



Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript  
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Gary Dell'Abate: Will be September 30

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Gary Dell'Abate: meeting notes or anybody wants to show. Motion to approve.

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kirkschubert: Motion to approve.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Motion. A second

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Scott Johnson: Second,

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Gary Dell'Abate: All in favor.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Everyone. Put your hands up. It's all of us on the only thing that I asked that the tablet to do is

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Gary Dell'Abate: As we're talking when you get on just identify yourself, although we're such a small group. We can all see each other. It should be easy. So Joe. I'll let you start just took a long ride home. He's probably starving. So Joe, what did you start with the director support.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay. Everybody hear me, we're good.

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Joe Siciliano: Yeah, okay, good evening. Just a few things on the directors report.

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Joe Siciliano: You know, our days are filled with managing

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Joe Siciliano: coven 19th and and what we're doing with our facilities which is the rink to civic Center's some the outdoor spaces tennis courts and with weekends, like we had last weekend a phenomenal amount of people at the beach.

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Joe Siciliano: We had 700 cars, turn around on Saturday and high 600 on Sunday. These are people have no identification whatsoever.

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Joe Siciliano: We decided to extend the season we normally don't start we normally stop checking ID in November, based on what we've, you know what we know and what we've seen

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Joe Siciliano: With people using all types of facilities including state parks, we decided to run our checkers at the gatehouse through the first of December.

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Joe Siciliano: And we're also selling day passes through the first of December. So some people who want to purchase them and bring a guest or purchase them and bring themselves in in their own vehicle so

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Joe Siciliano: It's a, it's working fine. It's except except people are, are, you know, getting off the highway, an exit five and making their way down to the point. And in both Saturday and Sunday we had approximately 700 cars. Turn around.

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Joe Siciliano: And and it's not because we want to keep people out. It's just because we're trying to manage the number of people using accessing and using the facility and, you know, with the awareness of

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Joe Siciliano: How many people would you know with the increase of number of covert cases climbing in town. So that's what we've been doing at the point

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Joe Siciliano: We've been reading the constantly reading the guidance that's been coming out of the depressed state Department of Health and the governor's office and making some minor adjustments to our buildings and programs.

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Joe Siciliano: As I as we receive some today it is getting tighter and tighter and the seems to be some of the targeted areas are

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Joe Siciliano: Sports whether there's high school or younger children sports seems to be a cluster of square, some of the cases are being traced to so we'd be watching that and looking at the guidance and

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Joe Siciliano: We'll have to make adjustments as we see fit, or as the as the governor's guidance and the Department of Health State Department of Health.

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Joe Siciliano: You know implements different guidance. So we're on top of that.

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Joe Siciliano: We have

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Joe Siciliano: Received that this Monday, kind of a more of a click together copy of our field report that we've been talking about.

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Joe Siciliano: There are some. There are some documents that that needs to be inserted, but it's starting to take some shape and form. And so I passed that to a couple of staff members to kind of put an eye on it. I will eventually pass the first draft to the field community.

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Joe Siciliano: This is the committee that we put together. Prior to coven and I'll pass. You know, we get the draft once we get a

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Joe Siciliano: Graph, that's you know intact will send it to them and solicit their comments and then once we have their comments and make any adjustments. We will then present

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Joe Siciliano: At some meeting in the future to the board or however the board would like to handle that that field report. So a little bit more, but we are we are well on our way and

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Joe Siciliano: We're kind of in the tweaking phase now. So that's what's going on with the field report and the last thing that I have is that the blaze who I think is on the meeting. I don't know if he is but he might be

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Joe Siciliano: Is

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Joe Siciliano: Who's our new person who took over from Tom Greco has been eagerly preparing our capital budget and some middle and also our operating budget and

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Joe Siciliano: For review by the Office of the first selectman so we really at the first cut of our budget document.

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Joe Siciliano: It has to go to the office of first selectman for review and then it comes back to the department for kind of adjustment and deliberation and then at some point.

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Joe Siciliano: You know what, when it's in a real form. We will give an overview to the to the board on where our budget is and what the budget requirements were from the budget committee.

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Joe Siciliano: And what capital projects that we're hoping to get funded. So we're still in the infancy stage of preparing and

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Joe Siciliano: But blazes done a great job with our staff coordinating the information and formatting it to a point where

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Joe Siciliano: We have to submit by the week of the 23rd and shortly thereafter Thanksgiving. I'm sure that will be having a meeting with the office or the first selectman to go through our budget with some details so

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Joe Siciliano: Stay put.

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Joe Siciliano: That will inform you when we get something that, you know, it's more, it's more has more content to it and so will present at a later date. That's pretty much what I have for today. If anybody has any questions, be glad to answer them or later on the meeting.

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Gary Dell'Abate: OR HOLD ON A SECOND Lenore, I SEE NANCY isn't panelists attendees. So I don't know if there's a way to promote promote Nancy into this meeting, so she has the ability to talk. And while you're working on that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Joe Just out of curiosity, I saw, I spent a lot of time outside this weekend because it was so beautiful. So my first question is, um, I went to

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Gary Dell'Abate: On

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Gary Dell'Abate: Saturday afternoon, which I know is a state park, but it was ridiculous. I mean, people look like there was a flag football thing going on. People were parked on the curb, all the way you couldn't get in or out.

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Joe Siciliano: Or we were, you were you look at

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Gary Dell'Abate: Costco Park.

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Gary Dell'Abate: That was about one o'clock on Saturday. And I could tell by the time I left, I have definitely been like with the passing of games.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Just geek, but I really just want to sit. I think zeebo

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Gary Dell'Abate: My wife and I just put out a sandwich. I swear. There were four people in the park that we're using the park and every other person was there for fire football, but it was like it was really almost impossible to get in the park like cars were blocking each other. Is that a common thing.

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Joe Siciliano: Well, it might be. I have to check the schedule to see what was scheduled up, Gary, because that's where the parking comes into a problem when the, when the games are transitioning or the field strength.

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Joe Siciliano: So i mean i to answer. I was, I happen to be there at noon, just a little bit like 1145 I was with my grandson on the playground. So I saw what was going on. And there was

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Joe Siciliano: Quite a lot of activity.

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Frank DiVincenzo: But it has to do with that transition

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Joe Siciliano: Between each term. And I can't tell you what the other programs were so we'll take a look at it, to make sure that we're giving enough time to transition

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Gary Dell'Abate: It was just for us from minutes practice. What's up,

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Frank DiVincenzo: I just want I just

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Frank DiVincenzo: In line with what you're talking about. We have

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Joe Siciliano: A similar

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Frank DiVincenzo: At the North minus Park. The entrance own long

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Frank DiVincenzo: Cars are parking everywhere and the highway department, just put signs up that you can't park on either side of the street because a fire trucks have to get through.

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Frank DiVincenzo: And it's so congested that they don't care about the signs and every time we go through there. I can just barely get my console. Nevermind, a fire truck, so that's that's a danger to the community and something that should be looked into

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Gary Dell'Abate: I think what's going on as people are getting cabin fever when they get a nice day in November, they're going to do whatever they can to get out. But I hear what you're saying.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean, if he looked. If you looked around on Saturday. I went to

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Joe Siciliano: vantage point casket Park Byron part Martha Park looks like a summer day. I mean, there's so many people out playground was full beach was occupied by a lot of people Park area.

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Joe Siciliano: I mean, I think.

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Joe Siciliano: Hello.

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Joe Siciliano: For coming to an exit for a lot earlier on the thruway come on girl around the thruway the next 18 which is sure what Island. So, you know, that's why we knew we had over 3500 people on Saturday critical point alone and a bigger crowd on Sunday.

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Joe Siciliano: So we just, you know, don't you like summer days at some attendance on summer day frank, I made a little note about North Park.

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Joe Siciliano: Police Department.

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Joe Siciliano: And Gary I'll check on the mission for the Costco park there. Yeah.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Beautiful, beautiful.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you Joe.

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Gary Dell'Abate: You're talking about the foundation

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Scott Johnson: Sure.

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Scott Johnson: So we just because we have kind of a simultaneous membership with a couple of exceptions.

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Scott Johnson: We might as well take this opportunity to just talk about the foundation, the people that

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Scott Johnson: Sense.

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Scott Johnson: Foundation financial statement with a breakdown of categories and then also an explanation of the categories. So this is something that Joe and the door and I worked on. So when you see a category for example.

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Scott Johnson: Leah fail, you know. You know what that means or band shell or Park concerts or scholarship scholarship, for example, is scholarship awards for income eligible families for children to participate in parks and rec activities. So it shows you what these accounts are for. So remember,

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Scott Johnson: Even though somebody can give money gifts money to the foundation with, with it being unrestricted

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Scott Johnson: That would mean we can use it for whatever we want for Parks and Rec purposes.

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Scott Johnson: But mostly, almost always people give it to a cert HERE, MARK thing and that means we can't use it for anything else. So if somebody gives money for benches, we can't use it for the golf course.

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Scott Johnson: So we've also had some a lot of recent inquiries, there's

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Scott Johnson: Joe, you probably know the the description of a better but this initiative that was started by I think K Toluca, and maybe Marguerite all band to

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Scott Johnson: Do plantings and beautify the post road quarter kind of cross with pizza post I forget what you guys call that

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Scott Johnson: It was it was a green space quarter and Lenore, we actually put a name in there for it. Um,

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Joe Siciliano: We've called it the we've told the chest, not just on Hill or something like that. Planting

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Joe Siciliano: Yeah, and it's it's state property that the town has gotten permission to plant.

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Joe Siciliano: Bold

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Joe Siciliano: And the initiative was to do some improvement to that strip of land there and the potential to plant the bulbs, which they got permission for

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Joe Siciliano: And then there was an issue then then the the fundraising for those bulbs, because you know that we we fronted

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Joe Siciliano: About \$3,000 for the bulbs and we're hope that on the backside, the initiative will come back so that people will contribute and, you know, we can

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Joe Siciliano: To \$3,000 so that we can replenish our accounts.

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Joe Siciliano: And that's there's a fundraising effort out there right now, both in solicitation and also I heard today that they're putting a an electronic fundraising page together so people can contribute to that effort.

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Joe Siciliano: And so we're hoping that to reclaim that money and and then I don't. I haven't heard on it, what the next spot might be if there are others that they're talking about at this moment.

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Scott Johnson: So I so that's a good idea when that was

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Scott Johnson: The idea was started, we got calls by kind of the leaders of that that initiative to just say, is this something that the foundation can do

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Scott Johnson: And the answer, basically, is yes. Um, it seems like it's a decent purpose, our only observations is kind of for the benefit of

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Scott Johnson: Some of the newer people like maybe Sue or Miriam is we want to make sure it's a it's a viable project. So we just don't get money for something that

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Scott Johnson: You know the foundation or chosen know about and doesn't have any interest in because then we have tax deductible money to donors given

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Scott Johnson: It gets a deduction for and if we can't use it. We got to give it back. And they can get taxed on that note as ordinary income so

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Scott Johnson: We want to make sure it's a viable thing. The other example was based on some correspondence from Jill overlander ON WHAT SHE'S CALLING THE SUSTAINABILITY committee to try to identify a vehicle for clicking donations in this case for escape grants.

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Scott Johnson: For town bicycle and pedestrian master plans, so I don't know too much about that. And that's preliminary. We have to find out more information.

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Scott Johnson: So, but, but I just says a plumbing right matter it separate sounds attractive, but we have to get more information. Um,

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Scott Johnson: Another thing informationally and Mike Mason. If you're still on board or here in this, um, you know, there's a new first selectman is initiative for this public private partnership where he set up to me, Peter Carlson's that share of it.

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Scott Johnson: There's about eight people that I know that are on that and and that's good. So Peter spoke to me about trying to to integrate that with the Foundation, which would, which is good on one of the things that they're doing.

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Scott Johnson: Is trying to raise section 30 of the Charter, which had a \$5,000 kind of benchmark for when gifts needed to go to New York TM

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Scott Johnson: And they want to raise that to 25,000

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Scott Johnson: I think that's a great idea because we don't want to bother RCM or even be et with these small gifts. So, picture.

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Scott Johnson: I don't know. We had probably what 15 park benches this year that might have been done. It's a 1500 dollars a shot. I mean, I hate to think that we need to go to

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Scott Johnson: Other board approvals for just just a park bench with which we get so many of those. So anyway, I'm not sure. I think Abby large is part of the committee, it's a it's a budget overview and legislative rules committee and and i'm not sure where that stands

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Scott Johnson: Mike may know, but I'm, I'm all for it. So we just don't have any hurdles from animal mouse. I do know.

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Scott Johnson: That Sue Baker and

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Scott Johnson: Joanna Messina told me that for

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Scott Johnson: The tree Conservancy, I guess they get a resolution every year saying you can continue to to accept small gifts.

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Scott Johnson: So Mike, what

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Scott Johnson: Gary, can you chime in white because his hand is raised

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Gary Dell'Abate: Menorca do that.

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Lenore Caserta-McClester: Or Lenore, I've already done that, if he can just unmute himself.

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Michael Mason: Hello everyone, long time. Nice to be back where we started. So

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Michael Mason: Let's, let's tackle one thing at a time gifts. The gifts. Everybody's confused about that we just had a meeting yesterday we were talking about this on the BT

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Michael Mason: A good thumb rule for gifts, is if it's a hard gift, meaning it's it's the park bench. Okay, the BT has no involvement in that. Okay.

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Michael Mason: The Rt M has the right and I don't know where you get the \$5,000 value because that's something else.

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Michael Mason: The RCM reserves the right under the charter to accept all gifts to the town, including to the Board of Ed. And as you know, the Board of Ed when they accept gifts. They even have stricter standards because they've got

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Michael Mason: Some state state issues. They've got to a point, if somebody's given the town a gift of money to buy the park bench, they're going to give us a check. We're going to buy a park bench.

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Michael Mason: And we had the illegal pages that were circulated yesterday, just to keep everybody up to speed, whether it's \$500 5000 or 500,000

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Michael Mason: The our team still has to approve accepting that gift that were the BT comes in as the BT has to recommend and create the vehicle for the money to be spent. So if Joe is going to get a gift to buy

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Michael Mason: park benches and he's going to get a check to check goes to the town the BT creates the account for that spending our TM approves it. Joe spends the money accordingly and buys the benches.

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Michael Mason: That that there is now that is firm. I mean, this is, this is exactly how to charter reads and how legal opinions, read the way around that Joe and I

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Michael Mason: About three years ago as an example with Peter shears help from the Board of Ed.

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Michael Mason: Came up with the Greenwich athletic foundation wanted to give sports equipment scoreboard stuff first tight school sports. So we put a resolution in the budget approved by the RPM.

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Michael Mason: That the Board of Ed could receive and accept without going back and it even means that if the Greenwich athletic foundation wants to donate

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Michael Mason: catcher's mitts that they could give the town, the money and we would make the account and then the Board of Ed could spend the money we have a resolution, the budget that covers that.

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Michael Mason: And and I'm on that group that you're talking about with Carlson, and although we've we've haven't really had a meeting yet.

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Michael Mason: The challenges. I wasn't worried already and I were with Ben and Fred. The other day in our monthly get together and we said, Look, I don't. I understand there's there's issues, but

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Michael Mason: I don't know what I don't know what way around that. Other than that, the, the reason right now. Let me share a story with you if I can take just a minute. Your time police departments about to accept \$20,000

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Michael Mason: Of bicycles, these are high tech custom police bicycles with lights and mounting provisions are really strong.

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Michael Mason: First thing, somebody says, Who's the gift was labeled as anonymous. Somebody says, I don't know if we want to give somebody a non who's the who's the donor. I mean, I'm like, Okay, here we go.

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Michael Mason: And that's the frustration that people have the strings. Sometimes, or the question. So we are trying to work through this, I am part of that group and I will, I will, I will push us as hard as I can.

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Michael Mason: As for the foundation. I just want to touch on that Scott for a minute because I

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Michael Mason: You had sent me the rule change and and here's a problem we're having that I'm having now with the foundation, as you know, I'm with you. And Joe, one of the original members of that.

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Michael Mason: I'm taking, I've got a little pressure on me right now. We have members that we appoint to the open trust board. I don't know if you've ever heard of that. They're kind of the

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Michael Mason: The guides of our other post employment benefit fun they make the decisions on investments and spending money, whatever, etc.

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Michael Mason: Because they're not compensated. I'm running into a little bit of a question on. Is that permissible to be in a fiduciary role without being compensated.

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Michael Mason: In the municipal sector. So when that came my way. That's why I kind of put a halt on on the the

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Michael Mason: 501 C three board and I don't have any answer for it it's it's sort of my fault due to a little bit of coven

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Michael Mason: I really need to sit down with the town attorney and asked, you know, what is the situation here because as you know that board. I don't really get much support from anybody else he and

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Michael Mason: Joe overlander and started looking into it. And I think ran into the same thing, but this is a development. So I didn't forget you on that. I promise I'll be back to you on

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Scott Johnson: That, that's okay. I just

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Scott Johnson: You know, our

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Scott Johnson: At least my opinion, personally, is to try to keep everything simple so it's not, you know, bureaucratic heavy

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Scott Johnson: Because, big, big things that's important. It's important to that, that there's there's oversight on that because it actually can affect appropriations and budgets, but park benches is I just don't want to be a disincentive for that.

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Scott Johnson: I only want to get into a comparison of carnage point Conservancy, you know, with the gift of a building, because that's not something we're going to be doing. But anyway, just the excess, let us know.

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Scott Johnson: Because we

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Scott Johnson: You know we just, I know it's confusing. I read the memo. The legal mental done years ago.

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Scott Johnson: I have this resolution and i just i like there to be a minimum threshold. So anyway, anything you doing, that would be great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, Scott.

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Scott Johnson: Before. Before we go, Linda, Bruno, are you, are you on because if you have any questions, I want to make sure you chime in as well as

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Scott Johnson: You know, Miriam, that's kind of new. By the way, we, we are entitled to one person from the RCM Parks and Rec committee, we have three layers on right now. Does anybody lay on the ice or daddy cross line Tracy female compatible.

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Scott Johnson: So they could have one of those people would step up the on the foundation board to because they're supposed to be.

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Scott Johnson: As I think was there one day we amended the bylaws to make it simpler. So it's only really seven people

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Scott Johnson: Kind of for Parks and Rec people and then one for selectman person which Linda Bruno is one Parks and Rec hearts in person and then one DDT person so um so Linda see your hands raised. Let's, let's

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lindabruno: Yes, I didn't know if anyone could hear me.

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lindabruno: Can Can Can people hear me.

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lindabruno: Yes. Oh, okay, great. I don't have questions. I have been on the call, you know, since the beginning. It's a little bit. This is my zoom setting. This is set up as a webinar so

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lindabruno: I can see and hear the person who is speaking, but I, you know, don't see it. Any type of gallery view to know

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lindabruno: You know exactly who else's is participating, but that's okay. I don't have questions at this time. But I do have the agenda and I've looked at over and I can answer any questions that anyone else might have about anything going on right now at Grandage animal control if anyone has questions.

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Scott Johnson: But I don't have any

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Scott Johnson: At this Linda, why don't you just briefly say what work SOS does

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lindabruno: Okay well SOS the funds for SOS are if people already know this. Please stop. Feel free to stop me, but the funds that we have in the SOS fund.

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lindabruno: Our excess funds that when the new animal shelter on North street was built, we raised the SOS committee raised a certain amount of money and it was in excess of what we were required to

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lindabruno: To provide for to have the shelter built. So, initially the access was about 93,000 and this is going back close to 10 years ago because the shelter opened in 2011 So currently it's about 50,000 and we use those funds for

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lindabruno: Extraordinary medical expenses for animals that are in the shelter and we also use it for educational programs, you know, to, to make signs and, you know, provide flyers and other perhaps higher speakers for educational programs that we've had over the years.

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lindabruno: You know, just to be clear, the town does pay for many of the, you know, medical expenses and other expenses for the animals so

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lindabruno: SOS comes in when there's just been very large amount of expenses in a given month or given quarter and they'll ask us to ask SOS to contribute some funds we. This has been a very quiet year so far for SOS funds.

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lindabruno: We

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lindabruno: Paid about \$5,000 or in January of this year for an animal that had been hit a cat that had been hit on the road right in front of the temporary fire station there on

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lindabruno: I guess you'd call it real horse Nick Lane.

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lindabruno: And so that cat was rehabilitated and very quickly adopted so but it's been a quiet year and it's also been fairly quiet on contributions for SOS. Just a few hundred dollars this year.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, so just tell me, I'll make sure I wrap it up to Beth. Thanks, Linda, because I know you guys have also been involved for I want to say at least five years or four or five years.

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Scott Johnson: So, but if you look at the financial statement right now there's 296,000 plus or minus any account. The only expenses we have unfortunately our accountants fees to file tax returns, which, believe it or not, we have to do. We don't pay taxes, but we have to follow returns and

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Scott Johnson: Directors and Officers insurance, which I think for \$1,000 a year. So the insurance is minor. But the accounts fees. Our biggest expense.

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Scott Johnson: And so that's why all of these accounts are charged to be able to pay those expenses, basically. And it's like two or 3% a year.

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Scott Johnson: Unless we have unrestricted kits, which we have we've had some unrestricted kiss that can pay for those but anybody, anybody have any questions can call Rick hello or mean we kind of

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Scott Johnson: do the heavy lifting. And we, you know, approve the checks, write the checks the checks are coming from the accountants, not us any check that is for

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Scott Johnson: Direct Park Parks and Rec department involvement has to be approved by somebody at Parks and Rec before we can even issue the check.

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Scott Johnson: On. And again, they've all been small amounts. So anybody have any other question that just kind of on hold up the whole meeting, but just feel free to call Rick lower may

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Scott Johnson: So if there's no more on that will carry you can turn it back to the regular agenda.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you. So we're going to go over some of the committee updates and Rick. I'm going to jump ahead of you on the during the hammer thing because I'm talking about a meeting, we have today will kindly directly affect you. I think going down the road.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I'm Frank Bello called a meeting today.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Regarding the ISA credit Civic Center, because there were some people in the community that you know

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Gary Dell'Abate: I don't know, kind of got to the game a little bit later and wanted to know why certain things were being done. So I think Fred really want to be heard.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I thought today was really very much an educational meeting for people who came because there were people who may not have been at previous meetings.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And we're just getting to seeing what we're doing and wondering why are we building a field house. Why are we getting more parking spaces why we're putting in a turf field and um

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Gary Dell'Abate: I thought we did a very, very good job of answering all those questions. I know Rick crawl from GAM was really the main guy that was there.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And he had suggested that, you know, maybe we put together a master plan meaning. Let's look at the bigger picture so

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Gary Dell'Abate: You know, if you wanted to put a field house in and you wanted to do something with the fields over there maybe look at the bigger picture.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And he was heard, and you know there's a lot of discussion. But I think at the end of the day, we did a pretty good job of explaining what can and can't be done.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And I think Fred is still very supportive of the project.

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Gary Dell'Abate: But I think. And the reason why I say this, Rick. Why this will come to you when you talk about Dorothy Hamill

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Gary Dell'Abate: I want to pat Scott and myself on the back a little bit. I think that our meetings with three are TM groups as far as the a bunch of the other meetings we did really came back to support us today.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And so when when there was a discussion, like, well, maybe people want this. And if you want that we were able to say, well, we spoke to those people. And this is what they told us they do want so

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Gary Dell'Abate: When all of a sudden done you know the projects go into p AMP Z again next weekend went to PNC a couple of weeks ago and they have requested more information.

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Gary Dell'Abate: You know, again, it's, it's, I mean, I've been there before, as a private citizen when you don't get wind of something you don't because you don't fall in this case, you know, JF

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Gary Dell'Abate: Certainly had many opportunities to get wind of it. I think, again, I think when Richard up today. They had a lot of questions that we did a very good job answering of what I can't be done. So, in my estimation, the projects moving along.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Every time I come to this meeting, we keep saying it's the furthest we've ever gotten with it and I'm so happy. Joe was in the meeting today and Joe if you have anything to add, but I think I kind of covered it where we're at on that.

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Joe Siciliano: I think he covered it Gary. Yeah, that's great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So with that, why don't you tell us about during the handle.

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RLoh: Alright. So Joe jump in here in any point it for you know more than I do but

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RLoh: Yeah, at this point in time.

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RLoh: The architect is working on a preliminary site plan.

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RLoh: Which will be the basis for further discussion.

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RLoh: He is a liaison with Al Minnelli at this point in time.

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RLoh: Meaning the architect.

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RLoh: And that's really, I believe, where we are, until we get to the next step. We have had

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RLoh: We received a letter was addressed to Al and sent two members of the committee members of members of Parks and Rec from the buyer biram neighborhood association.

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RLoh: They're requesting

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RLoh: A sit down or a zoom meeting at some point in time just to learn a little bit more

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RLoh: But I, I'm not sure if L responded to that letter yet or not so

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RLoh: To to Gary, to your point, yes, the public involvement.

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RLoh: Will be coming for us down the road.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes.

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RLoh: Yes, without a doubt, without a doubt, people need to feel included

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RLoh: The but until we have a preliminary site plan.

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RLoh: I think that's a meeting.

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RLoh: Any kind of large scale meeting or whatever is a little premature because there's no basis for discussion at this point in time.

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Scott Johnson: So,

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Scott Johnson: Hey, RICK, RICK. It's Scott, let me just remind you of something that I i kind of forgotten in our process, which is when you do go for EMI

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Scott Johnson: And when you go to PMC in that mid approval, they're probably going to ask you for what they asked me for which was

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Scott Johnson: A confirmation that we kind of went through the process has now required on the PLC day to show that we had community involvement that as a community need and that it complies with the requirements of the plan of conservation. So what I did is they just took our survey in our study

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Scott Johnson: Put a cover letter on it to confirm that we have public hearings where we receive public input and then sure enough,

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Scott Johnson: It reflected the needs of the community. So we're not just inventing the need, we're not inventing

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Scott Johnson: The location or we're not inventing

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Scott Johnson: You know, one, the need for one ring versus for ranks. And so that was just submitted and that was submitted with a big long survey and then kind of our conclusions submitted like last week to P AMP Z which the chairman pansy ass so they'll, they'll ask you guys for that too. Yeah.

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RLoh: No, no that's I attended one of your meetings that down at the Civic Center, and I know basically what you guys went through. So yes, we are, we're gonna have to go through that same process coming up here in the future.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Right.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Are you Rick, you're good.

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RLoh: I'm good. If we're just in this time period right now where there's not too much going on with the architect, having just been selected recently.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Well, good luck and we went through the process and it was exciting. I can't wait to see what you guys come up with

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Gary Dell'Abate: Sue Snyder, it's going to talk about what's going on with the field committee.

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Gary Dell'Abate: As soon as we move her here.

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Gary Dell'Abate: See, she has her hand up.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Area.

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Scott Johnson: We can hear you. Yeah.

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Sue Snyder: Great. Thanks, everyone. Good evening, I'm don't have too much to share tonight, but I'm going to give a little bit of a field maintenance update

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Sue Snyder: Tim, who's our Chief Operations Manager reports that credits high school hardball field Chilean Curtis, number one, which is the hardball field and stress fields were all totally reconstructed including pictures man's and bad

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Sue Snyder: pember work field and North Miami school fields for also totally rebuilt.

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Sue Snyder: New 11 on school was not able to be used this season, but he does believe it will be usable for the

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Sue Snyder: Season, as long as we do not have a severe draft so

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Sue Snyder: It's got some snow this winter to right also also Greenwich high school turf number six and seven were replaced to this year.

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Sue Snyder: With some updated construction work as well. And that actually got started a little bit earlier than originally planned one good thing that came out of Kobe 19 since school closed early, they were able to start their work early

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Sue Snyder: And looks like we had a meeting this week over at the high school regarding the soil remediation. It does look like work is going to be again next summer. It'll probably take at least two, maybe three summers.

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Sue Snyder: For that work to get done, I believe, and Joe, correct me if I'm wrong. I think they're going to start with field.

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Sue Snyder: For first replacing the carpet at four and doing the remediation there.

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Joe Siciliano: Yeah.

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Sue Snyder: Okay great, thanks.

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Sue Snyder: From a scheduling perspective, we were able to

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Scott Johnson: Adjust a Western Western on that. So to

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Scott Johnson: Absolutely not.

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Sue Snyder: It's that was it's a completely different projects project and we were told to say that if anyone asked you about that say it's

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Sue Snyder: It's not part of this project so

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Sue Snyder: Anyway, I don't have any other information on on the western

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Sue Snyder: From a scheduling perspective, we were able to adjust and accommodate more baseball and softball. This fall, and as a result of coven we tried to spread out the user groups more, not only in time, but in space so that

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Sue Snyder: You know, there wouldn't be as many people on one field at a time, and also the comings and goings we would try. We were trying to space out between groups, whether it be the same group or even different organizations, trying to allow more space between

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Sue Snyder: Reservations. That way it's not just a parking issue is just less people coming and talking contact with each other. So it's been working out. Okay.

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Sue Snyder: And that's pretty much it. Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great, thanks to I'm Nancy shape and we'll talk about report talk with friends and Nancy, I have to tell you that I was saying right before the meeting started

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Gary Dell'Abate: You had suggested that if we had a chance to go down there and see what's going on. And I was there this on Friday during the day and it looks amazing. I mean, it really I've been there. I don't know, six or eight or 10 months and it's just really a job well done so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Where are you, Nancy.

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Nancy Chapin: I'm, I'm here.

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Nancy Chapin: Got and if you can hear me. I've attached. I don't have the picture going so

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Nancy Chapin: Thank you for that. You know, I would like to take all the credit, but I have to shoot it back.

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Nancy Chapin: I can can

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Nancy Chapin: Me walk a little bit closer to our Wi Fi. Can people hear me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yeah, you broke up for a second. But now we can hear.

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Nancy Chapin: Okay, I'm actually closer to fit by. So what I was saying was, thank you for the compliments, but it really goes out to a village on that one.

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Nancy Chapin: We had such a great team and the park staff was amazing. So I'm glad you took a look. But I wish I had before and after pictures will be so great to post on the website somehow

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Nancy Chapin: So we did have a meeting in between. Since I guess since we had our last board meeting, and we talked about the dollars remaining and and what to do with them.

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Nancy Chapin: So Scott just, you know, we recognize we have about \$5,000 in the foundation that our intent. If that's okay, is to leave it there just almost as a placeholder, just in case something comes up.

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Nancy Chapin: As far as the rest of the dollars we recognize there's sort of a timeline that we have to spend those dollars so they we voted and we are allocating them towards a couple of things.

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Nancy Chapin: One, it's been brought to our attention that I guess the lighting that

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Nancy Chapin: Basically creates that winter light scheme, if you will, that that needs a major overhaul. So some of those dollars will go there.

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Nancy Chapin: There also is a plaque. Our goal is to have a bronze proc in the warming hut.

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Nancy Chapin: Talks about the history of the park and so that will take that those last remaining. I think it's under 17,000 I'm sorry I don't have the exact figure and

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Nancy Chapin: Let's see, maybe blaze has those numbers better than I do. But I think that that we're getting close. I think that was our charge was to spend the dollars that were allocated.

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Nancy Chapin: And dedicated to implementing the any Park master plan. So basically, with Benny, we're just kind of winding down, there's been so many great things that have happened and I always have to just keep saying the park staff and the committee was just such an amazing group to work with.

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Nancy Chapin: So that's any questions.

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Scott Johnson: Yes. Do it. SCOTT, GOOD, GOOD crazy question.

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Scott Johnson: Yeah, um, you know, what are we missing the topsoil those brand new garbage cans.

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Nancy Chapin: So it's so interesting, a race that

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Nancy Chapin: I had that was always the thing that I talked about was garbage cans. I always always less is more or less is more. Because I think

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Nancy Chapin: garbage cans become an attractive nuisance if word up to me, I would have no garbage cans in any of our parks, what happens is people use the parks garbage cans for their personal disposal. So one, they were installed this brand new beautiful garbage cans. They had tops.

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Nancy Chapin: They were beautiful. And last time I was there, I was noticing others one askew, there's another skew. I don't know what's happening. But it's basically a vandalism situation.

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Nancy Chapin: I don't know what the answer is maybe. Joe, who has a long term history with this town and how to deal with garbage cans in this park. But again, I was come back to you know Audubon who finally said enough for getting rid of our garbage cans and the garbage disappeared.

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Joe Siciliano: So just to follow up on with Nancy saying, that would be great because the cost of our garbage pickup just went sky high by all of our vendors because of

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Joe Siciliano: We also haveto pay the shipping charge. So that would be really happy about that. But we attempted this in

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Joe Siciliano: In the spring, when we opened up Greenwich point carry and carry out the only thing we had people do is just not carrying it anywhere. They were just leaving it behind and

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Joe Siciliano: Because we didn't put out any garbage pail. So it's a big education process to get to that point. But the issue that you're talking about is the tops.

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Joe Siciliano: Of course, people have taken the tops, they've either been vandalized or be moved by our neighborhood friends. Who'd like to put their trash in the pail, because with the top on there. You can't put big trash items in there. You know, this smaller

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Joe Siciliano: Insert, you know, with a tampon it with the top off of it. It leaves full wide availability to put a

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Joe Siciliano: trash bag in there.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Who do we

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Gary Dell'Abate: Or do we think it's the neighbors.

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Joe Siciliano: Now we don't. We know it's neighborhood people I'll tell you a quick little story happened a couple years ago we had this one pale that kept getting consistently filled with home garbage. Right.

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Joe Siciliano: So one day we just got had enough of. I said, break open the bag and see if you can find an envelope with their name on it or something identification.

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Joe Siciliano: So we did. And then when we bag that I'll put it on the porch of their house with a note that said, I think this belongs to you.

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Joe Siciliano: Okay we returned it to their home and put it on the front porch with a note, I think this garbage belongs to you. And at least that that's very favorite pal was not used for quite some time. So,

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Joe Siciliano: What you have to go through every people to

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Joe Siciliano: Take their home trash, especially this is what's really funny about it. It's regional if you if you don't have garbage pickup at your home.

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Joe Siciliano: And you don't want to take it to the transfer station yourself then you have to deposit in some local pale or dumpster.

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Joe Siciliano: So that's what people do. I mean, they're people say well I just generate one or two bags a week.

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Joe Siciliano: I don't want to pay that expensive garbage pickup and tipping fee. So I'll just find a place to deposit it and we're the Depository for

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Joe Siciliano: A lot of home garbage and most of our parks, but the further you get from the further away you give away the further away you get

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Joe Siciliano: From the transfer station. The more prevalent. It is in garbage because if you live environment. Guess you could drive the transfer station we live in. Oh, great. She takes half an hour down and a half an hour back

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Gary Dell'Abate: So the solution. Joe is to put a transfer station near the park.

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Nancy Chapin: Well, I again, I would just say Audubon Greenwich, they're probably a good half hour from the transfer station. They dealt with it by saying, you know, but, but, you know, they don't have the, the volume of Park users.

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Nancy Chapin: And it's a different type of user. So I don't know what the answer is. I think there's a selectman its tax Task Force dedicated to waste management.

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Nancy Chapin: Hopefully they will come up with a solution, but yes. So, so I would say that is the one negative have any Park, but it truly is the transformational that park has just been so great to see.

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Nancy Chapin: So, and it's not done. You know, so a lot of wonderful things happening again though, I would say the next thing that everybody should be aware of that's happening is that replacement of the West can bridge West road bridge.

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Nancy Chapin: And DP w has a great link on their website, if anyone's interested in any details about what they're doing.

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Nancy Chapin: I did attend their webinar. I think I talked about at the last meeting, but I think in the end it will be good. I think there was a lot of Resident input. Nobody wants a highway style bridge there but they they have to do it so

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Nancy Chapin: That's pretty much it. I mean, you know, we're we're sort of winding down that committee so we can gear up for the next one.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes. Yeah. Joe, do you think that and we'll get to in a second. Frank Nancy, Joe, do you think that um I know it's an eyesore. But do you think temporary signs on the garbage saying, Please don't deposit your home refuse here does anything you think it's a complete waste of time.

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Joe Siciliano: I don't know. We enter and the older panels that were at bt. We had signs on that said no home garbage or trash. I don't think it really matters that much.

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Joe Siciliano: But, and they are just going to sign pollution, you know, so

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Gary Dell'Abate: I have

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Gary Dell'Abate: To kind of get started with the camera up on the gazebo. I just tell everyone

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Joe Siciliano: Interesting enough, we could put a couple of signs out there that says under video surveillance and never have it.

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Nancy Chapin: Right, right. I would, I would definitely do that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Temporary like just two or

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Gary Dell'Abate: Three months and see if it makes a difference.

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Joe Siciliano: But we just learned under that we can put it on the suspect pails not all pails get us there. So there's a methodology to this.

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Joe Siciliano: Which ones are out of sight. Generally, and which one people's like dump their trash it to

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Joe Siciliano: Maybe we make that suggestion, and we can put up some time under, under video surveillance and then while they're trying to dump their trash and the pale, they have to look around to see if somebody's really lucky.

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Nancy Chapin: I don't know if the town has these but you know there are

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Nancy Chapin: Motion detect, you know, motion sensor cameras that you could track what's going on. And I don't know whether it's legal. I have no idea, but that is also a mechanism that was used by the Ottoman as well. They obviously have

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Joe Siciliano: This problem. Nancy on public property. If you're going to video. You have to put up signs that say video

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Joe Siciliano: It's, it's only

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Joe Siciliano: public property.

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Nancy Chapin: But so you could do that under surveillance video

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Nancy Chapin: And do both. But yeah, it's a problem. I think it's unfortunate.

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Joe Siciliano: So, why waste the hundred dollars. Why waste \$100 per pale on the video by the cameras. Let's just put up a couple stickers and see if it works.

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Nancy Chapin: Yeah.

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kirkschubert: Go for it.

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kirkschubert: I like they do have fake cameras.

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Exactly.

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kirkschubert: Red light.

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kirkschubert: High enough, they may be

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Nancy Chapin: self conscious. Yeah, yeah.

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Frank DiVincenzo: Yeah. Just, just to further into this conversation in New York City, it's illegal.

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Frank DiVincenzo: Public trash bins for personal ash get a ticket for that. So I don't know what the laws are here. And granted, maybe that could solve the problem.

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Joe Siciliano: It's it's illegal here to Frankton to dump that to do exactly what you said. Yeah.

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Joe Siciliano: You have to catch the person in the act or or you have to track it back to that that that person. Now, when we did our little experiment and delete delivered it that solve the problem. I think that solve the problem for a while.

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Joe Siciliano: But