



**Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting  
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Sue Bodson: yep.

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SRJ: Okay Nancy.

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we're good.

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SRJ: Okay, so this is the October 27 zoom meeting of the Board of parks and REC.

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SRJ: um first of all let's welcome Tracy Friedman, who most of you know, I think, anyway, so she's also our liaison from.

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SRJ: From our team parts of the committee so she knows a lot about what we do I think Nancy knows her.

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SRJ: Before I even got to know a lot of great recommendations so that's that's wonderful and I think.

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SRJ: One thing that Tracy said she wanted to do is maybe join Nancy on if you can hear us to join you with some of the.

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SRJ: pomerantz top and stuff you're working on.

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Nancy Chapin: Yes, I actually am so excited that Tracy is on the board, and I really am looking forward to working with her, I think.

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Nancy Chapin: I don't know how much you all talked about Tracy before I came on, but I think it's awesome to have fun with both our camp experience and lifelong resident and here so yay.

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Nancy Chapin: nice to see you, and everything.

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Tracy Freedman: And and yeah i'm really and also really, as you know, we spoke spoke, you know i'm love to do that because I love the passive parks and the open spaces, but also like you said, like you know interested in so many different areas so wherever i'm needed i'm happy to roll.

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Tracy Freedman: up my sleeves and and and.

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Tracy Freedman: get going here.

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SRJ: For the matters of worship, but just for the fun of it.

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SRJ: For my.

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SRJ: Reading we have.

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SRJ: almost everybody in the board right now is lifelong residence, I think, born out the credits how cool is that Mike, you are right.

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Sue Bodson: mm hmm.

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Rick Loh: I was born in Stanford hospital.

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SRJ: hi let's.

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Tracy Freedman: I wasn't born, I was born I moved here in fourth grade.

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SRJ: So, so do you guys remember the trivia contest we I know i'm getting distracted here the trivia question we asked opening up used to credit civic Center public hearing like you probably know this, I know rick well.

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SRJ: What was the first nationally famous band to play at the civic Center.

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Joe Siciliano: Come on.

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SRJ: Right you got it i've been Joe you know right.

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Rick Loh: yeah yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: Tell us wreck.

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SRJ: anyone else.

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Nancy Chapin: anyone else, no i'm asking Andy i'm putting a colon.

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SRJ: And Daddy.

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SRJ: Daddy ELISE 16 three.

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Joe Siciliano: Give us a hint Scott.

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SRJ: Well rick now you know right right.

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Rick Loh: I started with a young young.

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Rick Loh: Young rascal.

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yeah.

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Nancy Chapin: yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: dance thing there was.

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Joe Siciliano: Just dated yourself so.

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Nancy Chapin: 25.

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Tracy Freedman: We all quiet and shy graduates say.

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Nancy Chapin: class.

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SRJ: When I was there for one day.

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Tracy Freedman: Okay Sue and I were the same class right.

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Tracy Freedman: yeah at.

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SRJ: joe's my wife's class.

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Joe Siciliano: Yes.

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SRJ: that's a good thing we don't have a lot of business with a lot of attendees by so let's go.

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let's.

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SRJ: let's do let's approve the last minutes which were on.

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SRJ: Sep tember 30,000 also zoom me says transcript so Does anyone want to move to approve those.

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Mike Bocchino: yeah make a motion to accept the Minutes.

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SRJ: So i'm like is that you may want a second.

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Nancy Chapin: i'll second.

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SRJ: Okay favorite just raise your hand.

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SRJ: Anybody opposed.

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SRJ: Okay, so um show you want to start off with your your stuff.

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Joe Siciliano: Yes, absolutely good evening everyone and Tracy it's glad to have you on board, and we know I know we've talked at the rtmp committee meetings.

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Joe Siciliano: And if you'd like to come by the Department anytime for a little overview, please call and we'll get together.

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Tracy Freedman: All right, thank you.

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Joe Siciliano: So just a couple things going on in the apartment.

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Joe Siciliano: So, as some may know that Joe felder golf pro at the golf course it's been there for 32 years is retiring at the end of the month shooting at the end of December.

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Joe Siciliano: And we have selected a new golf pro by putting out an rfp that would be Patrick massey he was the first assistant, that the griff under Joe for 14 years.

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Joe Siciliano: We made that selection pat did a great presentation.

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Joe Siciliano: We had a.

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Joe Siciliano: couple people myself Fred Camilla went to members of the men's and women's club kind of interviewed him after he submitted his proposal.

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Joe Siciliano: And we think Patrick will be a fine addition to the golf course taking it into the future, last week, we have a little get together for Joe felder Thank you Mike the chino and the copper North group.

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Joe Siciliano: That went really well and Nice turnout for Joe and Joe is now he's had we had a send off so Joe is on his way.

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Joe Siciliano: To his next step in life, which will be retiring in some teaching here so that's that's good news couple other things on we.

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Joe Siciliano: At the last meeting we talked about the the site plan for at the rink and more like park and veterans memorial trees.

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Joe Siciliano: That was supposed to go in front of the board of selectmen we've temporarily put that on hold we've met with some of the.

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Joe Siciliano: Interested parties Alan minelli has put together a ask the engineer to put together a different map not much different than what we saw.

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Joe Siciliano: But just trying to address some other issues about distance from the trees, the parking lot come close to the parking lot and a couple other things.

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Joe Siciliano: And we'll get that back soon as Alan get set back from the engineering company will get that back up and running and get it pushed through to the board of selectmen.

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Joe Siciliano: Ultimately, it is a board of selectmen decision on what they want to do here, but we want to put up a proposal that everyone can support and get it done.

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Joe Siciliano: As you know, in 19 1989 was declared more lot of Park, but there was never any formal documents filed with the board of selectmen.

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Joe Siciliano: So what we're trying to do is this clean up that 1989 dedication of the naming of more lock park and so we're trying to get the right paperwork at the right.

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Joe Siciliano: Side plan, etc, and so it'll it may take another couple weeks, but we'll get it done and we'll take it to the board of selectmen and there'll be prepared to kind of address it and vote on it and make it official.

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Joe Siciliano: A couple of things on you know, thanks to lenore blaze and a bunch of other folks that submit things if you if you're on the town of grants site.

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Joe Siciliano: We get a lot we do a lot of posting on social media and and that that's been great for us it just you know a little sets that up every week with Jenny Larkin.

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Joe Siciliano: And, of course, they go out, you know, during the week on weekends little reminders little ticklers to get people interested in certain programs.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we did some things on employee, we did some features on employees, we did a feature on Joe felder you know all that kind of stuff so it just keeps us in the in the in the in the thought process of people that get our.

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Joe Siciliano: To get those posts get the post on social media well good, I mean the response has been good.

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Joe Siciliano: People have been signing up for a lot of our programs and getting a lot of the information so obviously it's having some positive effect on on how we deal with customers.

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Joe Siciliano: couple other things and I live, please talk a little bit.

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Joe Siciliano: I had the fortunate unfortunate pleasure of attending all of those meetings for the RCM last week on the money approval for the gift for the Eastern grant and civic Center.

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Joe Siciliano: Good news, the money that our team did approve the money the \$5 million, and we have a signed agreement by the donor and.

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Joe Siciliano: The trade was supposed to we're supposed to sign that agreement either yesterday or today.

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Joe Siciliano: And so we have you know they would that's one other third of the requirements that we have by the BT to get the money released for the project, so the last.

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Joe Siciliano: Item that we have to accomplish is that with the builds the bids have to go out on the eastern grant and civic Center.

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Joe Siciliano: And we have to receive the pricing from contractors and then we have to meet with the BT and hopefully that pricing will come in, you know within the budget allotment.

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Joe Siciliano: So that we can move forward in in January, so that's kind of what we're hoping for, I talked with Alan a little bit today.

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Joe Siciliano: he's cleaning up some of the drawings and that should go out very shortly, our hope is that, by.

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Joe Siciliano: At the latest the beginning of next week that the drawings and the technical specifications will be out on the street so contractors can then pick them up and prepare their proposal.

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Joe Siciliano: I would almost guarantee it's going to be a 30 day return, because it is quite detailed and so we'll be waiting and when we see that round around the first of December or so so that's that's kind of what's going on with the East and civic Center.

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Joe Siciliano: You know rick rick maybe hopefully will cover the ring.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know we're looking right now turn it over to blaze he's going to just give you some kind of discussion about the administrative.

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Joe Siciliano: Things that we're going through right now we're doing a lot of planning budgeting capital, you know prioritization etc so brazen want to take the take the 30 seconds or so and cover that.

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Blaize Levitan: yeah sure hi everybody it's a budget time of year for the department, working with the first selectman his office so we've done.

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Blaize Levitan: we're working on our annual financial report that gets submitted to the finance department and treasury we've got our operations plan which outlines the goals and stuff are you know related to the budget for the next year.

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Blaize Levitan: that's with all fs and then we also submitted and worked on our first round of capital with the first selectman his office so that's well underway and we're also putting together.

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Blaize Levitan: And I think sewers celebrate in.

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Blaize Levitan: it's a.

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Blaize Levitan: um and so just a the 23 budget process is all well underway and and everything will be in with the first selectman his office by the end of November, all those reports and budgets have to be done so.

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Blaize Levitan: that's it.

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Joe Siciliano: Thanks place and and the last thing I have is that you know we were working on all these reports and getting all this organized.

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Joe Siciliano: Is that you know I need to thank Brian and Greg and Sue and blaze of folks that really put out all this information put in all this information.

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Joe Siciliano: So that we can generate these reports, I know it's a it's a difficult time of the year, but it all comes at once there's about four or five major things that come at one time.

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Joe Siciliano: And you know we have between now and, like thanksgiving to get it all done and get it submitted so we're working hard and then Thank you everybody for your effort so that's why we have Scott.

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SRJ: And let me Let me follow up or two questions that i've been getting sure um well how southern me to pursue exam in a second because the most common question which you can you can hit on is so since we've approved the gifts.

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SRJ: Where does that money go, I mean you and I've talked about this, in other words, as long as seven or \$89 budget miracle, you know miracles miracles become we hope boy, we can put in \$5 million worth of more new stuff so it's just explained you've been through that several times.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay, so what happens is is that the town is appropriate \$18.6 million for this project.

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Joe Siciliano: To give them \$5 million is more or less than, and this is probably bad terminology a reimbursement against that \$18.6 million so it's not an addition to it is.

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Joe Siciliano: The money as it comes in, in four different allotments over a period of years will be displaced back into the general fund appropriation as a reimbursement against the 18.6.

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Joe Siciliano: And this is similar to what we did at the pool it's similar to what we did at the Western getting civic Center those the you know where the town has to appropriate the full amount.

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Joe Siciliano: In order to go into contract, this is state statute that says that we have to have all the money in a town account, so we did that and now we're that the mighty money that we collect for gifts will be just put back into the general fund as a reimbursement against the project.

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Joe Siciliano: just go a little further with that a couple of questions that were, I feel that I had to feel like the Committee meeting levels last week at the rpm.

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Joe Siciliano: Is that will we continue to try to raise some money for the Easter grant and civic Center and I said, of course, we had a we had a plan.

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Joe Siciliano: And that that you know, even though this is a naming donor, there may be other opportunities, like the gym the Community room, you know the.

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Joe Siciliano: You know the entrance way we outline four or five major things that a couple small things to you know somebody came to us with a scoreboard or.

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Joe Siciliano: Some other type of opportunity we would look at all of them seriously and we have that perspective out there, so that.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, maybe we can attract some other people, so it hasn't ended with the current gift but it's maybe just the beginning.

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Joe Siciliano: Because my experience doing some fundraising is that once there's kind of an anchor gift others might want to give now so we'll try to use that as a as a you know.

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Joe Siciliano: A step to get to the other donors, if we can and no donations too small, and you know but we'll listen all kinds of proposals, so we need to kind of work that a little bit.

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Joe Siciliano: into into the next phase of the approval process of the project so that we can see if we can attract some other donors, that was a question I had to answer the last the last week so.

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SRJ: let's just click on.

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SRJ: It specifically allowed under the agreement to.

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SRJ: Yes, um The other thing i'll just read the question has come up a fair amount it's just an informational thing.

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SRJ: Basically, what does.

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SRJ: What does the staff do during the winter so Take, for example, I know brian's explain this to me in the past, if that means that are extremely active than the readers become less active.

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SRJ: Are people laid off, is there, work that the Marina guys could do the Doc masters i'm just it was a question I had asked, I thought was a good question.

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Joe Siciliano: yeah well I'll mean since you know in divisions, like the Marine division which seems to be primarily a summer up you know activity.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean that's when the Doc masters of our maintenance people you know we're working on rebuilding docs and floats and maintaining the marinas.

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Joe Siciliano: We break the ice in the wintertime you know we prepare other.

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Joe Siciliano: Facilities we do all our prep work for most of our facilities so that we can open up in the spring, so this gives us a window of maybe you know, five months or so where.

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Joe Siciliano: You know we're we're we're doing all this, and this is with full time people, I mean the Marine division has like 23 or 24 full timers Brian itself concentrates on all of the capital projects that we have to execute you know Craig and Amy Hansen also also do you know planning, you know.

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Joe Siciliano: renewals like a voting voting slips you know Craig's working with our crew with the maintenance crew directing them.

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Joe Siciliano: The word, we have a complete work order system that that people submit work orders, whether they're from sometimes we do work cross over to parks, sometimes we do cross over work into recreation.

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Joe Siciliano: And so Craig's managing the work order system with our work crew.

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Joe Siciliano: it's really not a lot of people we don't have that many people to you know to, and we have all you know we have for marinas for beaches.

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Joe Siciliano: And then we have some we cross over into recreation, a little bit and it's parks so that's what the crews doing, we also try to.

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Joe Siciliano: impress upon our people not to take their vacation during the high season, which is the spring summer and fall.

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Joe Siciliano: And we try to coerce them to take, most of the vacation in the offseason so that you know some of our people have been with us for a while they get four weeks vacation.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean I can't have like a an employee a Doc master take four weeks off in the middle of summer so we try to get them to do other things scheduling wise so that during the downtime.

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Joe Siciliano: or during the offseason time they can take some more vacation than be allowed during the summer months because they need to be on station So those are the kind of things we have to manage.

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SRJ: last question on that was in which are any damage from our car summer fall storms.

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Joe Siciliano: Nothing.

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Joe Siciliano: Nothing really I mean the biggest damage that we suffered from the storm that we had an August was the.

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Joe Siciliano: Other than a lot of cleanup I mean we had a lot of when a mess everywhere, you know high tides, you know flooding all that kind of stuff.

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Joe Siciliano: So we had a lot of cleanup to do and the probably the most significant damage was to the pen berwick ball field as a result of that flooding that took place in February.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we had a private contractor to come in and TIM in a private contractor came up with an estimate of about \$39,000 to repair that field.

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Joe Siciliano: And we are currently doing it in a different way we're using some contractual services and some of our own services in order to kind of drive the price down somewhat.

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Joe Siciliano: And to get the work done so that, in the spring, the field will be ready for play we play about 400 hours of scheduled time on the field and.

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Joe Siciliano: so that you know it starts as early as April with because it is one of the only, or is the only 5070 foot diamond that we have in town in town.

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Joe Siciliano: So, but that was the most significant damage, there was a lot of cleanup all over the place, I mean we missed some tree calls that we did we kind of we did all those.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we had you know in our some of our parks, we had some we had some other issues we had some flooding, we you know, we had to do some kind of a lot of.

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Joe Siciliano: Higher maintenance that we normally have to do, but nothing, no real, significant damage we had some you know things that the golf course and traps got flooded and a tree down, etc, but we managed to.

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Joe Siciliano: The rain was a lot and the wind was minimal, which was good, because with that kind of rain and the leaf leaf tree all trees, all the trees were left out, I mean we could have had some significant issues if he had been big win, so we were fortunate.

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SRJ: And so, so why did you the Foundation before you do that.

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SRJ: shout out to you because, according to what I got you raise over \$11,000 just in sort of the.

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SRJ: The fundraising efforts, you did which you're closer to for deflect expenses that we have, which are basically insurance and accounting fees.

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SRJ: So that helps a lot, because otherwise we have to charge these to the people who, who have accounts went to every mom so one wants to take it from there, so the details on that.

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Sue Bodson: Sure, so last week we had another in store event we partner with Jay mclaughlin they were celebrating their 20 year anniversary here in Greenwich.

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Sue Bodson: And reached out to me looking for a nonprofit partner and I thought of the Foundation, I thought it was a perfect way to celebrate them and get the word out on us and I don't know if was the gators on the zoom but thank you to her.

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Sue Bodson: And who ran a great piece about what's going on in the town of Greenwich perks and rock and.

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Sue Bodson: The usage, that is occurring, and someone posted well it's the parks in the beaches are getting more used because more people are here, people have moved here, which is true people have moved here, but people really want to get outside and.

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Sue Bodson: The passive recreation like we've talked with Nancy about is is hugely holy important, so we raised almost \$3,000 with Jay mclaughlin last week, which is, which was wonderful and.

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Sue Bodson: What lenore and I and entries, if you want to help because I would love your help on this to what we are now going to embark upon is really on setting up this new website and lenore has been feeding me some beautiful pictures.

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Sue Bodson: To show and I spoke to Joe today about some of the the projects that have been supported by the Foundation, that we can highlight on the website definitely scholarships as.

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Sue Bodson: Being is very important.

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Sue Bodson: And we fund a variety of those throughout the year, and I have submitted the paperwork to PayPal to switch that over from Nancy kaplan to me that, so that is in the in the process.

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Sue Bodson: And I think that's that's really about it that's going on with the Foundation.

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SRJ: Right.

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SRJ: um Let me touch on a little bit of stuff that i'm doing with children cover.

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SRJ: um.

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SRJ: On eastern part of civic Center.

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SRJ: Here we are not going to be considered an emergency shelter.

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SRJ: Because we don't qualify but, in the last set of plans they did beef up the facility to make earthquake proof, which is something.

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SRJ: That you have to have to be an emergency shelter.

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SRJ: We made a decision, a long time ago, not to have showers, which is something you would be required to have and that's extremely common and there's channeling no showers in facilities with.

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SRJ: With youth athletics.

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SRJ: a Northerner came up is.

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SRJ: There are a number of contingencies and alternates in the designs first we have 150 pages plans acquitted out and what is solar so solar on the building will be designed to accommodate solar, so the roof has standing seen.

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SRJ: As components, where you can just clip on solar panels to challenge with solar, which is something we all want to do is.

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SRJ: The credits and the advantages and the state policy right now is in FLEX and then how you do it, whether you buy the panels, or you rent on.

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SRJ: calm, is something that we don't know the answer to harm, we could add as many right now we get as many as 1200 panels up there, we could actually according to our generate 50% more in power than we consume.

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SRJ: what's interesting about that is right now apparently the State legislation doesn't allow you to get by that credit for that extra power, he can only go for what you consume.

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SRJ: So this is something that's kind of been developed over time and we don't know the answer to it but it's all alternate and it's also something that, as we get there, the plan is maybe two years from now.

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SRJ: we'll have to go back to the tea, but it's something that we want to do, and something we should do as part of our new conservation initiatives.

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SRJ: But it's it's made it's basically a major solar power plant 1200 pounds that's huge because of the size of the room so that's that's in the future um another thing for.

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SRJ: University shelter is a generator and that's probably an alternate to because that's something that is not overly expensive but that might be a big budget thing when we get to it.

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SRJ: So the money right now is at 18.6 in the bids go out and then come back if we're over that amount on having nothing to do with the gifts.

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SRJ: We have go back to the ETA get that approved.

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SRJ: For those who don't know.

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SRJ: I wrote a memo to the RCM that basically said during their to date on this thing particularly Committee, the legislation or Rules Committee.

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SRJ: That that high personally recommended a special committee be set up in the future to develop a better gift policy on in one of our focuses on small gifts, because we have a lot of small gifts, as you know, we have on park benches.

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00:26:13.650 --> 00:26:14.910

SRJ: Will you know we have.

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SRJ: To our \$50 gift that we disperse all the time nobody thinks that that's something, including DDT and our team Members if that's something we should go to.

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SRJ: Get approved every time I do it so blaze you can update me right now last time we spoke, we were going to try to do the appropriations resolution, like major concerns like country conservancy does does that make sense.

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Blaize Levitan: Yes, that that's what we were going to try to do as a budget resolution with the 23 budget.

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SRJ: Okay, because that could help legitimize what we're doing um you know we'll we'll see what happens later on that, but the good news is it wasn't approved so it's not going to be hopefully dealt with right now in any detail so um.

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SRJ: I guess you wanted to let's use subcommittees like.

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SRJ: rick do you have anything on on on to rank.

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Rick Loh: Briefly, we had our last drink committee meeting on October 13.

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Rick Loh: It was held at the rink.

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Rick Loh: So people got to see firsthand the current state of affairs.

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Rick Loh: We had a healthy exchange and discussion with members of the Community, there were a number of people that came out.

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Rick Loh: quite a bit of discussion about the tree grow.

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Rick Loh: exactly where the boundary is going to be.

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Rick Loh: So as joelle line getting this.

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Rick Loh: Getting this taken care of so we can go on to the next step is a is a is a big hurdle that we face right now.

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Rick Loh: Really, I.

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Rick Loh: can't think of adding too much Mike anything to.

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Mike Bocchino: know that was.

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Mike Bocchino: That was pretty much it, I mean to joe's point the Community was concerned with I think they refer to the drip line and some of the boundary so I know they're going to review those.

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Mike Bocchino: details which is very helpful.

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Mike Bocchino: To help this move forward, and you know the unfortunate thing is it's now become somewhat political, as you know, we are, we are in an election and and it's become one of the things at the forefront so i've seen in the past where when items become political.

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Mike Bocchino: They stall and i'm afraid that we're we're at that point, right now, but I think we're as a committee, doing everything in our power to to keep this moving forward.

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Mike Bocchino: for the betterment of the entire town, not just one or two individual groups that are out there, whether their user groups or their community groups, so if you know we keep pressing on and doing the best we can.

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SRJ: On the architects and engineers.

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SRJ: Are they working right now they're kind of on hold.

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Rick Loh: They, I think, for the most part, right now, they're on hold because they need to know exactly where it's going on the site before they can really make a lot of progress.

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Rick Loh: there's a lot of you know background details.

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Rick Loh: That are still being discussed locker rooms that type of thing, but the most important the.

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Rick Loh: element which is where the rank is actually going to sit has not been decided yet.

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Rick Loh: or forestall that that one.

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Okay.

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SRJ: So Nancy want to do.

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SRJ: Open I guess there's not much on the left, but top of the moment.

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Nancy Chapin: So well actually i'll just update briefly on vinny.

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Nancy Chapin: So pete Uri and his team of volunteers, they organized a volunteer day and planted more adaptable so always again every spring, everyone can look at the work of that team he's.

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Nancy Chapin: Getting a group together they're trying to figure out what just what their friends group might look like that they.

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Nancy Chapin: are working with getting permits anytime they do any work and they have ideas to next maybe do a little work in the beauty kitchell nature preserve.

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Nancy Chapin: You know, working on those trails and again always have to do my little you know recognition of town staff, Dr Greg kramer's on and Darren and Joe for some who who do who support the volunteers.

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Nancy Chapin: So I think just to update on pi needham tuchman in pomerance I think at our last meeting I talked about how the seat and damn in the pan, pomerantz property was compromised by IDA.

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Nancy Chapin: So the engineers did take a look at the dam and basically stated that the dam did what it was supposed to do.

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Nancy Chapin: And, but unfortunately, a lot of material was lost downstream washed way, so now parks and REC will be looking at how to replant and restabilize the the downstream portion.

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Nancy Chapin: there's a group that's getting together to meet on Thursday and they're going to come up and.

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Nancy Chapin: greg's been working hard to get plant material and identify the best plan so they'll be working on that on Thursday, so at our next panel will update on that.

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Nancy Chapin: We have a tentative volunteer day for November six there may be some conflicts with other things going on, so we're just trying to sort that out.

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Nancy Chapin: But again it's you know both of these parks are beloved and used and, as you said, people are looking to get out and.

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Nancy Chapin: About but I.

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Nancy Chapin: Think it's really great that the parks and REC department is supporting these projects.

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Nancy Chapin: I think if there's anything else that I wanted to mention on that Oh yes, so Sarah from the conservation Commission is exploring the possibility of a fish ladder not them so they'll be doing a stream walk I think now next week, just to see and.

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Nancy Chapin: What that might look like and how that might work, and this would not be people say oh fish lighter like the one.

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Nancy Chapin: On the minus liver, it would be significantly different than that so they're just looking at the feasibility of that and whether that makes sense.

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Nancy Chapin: She also noted she did take a look and saw that sedimentation what also happened and filled in quite a bit above the apple street park.

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Nancy Chapin: With up sorry.

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Nancy Chapin: So right before if you all know, there's a huge covert there that goes under those shield bear and there was quite a lot of sedimentation there and they'll be I think conservation and ones may be looking at that as well.

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Nancy Chapin: So any other questions I think i'll just also just recognize, since I see Greg on this that.

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Nancy Chapin: We have a great ambassador for parks and REC Greg was at the grocery conservancy held an event at Sam bridge.

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Nancy Chapin: And Greg was a speaker there and did an excellent job, and I think we're fortunate to have his knowledge base, and I think he's he is a great ambassador for perks REP so any questions out there and.

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SRJ: If I have a question was or damage to benny was see the flooding.

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00:34:16.320 --> 00:34:30.390

Nancy Chapin: Not that i'm aware of, and maybe Greg can but I, you know these last two storms and and I think I said on my last meeting that you know they they chose wisely plant material that could withstand these storms and.

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Nancy Chapin: You know kudos again to the to the team that really took care of that and got them planted and they seem to be with holding.

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Nancy Chapin: Holding and you know they there was If you recall, there were one they had the tree hearing on the roof baymon who held that tree hearing when they had to take down a lot of the.

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Nancy Chapin: flowering trees, the crab apples and so now the plant back plan was with trees that were fault, tolerant and could withstand that and it's clearly working.

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Joe Siciliano: he's got it had when you get i'll want to talk about something else when you're when you're ready.

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SRJ: Just just one thing to you relatively new covert system up to the north end.

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SRJ: Has that shown any benefit with the stores, I mean I know it's collecting debris.

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Nancy Chapin: Right or you're talking about the what they call the covert that supposed to be, and actually it's interesting I had reached out to dp w and they were supposed to get back with.

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00:35:38.790 --> 00:35:52.650

Nancy Chapin: You know what their maintenance plan was for the cope with a cold a covert damn i'm sorry i'm showing my age here that it's supposed to be it's a collection for sedimentation it's on the oh, what do I say.

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Nancy Chapin: The the southern know northern towards towards parag library.

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Nancy Chapin: library good to go.

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Nancy Chapin: Thank you, oh dear.

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Nancy Chapin: And it's supposed to be periodically, you know remove the sedimentation so they have a maintenance plan, I had asked for that.

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Nancy Chapin: i'm going to just make a note that I should follow up with that and I have to say, also Jim michaels was great when he came and spoke to our little group about the pomerance damn so.

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Nancy Chapin: debbie debbie has been very responsive, so I think if I just send a quick email to them and say what is the status of that because it was designed so that they could remove sedimentation on maintenance plan.

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SRJ: Just Out of curiosity, what are the fish that would migrate into pomerance your.

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Nancy Chapin: ear well, apparently, and it was interesting what I was learning Sarah and I wish was on because she could really talk to this.

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Nancy Chapin: Yes, eels but also she was talking about, you know there's this huge culvert under the ball fields and that their actual fish that lay eggs there.

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Nancy Chapin: And so there and I I should do my homework but fish will go on the high seasons go upstream later eggs eggs will be you know, and then the fish would.

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Nancy Chapin: seasonally so, because if you look at the stream sometimes you think oh my gosh how do they even go up and forth up and back because it gets pretty low there.

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Nancy Chapin: But apparently it's cyclical and so depending on the season and maybe Greg can jump in because i'm clearly not as educated, as I should be on fish and the fish ladder.

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Nancy Chapin: Sarah Sarah from the conservation Commission as well versed and we could we could I could get more information from the next meeting.

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gkramer: yeah Nancy I don't know this specific species.

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gkramer: But but yeah some will travel upstream and lower stream, depending on the time of year and the water temperature but i'm not sure what exact species would be doing that.

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SRJ: Well i'm sure it occurs in me but i'm really curious about tuchman.

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Nancy Chapin: In that in that pond right.

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00:38:10.710 --> 00:38:21.810

Nancy Chapin: yeah well I you know it's interesting because you know right near us as the living below the pineal and pond there's a stream right it continues and continues.

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Nancy Chapin: And in the pools there I have actually seen fish and I keep thinking, how did they survive, so it occurs, and I, as my to do for our next meeting i'm going to come back or at least i'll send out an email on what is going to survive in these streams and these plans upstream.

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00:38:44.850 --> 00:38:46.740

SRJ: Thanks so um.

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SRJ: let's see we don't seem to have too many casts um is there anybody any guests any questions.

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SRJ: Anybody have any new business things.

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Joe Siciliano: just got I just want to finish up a little comments we were talking about you know all these friends groups.

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Joe Siciliano: Between intercept September and October the friends of barn park is just kind of a spin off of the.

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Joe Siciliano: The the pool group and the help with Sue and debbie last except the soul group up did a couple of projects over barn park and rosenwald property.

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Joe Siciliano: It was kind of Nice, they did some Saturday gatherings and some maintenance of the pollinator garden and some other things and well welcomes.

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Joe Siciliano: They had a pretty good pretty good pretty good turnout and and things are getting done so we can support these types of programs and the gathering of some Community folks.

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Joe Siciliano: they're just trying to get organized and myrna has been the lead here and.

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Joe Siciliano: she's done a great job and getting a couple of these little things done in this fall, so we look forward to working with them again in the spring, for the you know the barn park.

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Joe Siciliano: pool cleanup and then other things that we might want to do throughout the season, so thank you to that to the barn friends of barn.

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SRJ: Oh Sue is going to educate us on marine biology right now can.

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SRJ: wonder, can you click on Susan because she has her hand raised.

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sue baker: Am I unmuted.

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00:40:21.870 --> 00:40:22.740  
SRJ: you're unmuted.

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00:40:23.310 --> 00:40:31.920  
sue baker: Great Thank you couple of quick things before I forget, many thanks to Joe and the whole staff at todd's point great point park.

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00:40:32.280 --> 00:40:45.990  
sue baker: for doing that fabulous job this summer of phil and regraded and replanting the bluff it was absolutely gorgeous by the end of the summer, for the beach ball so thanks for that I was asked to thank you.

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00:40:46.410 --> 00:40:56.580  
sue baker: On the kind of fish that are getting into that pond in in pomerance are the anathemas fish that are coming up through brothers brook that's the main way that they're getting their.

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00:40:56.970 --> 00:41:02.940  
sue baker: Their some of them could be the same at that come up the fish lighter but the fish letter comes up from my anus.

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sue baker: From costco harbor through the minus river and they're blue black and brown trout and Al wives mostly and those see or napkins fish the khattab must fish.

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00:41:15.150 --> 00:41:25.050  
sue baker: Are the are the emails that you were talking about that go the opposite direction, so they all like to move and and fishermen like them all.

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00:41:26.250 --> 00:41:37.020  
sue baker: Even in the cold, the winner there the ice fishermen that and I was just gonna say one funny thing when you were talking about the game, when it was the admin Center and we had an early bands.

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sue baker: We also had sponsored by the old grass riverside Community Center those Friday night dances remember God yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: Did you forget those.

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00:41:48.960 --> 00:41:50.580  
sue baker: How could you forget those.

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sue baker: In 1970 or 71 I think I was President of oh gee rcc and I remember having to be there.

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sue baker: As a chaperone all those nights and you know me making my babysitter's in my students get up off the floor and quit making out oh my God, because we always had the features pushed all the way back glory years for you guys that grew up here.

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Joe Siciliano: there's also the Friday night fight.

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sue baker: yeah.

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sue baker: And, and then be and then, at the same time, we had the circus in the parking lot who can forget that, I mean what if you grew up here all the the library fundraiser was the circus in the parking lot when it was still excellent Center and.

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00:42:40.680 --> 00:42:41.130

sue baker: we're still.

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Joe Siciliano: we're still blaming you sue for the circus on the field, because I have photographs in my office.

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Joe Siciliano: I have all of that equipment sinking into the field, after a big rainstorm and the elephants pulling it out.

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sue baker: What.

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sue baker: about what happened on the field stayed on the field.

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Joe Siciliano: For sure right.

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sue baker: Okay, so thanks thanks for a good meeting everybody thanks like I just really wanted to be sure that you knew how much.

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sue baker: appreciated the staff was at the point for that if if you haven't looked at the bluff go it's gorgeous is used to be all rocky and bumpy and if you wanted to jog there.

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sue baker: You know you'd fall in the hole and now it's been regraded filled and replanted it's gorgeous so thanks again Joe for making that happen.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you sparks department okay.

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SRJ: One thing for the boys has a sportsman's dad good Sarah coordinate.

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SRJ: Getting some of the debris out of spark bridge area.

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sue baker: Trying trying.

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SRJ: So they so they acknowledge that that's something they're going to try to do.

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sue baker: yeah it needs constant vigilance, it really does it really does Joe knows.

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Joe Siciliano: They go by there frequently and they did clean it up after you know they received some complaints and then, but some somebody has to stay on them on a regular basis, they kind of get get lazy about it and then somebody prod some a little bit they do it again and.

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Joe Siciliano: Hopefully that will move move forward pretty quickly when get bringing it out of there.

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Right.

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SRJ: So anybody with new business.

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SRJ: One one thing is anybody that wants to go into new ventures, or to be on a committee that they're not on just just give me a call, we can talk about it.

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SRJ: Tracy talked about a couple of things we can do it offline or online whatever you want, but it's kind of a bit of a transition thing we're going to have a new personnel want to replace on Gary and probably fairly soon so we'll have at least three new people needing.

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SRJ: Tracy the other new person and Angela so can anybody need directional ideas or one of your new committees that kind of stuff just just give me a call.

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Tracy Freedman: Alright, that sounds um, can I ask that sounds good for that I definitely well since i'm new here um but can I can I ask, Joe a quick question or anyone.

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Tracy Freedman: With her involved with the with the fields um what's going on with any of the the field study in terms of the progress to making plans.

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Tracy Freedman: On that yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: Well i'll give some perspective and blaze can also give them because we've been working this those together.

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Joe Siciliano: We had throughout since the since the plan came out we've been meeting with the consultant Ryan schumer whiskey.

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Joe Siciliano: from Western and Sam said to kind of repeat revising to retune the plan so that we can go into this capital budget with.

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Joe Siciliano: Some short and long term type of plans on what we see as the next steps for the town and also for the board of education so we're working that right now refining it, but we have met we've talked about a couple of fields.

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Joe Siciliano: And some of them are smaller capital projects and some are larger that would give us the best bang for the money that we want to invest.

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Joe Siciliano: And so what we're trying to do is we're trying to tie that to the hours of play that we could achieve if we invest this money into some of these fields.

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Joe Siciliano: We also and thanks to blaze who is great at doing this he's put together, like a split capital plan for fields, one that addresses the park fields.

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Joe Siciliano: And one of those addresses the board of ED fields, so that we can also present to the board of education and ask them to set some priority on these fields that.

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Joe Siciliano: The Board of education has in their inventory, because what has to happen is that they have to budget for their own capital improvements.

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Joe Siciliano: So, even though we'll be there to help them along the way support the capital request and also support the design and implementation of any any improvements that get.

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Joe Siciliano: done, they have to they have to ask for that and prioritize that in their own budget, so we're working this right now so we're going into this next budget cycle, with a proposal and we had we we also have some housekeeping to do.

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Joe Siciliano: The Board of estimate is decided that on our last appropriation to kind of address some more field issues.

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Joe Siciliano: That we have a subject to release and the subject to release will be is that we have to go to the board of estimate and present the plan and we also have to go to the board of estimate and.

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Joe Siciliano: Please what's The second thing Jason drawn a blank is, we have to present the plan and the plan as it wasn't its entirety and also develop a capital plan going forward to.

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Joe Siciliano: To address some of the the the issues that were outlined in the in the master plan so we're working on that and.

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Joe Siciliano: we've been asked to go to the board of estimate and taxation prior to January with our report and so that'll be coming up as soon as we get it to the point where.

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Joe Siciliano: We get everybody consensus that everybody in agreements, we did plays and I did meet last week has been brand new the.

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Joe Siciliano: Town administrator to start to talk about our capital plan, and this was part of the discussion.

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Joe Siciliano: And so we wanted to have some consensus on what we might want to move forward with over the next few years and then looking out over.

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Joe Siciliano: To the larger picture the next 10 years or so, and then so that we're we're trying to we still adjusting a little bit, so we have our staff now reviewing the.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, we had input from everybody we put it together we revise it after the meeting with Ben now we're having the staff kind of review it one more time to see if we're all.

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Joe Siciliano: On the same page, but we are going to put some dollars in for next July 1 2022 to do some maintenance improvements and drainage improvements.

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Joe Siciliano: To some of the fields right now that have difficulty draining and hopefully that will give us.

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Joe Siciliano: Some additional playtime and then we're looking at some major some other major capital expenditures that could buy us multiple hours of of a.

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Joe Siciliano: play on some of the location, so now the port report was good, when he gave us a lot of information.

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Joe Siciliano: And it made all of us think differently about how we do things and what we might want to be asking for, but basically it quantified some of the.

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Joe Siciliano: Some of the deficiencies that we have that we kind of knew we had and also some of the ways to address those deficiencies, by looking at some of these capital plans.

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Joe Siciliano: That, if we do certain things to certain fields we may be able to achieve some goals of having you know, increasing the number of hours of play by thousands of hours, not just you know small amounts, but really incremental increases that could help.

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Joe Siciliano: Help us go into the future here a little bit so that's what we're up against and it'll be out shortly, and when we you know either we can.

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Joe Siciliano: make a short presentation to the board in the future, when we get it done or we would invite you to come in listening with the BT.

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Joe Siciliano: We can make that announcement and then it's going to be on this BT meeting, please join in most of their meetings are still zoom and it's very easy to accommodate people just to listen in so we'll do that.

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Tracy Freedman: that'd be great and that's just a follow up that's in terms of that's the money that we had we had 150 and the 350 is this plan to be T is is sort of the plan for how to use that money.

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Joe Siciliano: goes, how to use that.

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Joe Siciliano: Yes, how to use that money and also in next budget cycle 2022 we're going to ask for 600 Is that correct please if I haven't looked at too many numbers recently 600,000 just to address a couple of other issues.

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Joe Siciliano: And then we're going to end the following years budgets we're going to be asking for design and implementation of larger projects to address real deficiencies so that's the plan.

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Joe Siciliano: Did I miss anything, please.

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Blaize Levitan: Now, I think I.

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Blaize Levitan: think you got it that's been.

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Blaize Levitan: The complicated part was taking that report, which was kind of like a dream conceptually thinking about everything and turning that into a realistic 15 year budget.

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Blaize Levitan: That the tent we can present that the town can then implement over the course of 15 years that and it spans across the two budgets, so this has just been a complex part but that's what we plan.

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Blaize Levitan: To put together, just to make that something implementable in terms of a capital budget for the town.

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Joe Siciliano: We have that in draft form right now so we're kind of we're we're still tweaking a little bit.

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Blaize Levitan: yeah getting there we're almost there.

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Almost.

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SRJ: Okay, one one last thing for me that I forgot to mention is Joe felder on my personal thanks to him, because he was he was just a great guy he was entertaining he was funny.

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SRJ: He really developed the junior program and then for those who don't know you know, we had a lot of real tremendous championship high school golfers that I don't think we would have had if it wasn't for the strength of the junior program up here so.

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SRJ: that's that's a big deal because a lot of a lot of.

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SRJ: Courses don't have a strong pro that can develop those programs so um.

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SRJ: You know just he and he was a friend everybody, so you go out there and it's like he just introduces you he says hi.

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SRJ: You know, he cracked jokes when you're on a TEE was you know it was good, I all that stuff anyway, so my thanks to show as well um any any public comment or any anything else.

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SRJ: Alright, so meeting a jerk.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay.

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Joe Siciliano: we're gonna be next.

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Joe Siciliano: Next month.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you for ice cream.

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SRJ: yeah scheduling is a challenge next month, but we'll we'll try to do it.

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Okay.

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Mike Bocchino: Thank you awesome.

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SRJ: Thanks everybody.

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Joe Siciliano: Thank you.

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Rick Loh: Happy Halloween.