



Board of Parks and Recreation of the Town of Greenwich  
**Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Joe Siciliano, Scott Johnson, Nancy Chapin, Matt Popp, Brian Kerzner, Blaize Levitan, Rick Loh, Tracy Freedman, Sue Snyder, Miriam Kreuzer, Michael Basham, Greg Kramer, Janet Stone McGuigan, Sue Baker, Leslie Yager, Ramya Hopely, David Wold, JoAnn Messina, Lenore Caserta-McClester, and Stauffer

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of April 27, 2022 Zoom transcript
  - Motion by Nancy Chapin, seconded by Matt Popp 5-0-0
3. Director's Report Joe Siciliano
  - Memorial Weekend programs
  - Court sports discussion expansion
  - EGCC update-contractor taking over building June 6
  - Budget approval update Blaize Levitan
4. Beaches/Boating Brian Kerzner
  - Winter improvements
  - Memorial Weekend preparations
  - Ferry Service starts June 11
  - Tod's Point Sailing School
5. Chairman's Report Scott Johnson
  - P&R Foundation
  - Sponsorship of summer concert series
  - Fundraising efforts for EGCC
6. Sub-Committee Updates:
  - Dorothy Hamill Rink Rick Loh
  - Eastern Greenwich Civic Center Scott Johnson

- Parks and Trees

Nancy Chapin

- Binney
- Pomerance Tuchman
- Byram Park
- Save the Sound June 26

7. New Business

- Request for a backboard at Christiano

Joe Siciliano

8. Public Comment

- In favor of a backboard facility

David Wold

9. Adjourn 7:33 p.m.

- Motion by Rick Loh, seconded by Matt Popp 5-0-0

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## Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript May 25, 2022

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Scott R. Johnson: So this is the alarm.

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Scott R. Johnson: May 25 rather me of the order parks and REC.

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Scott R. Johnson: And we have corn here so that's good.

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Scott R. Johnson: And a couple things I want to get to before we even start, one of which is on i'm interested in in trying to do live meetings pretty soon.

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Scott R. Johnson: Particularly if we can find a venue that's at least half outdoors So if you guys have new just like I do now, let me know if you have an interest, not to do that because of covert or other reasons um.

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Scott R. Johnson: So I said, both as both my daughters now have co found a little.

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Scott R. Johnson: sensitive to it.

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Scott R. Johnson: So anyway let's go to the first thing which is approval of.

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Scott R. Johnson: The last soon transcript which is April 27 so someone make a motion to approve that.

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Nancy Chapin: Obama.

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Scott R. Johnson: Nancy you may want second that.

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Scott R. Johnson: That Okay, so is no questions on favor raise your hands i'm in favor.

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Scott R. Johnson: trick Tracy matt Nancy okay so minutes or so approved um.

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Scott R. Johnson: I have as normal, for me, I have.

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Scott R. Johnson: In this for this meeting about seven things that either have questions on or I was working on and so several of them.

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Scott R. Johnson: I already directed to kind of the appropriate people to respond to them, and those are like examples of questions on on certain things, how can we do this for how come in and do that so.

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Scott R. Johnson: Those are going to be dealt with by either staff or general or other people so let's let's jump right into directors report Joe unless you want to move somebody else up.

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Joe Siciliano: No, no that's fine, we can move forward place and I have a few prepared.

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Joe Siciliano: topics, and so you know, probably be five or seven minutes between both of us so um I mean without without saying, everyone knows it's Memorial Day and Memorial Day weekend, so you know, we have the pedal.

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Joe Siciliano: To the metal actually I mean it's really you know we have five memorial services, we have two beaches, a pool grangetown party parade road race, just a few things ahead of us for this weekend so everybody's been very busy preparing.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, for that.

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Joe Siciliano: place will touch upon the budget a little bit in our approvals through your tm the beginning of May.

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Joe Siciliano: We will be meeting in the near future with the pickup ball folks in the Court Community we're going to start to call it that, because it's the subject matter.

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Joe Siciliano: is slightly larger than pick a ball it's people been contacting us about tennis courts and basketball courts all kinds of chords so we may expand the.

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Joe Siciliano: discussion to be, all in all, inclusive and we also will be open to the both islands and June 11 I know, Brian will probably cover a little bit of this in his few minutes.

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Joe Siciliano: Report, but you know we have that on our plate.

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Joe Siciliano: As far as the East and grant civic Center goes the contractor is scheduled to take over the building on June 6 Monday June six and it starts to commence bringing in his equipment to trailers for offices safety fencing and getting all that setup because the first phase will be the.

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Joe Siciliano: remediation that has to take place for before they can do any DEMO so that'll start, we have a we have an active.

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Joe Siciliano: email chain going on with the various departments and just to keep us all informed on what what the schedule is like and what the activities about.

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Joe Siciliano: We do town has hired through a calm, its own onsite manager project manager.

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Joe Siciliano: Is a gentleman that we worked with before at the swimming pool he's also been involved at the police headquarters in the fire department, so we do know well, and we know how to work with him so that's encouraging so he'll be on our site.

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Joe Siciliano: Where it could be on our site.

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Joe Siciliano: eyes and ears and they'll be our onsite manager all of our requests will still go through the wiki.

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Joe Siciliano: If there's something that we want to talk about through rick this way you don't have many conversations going on at the same time.

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Joe Siciliano: So if we have a question that we would like to pose that we give it to Luigi and he'll he'll either answer it or rely on rick to answer it had to say.

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Joe Siciliano: That you know from the from the site So those are the kind of things that we've been working on setting up that organization and.

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Joe Siciliano: Just let me look at my budget here and then turn it over to blaze and a second to go over some of the things that we will we talked about for budget budget and a couple other activities going on with field, so please take it away.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): hey good evening everybody yeah so we had the budget vote on earlier in May, I think, may nine so it was Monday.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): And so you know a lot of you were involved, so thank you to everybody Nancy was went to a lot of meetings for the Palmer and tuchman and we were on a lot of different calls with Tracy.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): So it, you know we our budget going into this whole process was only department wide was only going up 1.5%.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): So much less than guidelines as we went through the rts couple of the major the major changes nothing to operating except for.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): Unfortunately, one of the the Boc was interested in reducing some headcount as a result of the eastern grant civic Center closure, so a head custodian position was temporarily unfunded.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): That person will luckily there's a retirement that will time well at the board of ED so that individual will go over there, and it was made clear that the position will be needed to be refunded when you know, the new building reopens.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): We had a, we also had the pickup ball money, unfortunately, many of you probably already know, it was was cut.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): Some the the temporary rink funding also that that was led by Bill Drake that was also cut out with the budget.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): We had some some big wins, though, we did Finally, for the first time in years, get some significant field money \$400,000 200,000 was deferred by the BT until next year.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): But we worked with the Chair that should line up as long as that actually gets funded that should line up with some of the drainage work we're doing.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): we've already got a vendor out that is actually doing some soil sampling and water table testing and root zone, you know and analyzing so we can figure out what the best course is going forward.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): So we have another \$400,000 to spend on some drainage improvements at some of the key locations for fields.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): And another exciting thing was that added in by the BT and what was not cut by the art tm was the funding for the Ada master planning, this was a project that was recommended by.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): The first liquids advisory committee for people with disabilities, it was one that Joe and I in our department was very excited to be working on.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): And it was originally supposed to be funded by arpa funds but was determined to be ineligible by town administration, so we wrote glad to see that.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): And we're looking forward to get that off the ground that's \$150,000 to do some studying of all of our facilities are working in coordination with dp w on that we're going to be working with the first selectman this advisory committee.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): So that we can assess locations and have some comprehensive accessibility location by location, and you know the pomerance tuchman money was kept in there for the master planning 40,000.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): Other than that everything everything went through as as was proposed, and as we originally presented to the to the rest of you.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): Have any take any questions on budget.

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Scott R. Johnson: Here, please I got one.

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Scott R. Johnson: Rather items were pushed out.

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Scott R. Johnson: No worries you wanted it earlier today to mail out.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): yeah so there was not much changes since the last meeting, overall, the funding that was deferred.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): This was by the BT this was 200 of the 600,000 we requested for the field, money that was pushed out.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): The goal fund which we had talked about which doesn't impact the general fund, but the goal fund, we had a project for 75,000 to design to start looking at a design and the needs for replacing the restaurant and club house building that was also deferred.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): by one year, that was \$75,000 that was pushed out to next year.

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Scott R. Johnson: So explain explain why that is not affecting our particular budget don't know where's the revolving fund.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): The revolving fund for newer members, the golf course is something that is set up in a what we call it.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): fund, it is a self funding account, so the revenue generated by the golf course from all the different sources cover the expenses, as well as.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): The fund balance also is what's used to pay for the capital projects that are at the golf course.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): So those capital projects don't hit the mill you know, like the mill rate or the general fund, they all are completely independent of the town fund, the only time that there is overlap is if there's a significant project like.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): A building replacement that's going to be, you know \$2 million that obviously the Gulf can't.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): Cover that up front so happened in the past or the previous building renovation, is that the general fund will.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): lend to the money to the Gulf fund, and then the Gulf and we'll pay back in installments that are you know manageable for based on the revenue, but it's not funded by the goal fund is that funded by the mill rates funded by the user fees and the other sources of revenue if there.

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Scott R. Johnson: was a very large saucepan.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): No.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): nope.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): The only other thing of note that people might be interested in is that are Joe was mentioning our residency team.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): is really processing thousands of documents and it's Memorial Day weekend is the peak of the season at the moment for that it's also been really nice out.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): So that means that you know the weather really impacts, how many people show up so want a big shout out to them, but.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): we're only at about a two day wait period, right now, which is really good I mean few years ago we had experienced around this time comes up to nine days eight days you know when everyone's applying all at once, so things.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): Early bird pricing surging lenore putting a lot of stuff on social media and also the digital operations have released speed that process up and.

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Blaize Levitan (Parks): we're only at about a two day turnaround right now, so if you apply for your residency today, you know, a 48 hour window you shouldn't have that approved and can get your card.

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Joe Siciliano: Great thanks place just one last thing Scott, you, as you know, you've been involved with us for a long time, this type of year takes a huge department effort.

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Joe Siciliano: So you know, thank you, the superintendent's blaze our administrative team we couldn't do this without everybody's cooperation, understanding and you know.

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Joe Siciliano: trying to get it all organized and done, I mean it's there's a lot going on, and so I appreciate that I wanted to say that, for the board, because I think that.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we get we are all the negative stuff but you need to hear a little positive stuff and thank you to Stafford, for you know doing their part and beyond so appreciate that.

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Scott R. Johnson: stuff basically on on schedule on weather.

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Scott R. Johnson: Like, for example, life cards we can't have five cards.

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Joe Siciliano: We have like enough to open up both beaches and then you know we'll get another tier lifeguards coming in, before the islands um you know I can't say it hasn't been challenging but we do seem to have.

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Joe Siciliano: Enough lifeguards to operate, we may during the week have to consolidate some locations, which means that, like it like a lot of other.

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Joe Siciliano: beachfront locations, you know they have an area where the flag go off where you should you should swim and there's guard in their guards.

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Joe Siciliano: And then there are areas where that there are unguarded, and so we may have to do something like that, during the week just because you know we're right now, because the high school kids are still in session that's really hurts us and then, when we get into the summer session.

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Joe Siciliano: You know just because we need to have carry a maximum number of staffing for weekends and we you know, we would have to.

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Joe Siciliano: Before people two days off during the week so we'll be looking at that the lifeguard staffing is still trickling in we're still assigned a couple of.

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Joe Siciliano: Applications today for people to get employed so um yeah it's it's it's this high competition through everything from from all all opportunities to clubs, the why the boys and girls club, they were all in competition for the same pool of people so.

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Scott R. Johnson: The certifications.

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Scott R. Johnson: Big impediment the kids just don't want to go out and spend the time on that and probably the money to.

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Joe Siciliano: Well there's two things that are going on the certification time has increased over the years, you know.

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Joe Siciliano: um and also and that commitments and also arm and also the cost that it's gotten the courses escalated.

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Joe Siciliano: And so different organizations are doing different things like, if you look at the state of Connecticut.

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Joe Siciliano: they're actually even bursting people for their certification if they work, the summer those types of things, these are things that will probably have to think about going forward in the future and the other issue is is that.

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Joe Siciliano: don't forget promos to wind down was two seasons are to winter sessions, there were no real neuronal lifeguard courses really given because the coven.

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Joe Siciliano: You know I mean it wasn't popular to to be doing this, so you know between you know, maybe a lack of interest lifeguarding in and coven on, there is a lifeguard crisis, not only in Connecticut but throughout the country.

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Joe Siciliano: And I think I think this has it'll have to take a little ways to work its way out, especially not having training sessions during coven.

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Joe Siciliano: For two seasons and then you know kids like shifting their priorities you know so we'll have to kind of work with this a little bit and it's not only us it's all it's every other organization that's out there.

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Scott R. Johnson: Any other questions to do it at that stuff.

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Scott R. Johnson: So, Brian you want to do a pony marinas.

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Brian Kerzner: Sure, and give a quick run through for for everything over the past winter we've had a few improvements worth mentioning it a lot of progress with the causeway.

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Brian Kerzner: completed, the majority of that just finished up about a month ago there's some paving last couple of days by on ramp we made a small.

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Brian Kerzner: improvement to just to widen the mouth of the ramp to make it a little bit easier to back boats down.

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Brian Kerzner: On Byron we're also slowly phasing out some of the ropes and pulleys that have been a little bit less popular in recent years and increasing the slip count, especially the 24 foot slips which there's been a waitlist for.

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Brian Kerzner: So there's been some minor improvements, since last season, as far as things getting up and going for this year, or three marinas and the boatyard at crash point opened on time.

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Brian Kerzner: blaze and his crew did a great job getting taking the next step with online ticket sales for day passes, so this year residency and non residents can purchase day passes online.

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Brian Kerzner: which has been a nice improvement.

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Brian Kerzner: This year as well ticket sales and person are going to be available at costco Marina that's already in place so two days a week, people can purchase the single day passes in person, not just online.

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Brian Kerzner: As far as this weekend goes facilities, the beaches in the pool are all set and ready and staffed up pretty well for the weekend the pool opens on Friday.

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Brian Kerzner: The rest of the beaches are all mainland beaches are in good shape and ready to go.

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Brian Kerzner: beach crew and also ticket takers we've done a good job, getting adequate numbers in place to really support the operations as Joe mentioned a little while ago, berries are scheduled and should be on scheduled for the first day of the season, the kickoff which is June 11.

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Brian Kerzner: finishing up some work on the fairies but that that should be all set by the time he gets here coast guard inspections are lined up.

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Brian Kerzner: that'll also be the official start date for open date for the hours as well, I think that covers the majority of the facilities and operation does anybody have any questions.

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Scott R. Johnson: yeah just quickly Brian I know the no cost ways the or it may be completed, but is it would be paid now it's not going to screw up Memorial Day.

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Brian Kerzner: They were able to get all the paving certain the actual causeway the extended paving done.

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Brian Kerzner: Monday and Tuesday, this week, so that is all set all the causeway construction is complete, except for a couple of small things that will be adjust addressed next winter so for the remainder of the season business as usual, the causeway will be open.

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Scott R. Johnson: So, keeping on your subject hey on Jana can you hear me.

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Scott R. Johnson: Now, can you i'm unmuted.

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Scott R. Johnson: Can you hear me.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: I can, can you hear me.

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Scott R. Johnson: yeah thanks, because I know.

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Scott R. Johnson: I know you and Brian were both at the.

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Scott R. Johnson: Last harder management Commission meeting.

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Scott R. Johnson: And I know for those who don't know that we've been we've been discussing.

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Scott R. Johnson: The the application for tragic permanent and some of the policy issues on that can you just because I did not listen to their meeting can you just give us.

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Scott R. Johnson: From your point of view, what happened that night and and things we should maybe know about the Dreading permanent.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: But i'm so Scott, thank you, you made my job easy, because in that meeting, I was asked to reach out.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: to you all.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: And, and the board of selectmen.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: And the harbor management Commission is very interested in setting up a special meeting will call it the meeting of the minds to work out work out what open open to all means exactly.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: And the background is.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: I see I see Joe shaking his head.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: The understanding is that there is now money available which there wasn't necessarily before um and if that money is available what.

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Do we need to do.

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Scott R. Johnson: To ask for money available from.

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00:20:42.900 --> 00:20:44.400

Janet Stone McGuigan: The Federal Government.

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00:20:47.670 --> 00:20:48.000

Scott R. Johnson: Okay.

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Scott R. Johnson: Who would they would I want to attend the meeting.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: So it would I will I will reach out to the board of selectmen to Fred Fred and lauren i'm to you all to the department, the parks and REC.

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00:21:09.420 --> 00:21:11.160

Janet Stone McGuigan: department to the board.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: And just and all of harbor management.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: And just and just have a sit down and just have a conversation about what do we think this means.

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00:21:25.350 --> 00:21:28.590

Scott R. Johnson: So from the board of parks and REC at the last.

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Scott R. Johnson: get together we had heard our Subcommittee was me.

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Scott R. Johnson: rick Lowe and Mike pitino so My guess is, we would like those guys to attend.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: Sure, but it will be an open meeting, I mean the whole point the whole point that we're having a special meeting is that it does have to be a public meeting so you know.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: any and all are invited to attend.

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00:21:56.790 --> 00:21:57.240

Okay.

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00:22:01.620 --> 00:22:03.750

Scott R. Johnson: So just just let us know.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: I will do the only thing that's not nothing's holding me up, but I was waiting to get a couple of dates, so that I could offer specific dates, as opposed to just a general invitation, but, but like I said you've made my job easy and know that this invitation is coming.

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00:22:23.340 --> 00:22:24.660

Scott R. Johnson: Okay, fine Thank you.

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00:22:25.050 --> 00:22:25.800

Scott R. Johnson: hey john.

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00:22:27.180 --> 00:22:31.410

Joe Siciliano: This is Joe i'd like to give you a we have an offline conversation I think.

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00:22:32.820 --> 00:22:36.630

Joe Siciliano: I think that's worth the phone call but we'll touch base with you.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: sure.

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00:22:40.230 --> 00:22:41.430

Scott R. Johnson: And I did go over.

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00:22:42.720 --> 00:22:43.830

Scott R. Johnson: Several months ago.

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Scott R. Johnson: Janet asked me to give some background, which I did I told her, I told her the ins and outs of our last meeting so she has that background I don't think Jen have you been anybody forward to that the documentation.

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Janet Stone McGuigan: I I thought so but just just to be you know sure if you don't mind me sending it, that would be great.

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00:23:12.510 --> 00:23:24.240

Scott R. Johnson: Because the least from my perspective, the Jeff steadman documentation on the boundaries of maps the charts all that stuff I found very helpful.

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00:23:25.110 --> 00:23:25.560

Okay.

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Scott R. Johnson: alrighty.

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Scott R. Johnson: I have a couple things that I.

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Scott R. Johnson: But one thing that Brian is going to is going to follow up on is Mike machida wanted had some questions about.

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Scott R. Johnson: Fire boat club Joe talked to Brian about it, and he related to wi fi and impossible access issue so brian's gonna talk about that now the trials going on, that are all fine so that's no problem.

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Joe Siciliano: Scott de de I talked to Brian today and the comment or the club needs to make reach out to us and talk to us, I mean Mike some of mike's information is correct, some not.

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00:24:14.880 --> 00:24:32.010

Joe Siciliano: And, but so I think that's the best way to I think he's getting it the third hand from you know the some club members, so I asked Brian to to to once we get through the holiday, maybe set up something with the Commodore the club, and we can have a direct conversation.

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00:24:33.270 --> 00:24:34.290

Scott R. Johnson: Good that sounds perfect.

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00:24:34.740 --> 00:24:36.390

Scott R. Johnson: Okay um.

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00:24:38.670 --> 00:24:43.230

Scott R. Johnson: cho helped orchestrate a great gift.

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00:24:45.060 --> 00:24:52.350

Scott R. Johnson: To the foundation for sponsorship of the summer concert series, he will talk about that a little bit show.

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00:24:54.330 --> 00:25:14.910

Joe Siciliano: Sure, so um you know, every year we look for some sponsors for some of our music on the you know music programs and things like that, and this year we have the one that I was directly involved with and there's another sponsor also maybe Sue can give us some information about that, but.

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Joe Siciliano: Is hagrid East for the car show folks they approached us and we're looking for a Community project, so we asked them if they would be interested in.

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00:25:25.020 --> 00:25:31.350

Joe Siciliano: Supporting some of the music on Wednesday nights at the Roger Sherman boland park and on our fairy boats when we have the.

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00:25:31.980 --> 00:25:46.260

Joe Siciliano: very beautiful music that goes to the island and they agreed and so that they are going to be funding those funding those music events throughout the summer there's six at Rogers Sherman bone park that.

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00:25:47.490 --> 00:26:05.250

Joe Siciliano: haggard ease is going to pick up and two on the ferry service, so they will be, you know, forcing us to check that would get deposited in the Foundation and will be the proceeds will be funding, some of those opportunities and have soo soo you on the line to.

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00:26:05.370 --> 00:26:06.240  
Sue Snyder: Maybe you could talk about.

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00:26:08.250 --> 00:26:09.690  
Joe Siciliano: Sure talk about the other gifts.

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Sue Snyder: Right um the other gift it's actually we did receive two checks, this week, however, they were made out to parks and REC instead of the Foundation, so we need to get that fixed.

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00:26:23.280 --> 00:26:48.570  
Sue Snyder: But we are receiving two checks from dark cars which you may know better, as like lexus of Greenwich it's basically a car dealership but lexus lexus of Greenwich is one of them, so we have two checks coming for the concerts and also the fireworks so we're very grateful to them for that.

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00:26:51.210 --> 00:26:55.530  
Scott R. Johnson: So sutures coordinate with me about those checks have one order.

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00:26:56.520 --> 00:27:08.190  
Sue Snyder: Right yeah we did like I said lenore did receive the checks, this week, but when we noticed, they were made out to parks and REC instead of the Foundation, so we have to get new checks written.

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00:27:09.420 --> 00:27:14.040  
Scott R. Johnson: Well that's great and that's kind of stuff we're you know we're trying to encourage including.

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00:27:15.450 --> 00:27:16.080  
Scott R. Johnson: Without.

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Scott R. Johnson: Limitation these things that we're kind of calling sponsorships there's nothing wrong with that and that's one way to get easy money for people to sponsor events and give give to through the Foundation.

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00:27:31.050 --> 00:27:35.730  
Scott R. Johnson: And it can include you know within discretion certain certain.

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00:27:38.280 --> 00:27:40.050  
Scott R. Johnson: Advertising so, for example.

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Scott R. Johnson: Yes, and banners and that sort of stuff that other Board of ED property is absolutely no problem knows raises an issue to us in the past, so I think that's good.

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00:27:52.200 --> 00:28:07.020

Scott R. Johnson: um, how do you want just mentioned, you know more than anyone else about the sailing club, I know it's up i'm not sure if it's running but it's a minor status very similar characteristics as to what they had before yeah.

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00:28:07.110 --> 00:28:22.620

Joe Siciliano: I can talk about that a little bit i'm sure they're slated to open on Saturday may 28 and they have you know they've been taking delivery of their equipment preparing staffs and there are going to open on the 28th.

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Joe Siciliano: Before Rentals and such, they still have they're still advertising for program participants.

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Joe Siciliano: Other than that, I mean I think it's been a little bit of a push to try to get it all together.

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Joe Siciliano: john cancer and bill King done a great job Brian Thank you Craig Thank you, I mean they've been coordinating with these guys to get stuff done.

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00:28:46.050 --> 00:28:58.320

Joe Siciliano: and hopefully we'll be back on track it's exciting to have this school open and also, you know as we go through the contract that they have with the town.

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Joe Siciliano: I will keep them in abreast of things that to the future that will come when we do the renovation of change building and.

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Joe Siciliano: work with them for temporary location things of that nature, but the last thing I heard is that from bill king is that we're trying to get a little PR out there about about the participants, I know that.

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Joe Siciliano: Fred put it in his Community connection newsletter on Friday so Nikos out to about five or 6000 people.

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Joe Siciliano: there's been some other.

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Joe Siciliano: You know advertisements that have been out there, I think, little are posted social media correctly in orange yes, I think.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: Yes, Joe yes.

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Joe Siciliano: posted some social media for them on our on our social media saying you know the programs back.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, please participate, you know it'll be available starting to 28th of May, and maybe people will stop by and you know sign up their children for programs or even some adult programs, so I think you know we we've we've come a long way since our issue.

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Joe Siciliano: And I think you know these these guys you're really putting a lot of hard to hard work to kind of get this thing back up and running, and I think it's going to be in a manner which we really can all live with and work together on so it's all that's all good news.

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00:30:16.710 --> 00:30:29.370

Scott R. Johnson: Well, you guys should be really compliment, I mean I saw the leafs I saw the effort the correspondence and you know, without missing a beat we have a sailing school with two guys who founded it before.

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00:30:29.820 --> 00:30:36.810

Scott R. Johnson: yeah so and, at least from my viewpoint it seems like it's going to be just a better operations.

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Scott R. Johnson: That I kind of wanted easy.

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Joe Siciliano: Well there's a big shout out to Brian he he dug in and got it got a lot of it done.

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Joe Siciliano: You know the the rfp that the least document and was very.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, focused on getting it getting it set up and so that was great and that they've done and we're interested to see how it's gonna turn out.

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Scott R. Johnson: Great.

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00:31:07.410 --> 00:31:15.210

Scott R. Johnson: So continue with with with con my stuff in minor categories Well, first of all for those who don't know.

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00:31:15.750 --> 00:31:28.140

Scott R. Johnson: we're going to continue effort on fundraising for Eastern by civic Center particularly interiors and Joe I wanted at some point, if you haven't to dovetail with Fred.

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00:31:28.770 --> 00:31:37.920

Scott R. Johnson: To make sure he knows what we want to do that, so that the reason that's relevant is because there was at least one gift, I thought was.

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Scott R. Johnson: Pretty pretty gracious and interesting for a alive edge table for the entryway I mean it's 25 \$30,000 of value.

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Scott R. Johnson: But we can't go ahead and do that i'm not worried about the Foundation combined we can't go ahead and do that without the knowledge and cooperation cpw so we can't just get a gift for something that.

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Scott R. Johnson: Is not in approved component of the project so that's something we'll work on more on.

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00:32:10.680 --> 00:32:17.730

Scott R. Johnson: Okay that's something that Sue is of course going to do we actually had a friend of suits who worked on interiors I think it new lead.

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Scott R. Johnson: More we Gilbert who is.

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Scott R. Johnson: kind of a interior person that's going to try to help help without also so that's something i'm going to try to spearhead i'm in kind of the minor Category I got some questions about benny and within two seconds Nancy her forces of soldiers guy out there, took a look at it got Greg.

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Scott R. Johnson: involved so niche I know this wasn't really on your agenda, we want to talk about that briefly to maybe Craig.

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Scott R. Johnson: And then you can dovetail into your your stuff too.

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Nancy Chapin: Sure okay so with benny.

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00:33:02.760 --> 00:33:11.280

Nancy Chapin: I think that was looking, I guess, a little bit sad, you know all you know I think I would say, despite.

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Nancy Chapin: Maybe it was combination of everyone being busy or volunteers, not being able to step up but i'll let.

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Nancy Chapin: Greg talk about from staffing It may also be with went out to the island, there was a lot going on there to.

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Nancy Chapin: There was a new bench getting installed it always been talking about how beautiful the island was and.

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Nancy Chapin: I had a great conversation with Scott and it dovetails I actually was going to talk about this so i'll just jump in, and I was talking to Tracy about this and we were going to try and get together Sue.

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00:33:42.870 --> 00:33:53.640

Nancy Chapin: thoughts and as well on this when you have gifts should there be some sort of endowment and scott's got me thinking about this, you know to you know, continue to maintain these gifts.

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Nancy Chapin: Because parks, we know we just watched the budget process go through it with very limited budget very limited resources, and so, how can we support and Joe probably can go on and on about.

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00:34:05.400 --> 00:34:21.120

Nancy Chapin: The challenge of gifts and gardens and things that we do and how do we continue to support them going forward so maybe Greg do you want to touch base on what we thought at benny and there's also.

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Nancy Chapin: I just want to note that maybe conservation Commission might want to get involved it literally is getting fouled.

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Nancy Chapin: By what if I you know the geese are just gobbling up any new plantings so what would have been beautiful you have all the.

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Nancy Chapin: waterfowl going in and out and gobbling up any new little planting so that I think, also as a challenge, and anyway i'll let i'll let someone far more versed and knowledgeable than I take over on this.

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00:34:51.060 --> 00:35:06.240

Scott R. Johnson: But before it before you start it was just a question to me that said hey i've noticed that the four walls have either not definitive collapsed and there's look look like some poor grading or lack of topsoil.

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Scott R. Johnson: You know, then quotes is is that going to be part of an ongoing effort that was the initiation of the question.

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Nancy Chapin: So on that there are two areas that we were talking about, there is one near.

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Nancy Chapin: The bridge that I think, whoever did the dredging there was a problem, I know that stuff did work to bring back in new soul to remediate that.

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Nancy Chapin: So, and it may also be when there was one tree removed that umbrella pine on the island where perhaps that also was a soil issue as far as the banks.

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Nancy Chapin: I think the dredging project it left opportunity i'll say opportunity that we can you know we've been working and a lot has been done that's improved it, but again let's let's let Greg talk.

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gkramer: yeah, thank you for you know, bringing a lot of these items to to my attention you know we walked around.

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00:36:10.920 --> 00:36:17.580

gkramer: A couple days ago Darren and I, and I noticed some stuff prior to and it's a combination of.

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gkramer: things going on, you know, there was the construction of the bench we had the area cordoned off we had lost that tree on the island and you know, there was a construction going on at the bridge on savvy Japanese so that looks terrible on that end.

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gkramer: But you know not not to take away the fact that you know there's areas that definitely needs attention and needs need some weeding so when we were walking through and talking about how to how to address these issues.

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gkramer: You know one thing that came to mind was I know we have some some money and we had gotten some funding.

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gkramer: You know, maybe it's time to look at you know the assistance of maybe an outside contractor, I know you know grow pro had had planted a lot of beds and maybe it's an opportunity now to have them come in and and you know replant some of the plants, maybe the geese have eaten put up fencing.

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00:37:11.850 --> 00:37:26.640

gkramer: You know we're planting more safer streets to kind of create that that edge that biological glue where you know their roots will will will grow and create a buffer so we don't have these urgent problems mean that's that's kind of the thought process with planting the Cypress trees.

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gkramer: So yeah there's a litany of things you know the geese of commandeered the turtle pot pads as well, which is.

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00:37:36.360 --> 00:37:44.610

gkramer: I mean you know the pooping all over it's it's really mess so so there's there are numerous things that needs to be needs to be addressed.

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Scott R. Johnson: First there's 50 \$800 in that account at the foundations tell so don't don't be shy and try and use that was the coordination.

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Joe Siciliano: let's just yeah just for a little history here, you know this, this is the kind of stuff that happens, you know.

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Joe Siciliano: This time of year, especially when we have all the ball fields open everything going full tilt do you know all of these events, going on.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean let's not forget, we lost nine part gardeners out of our headcount and that hurts, you know, so if you see things that are kind of.

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Joe Siciliano: unkept right now, because you know we're we're moving in priority at the moment we'll pick that up after the holiday weekend we kind of regroup next week sometime.

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Joe Siciliano: And there have been a number of things like some traffic islands crocus Hill and a few other these things that you know.

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Joe Siciliano: We just can't we just come in and get becoming a card at the scene, so this was one of these things that was discussed when we were going through.

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Joe Siciliano: Our reduction this headcount is that there will be times when stuff is going to slip and unfortunately it becomes noticeable.

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Joe Siciliano: Especially after when it's in such great condition and it slips for a while and then we have to pick it back up again and but you know just be be aware that I mean.

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00:39:09.990 --> 00:39:14.970

Joe Siciliano: I get it, I don't like to hear myself, because you know we like to see certain things.

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Joe Siciliano: Some of our grounds and somewhere areas kept to a certain standard but it's impossible to do that with the staffing level that we have.

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Joe Siciliano: On and just so you know when we go to use an outside contractor.

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Joe Siciliano: We have to negotiate with the Union, we have to get permission from the Union to use outside contractors on town property, especially when it pertains to the work.

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Joe Siciliano: That our guys could be doing or should be doing, and this was part of all of that discussion of the headcount reduction is you know where is that, where do we strike that balance of you know, town staff and outside contractors, the Union has been relatively cooperative on certain things.

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Joe Siciliano: But you know it's an extra step, we have to take any you know we just can't go out and hire xyz contractor having show up tomorrow without all of these preliminary steps that have to take place so.

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00:40:08.970 --> 00:40:16.080

Joe Siciliano: yeah I get a little bit itchy myself when I spoke to get calls about certain areas, but I do know it's because we're just.

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00:40:16.680 --> 00:40:30.990

Joe Siciliano: we're just tapped right out right now I mean and it'll it'll get better after Memorial Day weekend will be a few days of recovery from all of the events and then we'll be back in operation, and you know prioritize what needs to be done and get it done so.

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Scott R. Johnson: They on the on the good side of things, I, I must say that these keys to my civic Center fields will look the best i've ever seen him.

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Scott R. Johnson: I mean there, I guess, two or three rugby rugby games could put it back to a mud pie, but they look a tremendous yeah I think.

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Joe Siciliano: there's been a lot of effort put into the fields, some of the new practices that we've been trying out as a result of the field study have been paying benefits such as you know, the system that we're using for verification and overseeing.

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Joe Siciliano: tim's integrate course of right now doing some deep time Eric vacation and a lot of me on some of our more compacted feels, not only will that help with.

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Joe Siciliano: Establishing better term, but it will also help with drainage so that's going on right now and we're going to alternate between some of those fields between spring and fall.

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Joe Siciliano: They have to be done in a certain time when we have a certain moisture content in them in the ground but yeah we're we're we're doing those right now and and hopefully we're seeing some benefit of that Program.

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Scott R. Johnson: Nancy do I talk about conrad's.

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Nancy Chapin: Talking pomegranate with your let me i'll just jump into the things that I was going to talk about so i'm not gonna spend too much time talking about pomegranate other than yay the master plan pending went through.

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Nancy Chapin: So now, the real work begins there, and you know i'd say with both benny and that's usually what I focus on benny and Stephen.

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00:42:06.870 --> 00:42:18.330

Nancy Chapin: Is it's going to be great you know with with friends who will be learning to work really well with stuff so we're excited about that I thought I would take my time to talk about biram.

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Nancy Chapin: Because I Greg did a great tree walk he worked with the tree conservancy and have to apologize, because I got pulled out a couple times once.

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Nancy Chapin: Had a nice conversation with matt about Byron park and his efforts there and I, and then I happened to meet she actually said, are you Nancy I recommend I recognize you from zoom but her name is Mina Gardner I believe is her name.

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00:42:49.020 --> 00:43:02.610

Nancy Chapin: And she was very enthusiastic and took me on a tour of Byron and I really did not know that park well and it has the bones, and the beauty of being.

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Nancy Chapin: A todd's point you know, in the West side of town and it is absolutely fantastic you know there's walled gardens there's vistas and I will say parts of that park look amazing so.

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00:43:16.410 --> 00:43:25.080

Nancy Chapin: But I you know I know that she has a lot of great ideas and it'll be interesting, she and matt I think those.

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00:43:26.010 --> 00:43:33.930

Nancy Chapin: it's I think when I think about our parks, I think, Joe said it best you know, not all parks, have to be all things so.

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Nancy Chapin: I think that park is potentially just an amazing waterfront park and we could have some great nature trails through there and then highlight the waterfront.

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Nancy Chapin: there's a whole beyond the pool area there's just a stretch, and then the ability to take a hike hike up and it's pretty amazing so.

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00:43:56.520 --> 00:44:04.230

Nancy Chapin: And then I didn't even get into the whole marine but I saw there's also, I think, is that, where they put a.

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00:44:04.650 --> 00:44:19.140

Nancy Chapin: What was it a wiffle ball court, so that you have your tennis courts and the standard ball fields there, but then there's a higher baseball diamond is that was up with a wiffle ball when i'm sort of a foggy memory and that does anybody know about that.

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Joe Siciliano: I guess yeah the way football was played on that what we call the barn picnic fields, which is behind the tennis courts that was where we're football was played for a while and it just kind of dissolved after a few years so.

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00:44:33.060 --> 00:44:42.210

Joe Siciliano: But we do we people do use the barn picnic field for events when they rent to someone when they rent the pavilion there so that they have field activities.

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Joe Siciliano: It very rarely gets scheduled for anything else, sometimes donald's forced to put something there, it is a small field.

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Joe Siciliano: that not many activities can go there and it has some limitations, as far as parking immediate parking right by the field, but if you want to walk a distance it's some great parking inside the park but.

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00:45:05.340 --> 00:45:22.890

Joe Siciliano: yeah I mean you're right Nancy barn park has its beauty of its own, I mean it has so many different features is a boating you know vista good vistas picnic area feels courts cool some natural areas down by the rosenwald property so it's kind of a one fits all type of park.

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Matt Popp: and golf.

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Joe Siciliano: shoes he.

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00:45:26.160 --> 00:45:27.330

Matt Popp: used to have golf.

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Joe Siciliano: used to have a golf created everything with three different TEE boxes yeah.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah and then I just also wanted to touch or mention let's see.

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Nancy Chapin: Again I think Tracy into I actually my husband got coven so I had planned to get together with the two of them, but we kind of been.

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00:45:47.370 --> 00:45:59.310

Nancy Chapin: Under under in our little own quarantine but um so I just wanted to mention two things on on the topic of marine and beaches one.

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Nancy Chapin: frank, done a touch point, I think, maybe we mentioned before he's retiring that that long term Doc master who've been there forever give me some great photos of the various floods that were there so i'll share them.

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Nancy Chapin: And then just a shout out to megan down at bras island she's an amazing Doc master she's great and then also, I just want to.

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Nancy Chapin: put out that save the sound is on again this year June 26 i'm sure susie baker might if she's on will chime on about that.

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00:46:33.150 --> 00:46:46.770

Nancy Chapin: And I don't they were calling for tables and I don't know whether the parks and REC I would be happy to sit at a table and talk about you know parks and REC if you think that's a good idea to have a table or i'll volunteer with WHO or.

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00:46:48.690 --> 00:46:54.420

Scott R. Johnson: What what does what does it mean I know save the Sabbath desert desert pharaoh.

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Nancy Chapin: Well, I think, just highlighting.

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00:46:58.080 --> 00:47:06.510

Nancy Chapin: You know, we do so, we parks and REC does do a lot, you know we're doing all these native plantings down at Greenwich point and.

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00:47:07.590 --> 00:47:13.920

Nancy Chapin: You have the buildings down there and that are preserved so obviously I think they will be represented.

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00:47:15.840 --> 00:47:29.820

Nancy Chapin: But maybe maybe we can talk offline on this one, you know with susie and see what they're looking for, but they just are looking for other organizations to represent in whether parks and REC wants to have a presence.

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Nancy Chapin: i'm happy to do it if we do.

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Scott R. Johnson: Okay, great.

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Scott R. Johnson: So rick do you want to walk I don't think much happened on the rank but give anything to add on the rank.

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00:47:44.730 --> 00:47:48.000

RLoh: No, but i'll just give a little bit of a synopsis here.

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RLoh: The rink project we're still going to build a new rank in town don't anybody lose sight of that.

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RLoh: what's going on right now is.

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RLoh: The for those that may not know the new rank will built in be built in the same location, as the current rank what's going on now is different town departments, notably.

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00:48:14.160 --> 00:48:16.410

RLoh: department of public works and the board of ED.

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00:48:17.520 --> 00:48:30.600

RLoh: are putting their heads together to come up with the site for the temporary rank that will be necessary to replace the very important nice time that will be missed, while the new rank is being built in the same location, as the old one.

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RLoh: And there are various sites.

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RLoh: That are being explored they're being narrowed down and probably in the not too distant future, a site will be chosen.

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RLoh: For that temporary rank which will be up for no more than six months come down and then go up again, probably the following season, to satisfy some of the more important skating programs that we've had in our town rank for.

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RLoh: going on now 50 years that those programs can't go a year or two without without having any ice time.

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RLoh: So that's a short and sweet but that's where we are written a.

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Scott R. Johnson: Paper had some interesting comments on that.

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Scott R. Johnson: query Roger Sherman ball and does that that's something that's.

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Scott R. Johnson: A possibility makes sense doesn't make sense it's.

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00:49:31.200 --> 00:49:33.330  
RLoh: it's a possibility, because there's.

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RLoh: One of the important factors is parking nearby and that has a Jason parking Another important factor is power.

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00:49:43.800 --> 00:49:47.100  
RLoh: To bring in to run to help run the new rank.

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00:49:48.240 --> 00:50:06.870  
RLoh: And there is power i'm not sure it's totally adequate, but there is power next door in the parks and REC equipment shed that's there, right now, so that is a you know, in the big picture that's a that's that's a site that deserves to be looked at.

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00:50:12.060 --> 00:50:13.350  
Scott R. Johnson: Great great great.

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00:50:15.780 --> 00:50:25.560  
Scott R. Johnson: I think we're kind of getting towards the end of the regular agenda, but your question came in about potential dashboard and Christianity, want to talk about that oh.

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sure.

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00:50:27.780 --> 00:50:41.040  
Joe Siciliano: Yes, I can talk about that a little bit so we had a request from an individual that blackboard at Cristiano into snyder did feel the question and respond.

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00:50:42.360 --> 00:50:58.410  
Joe Siciliano: The issue really is that there you know we haven't had a big demand for backward, I mean just a little history on backwards, you know behind the eastern city Center the current building there's always been a concrete wall was align 100.

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Joe Siciliano: natl remember maybe Member this I don't know I do but i'm parked it used to be a backward where the current picnic pavilion is up on the hill.

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00:51:07.530 --> 00:51:24.540  
Joe Siciliano: And I think one side is from Tennessee and the other side was from handball and you kind of there's unused selling disrepair and when the pavilion went up the new pavilion went up or even before that it was it was removed the thing about backwards is is that you know.

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Joe Siciliano: it's for an individual to hit the ball and play and with the amount of hours that we're booking on some of the tennis courts it's kind of hard to find a tennis court that would allow you know just to drop in.

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Joe Siciliano: type of activity for somebody to show up with a racket and hit the ball The other issue is the noise factor off of a backboard.

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Joe Siciliano: you'd have to be very concerned about the location and the risk Christiana would not be that location, because of the current neighbors and we're working with them right now on.

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00:51:58.200 --> 00:52:17.610

Joe Siciliano: Noise issues we have double windscreen up and that's a planting along the fence line and it Christiana know prior to this request even coming in, we didn't have our fence contract to do a look at the fence, because we were anticipating or maybe still anticipating purchasing.

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00:52:18.630 --> 00:52:29.790

Joe Siciliano: Sound attenuated windscreen and hanging it from the fence and what we really found out about the fence that Christianity is that it couldn't support the wind load and.

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Joe Siciliano: This would be the kind of the same thing because it's a solid, you know solid object that's going to be.

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00:52:37.230 --> 00:52:45.390

Joe Siciliano: You know mounted to the fence and, of course, then you create this wind load, so we asked the contractor, this is months ago, to give us a kind of an.

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Joe Siciliano: onsite estimate like what it would take to to improve the fence and it's a \$19,000 item just improved the fence to carry the wind load, because the fence posts are minimal they're just.

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00:52:57.210 --> 00:53:06.360

Joe Siciliano: You know they're there for the fencing we're very cautious about the windscreen and it's not really it was never really designed to carry any other kind of kind of load so.

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Joe Siciliano: that's one of the reasons why we haven't moved to quickly on the on the sound attenuated.

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Joe Siciliano: Of screen for that location, because normally wouldn't be buying a \$10,000 windscreen but we'd also have to spend approximately \$19,000 on improving the fence line so to hang the screen so.

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Joe Siciliano: Now we have you know roughly a \$30,000 project, which was an anticipated and a budgeted for so we've been working a couple different issues down there, all in all I.

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Joe Siciliano: I'm not you know I don't really have a kind of a keen sense of where something like this would go without some of those issues being addressed and also.

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Joe Siciliano: Is there really a demand and the funding for it, so you know those are a couple things I mean I don't want to dismiss it, but it could be in the conversation line.

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Joe Siciliano: But it's not one of those things that's been you know we've been getting suggestion or recommendation or request after request to have.

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Joe Siciliano: I think people would rather have open tennis courts to play or open ticket ball courts to play in the schedule and and I think that's where the emphasis is at the moment.

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Scott R. Johnson: So is there any.

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Scott R. Johnson: concrete wall type type facilities there around that people use it for I know I know the civic Center a lot of kids used to use that.

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Scott R. Johnson: But also he's used to fill across which raises the question that we can have that in place with windows windows yeah um but, to my knowledge there's no other country walls that were really using either.

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Joe Siciliano: No, no.

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Joe Siciliano: Not that don't have windows that's you know, did you send us designed to have those windows in the rear the Western again civic Center.

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Joe Siciliano: there's just I can't think they are low windows on both sides of the Center because we have you know the the basement area of the western Granite civic Center is occupied by the Community room restrooms storage areas those types of things.

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Joe Siciliano: I can't think of a location where you know you'd be simple enough to put something like a stripe on the wall and maybe a strip stripes on the ground, or something.

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00:55:21.420 --> 00:55:33.960

Joe Siciliano: i'm open to anybody who has a thought, but but I can't really think of a location, that would be that simple for conversion without some of these obstacles that we have to deal with.

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00:55:34.650 --> 00:55:35.310

RLoh: yeah I can.

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00:55:35.670 --> 00:55:36.600

Scott R. Johnson: hear a question next.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah I just want to say central middle school there gymnasium law that's actually used as a backboard.

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Nancy Chapin: And so the Greenwich high tennis team plays against that what practices against that wall and.

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Nancy Chapin: So i've hit against that wall, so I that is one location, I totally agree that when I saw the.

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Nancy Chapin: email, I agree that with the demand on our full courts I didn't understand where we're going to go and go with it, so I agree with a lot of what Joe was saying they do want to mention central middle school.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, thanks Nancy that's a good, I mean that's a suggestion if it, you know if it takes some minor improvements to make it happen.

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Joe Siciliano: Maybe that's an opportunity we can talk to the board of its facilities people about that, I mean, even if we.

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Joe Siciliano: painted the lines or something like that, and they gave us permission to do it it's an option, I mean it's centrally located, which is good and.

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Joe Siciliano: You know it's not interrupting any other courts or you know court opportunities that we have out there, so i'm not about thought and that's just because you've played there yourself, so I don't know if there's anything in western meal squads i'm trying to think about that right now.

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Matt Popp: I think there is that Western I think I used to have a tennis ball off.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean we can look.

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Matt Popp: I mean that's a.

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Joe Siciliano: good suggestions, but yes, we have to, we have to scout it out and see if there's any any real locations, but we'll take a peek okay that's that's not a bad you know.

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Joe Siciliano: Thought because it'd be simple, I don't think we get that I don't know if you're getting any opposition from the board event facilities people, but it would be simple to do and not disrupting our Court program and the amount of you know, thousands of hours we schedule those sorts.

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Scott R. Johnson: of questions on that.

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RLoh: No, I just I think I was going to pick up on the school theme, I think there are some brick walls at school buildings that are facing paved courtyards I think I think there's one down at old carnage school I don't know about the windows situation.

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RLoh: yeah but I mean it may, it may be less than I not may not be perfect, but as a solution.

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RLoh: There may be one in North Miami that's got to pave courtyard between a couple wings of the building.

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RLoh: I think I remember hitting balls against that wall so yeah there's there are other possibilities, I think.

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Joe Siciliano: All right, well why people around about you know when we start dealing with tennis program monitoring will start pretty soon, but we get that all going, we can take a quick look around, I mean, these are these are good suggestions and a possible solution.

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Scott R. Johnson: Any other questions on that.

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Scott R. Johnson: Any public comment or questions.

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Scott R. Johnson: they'll see any so let's.

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Scott R. Johnson: See, I see a hand raise for David.

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Scott R. Johnson: Do you wanna unmute yourself.

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David wold: yeah hi.

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David wold: You can hear me.

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00:58:43.410 --> 00:58:45.090

David wold: Yes, okay hi.

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00:58:45.390 --> 00:58:57.960

David wold: i'm sorry I was late, I was just up at the St mary's doing the the flags on the graves and it just dragged out a little bit, but I just picked up the last 15 minutes and I think it's healthy to have the discussion.

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David wold: I was born raised with a a wall at my tennis court across the street, and it was used a lot and I hope we can find a facility for this in connection with, for example, redoing the parking lot that.

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David wold: eugene marlo Park, or if it is Cristiano park.

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David wold: I understand that has been complaints about the noise from the the pickle ball playing or picking up there.

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David wold: We should maybe I looked into that before we made a new Gate in the fence and put down the asphalt walkway and things like that.

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David wold: And, but I see many tennis courts in town that could probably be utilized with a wall so i'm glad that you, you brought it up and that you're discussing it, and I hope we can return during the summer and find at least on experimental court.

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David wold: So thank you.

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Scott R. Johnson: Any other comments.

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Scott R. Johnson: So we have a motion to adjourn.

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Scott R. Johnson: Somebody.

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RLoh: With a commotion make a motion.

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RLoh: to adjourn the meeting.

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Scott R. Johnson: Anyway, second.

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Matt Popp: Second.

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Scott R. Johnson: Thank you all in favor turn.

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01:00:20.550 --> 01:00:20.790

RLoh: Right.

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Scott R. Johnson: Right alright, so we are adjourned until June I would love to do it in a semi out outdoor setting unless code gets worse, which it's getting so um any suggestions on that one would be appreciated I know Mike the chino offered the.

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Scott R. Johnson: The restaurant, because, of course, or maybe on the patio out there, we can have a it's been several years we've had a port parts of cutting contest which.

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Scott R. Johnson: Well, in dunster one that last thing okay so we're adjourned and let's get together next month matt what you call me offline we'll just talk about your kind of stuff you'd like to do.

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Okay.

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Scott R. Johnson: hi.

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RLoh: Thanks everybody, thank you.

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01:01:12.900 --> 01:01:13.470

Blaize Levitan (Parks): hi everyone.