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Scott R. Johnson: So this is the Wednesday march 30.

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Scott R. Johnson: Virtual meeting of the Board parks and REC.

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Scott R. Johnson: and

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Scott R. Johnson: We.

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Scott R. Johnson: are also always trying to have a informal meeting with them to the board of the Foundation, because we give notices to everyone, the Foundation, so those who couldn't attend.

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Scott R. Johnson: I always recommend that they attend also now give you more information on that later on, but anyway let's start with just approving on.

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Scott R. Johnson: The transcript Minutes of the last meeting customer 23rd.

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Scott R. Johnson: Can someone make a motion to do that.

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Scott R. Johnson: So okay so even emotion frank, or some second.
Frank DiVincenzo: Second.

Second.

Joe Siciliano: soon.

Scott R. Johnson: That you are really there, so you can't do much, but.

Scott R. Johnson: So in our limited capacity here let's let's have you guys vote to approve those minutes.

Scott R. Johnson: All right, raise your hand I mean i've already yes so 14 years okay so that's informally approved as we don't lay out a quorum.

Scott R. Johnson: and

Scott R. Johnson: So on on the agenda, the schedule, I have is for Sue.

Scott R. Johnson: speak about recreation programming, so do you won't do that now you want to awake.

Sue Snyder: yeah i'm.

Sue Snyder: ready to roll.

Sue Snyder: Good evening everyone.
Sue Snyder: Okay, good evening everyone I'm as Scott said I was asked to speak on recreation programming.

Sue Snyder: I'm pleased to say that as far as operating our programs, we are about where we were pre coated.

Sue Snyder: We're also on target to add a few new programs this coming year.

Sue Snyder: This our men's basketball League has did resume this year 2022 and it will be wrapping up next week we've had an entire season of skating with no interruptions.

Sue Snyder: We've been operating indoor activities at our civic centers with no limits on participation, some of our own programs have included volleyball pickle and open gym plus the civic center's are available for other Rentals.

Sue Snyder: And we're concluding a full six months of platform tennis for this spring, our skate park is already opened and our other spring programs begin either in late April or early May.

Sue Snyder: Some of them will include youth soccer T ball small fry baseball and junior baseball.

Sue Snyder: Junior intermediate and senior girls softball we have pickle ball clinics and registered play for pickle ball.

Sue Snyder: We have a spring and summer season of platform tennis and our tennis reservation system will begin may 1 and also for adults, we have our softball leagues, both men women's coed and industrial leaks.

Sue Snyder: Are regarding tennis our Rentals for tennis this year are up in fluting rental requests from some of the usual organizations such as
oh gee rcc and eagle Hill, we also have new request from Greenwich country day school and the Greenwich boys and girls club this year.

Sue Snyder: Our field Rentals are always in high demand our turf fields we began using in March and or grass fields, some of them will be opening this coming weekend or others will be opening April 9 and that will depend on the weather conditions.

Sue Snyder: Are registration for summer programs opens this Friday April 1 our summer programming again is is back in full swing, we have our three day camps.

Sue Snyder: Of camp carefree adventurers and music and art, we have summer baseball tennis clinics, for both youth and adults this year will be offering a new youth track program that's in cooperation with the grants road runners club.

Sue Snyder: will have summer swim lessons at the pool at Byron park the skatepark will have ramp camps and skateboard clinics and also every season there's pickle ball clinics and registered play for pickle ball that's one of the programs that just keeps increasing over the last few years.

Sue Snyder: We are also hoping to soon add some activities for some of the special needs populations in our Community Joe blaze and I recently met with some moms have some.

Sue Snyder: Children that have special needs to don't feel comfortable, including their youth in our mainstreaming them in our programs which our programs are always offered on an inclusive basis we don't turn people away.

Sue Snyder: However, some people with kids with special needs, feel that they'd rather have something.

Sue Snyder: More in line that can develop a given them a little bit more attention, something that we haven't been able to offer in our regular
programming so we're going to work with these moms to try to develop some activities for the Youth in the Community, with special needs.

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Sue Snyder: Being the concerts at Roger Sherman baldwin park and benny park jazz on the sound takes place on a ferry a kite flying festival the Jim fixx Memorial Day road races.

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Sue Snyder: Are fireworks which this year we're planning to be at both parks again Greenwich point and vinny park sand sculpture festival and we're resuming our outdoor movies, this year we haven't held them in a couple years.

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Sue Snyder: Some of the challenges we've been facing lately have been in staffing, for one, not as many people are applying for the jobs that we do have open.

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Sue Snyder: And when there's high turnover, it means there's always a learning curve and extra training, how you know training involved in a learning curve so it's it's a little bit harder and more challenging for us.

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Sue Snyder: um one other challenge we face this year for our summer camps is in our facilities, for example, we prefer to use Greenwich high school for music and art camp.

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Sue Snyder: But again this year we don't have that available so we're going to be using riverside's for which is will make do but it's not an ideal situation.
Sue Snyder: We also know that Eastern Granite civic Center will not be available camp carefree has historically been held out of Eastern Greenwich civic Center.

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Sue Snyder: So we're going to be moving it to eastern middle school this year so that's going to be a bit challenging because it'll be a new location for us, so we have to make some new plans.

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Sue Snyder: But also we've been told that part of the school is going to be under some construction work so we're going to have to maneuver around that so.

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Sue Snyder: there's always challenges, but you know, we have, we do have a good full time staff able to meet these challenges and i'm looking forward to some good spring and summer programming starting soon.

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Sue Snyder: If anyone has any questions about any of these programs be happy to answer them as best as I can.

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Scott R. Johnson: before anyone else kicks in the or maybe jochen to deal with this there's there's a lot of difficulties with with fields, particularly some of the challenges with the high school and I know that's made scheduling for Donald extremely difficult.

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Scott R. Johnson: I guess Donald more has has dealt with it so i'm assuming you had your your fall and spring meetings are you receive he must be receiving more complaints I know it's not our fault, but we basically have two turf fields that are out of.

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Scott R. Johnson: Out of.

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Scott R. Johnson: Operation right.

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Joe Siciliano: Yes, yes, feel for is not been completed yet to be put back together because of the carpet needs to be put down, and we have to have some temperatures above 50 degrees.
Joe Siciliano: At all times to do gluing or otherwise the warranty doesn't hold it in place and then feel three will go under construction remediation excuse me as soon as school gets out and that's slated for the summer so hopefully we'll get for back online.

Joe Siciliano: Soon, but you know the weather hasn't been favorable and.

Joe Siciliano: And then we also have the Western middle school situation where all fields are laid up there at that location, and so the challenges are here.

Joe Siciliano: we're hoping for some Trier.

Joe Siciliano: warmer weather, with some wind, to get the grass, the natural grass fields open.

Joe Siciliano: But we may have some limited access this weekend with looking towards the April 9 as a more of a full access.

Joe Siciliano: But we're just trying to hold the masses back a little bit because we have this situation so.

Joe Siciliano: We checking with Donald regularly we're seeing if we can get some bet you know some improved communications with the Ad over at the high school, so that we do know when.

Joe Siciliano: The High School is not using the surfaces, so that we can program some other activities over at the high school pizza Giorgio is the new temporary interim ad there.

Joe Siciliano: On he's on a definite learning curve it's not as easy as just made it look foot and guess it was difficult for us because of all the different scheduling a while the activities that the you know.
Joe Siciliano: Practices different sports etc, but try to get Donald and pete in communication every single week or even more than once a week.

Joe Siciliano: In TIM coffin our turf manager who sits right next to Donald in the Office have been in communication about what we can use.

Joe Siciliano: A natural turf and what we can't so we're just hoping that we don't get this big push of rain come through, and we might be able to produce some more opportunities for this weekend.

Joe Siciliano: Well, stay on top of that we're doing the best I can people may have to take shorter surfaces like it costs got part which we normally don't do.

Joe Siciliano: We usually give an organization, the full surface but we're talking about giving them a half surface, you know.

Joe Siciliano: Cutting the splitting that that massive artificial surface, we have and half and Lisa lot allowing them out there to use it and use it for conditioning and.

Joe Siciliano: Some skills and you know meeting as an organization and it's just a short term fix until we can we can expand a little bit into some of the natural turf fields so we're thinking about things like that, and it may not be the best.

Joe Siciliano: result for everyone, but it also is definitely something which is better than not being able to to be active so well we'll see how it goes we're work we're on top of it every single day so.

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Scott R. Johnson: Acceptance or acknowledgement of the fact that we're really handicapped right now with fields.

Joe Siciliano: I think I think I think there was there was a sensitivity by a few individual Members, but nothing collaboratively that.

Joe Siciliano: You know we're pushed against the wall here for not only with what is down at this moment but also you know some of the repairs, that we want to do to the field, which should improve the playability and.

Joe Siciliano: So we've been in negotiations with some members of the BT to get some of the money of the 600 that we asked for we're looking at a $400 hundred thousand dollar number and plus what we already have in our appropriated and blaze and i've talked about the scheduling and staging of execution.

Joe Siciliano: So we think that we can live with 400,000 next year, and with the money that we currently have and that'll give us enough to be able to execute in the next 12 months.

Joe Siciliano: And then we would ask for additional funds have blazed has been on top of this, dealing not only with the BT but Brian Mullen ski or consultant I don't know, please has any more to add, but he can speak good he's on the meeting.

Blaize Levitan: hey, the only thing that i'll add is that you know Ryan got us some proposals.

Blaize Levitan: To start with some existing funds to start getting some of this drainage work done some of the pre engineering the soil sampling at the key locations, the existing funds here that is specifically for the purpose of fixing drainage and existing.

Blaize Levitan: So we have to do some soil testing and water table testing first to find out what type of drainage improvements will be needed but.
Blaize Levitan: Though this work and help provide some key relief, you know all the fields as Ryan had pointed out, we don't have any engineered or athletic bill fields, except for the synthetic turf fields that exist.

Blaize Levitan: So everything that we're operating on is native clay soils with grasses you know native grasses they're not fields are designed for the.

Blaize Levitan: What they're being used for so Luckily, we have someone like TIM coffin our operations manager, who is really good at turf management, making things look good, and we do this with a whole organic program but.

Blaize Levitan: it's not like we're starting from a position where you know we keep getting questions like well, can you get you know when was the last time, the field was bill, you know.

Blaize Levitan: Never none of them are so you know these drainage improvements really will make a big difference because.

Blaize Levitan: we're talking about just you know, mostly just solid clay soils that are really slow draining so it's really exciting to be.

Blaize Levitan: Working with one of you know, the top engineers in the industry in the state highly recommended and where we're getting ready here, hopefully to start making some progress.

Scott R. Johnson: And then we really don't know anything about Western right we don't know whether it's.

Joe Siciliano: it's in the regulatory states where the record, you know their agencies are looking at various proposals to do the remediation.
Joe Siciliano: And their approval it takes them forever to do this stuff this because they're not there damn offices in hartford.

Now that would be helpful if they were sitting in their seats to ddp For one thing, and then, then we have to you know, to get some kind of resolution here so i'm hopefully as people kind of you know, move back into their normal work life.

Things will pick up.

But.

Joe Siciliano: You know this is this is this is it's just it took this long for the Greenwich high school project to get to get off the ground and get a consensus between all the agencies that had to be involved here.

To kind of get the project moving I mean it probably took almost two and a half, three years but we've been talking about Western.

I mean, I can think five years, but maybe it's been more, but this so it's slow moving and the funding, you know at is going to be about $16 million in total.

So the BT is looking at to allocations over to budget cycles.

Because they can't really accommodate you put up the can't really do 60,000 million dollar choose me $16 million worth of work.

Over over one year so that there's a lot of moving parts here that are not been nailed down so hopefully we see some light at the tunnel there because.
Joe Siciliano: Western was a real workhorse fuel for us and we've lost
the baseball diamond and the soccer lacrosse field hockey whatever else
we football but, however, we are using for the lower field and.

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Joe Siciliano: And again it's it's not a good situation it just puts more
wear and tear, on the other, surfaces that we have whether they're
natural, most of them are natural turf and some more competition for the
artificial surfacing so.

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Scott R. Johnson: Is it fair to say that we were waiting for like almost
three years for them, just to kick back and responding to our car plan.

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Joe Siciliano: We had a public meeting at Western middle school about
three years ago with the regulators from the D p.

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Joe Siciliano: and

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Joe Siciliano: they're not that.

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Joe Siciliano: they're not that responsive, I mean they came down, we did
the public hearing that is part of what we needed to do and the being
into in the review process.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know coven did come in, but you know you know
people can you know, things can move forward we we moved a lot of things
forward in parks, recreation during coven but, at the end of the day.

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Joe Siciliano: This is not getting done it's compounded by people not
being in their offices, a number of retirees at the state level that had
specific knowledge of programs like this and, and you know people been
rerouted into some of those jobs.

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Joe Siciliano: That are not familiar with some of the standards and those
positions like we talked about this in the Marina, and I mean somebody
the dp who was working in.
Joe Siciliano: You know, to do T who's an engineer now gets transferred to the dp and said yeah i'm an engineer, but I know nothing about what you guys do here, so the learning curve has, these are huge learning curve and they're.

Joe Siciliano: chanting bodies around which is not an effective way to do business and with the next really recent kind of anticipation of thousands of State employees retiring it's going to get worse because there's a whole bailout going on, even though the government's trying to push that that.

Joe Siciliano: Is a huge bailout of people that are going to be going because all those long term employees.

Joe Siciliano: want to leave because their benefit package to leave is going to be affected if they stay, so you know it's a it's kind of not not a good situation, so we need to kind of keep just focus on what we need to do Donnelly shuffling the cards every single day.

Joe Siciliano: The improvements to the field will help the drainage, so it feels will that are wet fields will dry, hopefully, sooner or it'd be less.

Joe Siciliano: Rain rain outages and will be more playable so that's what our first charges here is to use the money towards repairing some of the drainage or.

Joe Siciliano: or renewing some of the drainage, and some of the fields, so that they'll be playable our goal is to try to do some of this over next winter.

Joe Siciliano: Start like November and get the drink, you know get some of the drainage in and do some of it, you know do some sightseeing or receding and then you know get that to knit before the real winter sets in.
Joe Siciliano: And then hopefully it'll be playable by you know late spring so that's kind of the goal here so we're still trying to move along in that timeframe.

Scott R. Johnson: Our national turf fields are still close just because of weather.

Joe Siciliano: Just because they're still wet I mean the ground is I mean there's still frost on the ground.

Joe Siciliano: You know, we get rain, on top of it we get 30 degree 20 degree temperatures it doesn't help the situation.

Joe Siciliano: We need about a week or so good weather and some wind would really be helpful.

Joe Siciliano: And you know we'd be able to kind of expedite some of the natural fields, there are some fields that perform better than others.

Joe Siciliano: Maybe re close them during next week to see if we can get some drying out of it and then look towards next weekend the night to open them up on a more regular basis.

Joe Siciliano: let's see we'll see what we get tomorrow, but right now that is predicting tomorrow evening rainstorms been heavy so we'll see how it goes.

Joe Siciliano: Thanks.

Joe Siciliano: So okay.
Scott R. Johnson: Do you want to so are you are you done with your presentation so.

Sue Snyder: Yes, unless anyone has any questions.

Scott R. Johnson: So i'm assuming care care carefree is a little challenge but you're working out.

Sue Snyder: yeah we'll work it out, I mean that's challenges are you know part of the business so well we'll work it out.

Sue Snyder: do the best we can.

Scott R. Johnson: going to ask you to give it directors and wait a second calm.

Scott R. Johnson: Well, what while we're waiting let's.

Scott R. Johnson: Well, let me, let me introduce matt pop who's our new Member.

Scott R. Johnson: that's a lamp landscape architect, at least the consultant.

Scott R. Johnson: Network yeah once you unmute yourself and just tell us a little bit about Now I know you've of business perspective or just tell us a little bit about.
Scott R. Johnson: about what you do and and if you have a hot button issues that the porn parks and REC you'd like to focus on or committees, you want to be on, so why don't you just talk a little bit about yourself as an introduction.

Matthew Popp: Good evening and Matthew popped in the landscape architect this noted by computer just shut off, so I switched to my phone at a good time.

Matthew Popp: I grew up playing sports on the western wall fields, you know from soccer it's a football baseball probably golf to.

Matthew Popp: I am I was a member of then when wetlands and water first thing it was past President with arbonne Greenwich and currently.

Matthew Popp: Either friends of vantage point in my neighborhood association of beautification in parks committee now it kind of have an interest in maybe like the passive.

Matthew Popp: sites in town, the parks more national settings I know you're a few of the Members are ready and know Nancy and Dr Greg and know Mike buccino.

Matthew Popp: I did have a question about the program and it was wondering if there's any programming at the golf course you know for kids.

Matthew Popp: It seemed like that was in the past, there really wasn't much you know when my kids were growing up, I always thought that would have been a good thing for them to learn.

Matthew Popp: But again, if there's any questions i'm kind of be happy to answer them.

Matthew Popp: So.
Scott R. Johnson: Well, Joe can maybe address that I mean, I know I don't listen to your call.

Scott R. Johnson: program I know there's construction Joe you might know better than I do it, you know we have a new pro there.

Joe Siciliano: yeah, as you know, Pat nasty is taking over, you can see first assistant for Joe what number of years we've had some conversation with path.

Joe Siciliano: Obviously the junior program is really highlighted over the griff.

Joe Siciliano: But I think you're you're talking about other types of programming, other than the junior program where it goes on, you know there's some instructions for several weeks, and then the program kind of you know, moves moves away.

Joe Siciliano: We have that conversation with pat during the contract phase to talk about maybe expanding that a little bit.

Joe Siciliano: he's kind of he's just trying to get his feet wet so maybe there's hope there's room for growth here.

Joe Siciliano: And we will be able to kind of look at some other types of you know, fostering juniors to play golf because they are the future of you know, the golf course.

Joe Siciliano: And the golf play so let's let's let's keep that current and and you know I had some very, very open about suggestions and trying different things he.
Joe Siciliano: You know, he worked under the tutelage of Joe for a number of years, he wants to develop his own program based in his own way of operating and I applaud him for that.

Joe Siciliano: You know he's he's he just has a little uptick here to get kind of in that position as the as the head pro so we'll mention it again to maybe not.

Joe Siciliano: it's not something that we can't.

Joe Siciliano: Consider, but trying to find a space for it and get pad to help us with it would be important.

Matthew Popp: You know I always thought to like you know for like high school kids if they could have reduced free after you know five o'clock or something like that, just to get them to get up there and play.

Matthew Popp: And the other thing I had a question for you to Joe is what it makes sense task Steve masters to kind of you know, see what the p stone about the Western field of it is.

Joe Siciliano: yeah.

Joe Siciliano: I know I know that Steve as attendance most there are some of the B team meetings and has been part of some of those discussion, he has he has been you know he's on the alert put it that way.

Joe Siciliano: i'm not quite you know he's got he's been trying to kind of get some inroads in a lot of places but it's not unusual I mean he did hear.

Joe Siciliano: The presentation, where he talked about the board of ED talked about the you know some of the delays and challenges of getting the response from the DTP soda Ryan Fazio.
Joe Siciliano: So Ryan, you know someone I know relatively well, and you know and we said, you know anything you can do to help push is important, so we can all kind of reassure you know kind of bring this up it's it's something that they're not.

Joe Siciliano: They are used to, and something that if you do run into Steve or you know Ryan, make it a point to say something, because the more reinforcement, we can get hopefully the more action we can get.

Matthew Popp: Great great.

Joe Siciliano: i'll tell you a little inside scoop about the dp my roommate at college, was it worked in the dp Catholic he sat right next to the person who.

Joe Siciliano: is handling both the high school and the Western middle school project.

Joe Siciliano: And he said don't bother going to him just go over him and you might be able to be successful, so I relate that to everybody i've talked to.

Joe Siciliano: Including our attorney that we have in hartford but, as this kind of goes, you know you need these folks for other projects.

Joe Siciliano: And you know there's they all have relationships so there's a limit on what you can how much you can push here but but.

Joe Siciliano: i'm one for not not worried about that and and going to you know, the deputy Commissioner or the Commissioner, I mean, I think we waited our turn at Western middle school and and I think that.

Joe Siciliano: that's we we deserve we deserve some consideration for.
Matthew Popp: And then environmental justice area, you know we're whatever that means.

Joe Siciliano: yeah look.

Matthew Popp: Her so I don't know if you can use that angle, but.

Joe Siciliano: yeah Anyway, thank you all right appreciate.

Scott R. Johnson: It Mike pitino did you have any.

Scott R. Johnson: Any good luck, when you were asked to go out there and push the buttons or TV.

Michael Bocchino: Actually it's funny you mentioned that because Gordon Feinstein the pencil reached a point where he had run out of his.

Michael Bocchino: They had finished all of the requirements that needed to be done to get the.

Michael Bocchino: open for PE classes and reached out to me and, and this is not not making this up.

Michael Bocchino: I literally from when I was in hartford went over to deep went into the office as the state representative for the district.
Michael Bocchino: And there were piles and piles on every desk of folders and I said i'm here for Western middle school i'm the state representative for the district, I need this field open.

Michael Bocchino: they've met every requirement that you require and the gentleman literally walked over to a stack of folders.

Michael Bocchino: And pulled one out from down on the bottom that was Western and I think it's the same person that Joe is referring to, and said oh yeah we've got this and.

Michael Bocchino: A week or two later, while I was away about two weeks later, they opened up that small quadrant of the field for the physical education activities but remained had the rest of the field remained closed.

Michael Bocchino: Due to some of the other significant remediation needs but, in my experience, the only way you're going to get this done or accomplished is by someone going there.

Michael Bocchino: Meaning deep or to that particular office and forcing their hand.

Michael Bocchino: i've asked Steve a couple of times.

Michael Bocchino: I just started to have the conversations with Ryan Fazio as he's newly elected to the State Senate.

Michael Bocchino: And i'm hopeful that there there'll be able to do something, but to go through the regular process and procedures, this is a, this is a department in the state of Connecticut that is really in my opinion.
Michael Bocchino: overwhelmed with a lot of the things that they have to do, and unless they're pressed they're not going to push the agenda forward.

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Michael Bocchino: We were fortunate at that one particular time to get the field open, but this has gotten, to the point where it's utterly ridiculous that we're not able to move forward with this, so I empathize but to some extent i'm still a little angered that we haven't gotten this thing accomplished.

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Scott R. Johnson: So one more question to everybody on this is because of the way and that is it even theoretically possible to do a temporary hockey rink here as we.

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Michael Bocchino: know, in my opinion.

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Michael Bocchino: that's and it's funny you say that that's one of my biggest sticking points is, we have a field at Western middle school that's unusable and hasn't been since my my oldest son is.

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Michael Bocchino: Now 16 years of age, a junior playing baseball at the high school never set foot during his tenure at Western middle school on the baseball field, they were practicing as strong as ever since then.

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Michael Bocchino: If we move forward with the rink there has to be, and this is saying that as sitting on the rink committee.

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Michael Bocchino: we're going to first find and locate a temporary rank facility site Okay, we do that now we're going to look at renovating the rink, we need to stage the equipment, the baseball diamond does become inoperable or not usable at some particular point.

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Michael Bocchino: Unless we do come up with some creative ideas, but still access into it is concerning and.

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Michael Bocchino: that's the only field that Western middle school has at their.

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Michael Bocchino: Use right now that's within walking distance you know hop skip and a jump away without doing you know any kind of busing.

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Michael Bocchino: And having the regulation size field that they need, so it truly is a real major component of all of the things that we need to be doing, especially with the skating right moving forward.

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Michael Bocchino: So it's to me it's a very, very big concern and it's an enormous concern to the Community and to the you know the Western middle school community at large.

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Scott R. Johnson: So while we have used to the rink committee me are they on hold right.

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Michael Bocchino: Now we met this morning.

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Michael Bocchino: and discussed some.

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Michael Bocchino: We met for a half hour, I think, and we discussed some sites, we did have some more discussion about a potential.

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Michael Bocchino: Temporary ring site, maybe if we have discussion with the St michael's church.

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Michael Bocchino: used to be gratis Catholic formerly was St mary's church to see if there's any way to utilize that area we've been looking at course neck parking lot island beach parking lot there are.

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Michael Bocchino: a bunch of significant blocks that are preventing us from moving forward with that potentially the sewer underneath.
Michael Bocchino: We need to make sure that we have.

Electricity.

And all of these things still have to be brought forward, you know before the BT and our team to make sure that we can go ahead so there's a lot of obstacles and i'm sure Joe can you know.

Give a little bit more input on it, but it's it's gotten to be very frustrating to the point where we we really don't have a direction you know, we need to sit down with Tony Jones and the facilities.

manager over there, the board of education, Dan Watson and discuss if there are any facilities, you know usable like Western middle school some of the areas there.

That we could put a temporary ring, or we really need to think outside the box, but this could go on for years at the point we're going.

Scott R. Johnson: I think i've seen that movie.

Yeah.

Alright, so we need any questions to Mike on the rink or on Western.

Matt Popp: And a ring somebody said, maybe in North street school.
Michael Bocchino: That one I didn't hit. Well, no, I shouldn't say that I think we did here that we heard Western middle school under the w wing with a parking lot area is.

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Michael Bocchino: Obviously, on the ball field, I Western middle school and some other there was might have been North street.

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Michael Bocchino: School but you know we can sit and talk till we're blue in the face, but until we get the superintendent of schools sitting down in this meeting with us, we can't we won't really have any kind of information.

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Michael Bocchino: As far as the Bo egos.

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Michael Bocchino: And we're really at a standstill because the, the majority of the committee members.

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Michael Bocchino: At least the Chair is adhering to the fact that we can't lose any ice time, so we need the temporary link.

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Michael Bocchino: And I agree if there's a possibility that we can do this, but that.

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Michael Bocchino: It seems like we're running out of options and the longer and longer we wait, the longer we're putting off a new facility and if it means at some point.

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Michael Bocchino: You know, taking a look at taking the rank down and putting it back up in the spot and losing some some seasons, we We really have to start to take a look at that and we have to look at is there available ice time for certain groups outside of this, you know.

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Michael Bocchino: i'm hopeful that this.

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Michael Bocchino: St mary's or I call St mary's got i'm dating myself but granted Catholic maybe pans out for us because it does seem that seem viable does seem like there's an option there.

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Michael Bocchino: But we have to start those conversations and they need to be done, but you know we cannot overlook the fact that.

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Michael Bocchino: Unless we take like it had been mentioned prior to unless we determine that we're going to inevitably turn stress of field.

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Michael Bocchino: And if we do decide that that's exactly what's going to happen, we may look at trying to do that now, so that we don't lose the opportunity for these kids to have you know the baseball season's.

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Michael Bocchino: If we're going to do it anyway let's get it done and then build the rank stage in the parking lot type of a thing and.

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Michael Bocchino: You know, allow for the kids to at least get their their baseball seasons in I can't I can't in good conscious vote on anything, knowing that Western middle school will have to sacrifice their baseball program and unless we get Western middle school field open.

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Michael Bocchino: Where we find the temporary rank solution, I don't see how we were able to do that and move forward with the rank.

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Michael Bocchino: And and, and again I don't mean to take up all the time.

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Michael Bocchino: i'm on the field committee with Sue and and I know Joe noses the potential for what we can do at Western middle school, provided we remEDIATE and we're able to.

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Michael Bocchino: put down turf the inventory, that we will gain as far as fields go is incredible if and and, in my opinion, if it's if we light it up.
Michael Bocchino: Even better it's an amazing opportunity for us yet we're not getting the results from the representatives in Hartford.

Michael Bocchino: And I can say that because, when I was there, we did get the results to get it open it's just that the works got to be done, and they have to be pressured.

Michael Bocchino: it's no fault of the individuals who are in office it's just that the departments.

Michael Bocchino: Do not run efficiently and they're just overwhelmed and we need to have those individuals press them more.

Michael Bocchino: and not for anything, if not, then we need the first selectman to contact the governor who's from Greenwich and say listen, we need to move forward with Western middle school and get this done that's a huge component to all of the.

Michael Bocchino: Things that we have going on in town advantage today.

Joe Siciliano: Here here Mike.

Scott R. Johnson: All right, so we saw it safe to say we've got contacts with masters with Ryan, and we should keep pushing those.

Joe Siciliano: yeah.

100%.

Joe Siciliano: 00:39:47.160
Michael Bocchino: But I think that really at this stage of the game we've pushed we've pushed we haven't gotten anything from the hundred and 50th we do have a new Senator.

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Michael Bocchino: We push him, but I think now why shouldn't we be going to the government he's a resident of the town of Greenwich he's the one who should understand that this is a necessity by the actions that have taken place prior to I mean this is really something that.

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Michael Bocchino: As a parent of a child is at Western middle school of two and my son is getting ready on Monday to go for tryouts for baseball and not being able to go on your field.

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Michael Bocchino: is really, really disheartening.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, we have to realize that the next four or five months or election months there's time for people to running you can maximize that you know.

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Joe Siciliano: All everybody wants an accomplishment during during election season, so this may be the prime time to push you know.

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Joe Siciliano: And and let them take the lead and take the kudos that goes with it, but we only when we want as a field, I mean so we're not we don't care about the rest of it too much, but but we're looking for our own opportunity so okay thank You Mike for for your long.

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Sue Bodson: yeah I have a question make buccino would it be appropriate for a formal letter from our board to the governor.

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Sue Bodson: Requesting you know some kind of movement, I mean, I think the field have been closed, what since 2016 I mean that's this is.
Sue Bodson: I'm just wondering if, like a formal letter from our board to him um you know just we were doing something other than just you know waiting for good Joe and waiting for.

Sue Bodson: You know the the environmental people to to come forward i'm just you know, have you ever seen that do you think it's appropriate.

Michael Bocchino: No hundred percent I think it's totally appropriate as where the where the board that's that's looking to you know that is most need of this facility being open back to the Community.

Michael Bocchino: we're the ones that have the most knowledge base on on what's happened.

Michael Bocchino: To get to the point where we're at right now and what has not happened for us to be at this particular point in time and, as a representative of the you know the the parks and the and.

Michael Bocchino: The Community who out there for recreation facilities absolutely I think 100% and I would have the letter coattails and i'm certain that you know first selectman Camilla would probably you know attach a letter of his own to it.

Michael Bocchino: I think that that's a great direction to go if, at least if anything to bring awareness and attention of the governor's office.

Michael Bocchino: To the to the fact that we haven't been sitting on our laurels we've been trying to get this completed in accomplished for five five plus years now and and we're we're we've reached a point where you know we're beating our heads against the wall, so I think that's a phenomenal idea.

Matt Popp: Oh, it asked him to join the meeting or meeting yeah definitely would.
Scott R. Johnson: Also, like first of all, just because that's something I can do, and I know that pretty well but Fred would help a lot.

Scott R. Johnson: Is that something is anybody on the board Jeff to assist write a letter to try to get him to help us to get her up to respond, is that okay even important the object to that.

Scott R. Johnson: it's I mean it's not we're not pushing anything beyond our rights it's just been really slow, so let me try and take that one on to Michael call toy gets talked about kids with talking points and i'll try to do that letter.

Scott R. Johnson: With Fred.

Scott R. Johnson: That does that sound Okay, there you go.

Joe Siciliano: yeah I think it's I think anything anyone can do to kind of get the real movement, you know we need from the middle of the pile to the top of the pile you know and and to get some things going.

Joe Siciliano: Once it starts to go like at the high school it'll it'll it'll be fine but but it's just an initial decision making on the meat, you know the.

Joe Siciliano: scope of the meat of remediation the methodology that disposal and and the and the restoration and it's been it's been painful, believe me, I mean.

Joe Siciliano: I get I get it, that that these these folks up there a push but I mean five years is really plus is really unacceptable, let me, I mean it really is that simple.

Joe Siciliano: So okay thanks.
Scott R. Johnson: To Kelly's on to see if he has any ideas he just got his hands raised.

Scott R. Johnson: I.

Scott R. Johnson: wonder where do you want to recognize him.

Joe Kelly: Hello everybody.

Joe Kelly: it's great I figured I'd I chime in here.

Scott R. Johnson: here's the good news.

Joe Kelly: Of the wall I don't have good news, but I can offer you the help that you guys have asked for, I guess, about the skating rink now they've come, I met with Fred and Bill Drake just I just recently, a couple weeks back, we looked at the high school.

Joe Kelly: We looked at Western.

Joe Kelly: The same reasons you guys pointed out Western to tell the families that we're putting a skating rink instead of opening up the fields for their use.

Joe Kelly: would not be popular in the western community, so we decided that's probably not something we want to look at the high school.

Joe Kelly: is pretty chaotic right now, where what we are unable to build the road because we're not getting the money to do so.
JoeKelly: So that would not create us the opportunity to move the tennis courts where we might be able to create some sort of temporary skating opportunity, so we don't have that opportunity there, but we have.

JoeKelly: 1313 or 1214 other buildings which I told bill drank to take a look at and take his people who can consult and find out, maybe, if there are other opportunities on the 14 other buildings.

JoeKelly: Then, then we'll certainly explore those so bill is on the case and, as far as a make you had mentioned.

JoeKelly: To possibly have Tony Jones sit down with you guys you tell me when you like to do that what you'd like to talk about now range of you guys just tell me when and where and what you guys like to talk about not take care of that.

JoeKelly: As far as the remediation add Western we've had obviously many meetings with various groups are working with us, strangely enough, the attorneys.

JoeKelly: That we had a have employed to work on our behalf, have advised us not to circumvent them and go to our elected officials our state elected officials.

JoeKelly: To look into that that pissed me off to no end i'm not happy with that advice.

JoeKelly: But we took a second and pause and thought about it but uh I spoke to both Ryan, and I spoke to Steve masters.

JoeKelly: I spoke to Harry aurora and spoke to them all about it and they were a little nervous to move forward, I do like your suggestion on an approach to the governor.
JoeKelly: I think that's a resource that our advisors did not tell us not to use. I'm not saying we're following those advisors. Those advisors have that advice.

JoeKelly: But certainly an attempt to get the governor or our friend NED to help us out on this would be a great thing to do. What I'll do is I'll suggest to our Board of ED to also write a letter to net, in addition to the letter that you guys are writing. Maybe we'll make it somewhat consistent with what you guys have right. Maybe we'll stay consistent on that, and I tried to get NED involved also as you guys also mentioned. Most of you guys have already done this.

JoeKelly: You Ryan is certainly up to speed on this. Steve masters is, and Harry aurora is as well, so they know that we want this done. They know it's important to the Community.

JoeKelly: But that we have that next message from our advisors from our attorneys which which I'm not sure which way to go on that one, but I do like the letter concept to NED and we'll be right on board with you guys on doing that. Thank you.

Scott R. Johnson: Joe did the attorneys give a specific reason why not to do this?

JoeKelly: Yeah they said I would slow the process so I'm like well okay that's that's not something we want to do. The last we had a meeting probably about three months ago.

JoeKelly: With the with the state and they had told us that it's it's there's nothing zero.

JoeKelly: That we can do right now in order to advance the process will speed the process up.

JoeKelly: I think that's a resource that our advisors did not tell us not to use. I'm not saying we're following those advisors. Those advisors have that advice.
Joe Kelly: It is what it is i'm not happy with that result, none of us are happy with that result, but that was what they said I gave them specifically my cell phone number tell them they can call me 24 seven.

Joe Kelly: If they need me to do anything if they need anything from the town from the board of education from anybody to do anything, please call us we'll do it immediately.

Joe Kelly: And they said they would and i've got no calls so so once again I like mike's concept of actually boots on the ground up there walking in knocking on a door and.

Joe Kelly: saying hello, can you advance this maybe that's what we have to do and i'm going to take a ride up there if that's effective or maybe with Steve and Ryan and Harry and maybe do something like that.

Joe Kelly: Steve if you think that's something i'm sorry Mike if you think that's something we should do.

Joe Kelly: Some will look at that, but I, like the.

Joe Siciliano: extent I was.

Joe Siciliano: I actually attended a meeting with our attorney this is back in the heist what we're looking at the high school stuff in hartford.

Joe Siciliano: You know, we attended a meeting with members of the dp they just don't want to play Nice, you know, nobody wants to ruffle the other person because they need a long term and short term on other projects, I mean so they're not really working.
Joe Siciliano: directly in our benefit they're just trying to work with the system and but you know I think there's a tolerance here that's you know, been overrun five years or more, I mean we.

Joe Siciliano: This is this is this, it would be totally unacceptable in the town of grants for us to be screwing around with something like this five years or more and um so yeah Joe Joe Kelly, you want to go to hartford i'll go with your.

Joe Siciliano: APP side.

JoeKelly: i'm willing to take the ride again.

JoeKelly: Because we got to do something, because waiting like this just then telling us the mixed message we're getting.

JoeKelly: From the people who are hiring and paying to take care of this, for us to tell us not to use the resources we have in order to we think we should be able to move this long but them telling us not to do that well that's mixed messages and I don't think it's it's.

Joe Siciliano: I don't think it's January.

JoeKelly: So I agree i'm Mike chino I think heading up there knocking on the door, looking at the stack files Joe if you get up there with me we'll get our elected officials, along with us and let's uh let's go up there and talk to those folks I agree.

Scott R. Johnson: I agree, I love it.

Scott R. Johnson: So we need some good news suboxone through so good news.

Scott R. Johnson: There was an indication of something that's working.
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Sue Bodson: What a lead in.

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Sue Bodson: OK, so the Foundation website is up and running, and I think it looks really great very happy with it, and in terms of PR and how to elevate our our.

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Sue Bodson: Efforts in terms of the eastern Greenwich civic Center there is in the in the April issue of Greenwich magazine, there is a two page spread about the civic Center it's got beautiful pictures in it.

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Sue Bodson: it's right there and Scott and Gary were both interviewed.

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Sue Bodson: You know, again like really great PR so really happy with that and I know that I mean Scott, I think you were going to talk about the selectmen Camilla lowe's gift policy and so how we're sort of waiting for that.

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Sue Bodson: To come to fruition and then and then move forward.

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Scott R. Johnson: yeah I mean they're they're working on a good policy there, I know, focusing on naming and that's only a part of it, which I don't want to distract from the rest of it, which is, we want to be gung Ho on raising money forget about a kickball see we know what we can do not do.

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Scott R. Johnson: we're not talking about necessarily naming.

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Scott R. Johnson: The building is already named, but I don't want to have a disincentive for raising money.

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Scott R. Johnson: My only thing on the gift policy was, I wanted to make sure we exclude minor thing is, which is done, we deal with every day was park benches or or trees or or solar collectors so.
Scott R. Johnson: yeah there's there's there's not to be any disincentive at all to raise money for Eastern very civic Center right now, we do not have an aging policy, so if if somebody wants to do the.

Scott R. Johnson: You know the suboxone pickle ball facility Soviet um we you know we have a large amount, it has to be approved and that's fine.

Scott R. Johnson: And it has to go to Dr tammy probably dt but even the small amounts was notice incentive right now we're doing gifts under $5,000 in many ways.

Scott R. Johnson: So you know disincentive for that, and thanks for the for the article because I don't think I don't think it would have happened if it wasn't for you.

Scott R. Johnson: Because they get asked a million times for Articles so that's that's good.

Scott R. Johnson: And by the way, for those who don't know i'm the civic Center is really going through all the approvals on the BT rancho we've we have our subject tues released.

Scott R. Johnson: That I guess we're just supposed to the overall budget approval of the entire town.

Scott R. Johnson: So once that occurs, I guess, we have to wait for that for contracts to be black right.

Joe Siciliano: Okay, let me just give you a little update because that was on my little list for directors report, but so that we did receive all the approvals for the release of the funds, so the funds are now been released the 18.6 million plus the 4 million is available.
Joe Siciliano: contacted dw contacted purchasing last Friday, some of the money was released a letter.

Joe Siciliano: Of award within the contractors hands on Tuesday of this week and that starts the contract phase of the project.

Joe Siciliano: So, not only for the main contractor, but for the owner's representative, which is going to be a calm so that's a constant so start getting involved with our own contract and also approving some of the the information that the contractor is producing as far as building plans etc permits.

Joe Siciliano: So that's kind of it started to crawl a little bit I met with cpw today there, so we have to have a broader conversation about.

Joe Siciliano: staging over at the eastern good and civic Center we just had a brief conversation but we're going to be meeting together to talk about work zone parking.

Joe Siciliano: Use of the field, you said tennis courts and all those things that we need to accomplish and to give that information to the contractor so when they set up the work zone, they have they have a way to operate.

Joe Siciliano: so that they can do the DEMO and the construction have a you know storage area, they need a couple construction trailers, so all of this is starting to filter a little bit.

Joe Siciliano: Contract administration will probably take the full month of April.

Joe Siciliano: And the sense that you know there's a lot of documents that have to be passed back and forth insurance bonding you know all of that has to take place it usually takes 30 days to put the contract together.
Joe Siciliano: we're kind of anticipating that you know, probably run the second or third week of May, we may be turning over the facility to the contractor and the first phase, would be to kind of set up a work safety zone and.

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Joe Siciliano: On top of that.

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Joe Siciliano: start to do some of the the remediation that they have to do in the building for lead and whatever else is on that schedule and then they can start to do the DEMO.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know, so the DEMO that that that whole point of the remediation the DEMO that all the materials being removed site prep all that probably take four to six months, so you guys get that done.

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Scott R. Johnson: But there's no reason right we can't know the reason why we can't sign a contract.

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Joe Siciliano: know we have for authority to sign, yes, so for the contract falls into the Commissioners lap over at adp w she can sign it, and the contract will be complete.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know, so it goes through this routing of various departments, but it's just a document that all of the attachments have to be included, to the contract so.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean there's a big huge document that comes in, with a you know, let the you know all this kind of electronic drawings and all that backup and so it's all part of that contract and it usually takes 3030 minutes 30 days is not an unusual amount of time.

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Joe Siciliano: So that's where we are with that, but that's all good news we're there, we have a contractor we've been able to get them letter.

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Joe Siciliano: board within the hundred 20 days of price law and it starts to starts things turn it, you know we are going to meet as a staff
over there, next week to determine what else we need to take out of the
building.

Joe Siciliano: So, and then what we'll be doing is is that.

Joe Siciliano: By the 15th of the 18th of the month.

Joe Siciliano: It will go over and remove all the equipment that they
have in there for us to have access to the town system ot rcc will be
moving out.

Joe Siciliano: Probably the first two weeks of the month.

Joe Siciliano: we're still going to be using the gym a little bit because
we have to finish up men's basketball because we don't have access to
some of the schools, because some of the issues and by the 15th we should
be.

Joe Siciliano: pretty much done, except for whatever we need to move out
of there and we're going to be turning that next week, so we're on the
gulf which it's in the go position now.

Scott R. Johnson: Okay.

Scott R. Johnson: Anybody have any questions on that.

Scott R. Johnson: Nancy chicken do you wanna.

Scott R. Johnson: Do you want to give a soul report on your stuff.

Nancy Chapin: Okay i'll be brief because obviously this is a lot going
on.
Nancy Chapin: Just basically I had us Scotch just put me down for parks and trees, and I think since Sue Schneider was talking a lot about recreational about there's a lot of outreach and education going on in our parks, right now, so.

Nancy Chapin: Here he's got a bunch of school groups going into vinnie and North my anus and riverside there's things going on with riverside garden club.

Nancy Chapin: As always, there is a lot of work with removing invasive remediation and planting back, which I think you know Greg Kramer and his team are really good at recognizing look if you've been to take away these bad plants you better have a plan to plan and back, which leads me to.

The plan.

Nancy Chapin: plays was very helpful and Greg in guiding me on how to advocate for the master plan for pomerantz tuchman 40,000 I thought it would just sail through I did not believe that it could possibly cut you know we all know how important planning is.

Nancy Chapin: Hopefully there's some be TEAM members listening a little shout out to Miriam our liaison and she was really helpful as well, but.

Nancy Chapin: I see a plan as a money saver you know it allows parks staff to direct their staff and their resources and with a long range vision, so that we don't do something and then realize oh wait, we really should have done this, I also had a great reach out to.

Nancy Chapin: The tree conservancy they wrote a great letter to the BT the grants Community gardens wrote a great letter.
Nancy Chapin: The botanical centers that oh my gosh you know short timeframe, most of our board is on vacation but you I was able to get them 100% overwhelming support for this plan.

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Nancy Chapin: And it was a great opportunity silver lining I spoke to the CEO CEO of a bliss and she said, we absolutely support a plan you know these are the four tenants within these parks.

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Nancy Chapin: There the nonprofit's it would help them with their fundraising going forward private, public partnerships, we can do so much for the plan.

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Nancy Chapin: Conservation Commission also wrote a great letter to the bts pointing out that a master plan is aligned with the p OCD and also their.

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Nancy Chapin: You know, sustainable Connecticut objectives, so a lot of pasta that's the positive everybody's behind this so let's hope that this 40,000 stays in place.

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Nancy Chapin: I was told you know, there was a lot of people said, you know, should we go and speak at that march 20 media said, you know I don't think we really need your fans standing and.

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Nancy Chapin: So there, I was, I was used to the RTL format, where you kind of heard what they were going to object to, and then you could respond so it's sort of thrown.

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Nancy Chapin: I have to tell you, looking at this, you know our board so friendly you look at that BT and they you just are presenting to them and.

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Nancy Chapin: I was a little bit thrown by that, so my Hats off to anybody who's ever presented before the BP, because I was definitely nervous so.

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Nancy Chapin: You know, we hope that we get the 40 K I think some of the concerns of maybe the funding going out but, as everyone knows, there's no point in having a plan if you're not going to be able to act on it.

Nancy Chapin: So I would say that's all I want you know there's so much, I want to get into about our parks and all the great things that are doing and our own matt pop apparently did a walk I i'm sorry I couldn't attend.

Nancy Chapin: So, as far as recreation or parsons office furniture creation so there's a lot of great things happening, you know, again, I was loved to recognize staff.

Nancy Chapin: And I just thought was listen everybody I would be brief tonight, hoping to get before you all, with some friends group and our April meeting.

Nancy Chapin: had a great meeting with Joe really appreciate his guidance and having to move that forward and talking about how successful you know Byron is launching there so hopefully we'll see and hear more on that.

Nancy Chapin: So I don't know if there's any questions.

Nancy Chapin: On anything else about the part.

Nancy Chapin: And I can talk, I really am trying to now represent just not benny and the tribe Park, but you know, trying to get out and see some of the other parts Tracy and I have a lot more hiking to do.

Nancy Chapin: Any questions.

Joe Siciliano: And Nancy I just want to say that I did was watching the public hearing.
Joe Siciliano: You look great you weren't intimidated at all, and I think the BT does appreciate when people are concise direct they know what they're talking about.

Joe Siciliano: versus this 3040 speakers on a topic because they get glazed over, and then they don't want to do it just because they were bored during the whole thing, so I think your presentation was good.

Joe Siciliano: And I think that hopefully we'll be able to keep the pressure on the decision day for BT decision of the budget will be April 19 it's been moved from tomorrow to April 19 there's some issues.

Joe Siciliano: Some of the people that could attend, and so we won't really know what's going to happen until April 19 but between now and then we'll keep the heat on for for this proposal.

Joe Siciliano: The other thing is, is that when you get when you come back around to me, I want to please to talk about the the reinstatement of the pickle ball court money, at least at the BT level Budget Committee level when you get a chance to.

Scott R. Johnson: watch it watch that now unless there's any other questions on nancy's subjects, why should do that now.

Joe Siciliano: Okay, you want to take that that'd be helpful.

Blaize Levitan: yeah sure yep so you know, as everyone knows, we've been hearing a lot about pickle ball and Sue mentioned it's the fastest growing sport and our programming.

Blaize Levitan: we've got a lot of people planning and we don't have enough courts so.

Blaize Levitan: We had put in our budget 116,000 to convert one of the two basketball courts at the Bible street park into a pickle ball court.
Blaize Levitan: That had been pushed out by the first selectman his office, while they were balancing you know priorities, but since that had happened typical ball players had also submitted a petition, you know, with over 100 people they've been really engaged.

And so, working with our liaisons Miriam and Mike bash them and make really had spoken to the.

Blaize Levitan: Budget Committee and, at the Budget Committee level they add they moved up the project for the Bible street pickle ball courts have 116,000 into the fiscal year 2013 budget, so this is great knows, this would allow us to put in dedicated pickup all courts, which we do not have any.

Blaize Levitan: In the town at the moment.

So these would be built just for pickle ball and would provide a lot of relief and we're working in combination with also you may have noticed.

Blaize Levitan: The combinations striping that we've been doing at a number of locations, we have a plan to continue to do that.

Blaize Levitan: But though that's Those are all shared you spaces, so this would be one space for hundred 16,000 the Court surface is decades old so just to be clear on the price to.

Blaize Levitan: it's not simply just resurfacing a basketball court, the Court is cracked it's it's decades old you're not going to put pickup ball players.

Blaize Levitan: you're not going to build a dedicated kick a ball, you know court, so it has to be dug out and relayed and we could probably get we're hoping to get anywhere between three and four pickle ball courts.
Blaize Levitan: Dedicated over there and then hopefully still that it won't even cover you know there's a growing demand so we're also working with Western middle school.

Blaize Levitan: The PE teacher they've given us the go ahead to add striping to tennis courts up there and they're looking at maybe adding into their P programs is that demographic starts to shift to younger players and.

Blaize Levitan: we've got a couple of other locations where we're also going to do conversion striping but great news so it's in the recommended budget hundred 16,000.

Blaize Levitan: For Bible street pickup ball courts and really exciting, you know from the Budget Committee and hopefully we'll make it through the fall between the RCM and we can hit the ground running on.

Blaize Levitan: Thanks.

Scott R. Johnson: Speaking, especially on the appropriations did did.

Scott R. Johnson: Did you guys ever get the money for the sampling at the opening Doc Doc.

Scott R. Johnson: yeah.

Joe Siciliano: that's probably the open request to the BT right now it's $40,000 to get the next phase of sampling done so it was still liberated it got voted on by the Budget Committee to to it'll go to the philby et when they meet so we'll see how that kind of plays out.

Joe Siciliano: it's still it's still in the student has not been denied yet so it's still going to go to the full committee.
Scott R. Johnson: Alright, so moving on um if you need a board members have any questions or any new business, they want to bring up because otherwise we'll put a public comment, if any.

Scott R. Johnson: No.

Scott R. Johnson: Okay, any any comment from the public.

Scott R. Johnson: We put a couple of them on the spot, so they have the right to defend themselves, particularly the TEAM members Hello.

Scott R. Johnson: um okay so going once going twice, no more public comments, so can we have a motion to adjourn we have a full group here now so it's easy to motion to adjourn.

Scott R. Johnson: So.

Michael Bocchino: i'll make a motion to adjourn.

Scott R. Johnson: Okay second.

Matt Popp: Second.

Scott R. Johnson: way to go, matt.

Michael Bocchino: Nice matt way to step.

up.
Scott R. Johnson: Okay, so all the Pharaohs during raise your hands will make this easy rather than do a roll call okay so we're trying to ensure now we have a bunch of stuff to do i'm going to follow up with Mike a little bit on our.

Scott R. Johnson: governor letter and anyone else have any offline something we're talking about feel free but not next week.

Scott R. Johnson: Because i'm going to be away so um thanks everybody and keep loving.

Michael Bocchino: Thank you guys have a great night bye.