customer service hours to a little bit on Saturdays.

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Blaize Levitan: we've got diversity bread kramer's on here and are planting and through that increasing our public property resiliency he's changing the.

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Blaize Levitan: Species we're putting in and it's invaluable type of service that Greg can kind of bring with his team, and he continues to leverage that through is planting program at all of our parks.

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Blaize Levitan: we're all in 1.5 this is expenditures we're all in we're at 1.5% increase, and that includes obviously the reduction and 814 a number of temp staff eliminated as the building and all the supplies and materials for the usual operation of the eastern grant civic Center.

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Blaize Levitan: The main the main points here i'm not going to go through everyone, but the overview is contractual salary increases, you know or one of the driving sources and the minimum wage that's operating.

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Blaize Levitan: So I will just go in for a good real quick to capital, other than the fields and the capital budget is the 15 year.

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Blaize Levitan: Maintenance program we once again engage in an extensive review of capital for the last few months with the first selectman his office.

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Blaize Levitan: With a again a heavy focus on the first five years we linked all of our projects with the p OCD we partner with conservation.

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Blaize Levitan: To link up what projects can contribute to sustainable CT and we also this year ran our capital plan through the risk manager, who was able to recommend a number of.

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Blaize Levitan: pieces for our capital plan and just trying to break down those silos and leverage all of our internal resources that we have.

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Blaize Levitan: If it wasn't you know no new capital again if it wasn't shown in previous budget years and we did a really extensive review of open capital, the department has one of the best execution records and closing in our own capital overall 23 \$2.2 million.

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Blaize Levitan: includes it's mostly maintenance and equipment programs we're exploring transitioning to electric powered.

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Blaize Levitan: mowers and leaf blowers, and all that stuff we've got the tree risk Program.

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Blaize Levitan: which was great we actually really had an extensive review of that program with the risk manager that program is going very well.

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Blaize Levitan: So mandatory Ada improvements, as well as through a partnership with the first selectman.

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Blaize Levitan: advisory committee for people with disabilities and Ada improvement program for parks continuing forward with the re powering of the first boat here and 22 we got funding for the engineering and design and 23 we're looking at three powering the islander to.

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Blaize Levitan: Public key things here we've got some rink investment money there's not a lot because hopefully we're replacing the rink but.

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Blaize Levitan: The equipment that's like zamboni related things that can move to a new facility, but the replace the cooling towers, we get a word from an engineer, that the they there.

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Blaize Levitan: They have to be replaced immediately they're not going to make it until a new building comes so unfortunate that's an unfortunate expenditure.

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Blaize Levitan: knuckleball is a popular topic we moved up from fiscal year 25 the Bible street pick a ball courts to fiscal year 24.

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Blaize Levitan: And a couple of other key things i'm just running through you know says line information in the budget just got published last name, so this will all be online and learn, or we can distribute you know links to the budget for everybody, obviously, so you can.

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Blaize Levitan: kind of go through this and a little more in depth, but the tree risk program is another really excellent cap on investment we've made and or basically inventory every publicly owned a tree in town.

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Blaize Levitan: That that we're responsible for all their species information, you can actually zoom in and the tree for some of these that we have get their species size, and this will link up to our.

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Blaize Levitan: Work order system and all the preventative maintenance that greg's team does on trees throughout town can all be pre programmed into this, we can link up.

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Blaize Levitan: We can link up when there's you know if a tree fell and there was an accident, we can link up.

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Blaize Levitan: You know what the work was done on that tree that we followed the appropriate you know, risk management program for the different assets and then, when trees get.

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Blaize Levitan: slated for removal Greg can can look at this inventory system and calculate the value of the dollar value of the tree.

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Blaize Levitan: and also the environmental benefits and when he's kind of ordering replanting of you know as a replacement.

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Blaize Levitan: we've got the tree inventory readily available and then marine capital.

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Blaize Levitan: very, very not a lot going on here all just basic maintenance, the key thing of interest for most people has been what's going on with the fairies and we're continuing with the repower.

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01:06:51.270 --> 01:06:58.170

Blaize Levitan: they're going to get in there, within the next couple of months actually for the engineering, for the first bowl we'll we'll see how that looks.

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01:06:58.950 --> 01:07:12.240

Blaize Levitan: golf also not a lot going on basic maintenance, we did put in \$75,000 for the design an assessment of the restaurant building, which is.

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Blaize Levitan: due for replacement and also to \$50,000 to explore the irrigation system which is over 20 years old and either may need to be replaced or just computer system needs to be replaced it's do for work.

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Blaize Levitan: This would be an assessment for taking a look at do we need to replace the whole thing the piping blah blah blah or can we just replace the heads and you know, keep the existing piping, which is the most expensive part of the system.

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Blaize Levitan: golf is just this is a little extra detail a golf pays for itself it's a revolving fund, so the money that it generates it pairs not only for its own operating costs, but it also pays for its capital investment.

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Blaize Levitan: And so, you know that by fiscal year 2018 there's a couple of big ticket items coming up, so the reserve fund that golf has built up.

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Blaize Levitan: It could easily be spend down, you know it, we have upcoming capital of over \$4.5 million depending on really on what the finding is that the irrigation system.

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Blaize Levitan: And a little bit of exploration on the pond and they have money to start updating the master plan which is like a 10 year view of how they manage the golf course.

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Blaize Levitan: And we should be entering into kind of track within the next month or two on on the master plan, and I am sorry that was a lot of information and kind of a lot of me talking so i'm going to end this a and stop sharing my screen and i'm happy to join, I take some questions.

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Joe Siciliano: So i'd like to say something, and this is, this is just you know exciting to me it's an incredible opportunity from blaze to sue to.

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Joe Siciliano: To Brian to Greg to the north to a need it to Kim, these are all key players in our departments, the Po, and this is the kind of thing that can happen, I mean.

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Joe Siciliano: This type of document and document presentation is very exciting, I mean, and I think we're a little bit, we hope to be a little bit out in the forefront of a lot of departments and.

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Joe Siciliano: being transparent and giving information and trying to give some detail that goes with it, the we have a whole lot going on at parks and recreation that's just not.

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01:09:23.040 --> 01:09:32.160

Joe Siciliano: What you see at the facilities, but all of this, that goes on behind the scenes and i'm and i'm really thankful for all the people that work there, and the effort that they put into it.

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Joe Siciliano: And Hats off to you because you guys do a great job so um so again we'll take questions if there are some will put this on line there'll be a little bit larger version with some more detail for the for the BT presentation not too much more a few a few extra slides.

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Joe Siciliano: But at the end of the day, this is our message for the next 23 budget and we'll build on it again this whole document and 24 budget so that we have, so that we are able to.

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Joe Siciliano: To make the best presentation we can and hopefully get the best support that we can on funding, some of our opportunities that's what I have that's all thank you.

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Scott Johnson: was when we open up to questions from panelists.

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Scott Johnson: And then the public on that.

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Scott Johnson: And I have another item code with you jump in so other questions on on 15 year plan.

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Joe Siciliano: If somebody has a question afterwards just email plays and I will you know.

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01:10:35.790 --> 01:10:43.920

Joe Siciliano: So it was a lot to absorb in about 15 minutes, but just just think about it, you look at it online, you have a question send us the question.

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Joe Siciliano: will try to take those questions on in the forefront, instead of waiting to other hearings, I mean if you have a question obviously somebody else has the same question out there, so send it to us we'll try to get will try to get the answer to you.

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Scott Johnson: So, Joe back to directors report, I have a couple of things I weren't sure if you are going to cover it so.

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Scott Johnson: Can you, I know there is an update on our Community sailing or you will not update on that at all.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah I can give some general information, so we went out for right after the Community, the last meeting that we had at the civic Center we went out immediately for rfp Thank you Brian.

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Joe Siciliano: To get the rfp out on the street and to seek proposals for keeping the sailing school going we had two proposal submitted, we got an interview committee together we interviewed both.

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Joe Siciliano: Some Middles and we did select one of the two groups, they both have.

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Joe Siciliano: interesting proposals I think they both tend can manage the program and we selected, one that was a little bit more Community based local based.

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Joe Siciliano: And we know, has a proven track record because of the people that are the principles in it.

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Joe Siciliano: And we have given them an award letter to move to the next level of contract so.

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Joe Siciliano: we've been in negotiation with them not not negotiation, but we've been in we've been trying to assist them and trying to move the program forward.

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Joe Siciliano: in the sense that you some folks might have seen that through fred's newsletter they are going to operate the whole proposal is to operated as a not for profit.

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Joe Siciliano: Going forward so it'll have like a board of directors, it will have all of this and the program should sustain itself.

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Joe Siciliano: Their issue right off the BAT is a little seed funding to get the program off the ground for buying supplies and materials and boats developing a website, insurance and those types of things.

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Joe Siciliano: And we're out there, trying to give them a little helping hand to see if some folks will step up and make a contribution.

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Joe Siciliano: But i'm relative i'm really confident in the individuals that are the principles in this organization they definitely have a proven track record of doing this and.

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Joe Siciliano: And we're and we're happy to try to you know, help them through the process we realize its importance to the Community is definitely demonstrated need by all the communication that we had.

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Joe Siciliano: And we wanted to move forward now, we realize also that the first year, it may be, it may not be as I mean.

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Joe Siciliano: Traditionally there there's about 800 people that the program services in one summer, it may not be to that scope.

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Joe Siciliano: But we're shooting for 50% or a little bit more, for the first season, and then we can grow on that during the next season so but we there should be something in place for June 1 and that's our goal, so what else next question Scott.

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Scott Johnson: Do you want to do Easter Grad students that are already on you know I do that the.

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Joe Siciliano: we'll do it together if you want.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, we, we are still.

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Scott Johnson: Talking about the rfp.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, we are we still operating the building on a limited basis, I mean it's wintertime with the indoor facility, we get a lot of requests for the gymnasium and.

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Joe Siciliano: Other spaces so we're with all the coven restrictions we're still operating the rfp is out on the street and is slated to open on Friday, the 28th we're potential vendors, the proposals will be considered for the construction phase of the project.

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Joe Siciliano: We have have we've had a significant number of contractors and subcontractors walk through the building we've made them all sign in so we know.

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Joe Siciliano: The number and we also know where they're from and it will be their responsibility, then, to submit a proposal if they wish, or hoping to get some action.

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Joe Siciliano: And we're also hoping that the price scheme will come back in a manner, where we have the approved.

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Joe Siciliano: Already the appropriated funds we've been thinking about how we can address that if we don't have the funding in the entire funding in place.

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Joe Siciliano: But that's a conversation that we also have to go back and have with the B et the money has a subject to release based on three conditions they bid these the business plan and i'm forgetting the last one, but I think it was just.

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Joe Siciliano: sees I.

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Joe Siciliano: can't remember the last one, but there's three different is very it can vary conditions and we've by getting the bid packet oh.

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Joe Siciliano: Reasonable significant contribution towards the project which we have to \$5 million in one contribution.

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Joe Siciliano: So I think the components are in place, it just depends on how it lays out in the next few days and then we'll be going back to the BT and having that conversation it to see how how, and if we can move forward with the construction phase of the project.

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Joe Siciliano: Right now we're going to keep the building open through February.

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Joe Siciliano: As soon as we have this next level of information will make a determination, how much longer we're going to keep the building open, we have a very limited staff.

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Joe Siciliano: And it's very limited program based but, as I said, since it is winter i'd open gymnasium for either basketball pickle ball, you know, an open an open meeting spaces and that kind of thing.

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Joe Siciliano: People are looking for so we'll take it month by month from this point forward and hopefully we end up with a construction contract and a project to move for.

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Scott Johnson: So um.

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Scott Johnson: Let me, let me add to that you can add to it, also where we had a little bit of a hiccup in early January, whether it's a sense of needing.

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Scott Johnson: resolution proposed at Dr tm land use committee that scared everybody quite a bit because they wanted to basically stop the project and have it redesigned to.

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Scott Johnson: Have the htc system deal all electric so that then stimulated conversation, which we did have at the board level these you have civic Center for level that the building is designed for solar.

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Scott Johnson: There will be an add on supplement that house doing where we're going to get options that will be presented to the T on how to do solar.

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Scott Johnson: what's interesting about the solar thing is, we can easily power, the building not powered through batteries for power it through net metering.

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Scott Johnson: With maybe 50 solar panels, where we can have something like 500 on that roof, so my hope is that we will get pool from the vtt when they see the proposal for solar, because we can have, through the net metering system.

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Scott Johnson: tons of excess power that we sell back to the grid.

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Scott Johnson: The challenge to that administrative Lee is how do we do it do we do it, where we own the panels, or whether someone else owns it, and then they they control.

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Scott Johnson: revenues that's that's a decision that has to be based on a whole proposal with a solar specialist and that's being done right now.

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Scott Johnson: So the second part of that i'm I jumped into because there's there was two historic energy management committees of the town, one that was done three years ago, and then a new one that was done commissioned by.

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Scott Johnson: Mr Camillo and I immediately called the chairman of that Peter Schweitzer earth to say Look, we have this sense of a meeting resolution.

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Scott Johnson: And, as I read your annual report, which was date is September, which I thought was tremendous and I recommended it to everybody for the energy conservation measures.

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Scott Johnson: Throughout the town, but particularly for new missable projects and the bottom line is that that committee, which is made up a number of people, including Alma Nelly.

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Scott Johnson: i'm including Jana who are going on, including some solar specialists that they have to recommend and devise an energy conservation plan to be approved by the town and ultimately arts camp once that's done My hope is that, based on arm best available technology for.

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Scott Johnson: Well, for all sorts of components, whether it's geothermal when which is kind of impractical, but have solar and then electric So the idea on electric was that.

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Scott Johnson: All htc systems like to be all electric that's from what we're being told and educated is a fairly complicated question.

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Scott Johnson: If it's something that didn't make sense for the design right now, because it will require a redesign of that component of the building.

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Scott Johnson: And with the rfp or out, it would be way too complicated, but in in the future, going forward it's certainly something that is recommended by the energy conservation committee is going to be kind of the way to go in the future solar's.

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Scott Johnson: pretty obvious.

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Scott Johnson: And so it will make sense in a lot of situations, and it will, I think, in this one that that's going to be ultimately a question based on on.

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Scott Johnson: Our future proposal, the solar specialist so that's then that was withdrawn the emotional was withdrawn, thankfully, I made a presentation to our team on that.

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Scott Johnson: Land Use Committee and the original consultants who is not on the productivity.

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Scott Johnson: With through the proposal.

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Scott Johnson: So cheerios out in nature.

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Joe Siciliano: No, I think you're I think you're you've explained it well, and I think that we're you know, we have taken some.

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Joe Siciliano: Consideration for solar opportunity and and how we how the buildings being constructed and also insulated.

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Joe Siciliano: is another huge factor I mean it's not like we've just forgotten about the other, the symbol components, I mean whether it's the last whether it's the building structure and installation.

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Joe Siciliano: Those are all meeting so very high standards also so so you know we did the best we could, at the time and and and going forward I guess there's other opportunities so that's that's about what I need to say thanks.

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Scott Johnson: Alright, so let me call if I couldn't let me jump into the chairman's report because there are two three all the things are really important fairly complicated and i'll just try to summarize it the first one was in December, there is a proposal to the selectmen to.

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Scott Johnson: To consider a resolution that was being recommended by the harbor management Commission.

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Scott Johnson: To have as a requirement of the rich climate.

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Scott Johnson: Not conditions on money which was the dredge permit stuff for.

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Scott Johnson: For going it's hard so so grass island and on.

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Scott Johnson: That God was not given to us, but it became more attention because very much affected.

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Scott Johnson: The Marina facilities and that's the jurisdiction of the parks and REC department.

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Joe Siciliano: So.

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Scott Johnson: The proposal which was forwarded to us, we immediately commissioned a committee which may apply myself Rick Lowe and like Chino of over promoters and I've been called the harbor management.

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Scott Johnson: Conditional liaison which was, which is a lot of givens and I said Lyle we just want to look at it, because we have a lot of questions because the proposal on, in short, which we know about, which has been around for years is that.

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Scott Johnson: The rena facilities including docs and slips and morning fields.

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Scott Johnson: or open to all the non residents are non discriminatory basis that's not new that's been something that's been batted around since 1985 and we submitted a solution to that which was accepted.

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Scott Johnson: So now, there is a proposal that we thought was not adequately study, so we had a.

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Scott Johnson: conference call with several members of her major Commission as well as just stepping into the consultant, and we asked a lot of questions.

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Scott Johnson: Which are these My opinion is that they had not looked into these things, which is what are alternatives for us satisfying the requirement of open to all.

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Scott Johnson: So private previously which worked we had launched permits available to all non residents, we had more in rights in the federal anchorage area is open to all not not discriminatory the rates were not discriminatory.

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Scott Johnson: And so, under the current proposal, do we have to open up our slips to Oman residence do we have to open storage what other facilities are subject to this.

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Scott Johnson: What other harbors what other Marina facilities what private clubs and, most importantly, where the regulations, did the army corps get the authority to specify.

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Scott Johnson: The exact nature of this and the consultant didn't have the answer to that in order to provision numbers, so we just said, fine we don't know the answer either, but we're going to ask.

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Scott Johnson: Congressman himes and our first selectman to have a contact with the army corps of engineers and state to try to find out more about what, for example, what's the definition of access.

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Scott Johnson: When you have to provide access to non residents, but what's the definition of access what's the definition of the facilities that need to do.

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Scott Johnson: Because the army corps was not getting back to us, so we just said Look, we need to get more information on that we may have to do it the way.

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Scott Johnson: Harvard Harvard management proposed and that that maybe is fine, but we just want more information SAS money that's being worked on, hopefully, the army corps will get back to us on that and get back to Harvard management and then they will react.

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Scott Johnson: So rick is that is that seemed like a decent sorry to you.

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Rick Loh: Yes, that that sums it up on.

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Scott Johnson: me know what you and I weren't involved with Joe is involved in the original I dragged him, is where we get have it.

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Scott Johnson: which was acceptable solution to just have launched permits, open to all and that seemed reasonable so that's one thing on another thing was the newspaper announced that first selectman was going to push for.

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Scott Johnson: Local historic district designation for Bruce park.

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Scott Johnson: As most of you know, we have a stake historic district for touch point um we do not have any of our parks in local historic districts.

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Scott Johnson: Which is something that means our PR town historic district Commission on would then regulate so if there is modifications to the facility, they would have to sign off on it so Joe and I went through this at times point.

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Scott Johnson: It was a fairly.

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Scott Johnson: contentious submitted, because we really didn't want the state to be having too much jurisdiction over what we do it at todd's point or a.

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Scott Johnson: State of Israel preservation site, but for me personally, having on a local level is much more attractive, it did not go through our board and went directly to the historic district Commission.

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Scott Johnson: And then start district Commission is going to calm commissioned a study and they are you know who the consultant, is to to study the feasibility of this and then it has to be proven state self preservation office and then ultimately our tm.

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Scott Johnson: We did one before.

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Scott Johnson: Joe and I know it was a really well done study dump and work with lions on a landscape plan for Bruce part, really, really detailed um.

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Scott Johnson: He was very comprehensive I think was actually fairly expensive on the new studies supposedly hidden costs like \$15,000.

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Scott Johnson: Not not, to my knowledge, and out of parks and REC budget, but so anyway that's something that's in the works.

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Scott Johnson: that's.

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Scott Johnson: I don't know if anybody has any comment on those two subjects, but that's that's kind of two things that that i've been working on with with Joe um.

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Scott Johnson: there's really not much corn the Foundation, but but um.

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Scott Johnson: So why don't you talk about what you've been doing, because you alone have been doing quite a bit.

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Sue Bodson: Thank you Scott can everyone hear me.

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Sue Bodson: yep yep good um so administratively the we have been successful in turning the.

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Sue Bodson: foundation over.

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Sue Bodson: And so it's no longer in Nancy Nancy his name, and that is all the documents are set with that lenore has been very helpful to me in setting up the new website and we are working on.

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Sue Bodson: gathering information for that I am going to share my screen, because I am going to show you.

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Sue Bodson: The new logo that we came up with.

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Sue Bodson: If I could figure out how to do that.

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Sue Bodson: So we scary.

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Sue Bodson: See.

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Sue Bodson: No.

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Sue Bodson: Okay i'll figure out how to do that, so we came up with a new foundation logo that we wanted to try to make it look very similar to the current you know the the water parks and REC logo not going to be able to it's not letting me do it for some reason sorry about that.

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Oh.

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Sue Bodson: yeah i'm sorry I cannot get it to work.

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Sue Bodson: difficulty um anyway.

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Sue Bodson: i'll send it to you guys i'm in orland or maybe, can you share it if I send it to you.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: Yes, so but i'm not logged into my work computer.

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Sue Bodson: Oh yeah okay all right sorry about that guys anyway, we came up with a new logo I think it's really cool let's see i'm going to try, one more time.

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Blaize Levitan: send it to me.

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Blaize Levitan: sure.

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Sue Bodson: i'm going to try it one more time.

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01:31:08.070 --> 01:31:11.040
Sue Bodson: All right, please, I will send it to you how about that.

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01:31:43.140 --> 01:31:44.640
Sue Bodson: Well, you can see.

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01:31:51.030 --> 01:31:56.610
Sue Bodson: Now of course my computer has to decide not to cooperate sorry guys.

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01:31:58.350 --> 01:32:08.670
Sue Bodson: Anyway, regarding the new website, what we are focusing on is concentrating on communicating who.

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Sue Bodson: What the Foundation is what we do and how people can support it, whether it's individuals or businesses, and so we breaking it down into those chunks making it mobile friendly so that you can look at it on on your phone.

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01:32:26.910 --> 01:32:32.700
Sue Bodson: And, and I think we're almost there, we have a few more components that we have to add.

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Sue Bodson: My other goal is to keep the foundation's name, you know in in the news, and I know that we're about to launch spring registration, I think, next week is that right Sue next week is once the sports registration, I think, is starting to open and.

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Sue Snyder: Our first.

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Sue Bodson: February 1 right, and so what I, what I want to do what what I talked to Joe and Scott about is sending out a press release about the scholarship fund so that.

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Sue Bodson: it's just another touch point that registration has opened, but I mean blaze and lenore and everyone's been doing a great job about communicating.

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Sue Bodson: Everything that's going on in parks and REC but just to keep the Foundation name out there in terms of the programs that we support, and we know that scholarships are really important so.

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Sue Bodson: Especially you know with the pandemic people kids are wanting to get outside more once the weather gets a little warmer etc so that's what i'm that's what my goal is, and these I will keep trying to send you it and, hopefully, you can share it with people and that's it.

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Scott Johnson: Well, so just to compliment you.

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Scott Johnson: know I took over the foundation upon Nancy kaplan's passing, but we have never.

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Scott Johnson: really done promotions, or we had never done public relations or marketing just since Sue started doing that.

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Scott Johnson: i'm getting the name actually press releases we raised a lot of money not not big money, but a lot of gifts, they want been.

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Scott Johnson: You know \$10,000 \$5,000 that goes to the fund it's a grant to the fund which remember is a private foundations, not a gift to the town.

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Scott Johnson: And it goes into the fun to, then the sometimes used on a non restricted basis between life because we have to pay.

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Scott Johnson: For insurance, we have to pay for accounts of accounts our biggest expense on and then generally we write checks out for in kind stuff I park benches that's I find this program he had a lot of money in the foundation that was raised, years ago, because the Foundation started in 2001.

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Scott Johnson: where he it's it's sitting there waiting for the time to to make an appropriate gifts and then to go through the gift review process when it's of that characteristic.

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Scott Johnson: So take scholarships for example there's more there's something like \$60,000 in that account, and then, when the social services account gets bled down.

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Scott Johnson: Then, if appropriate, that that money can be gifted when reviewed and approved to social services, but right now, all we do really is park benches.

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Scott Johnson: We do trophies for escape skating programs that's basically it by far the most popular program is the park benches so of the gifts, we received last year.

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Scott Johnson: um most of it was for park benches, which we then write a check to the maker of our pitches and then it's it's gifted to the town gives it to parks and REC calm there you go.

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Scott Johnson: One of the arm unusual here mark funds is is for a wildlife rehabilitation and organization called save our strays and Linda Bruno.

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Scott Johnson: is to basically as on for that she was appointed by the selectmen and she can talk about that if she wants but calm, for example, foundation, I wrote a check to on Sunday, that the that organization to save our strays.

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Scott Johnson: recommended of that event bill for an injured animal.

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Scott Johnson: And they they do good stuff and they have to give us reports every once in a while he was originally started by who you are leaving and now Linda harms taking it out over, but the best example of something that doesn't doesn't go to the town, it goes to that organization.

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Scott Johnson: So um that that's basically it, but just since the private fundraising that soon as really only started since July, maybe what you think you got like \$40,000.

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Sue Bodson: We we started it, I think, in the spring, actually, it was before fourth of July.

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Sue Bodson: But yeah I mean and lenore has been helpful in monitoring that PayPal account.

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Sue Bodson: But, again, I think people just didn't even realize that there was a foundation out there and our hope is that you know as the civic Center project takes off that we have you know there's an opportunity for us.

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Sue Bodson: To contribute to that in some way and just other park beautification you know just there's you know it was telling Scott that Tracy and.

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Sue Bodson: Nancy and I walked around and pomerance and tuchman and there's a lot that can be done there that we that we can be helpful that I think we can really be helpful, with.

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Scott Johnson: Your manager, do you want to jump in there, because you are really the genius behind that if you define any.

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Scott Johnson: Maybe merged with your report.

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Nancy Chapin: You say you want me to jump ahead on.

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Scott Johnson: Well i'll just start just saying it was a good example of how you monitor park improvements with you know your organization for duty.

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Scott Johnson: And we want to do the same for top and pomerance and any other bar honestly i'm where they have to chop and was very good in generating money for for improving vinnie and you with the beginning part of improvement group did a great job.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah that was great I mean really I think Nancy kaplan and the people that you know my predecessors really did a great job you know we, as you know, we heard from nancy's daughter that she wants to make another donation.

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Nancy Chapin: So I don't know whether that's happened so.

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Nancy Chapin: But I can transition to my reporter, do you want to follow the regular agenda well.

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Scott Johnson: Anybody have any questions on on suicide, or on the foundation stuff.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah and but just basically To finish off, we did have that great walk and it does, I think you know it's clear that the Foundation, could be a great vehicle for me to, we could identify projects and get the residents behind it so i'll leave off on that.

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Scott Johnson: So I want to talk about talking pomerance.

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Nancy Chapin: Sure, is that okay to jump ahead of.

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Scott Johnson: The other yeah because.

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Nancy Chapin: i'll be very i'll be very quick so briefly on vinny I think it's important to note.

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Nancy Chapin: I reached out to Gabriella the chief engineer about the comfort time in vinnie Park, because you know it's supposed to have a maintenance plan maintenance program five years ago there was a big dredging project that we did, and it was supposed to be followed up with.

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Nancy Chapin: dredging of the copper damn have any sediment and she said yes.

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Nancy Chapin: it's basically and I can forward the detailed response from her, but it is going to happen this year.

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Nancy Chapin: So the dredging of any will get done, which is important that she was saying, there was a lot of sedimentation from IDA that came down through there and they keep maintaining that copper damn we looking again at a big project.

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Nancy Chapin: interesting to know the people that were awarded the.

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Nancy Chapin: Project, where the same people that did the major dredging so a little bit on vinny I also am trying to find out the status of the bridges.

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Nancy Chapin: And because that is what will is sort of we're waiting on to get done before we can continue some of the other work identified in the.

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Nancy Chapin: master plan to finish that loop trail that we've been working on, but I know that there's discussion of you know Greg and his team doing some additional plantings and that was just a great project then moving on to tuchman high medium pomerantz.

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Nancy Chapin: Again Hats off to Greg and Darren and all the work that they're doing they really are doing some great plantings in there again sustainable work and I loved.

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Nancy Chapin: latest report highlighting some of that.

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Nancy Chapin: It is true that, as a park that's getting maybe loved and so some of the things that we're talking about right now is the trails are really showing wear and tear a lot of this wet weather we've had.

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Nancy Chapin: I think you know it's never had so much us, and so we have this little subcommittee that's going to try and.

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Nancy Chapin: Work on identifying where we can make improvements to the whether it's through the meadow whether we can use other surfaces or there and been doing some work with some eagle scouts so.

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Nancy Chapin: anyone has any suggestions or ideas if you've been in other parks and other areas What are they doing for their surfaces just to.

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Nancy Chapin: heavy traffic areas in a natural park, what do you, what do you do so, you can't use that old Center that they used to use so many years ago from the power plant that's not.

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Nancy Chapin: We don't want to do that again right and that's it so any questions on that just great things happening those people love the park, you know we have plans for educational days that would coincide with volunteer days and.

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Nancy Chapin: Tracy tracy's throw and again the gauntlet let's hike every Park, so if anyone wants to join us we're going to be out there hiking.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay.

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Nancy Chapin: Any questions comments.

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Scott Johnson: How did, how did you.

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Scott Johnson: survive the recent was the last weekend the super high tides and the wind and the rain, to the Pontiff flooded.

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Nancy Chapin: So, you know that would be more of a benny I don't know and I don't i've been i'm actually in maine i'm not sure we were here for that event.

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Nancy Chapin: So, if someone is aware of anything that might have happened in benny they would they would really be the title.

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Nancy Chapin: Issues you know you get brain events coming down and then the tide pushing up and that's where you see any start to flood pomerantz is a different scenario there it really got hit by that last IDA some of the other hurricanes were.

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01:43:56.640 --> 01:44:05.970

Nancy Chapin: I don't know if anybody knows anything that might have happened to me, you know I think I mentioned before, through IDA Greg said yep everything we planted held up it did what it was supposed to do so.

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Nancy Chapin: That is good news, there.

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Nancy Chapin: have been.

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Nancy Chapin: Working with Greg so he's so knowledgeable and then you have Darren who just won't quit he keeps working working working they're great they're great their team is really fantastic.

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gkramer: Scott, to you, thank you Nancy Scott, to your question in any park did flood in the last time we had.

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Scott Johnson: Did to resolve a damage to some of the new work like.

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01:44:33.660 --> 01:44:49.710

gkramer: No other plant materials sold holding up as Nancy said it's only appropriate plant material for that location, but unfortunately our our facility continues to flood each time so yeah you know so that that's going to be a problem.

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gkramer: yeah yeah.

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Scott Johnson: No further questions in that rick, can I just do the frustrating report on the hockey rink.

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Rick Loh: yeah as many people are aware.

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Rick Loh: There was money removed from this year's budget that was destined to be used for architectural fees for the rank it makes sense that it was removed because we've been delayed and, quite frankly.

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Rick Loh: That money isn't needed right now.

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Rick Loh: But That being said, it's always.

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Rick Loh: When you have a budget change like that it always causes consternation.

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Rick Loh: Probably the more.

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Rick Loh: disheartening might not be the right word but.

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Rick Loh: i've learned that Al minnelli is retiring and will be gone by the end of February, I was told so.

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Rick Loh: i'd like to thank Allah for all the work he's done.

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Rick Loh: We expect them to do a bit more work here in the next 35 to 40 days.

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Rick Loh: But Allah has been quite helpful to this point, but.

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Rick Loh: That being said, we now face some other obstacles.

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Rick Loh: You know we'll just pull up our socks and go from here our next rank meaning is the first week in February.

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Rick Loh: Joe I don't know if you have anything else to add.

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Rick Loh: You may know more than I do about some decent.

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Joe Siciliano: No, I think you covered it rekha we're looking at options of proposals of location we'll talk about that at the next meeting and seconds, and you know we're still looking at collecting information address some of the issues, so this is the work continues and.

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Joe Siciliano: I think I will be at the next meeting, and with us an individual that at least will be in as an acting role for him after he leaves the full time appointment is yet to be determined So hopefully we'll have a little continuity going forward so.

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Scott Johnson: I can tell you I for one have an hour's worth of accolades for our but maybe we should do that another time.

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Scott Johnson: Let me just on the super civic Center alone it's you know it's unbelievable what he did what he had to do, and unfortunately i'm afraid it's going to be a.

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Scott Johnson: Important February so we'll see how that goes when we get the data back.

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Scott Johnson: So um.

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Scott Johnson: Any other questions on rick's presentation and on Gioia something that.

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Joe Siciliano: I don't i'm good.

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Scott Johnson: So any public comment pretty new business.

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Scott Johnson: We have we have lots of very highly salary attendees here, so you guys are all being very quiet and courteous um any new business.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, so motion.

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Scott Johnson: motion to adjourn.

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Scott Johnson: Somebody make.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: i'm sorry i'm sorry to interrupt but it looks like Sue baker has her hand raised.

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Scott Johnson: She that's a surprise.

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Scott Johnson: So go ahead.

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Scott Johnson: unmute yourself.

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Sue Baker: yeah okay i'm good Thank you thanks for this everything that's going on the meeting I have two things that I wanted to bring up.

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Sue Baker: One is the form the conservation Commission the conservation Commission has just almost completed an amazing open space plan.

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Sue Baker: we've been working on it for a long time and pets us go and the rest of us wonder, would you all, like to presentation of it at one of your upcoming meetings, especially if you have some downtime.

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Sue Baker: I would have pat make the presentation of the conservation commission's open space plan what we've done over the past year or more is is identify all the open space.

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Sue Baker: Public and mostly all private mostly private the whole idea was generated by the ability of the Public Private Partnership, the town.

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Sue Baker: And Greenwich land trust to acquire all the acreage from acquiring and so we thought we better see what else is out there and what we might do to acquire it, so I just thought it might be of interest to you all.

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Sue Baker: And so, like that.

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Sue Baker: yeah just contact pat and say yeah sometime come to our meeting and present okay.

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Scott Johnson: How do you define open space so what's.

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Sue Baker: would like okay.

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Sue Baker: That everything that is undeveloped or under developed and we've gone into defining that and there are all.

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Sue Baker: kinds of open space, for example, a golf course is an open space it's private not not groups or the grip on the golf courses in town they're open space they're privately owned.

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Sue Baker: But there's no way that they are protected if a private club needed to generate revenue to sell it so we've looked at all of these so that's open space.

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Sue Baker: and underdeveloped.

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Sue Baker: Then there are open spaces, there are so many private properties and actually we're we're doing a site visit to one tomorrow.

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Sue Baker: That, for one reason or another, through planning and zoning they've not been able to get what they want to develop it so it's still undeveloped.

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Sue Baker: There are other open spaces that are part of private property that are under developed That means they could actually go after development and can we protect that so we've been another great example was done warburg property.

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Sue Baker: That three of the parcels were sold off by the along the Byron river branch the East, the West branch sold off by her family and we're trying to get the buyers, not to develop it So what can we do, we can offer them.

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Sue Baker: To all kinds of tax benefits from the town, we can offer conservation easements conservation set asides.

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Sue Baker: we're doing that, with a huge property at 1141 King street right now.

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Sue Baker: Or we can say we will help you donate this to the Greenwich land trust in perpetuity, you will have that tax break so it's all that there's a lot of open space and we just thought.

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Sue Baker: And she would make a very succinct presentation, with the map show you where it is what we've done what we've managed to do to keep it protected I just thought it might be an interesting presentation sometime when you don't have such a long meeting so that.

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Scott Johnson: online.

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Sue Baker: is available, no not yet not yet not to you all, it is just for us, there are five of us on the Committee working on it.

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Sue Baker: Ted wall Ruth myself was said Henry early in circle and hat and well the staff up there might be one more whose name.

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Sue Baker: escapes me but anyhow we've really been working hard on and I thought it might be an interesting presentation.

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Sue Baker: Of course it's not all parkland but parkland is included and and that goes back to what you were talking about when you're talking about the historic district and.

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Sue Baker: todd's point, as well as Bruce park Yes, our town has not ever.

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Sue Baker: Created the parks as designated parkland and there and they are somewhat vulnerable, I mean I you guys can remember if you're old enough when when Tom raglan.

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Sue Baker: was first selectman and kind of said to me to some of us well if we need to raise money we can just sell off waterfront property at todd's point \$4 million in a.

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Sue Baker: home oh my God and even subsequent to that, and it was addressed by and Peter tessie said hey yeah the town could sell the end of Steamboat road that could be sold the.

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Sue Baker: it's it's a you know the little doctor privately on, I mean the town own property at the very end Steamboat adjacent to engine harbor yacht club yeah there are those parcels out there.

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Sue Baker: That could be developed so not that is green open space it's asphalt and concrete but guess what it belongs to us anyhow Those are the kinds of things that I thought might be interesting.

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Scott Johnson: If you want that she will get back to you yeah.

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Scott Johnson: i'd like to hear i'd like to hear from path that's.

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Sue Baker: Good Okay, I thought it make a great presentation and then the other thing I wanted to say and Brian this is kind of for you, but you know.

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Sue Baker: it's been a year since the DEA has failed to tell us what is this precious wildflower that's within.

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Sue Baker: 330 foot at least 300 yards of the little invalids under the bridges at times that desperately needs to be dredge and with Hurricane Ida and more recent storms.

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Sue Baker: They deposition build up is further blocking the the the complete exchange of water on an F type we're getting lots brought him on a flood tied.

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Sue Baker: Most of it not grained on an appetite and it's building up Brian Do you know where we are in ever getting that done because we thought that through conservation that we had a maintenance dredge permit that elec.

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Sue Baker: mope put in place a few years ago Alexandra Do you know where we are on that Brian has they want to know, and I report back that.

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Brian Kerzner: We did have a maintenance treasure on that and deep actually when they thought the plant might have migrated told us that we couldn't even dredge before the old permit expired.

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01:55:24.300 --> 01:55:26.640

Brian Kerzner: So we couldn't even utilize the old permit.

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Brian Kerzner: They did the plan survey the plant that they aren't allowing us to work through is not in that area currently so we're allowed to continue dredging.

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01:55:38.940 --> 01:55:56.490

Brian Kerzner: Once we get the permit hopefully we get the permit the next month that we do will be able to dredge like we normally do probably around the march timeframe, but we're not sure how often they're going to make us go back out to do the plant survey going forward.

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Brian Kerzner: And I agree the dredges importance, but we still have to play by their by their guidelines and directions, but by the.

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Sue Baker: Time the plan isn't there Brian the plant simply isn't there anymore Sarah and I Derek acorah in conservation and I have searched it just not there anymore anybody could have pulled it up.

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01:56:19.500 --> 01:56:29.520

Sue Baker: Anybody could emote it down, I mean just literally plowed over it, but so all right, I just find that a difficult thing to deal with going forward sorry.

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Scott Johnson: So any other comic con or questions.

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Scott Johnson: So let's.

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Scott Johnson: Somebody give a motion to adjourn.

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Scott Johnson: So anybody second that.

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Rick Loh: So I can a.

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Scott Johnson: favor.

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01:56:46.440 --> 01:56:46.770

Rick Loh: All right.

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01:56:47.910 --> 01:56:56.430

Scott Johnson: Okay, then meeting adjourned, thank you very much, and all the attendees, so we will look forward to the Minutes going or.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: won't be any minutes, it will be a transcript from zoom.

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01:57:00.480 --> 01:57:02.850

Scott Johnson: i'll come on alright thanks.

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hey.