



**Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript
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garydellabate: rick and Nancy are you there.

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Nancy Chapin: i'm here rick.

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Scott Johnson: Thank you.

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Rick Loh: Hello.

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Okay.

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garydellabate: Did you go rick rick you there.

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Rick Loh: I should be.

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garydellabate: Okay being go.

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garydellabate: Okay, great we can we got we got a good a good group now so let's get almost all of us so let's start.

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garydellabate: Order will start with you had a chance to look over the minutes of the may 26 meeting i'm looking for somebody to approve.

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Scott Johnson: make a motion to approve.

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garydellabate: And someone to second.

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garydellabate: Second Okay, we all vote on it, everybody who was a favor the Minutes raise their hand and everyone rick you're up for us raise your hand Thank you good Okay, everyone has approved it.

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garydellabate: we're going to go a little out of order tonight, just because people have some time constraints, so why don't we start with the Foundation and Scott Sue you can tell us what's going on.

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Scott Johnson: But before Sue starts on.

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Scott Johnson: she's done an amazing job with with with PR to promote just people's knowledge of the Foundation so excluding.

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Scott Johnson: The for the July festivities I think so you've done at least what three or four.

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Scott Johnson: Three or four.

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Scott Johnson: Events, including the original.

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Scott Johnson: glass of wine.

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Scott Johnson: Anyway, once you once you talk about the catering things for the fourth because that's pretty pretty neat.

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Sue Bodson: Sure um so thank you and we have gotten a lot of press on and i'm if i'm Leslie is on granted free press has been really supportive, but really everyone the Sentinel can board SEC, the process really embraced.

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Sue Bodson: Our messaging about what the Foundation, not just what the Foundation is but.

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Sue Bodson: What the Foundation does and what we would like it to do, and particularly supporting.

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Sue Bodson: Those youth scholarship funds that are really important, because now that now that we're coming out of this pandemic and people are coming together again and camps are going to start to open up again it's really important that we.

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Sue Bodson: give access to the Youth in our Community that wouldn't otherwise have it so i'm really grateful, the first selectman to office event has been really helpful and promoting.

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Sue Bodson: The events that we're doing so we're appreciative of that.

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Sue Bodson: We are building up our database in terms of our friends so.

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Sue Bodson: As people are subscribing to these events that we're doing we're collecting email addresses and we can keep them informed about future foundation events and future activities that we do, which I also.

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Sue Bodson: Think is really important Community partnerships are essential to help us grow and i'm not just talking about people i'm talking about businesses.

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Sue Bodson: And, and that is what we're doing we are building our database in terms of strengthening our relationships with other businesses and other nonprofits in town so i'm very appreciative of.

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Sue Bodson: fireworks promotion is taking place on Saturday night Monday night and even if the weather doesn't cooperate people can still come and will come and pick up their picnic boxes and they can picnic at home.

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Sue Bodson: Or we can all go down to scott's house they'll have a car is backyard and i'm i'm you know really happy with the turnout again, you know we're we're making some money for the Foundation and it all goes to help our activities beautification and helping those kids.

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Scott Johnson: So let me just add something to that a little bit different angle, which is in addition to the marketing and PR.

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Scott Johnson: We also with me in particular have been calling a list of potential donors to variety of projects, including.

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Scott Johnson: Some of the existing foundation projects, whether it's park beautification but i'm, notably the hockey rink and also eating right civic Center because.

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Scott Johnson: it's it's a requirement it's requirement for particularly integrated civic Center and it will be really I think going forward from most is municipal projects here it's it's been really tough historically been tough on you know in my tenure i've seen it successful kind of trade school.

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Scott Johnson: On the turret first turf field initiative but but not much out so it's something if somebody has an idea and the first two that came to mind.

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Scott Johnson: Are.

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Scott Johnson: Well, two of our local well known medical groups, because they had contacted us.

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Scott Johnson: Years ago about possibly doing scoreboards that that's a really good thing it's not that they're going to give us a million dollars it's that they.

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Scott Johnson: want to be able to participate and contribute and get some advertising out of it and it's something that we have in the past, supported we've never really done it.

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Scott Johnson: Because on that particular donor in that case, which was a medical group on.

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Scott Johnson: Potential thing which was a scoreboard just didn't happen it happened through other venues, which was great but that's that's something i'm working on Gary did a little bit corrupted it a little bit.

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Scott Johnson: And it's going to be an important thing going forward and really forever it's, not just for one project.

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Scott Johnson: And we do have a fair amount of money in the Foundation, which is another interesting question of we want to start to use that.

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Scott Johnson: And what i'll do is i'll advertise at some point within the board what some of those accounts are, and so we can make you think of how we can use it it doesn't mean we go into spending spree it just means there might be things you guys can think of that we haven't have used.

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Scott Johnson: that's it.

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Sue Bodson: I just wanted, I just want to thank lenore to thank you Eleanor for all of your help, I.

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Sue Bodson: appreciate it.

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angela.swift: I have a question Scott and I always wondered why, when i've gone to other fields like when it comes to my mind, is is richfield actually.

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angela.swift: And they ring their entire stadium i'm with same size advertisers all in if I believe their colors are orange black and white um why aren't we are we not allowed to do that.

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Scott Johnson: i'll take a crack at and then jochen can fill it in an angel you just remember in the lacrosse stuff you and I did.

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Scott Johnson: Every field we went to had banners on you know it wasn't just a state in which is be a field on the fences and one part of the answer is the board of education properties has their own set of rules on that and and i'm not exactly clear used to be a prohibited it.

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Scott Johnson: But really on the sun support needs to go over but on.

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Scott Johnson: parks and REC sales non non for events hills, I see, I see no reason why we couldn't start to do that, we haven't done it but Joe once you.

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angela.swift: Like cars COP field, or something like that, where it would help the small businesses get their name out, we have a lot of new people in town um.

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I think we should.

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Scott Johnson: You know, make the show you need on new.

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Scott Johnson: i'm here so so hear me once you chime in on that.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, as as being part of the department, a long time, and the director for over 20 years when this topic has come up about about sponsorship advertising whatever but uh However, you want to look at it.

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Joe Siciliano: You can tell, we don't have any of it during Peter tests he's 10 years first selectman there was a discussion about doing some of this.

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Joe Siciliano: The feedback was is that we need to have a town wide policy and who vets out who gets you know I mean the information that's being publicized where it gets publicized.

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Joe Siciliano: Also there's a Sony requirement about signs or posters or banners and so that that would be also part of that.

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Joe Siciliano: zoning and we have to be part of the discussion first about size and let it ring etc, and then the town wanting to have a policy to say at certain locations.

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Joe Siciliano: or many locations that we're going to have this opportunity for sponsorship or advertising etc it hasn't been widely received, I can tell you that.

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Joe Siciliano: A lot of people look at it, as just another form of pollution signed pollution, and you know self promotion for business businesses, and it is not been widely received.

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Joe Siciliano: there's always opportunity, I guess, if you if you approach it in the right way and get everybody lined up, it would take a.

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Joe Siciliano: would have to go through you know we'd have to have some conversation with zoning about the sign regulations, and it has to be approved by the Board of selectmen.

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Joe Siciliano: And maybe I don't I don't know about the rti I would have to be searched that but this type of regulation going forward or.

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Joe Siciliano: Policy going forward but need to be would have some that would be some approval process that's all that's what I know.

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Scott Johnson: And it's still prohibited on for two that feels right.

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Joe Siciliano: Correct.

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angela.swift: yeah like like the skating rink right, we can have stuff at the skating rink couldn't wait or the the new skin right right well.

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Joe Siciliano: We could be if there were a policy but we don't have you know, right now, in the current skating rink and i'm assuming in the new skating rink will have some of those teams that we know that play at the rink like the high school and others at play use that as their.

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Joe Siciliano: Facility for.

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garydellabate: For the.

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Joe Siciliano: program but that's all just about the sports and it's not about advertising or sponsorship.

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garydellabate: Alright, so you want to jump in with something else.

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Sue Bodson: One more thing about the Foundation, I wanted to bring up, I would, in my.

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Sue Bodson: advertising and promotion of the picnic fundraiser I talked to some high school students who are interested in participating in a junior Advisory Board for the Foundation and there there, there are students that are looking for.

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Sue Bodson: volunteer hours, and I think it I have experience in this space, and I think.

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Sue Bodson: It was a.

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Sue Bodson: thing for us to explore and talk about and think about, especially as we go down the route of the eastern Granite civic Center fundraising I think that they would be helpful in this so just, I just wanted to bring that up as a idea suggestion.

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Scott Johnson: let's talk about that in our next meeting.

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Scott Johnson: And back to the advertising let's maybe on the September agenda talk about it at least the board of parks and REC level and see what the thoughts are here.

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Scott Johnson: And then we can make correct recommendation if it's appropriate to the selectmen into you know the other appropriate agencies and the dual look to their research.

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Rick Loh: I agree it has to start someplace.

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00:12:16.350 --> 00:12:16.530

Right.

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garydellabate: Okay um.

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Frank Di Vincenzo: yeah I have a question for Joe is there a difference between temporary and permanent advertising on those fields.

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Joe Siciliano: Since we don't do any advertising I don't know.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean, I really don't I mean you know permanent would be like a scoreboard temporary might be a.

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Joe Siciliano: fence sign or something like that I would get seasonally so you know I think this is what we need to research and and.

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00:12:51.870 --> 00:13:06.030

Joe Siciliano: And kind of resolve, I mean, I know that in the town charter there's sign ordinances, and this would definitely fall under that and there's a sign approval process that goes through planning and zoning enforcement and.

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Joe Siciliano: These are just for signs like in front of people's you know stores, or you know lawn signs in front of certain buildings that.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, say this is so, and so fun Daniel has a space here, you know that kind of thing, so there is a there is kind of a strict sign.

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Joe Siciliano: It you know I think it's worth the opportunity to research, it and see um but there's already you know even the small signs that you see that around town that say you know the political science, or any of the other signs that say you know.

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Joe Siciliano: I don't know something else you know, promoting something else the little street signs that pop up here and there.

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Joe Siciliano: there's about six or eight approved places that you can get permission to put those throughout the whole time of grants and.

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Joe Siciliano: Is it some we handle in parks and recreation and some get handled through the first selectman office as far as approval so granted she's kept the same thing pretty tight on and.

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Joe Siciliano: And, and I think you know they'd be a robust discussion about it with if it ever gets to the floor of the 60 seconds office you know those.

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garydellabate: Okay um is it molly molly do you have a question, Melissa levy, are we taking questions from from.

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garydellabate: Or do we wait towards, we have to wait, towards the end correct yeah yeah so and, by the way, I think this whole thing is going to come to a big head because.

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garydellabate: The whole sign thing in town as a general rule is that a control and, but when the pandemic came it just it just got even more out of control.

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garydellabate: So I have a feeling that the RT I was going to be dealing with this on 100 levels anyway, but um Thank you Sue Thank you Scott mala we get to you when we get to unfinished business and so now i'll turn it over to Joe for the directors report.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay yeah good evening everybody just a couple things and.

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Joe Siciliano: Then I want place to speak on one topic on so this past week, last week we had a golf user group committee meeting.

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Joe Siciliano: In primarily the focus was just some updated information about the golf course, and you know the the debate over the tea time reservation system and moving it to seven days at 5am in the morning.

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Joe Siciliano: After collecting some information and doing the survey and.

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Joe Siciliano: Speaking to some of the people at the meeting we have conceded to kind of regulate that a little bit so we'll be offering starting July 12 the tea time system will go to a five days to time system at 6am.

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Joe Siciliano: We put that out in a press release, we have not had any feedback whatsoever good or bad, which means that hopefully we resolve the problem and we'll move on, so.

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Joe Siciliano: Our goal is to try to you know have some to give the customer satisfaction most most conventional reservation systems are based on a seven day opportunity and.

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Joe Siciliano: And, most of them, and several of the ones that we researched all all had a 5am.

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Joe Siciliano: start for booking but there seemed to be a lot of opposition about starting that soon, not so much on set, not so much about the seven day but starting at five in the morning.

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Joe Siciliano: So we regulated we adjusted We said we put this into play for 60 days and see how it plays out and if we have to change something again.

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Joe Siciliano: we'll do it in the next season, so that this will bring us into September, we should be fine.

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Joe Siciliano: On, as you all know, fireworks chose this weekend two shows one Saturday night when Monday or hoping and praying for good weather or.

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Joe Siciliano: Whether that we can shoot in on both nights on staff has been working hard at providing the same type of atmosphere music at those nights sound beach fire department band Saturday, DJ on Monday.

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Joe Siciliano: Please, please, please have been organized fire marshal's office you know Ms etc, etc we're basically ready to go.

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Joe Siciliano: We will be watching the car count going into grandage point, knowing that we have 1300 spaces and.

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Joe Siciliano: he'll depend on the traffic flow so we'll be right, relying on the grinch police department to kind of survey the parking lots there when they're when they're out there, doing the patrol.

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Joe Siciliano: And the police in myself for a representative of the department parks and recreation will collaborate make a decision on how you know what if we if and when we have to.

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Joe Siciliano: regulate the the traffic, primarily the traffic will be regulated for car traffic only who still accept walkers bikers joggers.

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Joe Siciliano: pushers anybody else who wants to use any other means to get into grantees point.

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Joe Siciliano: We will probably have a large scale boat of viewing section which, which is a great opportunity if you're out in a boat, you can you have some really great.

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Joe Siciliano: opportunity to view because they're up on the bluff and vantage point so we're hoping for all of these things to fall into place.

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Joe Siciliano: I am, you know a little concerned about the park in the parking.

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Joe Siciliano: will just have to you know start earlier in the afternoon and start to regulate it not directly but to manage the party, and you know it'll take visual inspection in order to see how many.

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Joe Siciliano: to count cards coming in, and we can visually check the parking lots to see me available spaces, they are and feed traffic in as it as it progressed through the.

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Joe Siciliano: course basically.

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Joe Siciliano: shows me.

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00:18:33.840 --> 00:18:37.380

angela.swift: Are we allowing non residents that day with passes in or just residents.

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Joe Siciliano: And you can't deny any non resident access so.

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Joe Siciliano: It yeah there it passes have been sold throughout the whole spring so far, you can use your pass any day you want, so it will be.

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Joe Siciliano: It will be passes, that will be mandatory for non residents, yes.

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Joe Siciliano: Yes, and there's no way there's no way to designate them and keep them out.

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Joe Siciliano: So we're telling people that if you want to guarantee your spot, you should get there early in the afternoon or in the early evening.

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Joe Siciliano: But don't wait till the last minute, because i'm pretty sure Saturday could be the day that we see the attract a lot of traffic and an extreme amount of people trying to get in at one time so to move on from that.

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Joe Siciliano: We are still working on the field report we've been meeting about every two to three weeks with our consultant.

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Joe Siciliano: we've narrowed some of the projects that we're going to be developing and working on and at some point when I have a little bit more information about that, but we're looking at some improvements of drainage, and maybe a field improvement at one location also looking at doing something.

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Joe Siciliano: Some some improvement for clarification to more than our normal number of fields, which is called deep time Eric vacation and basically what we're trying to do is punch holes in the soil, to provide air into the database and also provide some.

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Joe Siciliano: kind of shatters the soil, a little bit, and it should help with the compaction and improve drainage so we're looking we're trying to develop a more of an extensive plan.

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Joe Siciliano: To do that on a regular basis, because we think that, from an operation standpoint and an irrigation.

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Joe Siciliano: Management of drainage, you will improve the quality of the fields and and also should improve some of the drainage compaction problems that we have and the last thing I have to talk about is a ferry service, as you probably be reading a newspaper The islander to ferry and then.

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Joe Siciliano: he's up in the shipyard for every pair we had a we had a bogus inspected in the spring, by the coast guard was also inspected two weeks before we operated here in grants by the coast guard.

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Joe Siciliano: And throughout the first couple weekends of operation we hadn't we had a mechanical issue that we created we created a breach in the whole of the boat.

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Joe Siciliano: Which means that we have leaked and that's a mandatory reporting to the coast guard and, of course, their usual course of action is is to say you can't operate until you make the appropriate repair.

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Joe Siciliano: So the boat has been up in the shipyard since last Friday, are you know our operations managers and the shipyard manager have in the coast guard have all been involved in a conversation about how to make the repair we've been.

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Joe Siciliano: Trying to gather the materials necessary to make the repair and we are waiting are spot on the dry dock now what that really means is that the.

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Joe Siciliano: shipyard has a boat in the dry dock and the boat is without propellers and without propeller chefs that are at the machine shop getting replaced.

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Joe Siciliano: So, once they get that equipment back they'll put the propellers back in the book that's currently on the on the on the try it out and we're hoping that we're in the next position to go back up.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, right now, it looks like another week to 10 days before that could happen, I am going to.

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Joe Siciliano: Talk to the shipyard manager very soon and see if we can kind of move the schedule around a little bit every week that goes by, and a 15 week season.

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00:22:17.430 --> 00:22:25.950

Joe Siciliano: You know, you know we're losing time every every week, so you know it's just the way it is, I mean there was no was nothing visible.

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Joe Siciliano: That would determine that we had this problem prior to operating or why we're at the shipyard in the spring.

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Joe Siciliano: It just happened, and you know these are the types of things that happened with older steel boats and.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, here again, this is the reason why through our budgetary process, we had the ferry report, done a couple years ago.

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Joe Siciliano: we've been asked me if I started to ask for a equivalent replacement, which means engine shafts and and propellers and, in this case, if we had.

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Joe Siciliano: gone through that process already and replace the engine the shaft and the propeller on this on this boat who would not be in this predicament, that we are in today.

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Joe Siciliano: We keep you know we can't keep deferring capital maintenance on these boats, if we want to.

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Joe Siciliano: Because it becomes too unpredictable on the during the rainy season on whether they're you know they're going to have a breakdown or not, so I will keep pursuing that those dollars on, we do have them scheduled in the 15.

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00:23:22.860 --> 00:23:35.250

Joe Siciliano: year plan and so we're going to keep pursuing those dollars in future budgets to make sure that we can execute some equipment replacements shafting propellers and those types of things to provide more of a consistent.

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Joe Siciliano: opportunity for service during the summer that's about all I have to turn it over to blaze he is going to talk about some website.

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Joe Siciliano: updates and it's a bad place it's up to you.

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00:23:49.800 --> 00:23:59.070

Blaize Levitan: hi good evening everyone real quick the department's website parks and recreation is is the most visited website in town there's only one.

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00:23:59.610 --> 00:24:08.850

Blaize Levitan: Where the only department that 12 months out of the year ranks in the top 10 across the board, so we get a lot of web traffic sometimes you know, thousands of hits a day.

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Blaize Levitan: So on that piece lenore has been helping she's leading a project, we have an outside consultant affiliated with it department to do a complete review from the customer experience on our website.

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Blaize Levitan: it's currently kind of structured in a way that reflects the department so they're looking at some of the things like the.

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Blaize Levitan: reorganizing it in a way that is more service based uses consistent terminology across all of our platforms, because we also have web track.

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Blaize Levitan: We also have griff so we want a consistent experience just in wording and things like using pdfs instead of web pages.

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00:24:49.650 --> 00:24:54.840

Blaize Levitan: You know that that hurts here ranking and Google and it hurts your experience on the website and on phone.

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Blaize Levitan: So, to make kind of a long story short it's a lot of work but we're doing this complete review right now, and if.

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Blaize Levitan: Now, would be kind of a good time if anybody does have feedback on the website, or some things you've noticed we're kind of.

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00:25:09.360 --> 00:25:14.970

Blaize Levitan: This would be a good time to send that to you know not right now, but to send it to Illinois and I.

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00:25:15.870 --> 00:25:23.610

Blaize Levitan: That would be very helpful we're seeking some feedback and we're going to get ready this fall to take this report make make some changes and kind of.

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Blaize Levitan: tied in with the overall customer service experience, but you we want to just make sure things like you know terminology is consistent and web track and you're using the same thing in.

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00:25:35.370 --> 00:25:44.220

Blaize Levitan: The actual website and maybe there's a better way to organize some information so if anyone has information or feedback, please send it over to lauren and I and.

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00:25:45.030 --> 00:26:00.750

Blaize Levitan: i'll give a big shout out to Eleanor who has been working with the consultant and doing a lot of work on on what this experience could be on the web it's the future of how people

primarily interact with the department in many ways, so so it's it's going to be important work thanks.

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garydellabate: Thanks place, thank you, Joe um Okay, I guess we'll start with the chairman's report so rick let's start with you get an update on what's going on at Dorothy hamill.

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Rick Loh: So we had a meeting last week on the 23rd.

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Rick Loh: And that the stage we're we're still still.

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Rick Loh: filtering through the different possibilities in terms of location on the site.

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Rick Loh: we're getting lots of questions, but we don't have a lot of answers yet.

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Rick Loh: Some of those questions are coming from neighborhood groups.

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Rick Loh: Some involved with the from people involved in town, finance and others are coming from the library vets who are very protective of the Memorial trees that are between the current ring parking lot and you will and the old biram school.

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Rick Loh: The one or helped and a webpage was seems when our helps with everything actual.

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Rick Loh: web page was created that you can get to from the p from the parks and REC website.

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Rick Loh: People can visit that for updates we created a faq.

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Rick Loh: Page that.

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Rick Loh: helps to address.

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Rick Loh: questions that we anticipate people are going to ask.

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Rick Loh: we're in the early stages here.

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Rick Loh: there's some misinformation going around that we're going to try to rent the ice time to groups outside of Greenwich.

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Rick Loh: westchester county.

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Rick Loh: etc, etc.

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Rick Loh: it's a it's a difficult issue right now and we've got to come up with a solution, the first solution is.

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Rick Loh: Where that rank where that new rank is going to be looking at.

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Rick Loh: Joe probably has some info mikey might again, you can.

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Rick Loh: Provide provide info to.

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Mike Bocchino: I do know a thanks.

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Mike Bocchino: rick I do know that part of the discussion, I was listening in but we had a I was with Joe with the users group meeting at the at the graph.

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Mike Bocchino: That then chimed in late i'm there, the group will be trying to meet with one of the local community groups, the buyer neighborhood association to discuss, you know.

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Mike Bocchino: The project and talk a little bit about the you know some of the misinformation that might be out there and then just try to try to listen to and deal with the things that the Community wants.

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Mike Bocchino: Overall, you know rick hit the nail on the head it's you know we're it's a slower process than we thought, because we want to make sure that it's done correctly.

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Mike Bocchino: And a lot of it, there are a lot of.

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Mike Bocchino: groups that have interest in you know this rank being a.

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Mike Bocchino: done correctly for all intents purposes so.

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Mike Bocchino: it's sensitive I think it's going to be a little bit more sensitive than some of the other projects that we've been dealing with, but I think we can get it done at some point but.

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Mike Bocchino: it's it we're gonna have to take a little bit of a slower slower course right now to make sure we cross our t's and dot our i's.

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garydellabate: that's all alright thanks Mike thanks rick we're going to go to the civic Center.

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garydellabate: Where the process is moving along nicely, probably because our neighbors aren't as close to us as your neighbors or at the rink.

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garydellabate: But um we have some really good news to report and we have obtained a spoke to free Camillo a couple of days ago we have obtained a sizable donation Scott, am I allowed to say the dollar figure.

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00:30:03.210 --> 00:30:20.970

garydellabate: it's a sizable donation, the donor is as of this moment anonymous probably will not remain anonymous but um I was very happy with the number and I think it's going to be I think it's going to be very helpful and we're still hoping to break ground sometime early next year.

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garydellabate: So I see you smiling, so I can't tell you you're muted.

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Joe Siciliano: i'm smiling.

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garydellabate: yeah I thought you were smiling like.

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garydellabate: You didn't believe we're going to break ground next year we think we're going to break ground next year, so that's very.

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Joe Siciliano: grounded January.

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garydellabate: Yes, so so it's been it's been a long process, but we're really starting we're coming out the other side and.

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garydellabate: I really believe that I used to joke that I would not see a built in my lifetime, and now I think I might see a built in my lifetime so i'm very excited about it Scott anything want to add to that.

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Scott Johnson: yeah just just some logistics of timing, so the detail construction drawings are being done now, the committee 11 meeting in July, which will be mostly interiors there's a sample of outside brick to see him.

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00:31:15.990 --> 00:31:34.440

Scott Johnson: Down outside the civic Center take a look at it it's not agreed upon it's not done that we want to get feedback it's going to be submitted and needs to be approved a or C, but we have our land use his approvals we're going to go to the BT in September or October.

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Scott Johnson: For.

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Scott Johnson: Approval of the bulk amount of 18.7 or whatever it is.

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Scott Johnson: Our peace will go out how things in November, December contract that gets selected.

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Scott Johnson: The process gets fine to contract is entered into, and so the ideal schedule start construction demolition, maybe in in January.

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Rick Loh: Scott.

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Scott Johnson: We really want to keep that schedule, because we're going to enter into contracts your binding contracts on pricing and the whole thing and we don't want to lose momentum with the donor with other fundraising stuff that's going on, because we expect to have several donors.

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Scott Johnson: If we miss a certain budget cycle locally, as well as with the donor base that cause trouble.

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Rick Loh: You think the size of that donation meets the stipulation that was put on the project.

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Scott Johnson: Yes.

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Nice.

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Rick Loh: Great.

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00:32:41.250 --> 00:32:42.600

Scott Johnson: Thank you so much for the kids.

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00:32:43.500 --> 00:32:44.100

yeah.

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Rick Loh: You shouldn't be anonymous.

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garydellabate: delivered in singles if you want.

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Rick Loh: it'll have to be.

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garydellabate: All right, thanks on that Nancy you could take the next to which are vinnie park and pomerance.

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Nancy Chapin: Am I can you hear me.

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Nancy Chapin: Alright, so briefly on vinny just a couple things.

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Nancy Chapin: One pete Yuri organized a friends meeting just to kind of kick that off that was the goal to move the project from you know, the committee to a friends group and a lot of interested great people.

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Nancy Chapin: So we I think we're basically in that trying to follow the model that is the friends of the beach, because that seems to work well with the town.

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Nancy Chapin: And a lot of great people showed up and so we'll see where that goes.

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Nancy Chapin: The other thing to bring up is the plaque we're moving along and Joe Thank you, I think you looked at the language of the Bronze plaques that will.

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Nancy Chapin: be put hopefully on the skating huts and recognizing the history and some of the people in it and so that's something that hopefully will get accomplished.

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Nancy Chapin: I do hope, at some point we could have you know know that we're working through the pandemic a day, where we could celebrate this great project, it was such a great project.

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Nancy Chapin: between town staff, you know the support of the board, you know started with a whole management plan and it went textbook it was so great to be part of it, and you know I really can't take any credit for, because there were so many great people involved.

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Nancy Chapin: So hopefully there might be a day that something like that could happen.

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Nancy Chapin: then moving on to the pomeance I knew him took my properties, I feel I always we just start out with thinking staff we are so fortunate to have Greg Kramer and.

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Nancy Chapin: There and wigglesworth involved they're just so great and so knowledgeable and so some of the things that we've been working on our again trying to finalize the trails and trail mapping.

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Nancy Chapin: Again, always talk about Fred view the volunteer who has the tech ability to take data and put it into a map form and we're getting close on that So hopefully we'll have something that could.

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Nancy Chapin: go up on some of the chaos at the boy scouts have done so that people can enter the park and know where they're going.

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Nancy Chapin: You know Greg and Darren has been very helpful in getting so we have volunteers who are doing.

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Nancy Chapin: A removal of invasive plants and now we're trying to figure out once you, you know nature abhors a vacuum, so if you create.

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Nancy Chapin: A blank space, you need to fill it with something so Greg has some great native plants that we're going to try and get in there, and so that I hope someday we can all have a little hike through there and.

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Nancy Chapin: See how great that park is you know people are just people love it they enjoy it there's so much opportunity to do things they are so we will see.

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Nancy Chapin: And one of the things we've been talking about one of the things that we're working on is with Darren he has this youth group is coming up with ideas on where you can focus that energy and so we've all come up with some ideas there.

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Nancy Chapin: And that's it, you know some sad things you know we've got the beat flight that is happening, and you know we've raised it, and of course Greg knew all about it and.

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Nancy Chapin: You know Greg also referred us to a link that talked about how to deal with all the problems that are hitting our trees, you know we're losing our own are ashes, and so let's plant diversity so.

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Nancy Chapin: Again, just can't say how fortunate, we are to have knowledgeable peaking people working in our town and that kind of sums it up, I don't know whether anybody has any questions but we've got this great new trail through the meadow and a lot of things are happening in the meadow.

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Nancy Chapin: And I will end with anybody wants to have a walk with me like frank, did you know, please feel free to reach out, and I will.

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Nancy Chapin: Take you on a.

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Nancy Chapin: walk talking about the history of the park great yeah.

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garydellabate: I gotta tell you that you know because could just because I live on this particular side of town.

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garydellabate: i've actually spent more time at benny in the last couple of months than I ever have before and.

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garydellabate: I think my wife and I had breakfast there on a Sunday a couple weeks ago, first of all, the turtle population is out of control over it, the big ones are over here the little ones are over here.

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garydellabate: I mean, I remember, there was a time where you nothing could swim in that thing, so it really is nice and I see.

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garydellabate: I see a lot of people, honestly, a lot of people using it, I think I don't if I told you, but I was there a couple of months ago on a weekday and there was a guy there were two guys and then what guys playing guitar and one guy was playing like a stand up bass just for fun.

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garydellabate: Like playing to anyone, they were it was I watched him play.

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garydellabate: Like 10 songs and they're having a great time so that's in the.

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garydellabate: Little building that they're over by the bridge so it's a.

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Nancy Chapin: scanning hot yeah.

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Nancy Chapin: it's beanie is you know and there's still at the friends group we talked about you know there's the nature preserve that's a budding that part and.

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Nancy Chapin: that's someone reached out said, I wanted to get involved and help you know, restore that area, so it's just a that benny has something for everybody, and I was you know, on the pomerantz teflon pan even park as well.

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garydellabate: and Joe next year we're gonna get that big donation from a private donor and then we'll do skating in the winter.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah we'll have to figure out, you know all right, how do we get a cold again I don't know and with brackish water, you know challenges but yes, maybe.

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garydellabate: Thank you Nancy Thank you very much, before I go to public comment, I just want to take a moment to recognize a Kirk schubert who served two terms of the board.

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garydellabate: He has left us, but I just want to thank them for a service he's very helpful, especially with the civic Center.

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garydellabate: And he will be missed and there, that means there is an opening on the board so just putting it out there for everybody and now i'm just going to open my little screen here i'm going to open it up to public comments, so if anybody has a question that's one of our attendees.

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Scott Johnson: Gary let me, let me say something before that sure yeah so to fill crooks paths and frank volunteer and I think it'd be a great addition to these to my civic Center board.

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Scott Johnson: Because of his his his his lawn is Branson the sophisticated construction business, so now that we're jumping on the interiors that's the timings perfect.

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Scott Johnson: So thanks thanks for that the other thing is, we got a memo which we think we circulated that we're now allowed.

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Scott Johnson: To correct me if i'm wrong as of July, first to go to live meetings and start to think about that, I mean I personally would like to do that.

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Scott Johnson: You don't have to you know vote on it now, but think about it, because i'd like to go out and visit some of the parks see some of the stuff that nancy's done.

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Scott Johnson: You know, invite obviously the public.

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Scott Johnson: Because let's just get out the last thing is hob conservation Commission is coastal sustainability implementation plan, and I would like to have pat Cisco give us a presentation on that when when she can't because it's really interesting anybody who worked on the prior.

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Scott Johnson: master plan for crash point saw these consultants.

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Scott Johnson: Different consultants that are now working on this with with some wild things like artificial barrier reef's with oyster beds, to prevent erosion anyway, so this new.

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Scott Johnson: Plan, which was done by princeton hydro is is amazing, if you look at so they're going to give a presentation.

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Scott Johnson: Probably September, October.

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garydellabate: Great right.

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Scott Johnson: Not not princeton Hydra would probably patch test.

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garydellabate: Okay, so I see Nicole kind of has a hand up and we can bring the colon and she can ask her question.

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Nicole O'Connor: Either thanks everybody for your time i'm Nicole o'connor I live in Byron and I live on original inroad right a couple of blocks and walking distance to the park where the skating rink is located.

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Nicole O'Connor: And I just wanted to just add a few comments I haven't followed the committee closely i've seen what's in the press, which may or may not true, so I just wanted to address and the group today and say as a neighbor of that park the park is very much a park.

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Nicole O'Connor: And it happens to have a skating rink on it, and I would very much hope that it remains that way.

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Nicole O'Connor: And that it's a part, first in it has many amenities, of a skating rink of baseball field, the playground.

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Nicole O'Connor: Certainly, a memorial walking path and in the lots of amenities at that small little piece of open space where we're allowed to kind of have.

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Nicole O'Connor: And that section of town were in the middle school, most of the fields are still closed and blocked off, and that's not really open to the residents of this section of town.

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Nicole O'Connor: And you know the neighborhood that this is in is becoming increasingly congested as so many single family houses become multifamily houses, the amount of open space left is very little.

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Nicole O'Connor: As someone who travels on Western junior highway on a daily basis it's one of the few tree lined streets left in biram.

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Nicole O'Connor: Now they're kind of scrappy scraggly trees, but in in some ways, I think it actually fits the personality of our end of town.

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Nicole O'Connor: So, and I personally enjoy that little stretch of road very much so, the here, you know added roads lots of trenches and destruction of some of the larger piece that line that road.

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Nicole O'Connor: As scrappy as they are is is concerning I hope everyone would just consider and the folks that are enjoying that piece of land and daily and regular weekly basis and consider all the uses that that that area has.

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Nicole O'Connor: Thank you for your time.

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garydellabate: Thank you, Nicole, I appreciate your comments.

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Rick Loh: Thank you.

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garydellabate: Thank you very much i'm just checking to see if there's any other molly.

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garydellabate: All so baby.

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Mary Saleeby: Okay hi can you hear me.

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Mary Saleeby: OK OK, so I had a few comments, a couple questions and also a few updates, but really excited to hear about the gift.

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Mary Saleeby: For EG CC that's terrific and i'll ECHO Gary i've been spending more time at benny than I ever have in my life this past year and I grew up here and I it's just such a beautiful special park and and just driving down in there, the gateway to oh gee so really nice.

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Mary Saleeby: I think meeting before last, so perhaps in April.

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Mary Saleeby: We talked about just getting some quotes for brochures for advertising the Foundation, etc, and I know i'd let Gary and Sue know about.

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Mary Saleeby: inserts and tax bills, but, and I think it was you Scott, asking you know about budgets or whatever, but anyway for roughly \$2,000 under to pay.

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Mary Saleeby: And I got quotes from two different vendors, you know we can print 10 to 20,000 brochures and I did you know, a nice for color eight and a half by 11 trifled advertising the Foundation.

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Mary Saleeby: Working with putting an insert in tax bills, we would have to use the vendor that the town actually uses I think Gary and Sue also know, I had asked about.

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Mary Saleeby: Going into the next round of tax bills and if we could be the only insert and I had been told that in July, there would be a second insert which there actually wasn't in if you notice the new tax bill, the only thing there was just the green.

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Mary Saleeby: holly hill permit information, and that was it, so I wouldn't have felt like that was in any competition with the Foundation and would have been okay to have both things so I just wanted to update you guys on that.

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Mary Saleeby: And then i'm I joined the meeting about seven or eight minutes late, so you were talking about the sign policy, and so my question was was this to advertise the parks and REC foundation itself.

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garydellabate: Was that the discussion oh molly we were talking more about someone had raised a question when they go to other towns, they see signage on the football field, and why don't we have that and that was.

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garydellabate: Okay, but it was not about the Foundation.

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Mary Saleeby: Okay, understood and then.

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Mary Saleeby: Also, just regarding the Dorothy hamels skating rink and and this project.

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Mary Saleeby: I would caution, you know i've listened to every user committee I think everybody's aware of the debate that was had at the rtmp last month and was passed that every Board of education project that requires a municipal improvement will now be mandated to have a building committee.

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Mary Saleeby: I was only one of two two out of 11 speakers who spoke in favor of the funding for Dorothy hamill for the rest of the design, so that we'd be ready to go to construction.

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Mary Saleeby: But there is a lot of concern in the rpm about how the project is going the stakeholders and.

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Mary Saleeby: So I just want to, and I think it was Mike who might have mentioned about meeting with biram and some of the other groups.

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Mary Saleeby: But and and the rts has the power to make this happen or not, and if this some of these options.

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Mary Saleeby: That balloon the price quite a bit I mean everybody wants to have a new rank and there seems to be absolutely no appetite for even getting the getting slammed to do a to show a drawing of the rank in its current location roughly and costs associated with.

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Mary Saleeby: Against all the other options.

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Mary Saleeby: So, you know that that's the narrative at least, and so, if there are things to dispel, I just wanted to let you know that that's all.

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Mary Saleeby: Because nobody you know i'm fully in supportive of getting that done so, hopefully that'll all come together and I just wanted to let you know what some people, you know at least understanding or lack thereof might be and what we can do to set the record straight, if you will.

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Right.

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garydellabate: All right, thanks.

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Mary Saleeby: Thank you.

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Rick Loh: Thanks Mike.

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garydellabate: um so that's public comment any unfinished business.

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garydellabate: Then I will thank everyone adjourn I wonder, I don't know when our next meeting is Linda or when is our next meeting, because I know we're taking some time off for the summer so when when are we on next.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, can we talk about a meeting scheduled for the summer we usually have like a you know, an intermediate meeting between July and August, and then we go back into the September schedule so.

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Joe Siciliano: That might be something we want to consider and we might also want to consider scott's suggestion so it's it'll be after July.

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Joe Siciliano: 1 that we take it on the road somewhere and have a summer meeting outside the zoom confines or the office and and and and have one for the entire for the two months, and then we go back into our schedule in September.

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garydellabate: So when is our next meeting theoretically schedule, because I know I got the schedule for the whole year so lenore what is theoretically our next meeting.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: is scheduled for July 28.

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garydellabate: Is that something that works for people, or would we, and we would rather do July 28 and skip the August meeting come back in September or would you rather do an August meeting and come back in September.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: We actually don't have an August meeting.

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Okay, so.

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Sue Bodson: i'm not here, so I could do it via zoom but I can't do it in person.

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Sue Bodson: But don't don't go by me.

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Joe Siciliano: So why don't we keep the July 28 date because it is a you know it's close enough to the first week of August, so we would maybe have the meeting, and then we can go back into the September schedule, but seems like a reasonable plan.

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garydellabate: That sounds good, and we can decide where we want to do it, whether it be the pool or building park or any place like that I do love the idea of getting out to see these people.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah let's try one out on the road for.

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Joe Siciliano: stretch your legs.

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Mike Bocchino: hey Gary yeah i'm sorry I maybe I missed like new business or something, but can I just take two seconds to tell you tell everybody about that letter I sent to you.

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Mike Bocchino: And Scott, so I received a letter from the grandage cannons group that they're submitting to first selectman Fred Camillo about the desire to try to get.

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Mike Bocchino: Some batting cages put up at Julian curtis field and have Meyer baseball field, so that they can you know have it helped their program out.

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Mike Bocchino: I know we don't have really much say with the Julian curtis and because it's the board of ED property, but it was also there was an issue with the neighbor there but.

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Mike Bocchino: I, for one, you know i'm in favor of it, I mean a baseball guy, but I think they need, you know they need some help there with facility wise but that's something that's going to be coming up.

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Mike Bocchino: I know because they're going to be going in for the board of selectmen to try to request that.

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Mike Bocchino: yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: Before you don't you had him, I met with the cannons yesterday.

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Joe Siciliano: Oh it's resolved they're not gonna.

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Joe Siciliano: they're not going to be putting up their cage at Union curtis or have a martyr, but they are going to be putting up a cage at central middle school where they're going to be.

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Joe Siciliano: Where they're going to be doing, most of their practicing because with the high school out of condition for the summer to gainful take place that Julian curtis and.

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Joe Siciliano: Have and have a Meyer and a stressor and donald's going to shift the schedule around but they left the Office yesterday not.

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Joe Siciliano: With not the locations they wanted, but a location and also as a result of the high school being down somewhere, towards the end of July, the quarter, that is paid for a permanent batting cage that's going to be installed at central middle school.

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Mike Bocchino: Oh awesome.

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Mike Bocchino: There you go things are working.

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Joe Siciliano: I think there was a compromise okay.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay we're done.

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Mike Bocchino: Thanks yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you.

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Rick Loh: But they put the lights on the field, at the same time.

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Joe Siciliano: Yes, next test the next day.

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garydellabate: And, and I don't know unbelievable sound system.

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garydellabate: All right, I think that's everybody I think everybody got their say, so thank you all and see you next month, have a great fourth of July.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you Gary.

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Thanks guys thanks guys.

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Rick Loh: cheers.

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Frank Di vincenzo: Well, happy fourth of July.

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Rick Loh: to everybody.