



Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript March 31, 2021

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

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

Guest Attendees: Sue Baker, Jill Capalbo, Tracy Freedman, Diana Hamilton, Miriam Kreuzer, Katherine LoBalbo, Jill Oberlander, Valerie Stauffer, Leslie Yager, and David

WEBVTT

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Scott Johnson: he's not here.

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Gary Dell'Abate: i'm Angela is not here.

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Gary Dell'Abate: um what's his name.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Mike which you know.

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Scott Johnson: We can we can start to chime in.

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Joseph Siciliano: yeah there are only two missing actually Mike patina that's so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, the text.

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Gary Dell'Abate: will call the order looking for our approval of the February 24 meeting transcript to have anybody who will approve Thank you Sue anybody will second Thank you frank all those in favor.

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RLoh: Aye.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Aye blaze okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: curtis.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: i'm sorry Gary We just need to do a roll call for the approval transcript.

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Nancy Chapin: stain because I have a confession I did not.

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Nancy Chapin: Listen to it.

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Nancy Chapin: or read it, so I didn't get time to do that so i'll be an abstention.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I so Kurt schubert.

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kirkschubert: Yes, fruit.

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Sue Bodson: suboxone approved.

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Frank DiVincenzo: frank approved.

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Nancy.

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Nancy Chapin: abstain.

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Gary Dell'Abate: abstain, I gotta get it on the record they're very.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Good Scott.

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Scott Johnson: approved.

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RLoh: rick approved.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Gary is approved and.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I think we have one more common.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, I think we have enough so.

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angela.swift: I have friends.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Right so Okay, so the minutes of last meeting are approved, Joe why don't you start with our directors report.

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Joseph Siciliano: Okay, good evening everyone and nice to see everybody just a couple things going on.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know this time of the year we're preparing for you know spring and early summer programs, and we are.

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Joseph Siciliano: working very hard to keep people.

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Joseph Siciliano: interesting for those programs electronically, and through our towns, the parks and recreation website.

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Joseph Siciliano: Just in case you don't know starting Monday April 5 or town hall will be open regular business hours eight to four and you'll be able to get internal service at the various departments and so as we start to move towards 100% opening and staffing.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we'll have some updates along the way over the next couple of months.

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Joseph Siciliano: We will still a part of our organization or some of our administrative people will still be working four days in the office one day remotely most the.

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Joseph Siciliano: oversight from the supervisors operations manager superintendent myself, we are all working on a five day in office schedule.

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Joseph Siciliano: and looking modify that as as needed so so we're off to to register for programs we've been seeing a huge influx of people wanting to sign up for special events.

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Joseph Siciliano: Right now, we have about 90 special events that people have inquired about, or at least put in a registered aid application of intent and they vary from some things that will go on in April, all the way through November.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So, how does that um How does that number square with where we would be at this point in the year if there were no pandemic.

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Joseph Siciliano: there's no.

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Joseph Siciliano: No pandemic usually we do about 110 events, a year, you know so 90 is a good number and people it, these are all applications of intense because.

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Joseph Siciliano: What we've done is that is similar to what we did last year when we were really in to curve, it is that will take your application will review it we expect you to prepare a covert.

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Joseph Siciliano: mitigation plan for your activity, and then we will review them 45 days out from the event, and we will approve them 30 days out from the event.

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Joseph Siciliano: And, and it may be sooner than that, depending on the size of the event but, but we want to know what the latest covert regulations are going to be.

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Joseph Siciliano: So, and what you know what kind of numbers we're looking at as far as attendance and etc.

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Joseph Siciliano: So we've told all the folks that have applied that that's how we're going to do it, we did it similar last year worked relatively successful was relatively successful.

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Joseph Siciliano: And some of the simple ones were you know they're going to have 20 people I mean it's a no brainer but we're talking about hundreds or thousands.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, we need to kind of keep track of all this and and work through this collaboratively so we'll have you know, have an open line of communication with some of those folks.

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Gary Dell'Abate: What does the hell scale.

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Joseph Siciliano: All the big scale events move to the fall, the town party, the food and wine fest the car show putting on the dogs Those are all a big number of events and they all move to September and October.

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Joseph Siciliano: So they're hoping that by then, you know the numbers will change the lighten up on some of the restrictions and they'll be able to have a larger scale events, the fall in the fall timeframe.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So how has the health department what's their stance on you know I saw today that, like Connecticut is the third state now with the most kind of rising stuff how are we handling that.

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Joseph Siciliano: What do you want to know.

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Gary Dell'Abate: We want to know that.

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Joseph Siciliano: We want to know that Chris give Connecticut that grinch now i'll give you a little inside scoop this is public information that in one week from last Wednesday today.

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Joseph Siciliano: Greenwich had 171 new cases now that's up from the previous two weeks, and it really contributes to several things restaurants i'm going to give you the top three restaurants sports.

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Joseph Siciliano: In school vacations are all the top three reasons why they were the numbers of clients and I don't have a number for each one of those things but.

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Joseph Siciliano: When we talk about it in generality those have been the three drivers that have caused 171 cases in one week, so you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: Taking being cautious and even though people are out there and connect gets on a really good job of vaccinating people, or at least for shot vaccinations.

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Joseph Siciliano: doesn't mean that you can just kind of give up at this point and take your mask off and.

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Joseph Siciliano: Your little safety protocols that you follow and keeping your hands clean and all that other stuff you really need to keep going because we're not out went out of the woods yet.

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Joseph Siciliano: And it really looking at a fourth wave of coven in the United States, so we are in that we are in that red zone and i'm.

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Joseph Siciliano: Like 16 or 20 maybe today it's like 21 states, but at the end of the day, we're seeing this rise and.

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Joseph Siciliano: I think you know it's maybe a little bit too much too fast and people are relying on the vaccination a little bit too much and, at the end of the day.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we're just cautious and slow cautious steps would would benefit a bunch of things so that's We may even be still meet every Wednesday at the coven.

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Joseph Siciliano: So that first selectman screw with 19 Task Force and we pass all this information about cases, how many people are hospitalized how you know what seemed to be the drivers.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know what are we doing as a Community, for you know programs, and how are our nursing homes doing, and all that kind of stuff so we have a weekly meeting now.

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Joseph Siciliano: We met daily for almost a year now, we meet weekly to have this update and it's good information to have because it makes you think about what people are requesting.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know where the hotspots seem to be and how we can keep reminding people, whether they're in a restaurant or sports Program.

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Joseph Siciliano: or people that have going on, you know spring break vacations or plan to go on spring my vacations that we're not out of the woods we're not out of the woods yet so.

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Joseph Siciliano: A couple other things that we're working on again.

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Joseph Siciliano: We changed our business model quite a lot to to deal with online registrations for programs, and will continue to do that will part passes at same thing we're encouraging people to.

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Joseph Siciliano: Use the online system we have service, some people in our office, but we do not plan on open up that counter in the lobby, if I have my way we won't ever open it again we'll do it, you know there's better ways to do business.

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Joseph Siciliano: So again, you know we're doing some business model changes.

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Joseph Siciliano: blazes on the call I like to give him a shout out and Sue billy shop they put together a very comprehensive business plan for the Eastern granted civic Center.

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Joseph Siciliano: That was one of the requirements for from the big Budget Committee when we met with them that they'd like to see a business plan and we've met that requirement and deadline.

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Joseph Siciliano: And again we're just trying to keep pushing forward on the appropriation of the money and answering questions and being good stewards of the project and trying to get you know get it get it going forward so i'm.

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Joseph Siciliano: business plan we you know, he was sent off to the BT Budget Committee yesterday.

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Joseph Siciliano: And the day of the workshop is today and they'll be voting on budget items tomorrow, starting at four o'clock so anybody's interested in two or three hours worth of boredom you can tune in it's a virtual meeting.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know it'll it'll be all over the place, you know the hot items are going to be the remediation projects for the high school the remediation project for Western Eastern grant civic Center.

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Joseph Siciliano: appropriation what I mean hot items there'll be debated and I would assume that some of those projects will have conditions for them that will have to be released as we go forward.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So, can you talk a little bit about that because I read in the paper today so, for instance, that we're talking about the civic Center later, but on the civic Center it did say that they might put conditions on it so we've had conditions on every piece of money we've gotten so far.

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Joseph Siciliano: Yes, we've had for that project, yes, and I think putting the condition on.

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Joseph Siciliano: This project going forward, I mean it's a large appropriation and usually with large appropriations they put conditions on money.

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Joseph Siciliano: Make sure that we come back and say we've met the requirements we've got the bid specs we've got the bid we've gotten you know those types of things.

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Joseph Siciliano: And also, I think the condition for the Easter is going to civic Center is one in the sense that they're going to approve, they have to appropriate the full dollar amount.

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Joseph Siciliano: \$18.5 million, whatever the number is and, at the end of the day, they want us to conduct a fundraising efforts to see if we can get some pledges against that 18.5 million.

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Joseph Siciliano: And I think the way they do that is to say, and I think this is how the the.

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Joseph Siciliano: The condition is going to put the conditional say is that will condition the money, based on that the parks and recreation department and or the board.

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Joseph Siciliano: or a group of people will put together a fundraising committee and do their best effort to raise dollars towards the project and.

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Joseph Siciliano: we'll see how that goes, I mean at the end of the day, if we raised no money for the project really refused to do the project I guess that would be the debate I think what they're looking for.

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Joseph Siciliano: is applying that we need to do this, and we have to put an effort into making it happen Okay, so we need to if we make the effort and we get we don't receive any funds, then there's a decision that town makes do we do we have you know, are we going to fund the project well they've already.

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Joseph Siciliano: Probably the money.

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Joseph Siciliano: And they've already taxed the taxpayer on the money, so the money they have to make a decision we're going to prove it, with no fundraising dollars or we're going to approve it just by the tax base, so I think it just holds our feet, to the fire to.

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Joseph Siciliano: Do for.

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Gary Dell'Abate: i'll talk a little bit more about the fundraising aspect of it when we get to the subcommittee's.

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Joseph Siciliano: So we still we still have one principal donor that we've been talking to for a year.

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Joseph Siciliano: We sent a response to some questions and we could go home.

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Joseph Siciliano: received another little list of questions for clarification, two things that we're working plays and i've been working on the answers to those.

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Joseph Siciliano: We wanted to wait until we got the vote from the BT tomorrow night to kind of put that in the response because that's encouragement that the project is going to move.

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Joseph Siciliano: forward to the our team for approval and what we want to do is keep the momentum going on this one with this one donor that could be a significant.

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Joseph Siciliano: contribution and we want to make sure that that we give them some positive information that they get what's gotten through the BT process.

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Joseph Siciliano: The next step is the or 10 process, and you know, again, we will talk about you know that we are going to have a fundraising effort you know and.

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Joseph Siciliano: So I think I think we're we want to be positive and and give them the most up to date information so we'll do that, after tomorrow night's voting of the BT.

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Scott Johnson: Rachel just to a question on the next in advance of a na architecture and engineering, which is 500 something that's that's a subject to release that's already in the budget right.

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Yes.

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Scott Johnson: So that's not going to get tangled up necessarily in the 18 million.

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Joseph Siciliano: No actually Alan and I will be going in front of the BT somewhere in the middle of April and requesting the release of those funds it's 530 or 500 get around \$530,000 to do the next phase of the design work for the Eastern civic Center.

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Scott Johnson: So just my two cents on, that is, and I said this to several PTA members.

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Scott Johnson: Last month, and again this month that it would be really tragic if that was, for some reason stopped and in the same context, within a.

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Scott Johnson: hockey rink a any money because that money can always be used once the plans are done in the specs are done, even if the project has a surprise that is delayed, we can always use that if we don't advance a any money than we almost wasted the 300 we've already spent but.

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Joseph Siciliano: I think you're right in that statement Scott The other thing they're going to want to see Okay, and where they'll get they'll get in the going to the next level of design.

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Joseph Siciliano: Is that they're going to get an appraiser like you're going to get a professional estimate.

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Joseph Siciliano: Even though we have some numbers as we go through the design phase, I would assume that they're going to want to see a professional estimator give the number to the town to say, are we on target with the \$18 million, or we.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, those are going to be less than \$80 million, I mean there's gonna be more than \$80 million, so I would think that you know part of that discussion.

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Joseph Siciliano: Next week, or in two weeks, where we go and ask for the money will be when we get some more information that will help us decide on the 18 million as we go down this path.

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Joseph Siciliano: I would think that they would want that, I mean we gave me Alan had the architects put together an estimate based on just the 30%.

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Joseph Siciliano: Once we put detail into the project, we should be able to get a better estimate of the cost and i'm sure they want to know that you know so, especially on an \$18 million project, so you know.

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Scott Johnson: We can't get those more specific numbers until we get design in the next phase and construction drawings, because otherwise they're just they're just guesses.

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Joseph Siciliano: yeah they're good they're their best guesstimates but as we get technical in the in the design phase.

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Joseph Siciliano: You give that document to an estimator and they can actually do a relatively good job i'm coming close and then, when we built it out, it becomes.

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Joseph Siciliano: The competition of the big you know what's on the market.

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Joseph Siciliano: How books building supplies costs Labor etc, and who wants to get real down and dirty and the competition and get the job I mean it's a large job, maybe it's 18 million bucks.

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Joseph Siciliano: Nothing, you know so will I would assume that we're going to get some contractors to really dig in and say sharpen a pencil and say how can we get this job I mean, because it is a it's a it's a decent sized job.

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Scott Johnson: So just to fine tune this a little bit and then carry this will be kind of my two cents for the Eastern quite civic Center portion of tonight is, as you, as you all know, on the board we've been working with P et for two years on this.

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Scott Johnson: we've invited them to our hearings.

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Scott Johnson: They said that they're behind it, they said that they like what we're doing and even recently, they said they're going to support both this and the hockey rink so when they come to us this week and last month and say we want to condition the next approval on significant private funding.

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Scott Johnson: That doesn't surprise me and that's not bad, but you have to read that in the context that they've already committed to us.

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Scott Johnson: Previously, that they're supportive of the project, how that process plays out will be done at the at the next month with final approval on April 19, but this has a history that we're all feeling somewhat confident about.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yeah I was going to ask you, you know we got that report last week and I looked at the book and it, you know all things good it had us breaking ground early next year, do you think that's still a possibility.

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Joseph Siciliano: Well, I would think that you know if the money gets approved that the May our team meeting which it should.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we're we're going to have the 500,000 design so that'll that'll fold in right now, and we should have that released by the end of April to move forward.

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Joseph Siciliano: So we'd be running kind of things parallel and that I would think by I would think by November ish we should be if we if.

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Joseph Siciliano: We should be in relatively good shape to start doing the DEMO you know and then there'll be the DEMO the cleanup and all that kind of stuff and then the construction phase so.

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Joseph Siciliano: i'm we're really kind of we've been talking about this Allen and i've been talking about scheduling on you know you there's a few factors in here but, but I would think that you know November to January, would be the window of DEMO and construction started.

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Joseph Siciliano: Right, you know we get laid off for a month or two um.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, we might want to.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, but we're starting to put together this really loose schedule, you know when when we start to vacate the building when when we start to you know, have to do some.

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Joseph Siciliano: Some DEMO work when are we going to start to turn the site over to the contractor how long is it going to take us to cut a contract with individual.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, because there's a lot of paperwork insurance all this documentation that you have to put together, so all of that, I mean we're looking at that window chant November to January 1 to actually DEMO and start construction.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I don't want to spend too too much time in this is my last question Okay, what happens to billy and all the user groups that they did did they just get moved to a different building.

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Joseph Siciliano: So what we've been telling our user groups is that you know in conversation that the project is moving forward, we will know we will know.

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Joseph Siciliano: The beginning of May, if the money gets approved Okay, and our teammates usually the second week of May.

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Joseph Siciliano: So, then we can give the user groups more of a definite the money got approved so now we're going to do things are going to move forward and.

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Joseph Siciliano: that's what Alan I haven't really talking about like what would be you know drop dead date to tell us your group so some of the groups that are just today renters.

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Joseph Siciliano: will have to you know we might be able to relocate them to weston civic Center.

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Joseph Siciliano: Depending on when their program is we're even talking about putting some of those spring summer programs at the rink because we have a big.

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Joseph Siciliano: turf space there you know I mean this is a we might be able to relocate them will have to work with yohji rcc on their transition because they'll have to find a space or work from.

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Joseph Siciliano: Somewhere because not only with a building site be you know, under the terms of the contract, but the parking lot will also have that we will be under construction, at the same time.

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Joseph Siciliano: So there's not going to be any room on site for like trailers or any of that kind of stuff so everybody will have to vacate billy we have a plan for.

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Joseph Siciliano: in the sense that she may we make double up the Western civic Center and we may also.

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Joseph Siciliano: put her you know her maturity work something out at the rink where, if we take some of those programs from eastern civic Center and place them on the rink after April 1 through like August 1 that they'll have to work out a schedule, so we were in the.

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Joseph Siciliano: Thinking phase, here, of how to where we're going to put people and how we're going to capture some of the programs and and that we want that we want to capture, in the sense that.

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Joseph Siciliano: When we move back into the building, we want them to come with us, you know, so we have a base programs, but they didn't go find other accommodations and we're starting out from scratch so.

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Joseph Siciliano: More to come as the schedule develops but we'll be able to talk more definite at the beginning of May, about what the plan is because we need to know that the money has gotten at least to the rpm right okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Anything else, no.

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Joseph Siciliano: that's it.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Sorry, we spent so much time on that, but now, when we get to that in the agenda to talk about it anymore so.

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angela.swift: Okay, I have a quick, I have a quick question.

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angela.swift: For not withstanding the BT issue with you know, asking the questions and that you know I haven't been on here long enough to know if that's a concern or not, but Scott, you assure us that that's you know pretty much.

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angela.swift: down, is there any chance that this could get us a fly can hit the ointment with Homeowners in the area that are going to all of a sudden.

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angela.swift: A you know organized to prevent all the demoing and the noise and the this and i'm just thinking from my role in the Community, and in my job, how people.

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angela.swift: get annoyed at all that constructive.

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Joseph Siciliano: Well, let me just talk about that briefly during the England wetlands phase.

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Joseph Siciliano: The planning and zoning multiple meetings we had public hearings that was the time to come, and you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: come and say you know we live right next door, and this is going to keep us up all night or whatever the issues, who are right.

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Joseph Siciliano: We didn't get we didn't have any that we had an obligation to the planning and zoning phase to contact every adjoining property owner by.

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Joseph Siciliano: Registered letter, so they all knew it was going on.

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Joseph Siciliano: And we'll have to manage the front side of the construction, I mean it's not a perfect world, but up to this point we've had no objections from the neighborhood.

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Joseph Siciliano: And when we get on site and the contractor starts to work and the construction starts to go.

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Joseph Siciliano: we'll have obviously we're going to have to manage some things like dust maybe noise, you know a few other things, but those are onsite issues that would have to deal with, but from a regulatory standpoint we're through we're done.

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Scott Johnson: yeah as of last month.

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Scott Johnson: yeah and Angela just to underscore what Joe said, there was no neighbor opposition period.

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angela.swift: This is that that is absolutely.

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angela.swift: Remarkable yeah.

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Gary Dell'Abate: But but Angela we've been talking to everybody, through the whole.

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Gary Dell'Abate: process and I will tell you that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Somebody who's usually one of our biggest detractors when it comes to this could not be more behind the project and that made me very happy because you know I just made us happy It made me feel like Okay, we did our job so.

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angela.swift: You know from on this one i'm coming from on this one that seven or eight houses in that neighborhood i've traded, since this time.

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angela.swift: And I it was just just popped in my head that I hope that there's you know we don't need any bad press on this, we need this, we need this so badly for old Greenwich and for the Community.

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Joseph Siciliano: But.

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Scott Johnson: also remember we're improving the drainage.

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Scott Johnson: The roads, going to be improved.

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Scott Johnson: And the eyesores going to be improved.

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angela.swift: hundred 50%.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we're at the at the last approval process for a P amp Z when we went for 100% site plan approval, we had a public hearing again so.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know they put the day out, they advertise it in their agenda to public hearing anybody from the public and speak, and then we went through the approval process.

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Joseph Siciliano: So it's it's a there's been at least two public hearings of P amp Z and all the other meetings that we've attended architect, we went to for architectural review committee meetings wetlands.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, the only thing that you know, is still pending, is the posting of some of the trees, but we mitigated that during the process by.

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Joseph Siciliano: Getting Greg involved an Allen event on site they went from a serious number trees to lesser amount by shifting things around.

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Joseph Siciliano: That has to be done yet, but as soon as we get the approval from the our team, we can post that and get and go through that process I don't think we're going to see any real connections.

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Joseph Siciliano: We did we did we did decrease the number of trees by drastically by by moving things around a little bit so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, let's let's move on, are we good everybody good good to move on.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yeah Scott Scott and see you guys can talk about what's going on with the Foundation.

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Scott Johnson: Well, let me start in tell turnover so um.

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Scott Johnson: You know, Joe you mentioned a fundraising committee we we kind of have that going right now, thanks to sue which means sue's working with Angela I am me and rick to a certain extent and Gary said he would help out scary is that a lot of fundraising experience, so we.

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Scott Johnson: Have we have to France on this one i'll call small stuff and the other big stuff the big stuff has been handled by slightly different group, including for Camillo thankfully, and so, so let me turn it over to you because you've already hit the ground running on this stuff.

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Sue Bodson: Sure Okay, and like I talked Thank you Scott i'm.

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Sue Bodson: Like I talked about, and our last meeting.

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Sue Bodson: On my first priority really was to try to make some amendments and upgrades to the Foundation website and thanks Eleanor she I have the login and.

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Sue Bodson: i've already said this to a couple of you that i've had conversations with on the platform that it's on it's on a wix platform.

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Sue Bodson: And it's so old that works doesn't even offer that template anymore so it's like thinking about busy wig before we had access like that's that's how old it is so.

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Sue Bodson: When if you pull up the Foundation website like on your phone it's it's all over the place it's not user it's not mobile friendly and that's because of the the template that we're that we're using so.

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Sue Bodson: Having said that, what I started to do is just to make some small changes to the Foundation website, to begin with, and we will we can integrate it to a more.

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Sue Bodson: user friendly and updated platform within wix at a later date.

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Sue Bodson: But right now we just launched today, I just want you today, a small fundraiser that we're doing it.

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Sue Bodson: it's sort of fell into my lap and I think it it dovetails really well with what we.

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Sue Bodson: wanted you in terms of you know, protecting the outdoors honoring the outdoors I mean, now more than ever.

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Sue Bodson: We are so appreciative of our access to the outdoors and the wonderful resources that we have here in town and thankfully now the weather is getting nicer and more and more people are getting out there, so.

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Sue Bodson: we're doing i'm doing a very small little fundraiser that is a wine and cheese tasting with a winemaker from Oregon and.

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Sue Bodson: we're going to limit it in in terms of participation, so that it's so it's intimate and it's special and the proceeds from this wine tasting will go to the parks and REC foundation, so that was launched today and then.

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Sue Bodson: What my next step will be is to go through the website and submit to rick and Scott.

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Sue Bodson: And all of you actually sort of an outline as to what I what I would see in terms of almost like a flow chart of what should be on the website.

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Sue Bodson: And i've been looking at other parks and REC foundations there's one in Virginia beach actually that has a pretty good one, but if you can you know if there is a parking recommendation that you, you like the website, please send it to me that would be that would be really helpful.

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Sue Bodson: And finally, you know lenore oh my God, I told Joe like she's worth 100 she's worth of hundreds of her weight in gold Thank you Eleanor she is amazing she's a pleasure to work with and I.

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Sue Bodson: enjoy working with her very much so we we saw the little riddle today right lenore we there's there seems to be a little email confusion, but but we've solved it and we know how to deal with it so.

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Scott Johnson: I think that's it questions, so what one Just one final help on that yeah Alma Nelly told me yesterday.

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Scott Johnson: That something around a million dollars, so this budget is for.

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Scott Johnson: When he calls filling up the facility, where it could be, it could be racks it could be stands, it could be basketballs could be a scoreboard so don't forget about that stuff scoreboards because.

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Scott Johnson: On I mean we'll talk about this more, but there was a local medical group that wanted to give us a scoreboard not 20 years ago so that's the kind of stuff that we have to really follow up on right.

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Joseph Siciliano: yeah I think I was thinking about this today, because you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: I think we can get together soon, I can get together and maybe we can invite Alan and we can kind of just talk about those little incidentals that really start to add up.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we're going to plant some trees, maybe some people would buy them, you know we're going to put some benches out there, maybe some people will buy them we're going to put some bike racks out there, maybe somebody will buy one.

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Joseph Siciliano: We want a scoreboard Maybe someone will buy it, you know, so we get a list of these little.

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Joseph Siciliano: incidental hard to really look at this stuff, which is all really affordable stuff.

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Sue Bodson: Right.

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Joseph Siciliano: How do we market it who do we get to you know, and it will people really buy into this and and they might because.

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Joseph Siciliano: Maybe this you know they're not big money people that but they want to get recognized and they want to do something for the Community, and so we can start a laundry list of these smaller things that might really add up to some real money and Allen he is going to ask for 1,000,002 and.

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Joseph Siciliano: outfitting the building and that goes anything from what the custodians use to the tables the chairs all that kind of stuff and it's a second.

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Joseph Siciliano: Expenditure in this project that we we've identified and we haven't asked for that funding, yet, because the project in total, is going to be \$21 million, and that includes outfitting the building.

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Joseph Siciliano: And also owners REP for construction and things of that nature, but we could go through that laundry list and kind of start to put it together.

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Joseph Siciliano: Good very marketable yeah.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Are we good on the foundation Scott.

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Scott Johnson: Soon yeah yeah.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So that's great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: We can get some hope our big fundraiser comes through.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Dorothy hamill ring why don't you tell us what's going on there.

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RLoh: there's we're still basically in a holding pattern Joe may know more about where we are on that topographic survey.

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RLoh: But a.

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RLoh: The committee has been updated.

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RLoh: Fred Camilla has been involved in that.

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RLoh: It appears that build Drake, who is also a big team Member will be the chairman of the hamill rink committee.

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RLoh: Going forward, which is a good thing, because he he knows where the money is.

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RLoh: and

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RLoh: Really other other than that.

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RLoh: or we're waiting on that is as far as I know, we're waiting on that top graphic study.

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RLoh: Which we'll get to the.

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RLoh: architects and take us to the next step.

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RLoh: My marketing is my understanding is whatever money we need that's flowing through this budget.

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RLoh: So far, has not been touched yet and we're looking like we're in pretty good shape.

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RLoh: If Joe you have anything that.

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Joseph Siciliano: I can talk about the tobacco study so once the snow clear, they were started take the survey years have been out so it's in very much draft form will put it they'll enter it into their system their CAD system, I mean it will be an electronic document and.

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Joseph Siciliano: There they've they've told Alan that you know they they they have all the data points they have you know done done the fields feel work now they just need to get it into a document that we can start to use, and as soon as they have the first draft they're going to meet with Alan.

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Joseph Siciliano: To look at the first draft, and before we actually get it in our hand as a committee, so it would work is in progress and we're making progress so.

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But.

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Joseph Siciliano: So I would imagine sometime in April, we should have that draft documents, so that we as a group Community start to look at it.

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Scott Johnson: hey rick do you have your first advance of architectural fees or is not yet.

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RLoh: That money is in the budget show right.

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Yes.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Right, thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I think we can skip the civic Center I think we covered it and then some unless you have anything to add Scott, you think we got to it all.

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Scott Johnson: Now we're good yep.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So Sue tell us what's going on with the field committee.

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Joseph Siciliano: Soon, as not with us this evening.

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Joseph Siciliano: She actually believe it or not, to vacation days to be out of town well well deserved two days vacation so the field committee it's not met and and and I would imagine that, as we move into the season they'll they'll call a meeting, even if it's a virtual meeting.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yeah i've been i'm on the field committee and we haven't met in quite a while, but it seems like it's the time to meet is coming up so we'll get we'll get going with that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Nancy why don't you can take both of the next things on our agenda benny park and pomerantz tuchman you can talk about both of them right.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay perfect Thank you so with me there's just a couple of things to update everyone on we're in the process, I think we've got the final for the plaque and that will go in the skating hut and I think it's come across joe's desk.

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Nancy Chapin: So that is the final signage that we were working on and we're really kind of winding down the work of this committee and we've we've spent all you spend all your money.

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Nancy Chapin: Again it's been such a great Community to be a part of, and a lot of great work has been done in collaboration with park staff so we're hoping as.

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Nancy Chapin: This pandemic winds down as well that we might be able to have some sort of dedication ceremony with in collaboration with the plaque which would be great.

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Nancy Chapin: Hopefully, people are starting to see some of the plantings that are coming up, and all the good work, I know that.

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Nancy Chapin: You know, one of the things that will be coming up as the bridge work around benny, and that is something that our committee has been following as well, the other thing to report is on April 21.

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Nancy Chapin: pete and I pete Uri and i've been asked to kind of talk about any as part of a zoom presentation for Pratt library and we're going to focus on, you know the positive and the collaboration with the parks department and how well it all worked and.

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Nancy Chapin: And that.

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Nancy Chapin: Also really The next thing that we're trying to get to happen is there are a couple of residents local residents people that have been involved in the committee to take it to the next level, which would be some sort of a more organized friends group.

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Nancy Chapin: So I think there pete is meeting and talking to a couple people about that, so any questions comments about the.

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Joseph Siciliano: just mention one thing I know that since the since penny has been kind of transformed, we have we've gotten a couple inquires about some.

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Joseph Siciliano: park benches new ones people want to put in so Margaret is working, that issue.

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Joseph Siciliano: And kind of gave her some potential sites today, but if it if it doesn't it doesn't matter she'll just move forward and see if she can land those deals and.

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Joseph Siciliano: And if not, if the committee if you if you have some interest in where they're going to go, you can Maybe you can talk with Margaret okay.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay, great because I know we have been speaking with Margaret on a lot of the signage issues, so I will circle back with a committee, because I, I do think it's important place when you know we're dealing with the landscape, I think, is.

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Joseph Siciliano: is important yeah there you go towards the tennis courts you take that left in there on that the stream side there.

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Joseph Siciliano: And so that's where people she's been negotiating and we don't have a solid deal but she's you know she's been talking about that So if you want to talk about please do.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay, definitely that.

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Scott Johnson: it's the I have a question calm, believe it or not, one of the most common questions I get is about picking up after your dog.

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Scott Johnson: Are there.

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Scott Johnson: Other dog signs there I can't remember.

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Nancy Chapin: There are no dogs oh my gosh it seems like you can't get away from the dog issue in our town, you know we were just talking about it, the other day for all the parks and.

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Nancy Chapin: Not only school grounds it's just an issue, but there are signs, you know leash law pick up after your dogs, there are you know much minutes, if you will.

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Nancy Chapin: So really there's no reason not you know we I think the parks department goes above and beyond, and all our areas to make it easy for people to pick up after their dogs are just.

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Nancy Chapin: Like every everything there's you know the people that do it right and there, unfortunately, a few bad apples that ruin it for everybody.

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Nancy Chapin: And it's not have any park isn't alone, I hear these sad horrible stories about school grounds where are the dogs aren't even supposed to be there, so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yeah it's been.

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Nancy Chapin: A brilliant.

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Nancy Chapin: solution to the dog issue in our town, I think, is hopefully hopefully they will figure it out.

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Gary Dell'Abate: yeah we, I mean i've been a proponent of a better dog park for a long time, because I can even see it in my own neighborhood like.

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Gary Dell'Abate: A large number of my my neighbors have gotten rescues over the last year and now they're out in school fields and other places, because you know they.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I mean they all went to the dog Park, we have now we wouldn't fit him at all the way it's going it's just crazy so there's an abundance of dogs, I have a feeling we'll be hearing a lot more about that down the line Nancy you want to talk about pomerance.

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Nancy Chapin: Sure, so um we had kind of a great I think at the last zoom meeting we kind of talked about going offline and we had a great meeting, I think, Joe and.

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Nancy Chapin: Scott and Gary and Greg was on it as well just kind of talking about you know how we're going to move forward in the right way to move forward so.

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Nancy Chapin: we're going to keep keep kind of chugging along as a friends group, and while Joe was working to get some sort of a master plan in place he's got it in the budget 2022.

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Nancy Chapin: The couple of updates for that committee, the things that we're working, we are working on again really not trying to do anything strategic, you know as far as us, but we're just again fact gathering data gathering, but a couple things.

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Nancy Chapin: We there is a.

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Nancy Chapin: a work permit approved to do a Barbary invasive plant remediate you know.

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Nancy Chapin: For mediation barbara's taking over in there and also working on the trails trail maintenance and then we had a great meeting.

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Nancy Chapin: With the friends of my Indus river park just yesterday and if anybody's been in there it's a great park.

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Nancy Chapin: I think every you run through there, so they are very organized their websites fabulous they've got maps they've got signage, and so they talked about how they came to be and for those who don't know the minus river park also incorporates Greenwich so part of it is in the town of Greenwich.

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Nancy Chapin: and also their park structures, a little different, and you know parks and REC is a little different so it's purely 100%.

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Nancy Chapin: volunteer based we should be thankful, because we have support from parks and REC department for our parks, which I think does not happen and Stanford.

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Nancy Chapin: Is a different park it's it's it's you know you can't compare that park to this pinion and pomerantz who they don't have.

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Nancy Chapin: tenants they don't have a lot of the facets, that we have in the tri park um, but it was just a great group to meet with, and one of the things that was interesting, I know, on our last meeting we talked we were talking about qr codes.

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Nancy Chapin: Back end, this is a long i've been involved in these kinds of things back in 2009 I did a couple of eagle scout projects actually in the minus for practically put up these posts.

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Nancy Chapin: And they've taken those posts and they now have qr codes on them, so you can you know click on the qr code look where it is on the map so i'd really like to.

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Nancy Chapin: spend tonight to talk about it, but I think, maybe was soo and Angela were talking about it, and you know figure out how we might move forward with something like that bring it back to the board.

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Nancy Chapin: So.

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Nancy Chapin: Then, the only other thing that and maybe this comes up in new business, but since i've got myself unmuted if it's okay to roll with is.

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Nancy Chapin: I got also recruited to talk.

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Nancy Chapin: At the cost calm town meeting at the cusp of library it's on April 28.

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Nancy Chapin: and basically what they're looking at a lot of the people, you know that I see on it and, and I can you know share you tell me what's the best way to share this, but I think they're looking for me to talk about how parks and REC has.

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Nancy Chapin: Gone gotten through this pandemic so Scott is Gary is it okay to kind of launch into this little you know, whatever might say is this or shouldn't do to bring this up under new business.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And why don't you just bring it up to me offline and excited to find out more about it, and then we can figure it out, it sounds fine I need to know more about it, but everyone doesn't have to hear.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah yeah.

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Nancy Chapin: But basically, I would look for advice from everybody on you know everything from what's the hockey rink you know all the facets of parks and REC so Scott, you are Gary you and I will talk offline later sounds good yep perfect.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Is there anything else, that you would talk about.

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Nancy Chapin: got it great Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right does anybody have any new business.

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Frank DiVincenzo: Yes, I do.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you, frank.

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Frank DiVincenzo: yeah I have a question first of all I want to say that vantage point has been terrific this year I don't know.

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Frank DiVincenzo: How often you guys go, but I think i've gotten there more times in the wintertime than I have, in the summer, even with snow on the ground, and I say it's just been exhilarating so a lot of people have asked me if it's going to be a year round thing where.

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Frank DiVincenzo: passes are going to be required, and they would love to see that.

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Frank DiVincenzo: So maybe we could talk about that.

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Joseph Siciliano: Well i'll talk about it.

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Frank DiVincenzo: yeah.

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Joseph Siciliano: Scott knows that knows, because he's been involved since day one, with the park pass issue.

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Joseph Siciliano: That we have because we're still under an emergency Governor, we were able to do things like this, but part of our laden settlement and part of the.

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Joseph Siciliano: Second settlement that we had is that we were able to use some of the terminology like that we have seasonal conditions condition monitoring of the access to grinch point.

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Joseph Siciliano: So we actually got credit in the legal settlements, for being able to open up the point during December January, February, March.

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Joseph Siciliano: And then you know some of the shoulder season, we do different things that require the passes, we can read prior other identification, we can prepare the past, but to start to go to an exclusive 12 months out of the year we'll we'll bring the topic back up again.

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Joseph Siciliano: Legally, we set ourselves, right up for legal challenge and I know people have enjoyed it.

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Joseph Siciliano: Presidents, and I know people resident dog owners have enjoyed it, but I would you know caught me caution caution that moving forward and maybe Scott i'll have a legal a different legal approach to it, but we would set ourselves up probably to take another hit.

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well.

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Frank DiVincenzo: I just I just want to, I want to say that the presence of part people parks and REC in the presence of Police has been a very good thing, where people feel secure.

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Frank DiVincenzo: going there, especially in the wintertime when there aren't that many people and things could get sticky especially it could get dangerous for women will feel.

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Frank DiVincenzo: feel.

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Frank DiVincenzo: That they could be attacked doors things could happen so at least we should have more of a presence authority presence.

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Joseph Siciliano: I think that's a different issue, we could split out yeah.

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Frank DiVincenzo: At least that.

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Joseph Siciliano: we've always had this challenge, like you know, once the cooler weather comes everybody kind of forgets about it but it's still in that very active location.

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Joseph Siciliano: And, two weeks ago Sunday, when we had a 60 degree day and Sue boxes texting me that she's at Greenwich point and there's 4000 people down there we had 40 like 4200 plus people.

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Joseph Siciliano: Two weeks ago, on Sunday during you know for the for the for the 10 hours that we were open, so you know so you're right it's an attractive location.

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Joseph Siciliano: But we need to be careful, on the the two topics Scott, he is my right, I mean I.

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Scott Johnson: yeah we also have to track the State legislation that's.

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Joseph Siciliano: Right currently happening right.

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Scott Johnson: yeah it's it's it's in committee actually didn't even get out of committee because a lot of things, but that has an impact as well.

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Gary Dell'Abate: i'm muted sorry all right, thank you um is there any public comment.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I see Sue baker um I was going to tell you will let you in you should talk to ever put your name in because I think your cat walked across your keyboard.

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Gary Dell'Abate: But please come on in.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: oh two quick things guys and thanks for at all um when Joe was talking under foundations about else million dollar plus.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: You through entries, and it seems to me that that would be a place to go to the Greenwich tree conservancy and not use money out of ours just just a thought you know, because that would for sure, be a legitimate.

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Joseph Siciliano: source.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: For trees.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: Okay, you might.

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Joseph Siciliano: And then we might do that.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: yeah that would really be good keep the money in house for other things, and then frank i'm.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: All your comments about the park.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: I was just gonna say that maybe it's because people were not traveling as much this year that they use the park, but in another year I don't think it will be quite this bad and.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: And i've never not felt safe there and i'm there every day, sometimes almost by myself when it's really cold so.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: I can appreciate your concerns, but I think another year will be pretty much back to normal and will be in Florida, and will be another places and the kids.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: That will have school breaks and it'll take the load off, but I have to say today Fred was there with his two dogs Teddy Roosevelt, and the other one.

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sue bakernnnnnnbbnnnnjnn: And he was laughing because he said he left town hall early to get in on the last day of dogs and I said well i'll bring it up tonight Fred you wish the dogs could be there longer hey I agree.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I agree, so my wife was there today we like literally mark it on the calendar it's the last day and that's a that's a discussion for another time, is there any other public comment.

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Frank DiVincenzo: On just just to answer Sue it it wasn't bad I didn't say that I, I thought it was terrific we had the people that we did get during the winter.

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Frank DiVincenzo: And it was just a great winter and my wife, I think works there three four times a week and I joined her maybe twice a week and it hasn't been bad it's been good.

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Frank DiVincenzo: So, so I hope to clear that up, I just wanted to have it last longer for a few years, anyway, but thanks for the update Joe we're fulfilling me and on that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay last call for public comment.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Any unfinished business.

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Gary Dell'Abate: which I think falls under unfinished business new business.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Give it five seconds.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Then I believe we can adjourn Thank you all for your time.

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Gary Dell'Abate: appreciate everything everything appreciate every coming out and hopefully we'll be doing this in person sooner than we think.

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RLoh: You go.

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RLoh: Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you.

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Sue Bodson: hi everyone.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: hi good night everyone.