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to start. Stand for the pledge of

>> allegiance.

Pledge allegiance to the flag of the

United States of America and to the

republic for which it stands, one nation

under God, indivisible, with liberty and

justice for all.

All right. So, first up, uh, public

comment on agenda items.

>> Yes.

>> Reconsiderations. Board of ethics. I

seem to be unique because I read our law

and this differently than as our unsworn

appointed councils of hinds.

>> Greg, that that's not a an agenda item.

So

>> yes, it is

the appointment of

the board of ethics and the two

uh conservation

um

helpmate Cornwall conservation uh

council.

>> That that was that was that was a

previous meeting, Greg. So um we're just

I mean right now we're taking comment on

agenda items on tonight's agenda.

Do you need a copy?

>> I I think was on a different copy.

>> Do you want to use my copy?

>> There's copies right there. There's
copies in the back.

>> I brought I printed out my own. I I've
got all three copies. Um

I'm looking to see here.

It is I appeal to the board to overrule
the chair.

>> What chair?

>> So I think I think what we're going to
do first is we're going to take comment
on agenda items first. Um because you
know we're going to have the agenda next
and then

>> Right. Yeah.

>> That's our procedure.

>> Yeah. So, is there is there anyone that
has comment on agenda items that are on
tonight's agenda?

>> Yes.

>> Good evening everyone. Uh Ray Hernandez.

Um I'm the owner of the Ark of Learning

on 32. Uh I'm here to speak about the

first item on the agenda, the traffic

safety. Um [clears throat]

we um have owned and been in business at

the Ark of Learning on the southern part

of Cornwall for the last 15 years. Um as

everyone might know there was a

pedestrian struck and killed a week ago

on uh right next to my daycare. Um this

has been an ongoing issue with the

traffic and the speeding on 32.

Um I'm here to ask the board even though this is a DOT issue. I'm asking the board to please

um contact the uh uh the state do on behalf of the residents of this town.

One person killed is too many. Um on the stretch of 32 from Quaker Avenue to Woodbury Road, which is the southern part of Cornwall, there is absolutely no speeding signs on 32 northbound or southbound.

If you go north on 32 from Quaker Avenue to Five Corners, that's a stretch of about a mile. You have six speeding signs within a mile. Quaker to Woodbury Road on the southern part. That's a stretch of four miles with not a single speeding, uh, sign. And so, um, we service approximately 80 families. We have 20 staff that come in and out of our parking lot onto 32 traveling south and north. You have a couple of other businesses there. You have the highway department. You have a pizzeria shop. You have the animal veterans hospital. and you have countless residents that are coming into or leaving uh State Route 32 and the speeding is just way too much. Um so um I'm asking uh if the board could somehow fight to get speeding uh signs up on this stretch. Um I'm also asking the board if uh maybe we

could have the police department do more enforcement. Um, I used to see um checkpoints on the straightaway of 32 between Industry Drive and Woodbury, which is where a lot drivers are going se 70 80 miles on that stretch. I used to see the Commore Police Department do checkpoints. Uh, that happened that hasn't happened for a while.

>> Okay. Um, and so I'm asking if that could be addressed too and if we could have more enforcement on this stretch. I appreciate it.

>> Thank you.

>> Oh, and u, Mr. Supervisor, thank you for responding back to my email on a property matter and inviting me to this meeting.

>> Thank you.

>> Appreciate it. Thank you.

>> Is there is there anybody else?

>> Yes.

>> Just a question on the uh special events. The there's a reception that's planned I think July 11th.

for the uh the Storm King sculpture and it's going to be a reception. I assume that's going to be out on the grounds at the sculpture.

>> Yes. Yeah.

>> Yeah. We'll we'll we'll get to that when we go over that. But

>> Okay. I just item seven on the agenda.

>> Yeah. And um I just wanted what Ray had said, that stretch of Route 32, especially that curve where that that school is, it's known for speed and traffic accidents. So I think really supporting you know DOT looking at that seriously could make a difference for them and for the the motors. Josh,

>> thank you.

>> Yeah,

>> I would agree with the gentleman here and there was another incident where a car rode the guard rail right after the poor man got killed. Another place is Pleasant Hill Road between the art center sending the buses down and and visitors. We have 18 wheel trucks, the motorc come flying by. That's another place that I think it really has to be looked at.

>> Thank you.

>> Yes. Item five. Uh last night at the CCAC, the uh this matter in terms of pollinator guard gardens is as as Gary's memo's written, it does not look like it looks like it's more narrow than that. But as the town board continues this, be aware that CCAC is very interested in making sure we have an exemption to the good neighbor laws that allow for

pollination gardens.

>> Thank you. Is there anybody else? No.

Okay. All right. So, moving into into traffic safety. Um Joe, look, we all know what happened last week that was very sad. Um you know, it was a you know, local Cornwall man. Um, and you know what I would say, uh, you know, in terms of that issue specifically, we know that there's other hot spots around town. We know that, um, the board's been, you know, as they've been coming up over the years, we've been trying to deal with them. I mean, I think we're up to like five or six speed zone reduction requests to the DOT. We've put in speed signs. We've, you know, we've done what we thought we're able to to do. Um, as you know, the DOT is not exactly the best at approving things. In fact, usually their first response is no. Um, even when you think your data supports it. But in terms of this specific issue, um, you know, my hope is that because we have a well, one, we have a fatality that just happened. We have other serious accidents. We have a daycare facility. We have staff. You know, there's a lot going on there. I think there's been a few other accidents over there in the past couple years, too,

that I'm aware of. Um, you know, I'm all for it. I think I mean, look, if we're going to a couple of things we can do, um, you certainly, uh, we can ask them to put up, uh, speeding signs in that section.

You know, we can see if they'll do a, you know, a, uh, a speed reduction. Um, you know, again, we know the process for that. Town board passes a resolution.

Um, there's a form you fill out. It goes to the county, the county engineer fills it out, then it goes to the DOT. They decide if they're going to do a traffic study and take it up, etc. Pretty much anything you're going to do with the DOT now. Board passes a resolution. You know, it goes up to the DOT one way or the other. They decide what type of data they need. In the past, the towns had to pay for the data. Now, they undertake the data. Um, but, you know, we're willing to do it. I know someone had raised the uh what the speed enforcement cameras. Um, I want to say Woodberry just got a speed enforcement camera. Um, I don't know how long that took Wood Barry to get, but I know we've had there's a number of residents that have raised the issue of bring, you know, of, uh, you know, trying to get, you know, speed enforcement cameras. Certainly,

you know, again, look, that's not, you know, going to be as good as having an officer, but, um, as you know, right now we have two officers on per shift. So, you know, we know that eventually we will probably have to add more officers, but you know, a combination of if we can get the state to allow us to have some of these speed enforcement cameras, that means we don't have to h, you know, have as many officers. So, you know, I will say I know that it is very hard to get those uh speed enforcement cameras. I don't know if you've ever been successful in getting one in any of the municipalities you represented.

>> Not yet.

>> Not yet. need need help from our senator and our assembly person.

>> Yes. So, I've I've spoken to them. They seem Look, they're certainly I mean, uh the the school zone speed cameras, those seem to be easier to get than just sticking them up on like highways and roads out.

>> So, I think that, you know, one uh one thing we could do um is, and this kind of gets into the other thing, this is a safe streets and roads for all federal grant that we got. Uh we have to come up with a you know, comprehensive, you know, safety action plan which is going

to look at data. It's going to look at accidents, fatalities, look at the most dangerous roads in the town, you know, county, town, village, state, whatever, come up with a plan for mitigating them. Um, and so that's something we're going to be working on. It's definitely um u going to work because the the the monitors the one speeding monitor on 32 and uh Quaker and Angola. Every time I go there, people just put on the brakes as soon as they see u they recognize their speed is over limit. So, it does work. After a while, they're just going to say, "Okay, you know what? I can't speed here." And back in the old days, maybe there are not many cars here. Now with the population growing, there are more cars and I think we definitely should do our best to accommodate these um um services.

>> And I think we're also talking about the ones that issue tickets too.

>> Yes.

>> Right. And so that we can put up as many of the radar signs as we want. Right. I mean like in case of the ones on county and state roads, you just have to get permission from the county or the state to put them up. Just get permission to put it in there right away. But the the ones that actually issue tickets, that

requires like an amendment of like VNT law and the state legislature has to amend it to allow every location in the municipality that we're requesting to put it up. So that truly is a Senator Scufus and Assembly Member Ekis, you know, and so I guess what I would suggest is, you know, session ended, right?

>> And so session starts in 26. We should take the time to identify all the locations that we want to have and try to build the case around them. So this way when session starts up again, we can be ready to make specific requests.

>> Speeding cameras will be a better alternative uh rather than have more um staff in the police department. I mean we love that too, but because the tickets just come right home. There's no stopping or anything. people have them in the private home and they get a ticket like okay no more speeding on that road

>> so I think it's more effective

>> so Josh

>> yeah just a technical question does the town pay for those cameras or the state or the county how does that work the town pays for it

>> okay thank you we get if there's legislation adopted by the state

[clears throat] then we would pass a local law pursuant to that legislation and then the town would be responsible for all the equipment,

>> including the computer software for issuance of the tickets and all of that.

>> But I also want to add that next week we have a what ended up you know we ended up having a single issue meeting with the DOT that was happening over you may recall we had the issue what is it on Old West Point Road where there was issues with people coming around the corner and speeding and safety issues because they raised the height of the median and so [clears throat] you know this has been a long time coming. We requested a, you know, a speed study to be done by the DOT and they're just about finished with it. Um, you know, it's taken a while. It takes them a while to do these things, but we have a meeting um next week to go over uh speeding on West Point, which is going to include basically coming down the mountain into like the flats area. We've also tacked on a number of other things

>> [snorts]

>> um including this issue on route 32. We added that to the agenda.

We've added um what else is on

>> the lane of 32 in Holland and Baks.

>> Yeah. Yeah. Um you may recall last year that somebody um had requested that they put a turn lane because right now it's kind of like unsafe when you're going to go, you know, and make a left turn, you know, from Route 32 onto Hollerin or on the beach. It's not safe. So there was a request for a turn lane. So that's on the agenda to discuss. There's there's like a few other things on there. So, we're going to hopefully get a lot accomplished with our meeting with the DOT and then

>> we have to bring up the point that I was talking to one of Mr. Hernandez's neighbors uh the other day and what she pointed out was that it's 40 miles per hour and 32 up to the Cornwall line and then it goes to 55. Let's go back down to 40 until you get almost passed if you know

orange mills and uh and 32 back down to 40 for the best way cases a large section

>> that's actually 55 right now it's not marked this is

>> there was some discussion when art center was um working on their master plan of reducing the speed um of 30 on 32 to at least in the Osmills Road area down to 40 from 55, but I don't know whatever happened.

>> It went down to 40. That's what happened. But but there's a big section from like up like almost from like the center all the way up to one line

>> that's uh still it's 55. There's no [snorts] sign there. It's the state speed limit which is 55. It switches to 55 by

>> 55 by it turns to 40 [clears throat]

>> but it should it should be 40 when I'm SC it should be 40 from from like you know this line all the way fork

>> well so the next step is there's I mean in terms of we have these other issues that are ongoing that are you know we have this new issue so we're going to bring that up at the meeting next week but if there you know so if we want to try to get a, you know, uh, asking them for additional,

you know, signage, that's not going to necessarily require a board resolution.

That could just be a letter. Um, but if we want a reduction in speed limit, that's going to require a board resolution. And then going through the like the process,

>> the DOT will have to do a study that takes a while. You may recall that I think it took them almost two years to get back to us on a school speed zone

request for the middle school. Um and we're still dealing with that issue.

>> Maybe with the help of senators and the senator then that could speed up a little bit.

>> That was with their help. Um and and and so you know and so um you know in terms of the and then the red light you know not red light camera but the speed ticket camera

>> that's a look we could start that process now.

>> Okay.

>> But that's not going to happen till next session. So, we can certainly start the speed zone, you know, ticket camera. We can request a speed zone reduction if that's something we think would help.

Even just lowering the speed limit, again, we can, you know, look into that.

Um, certainly, I mean, right away, I mean, we can certainly, you know, I don't know the last time we had a patrol there. But we can certainly, you know, if we have locations to do it, Chief, I mean, we could certainly

>> Yeah, they were assigned radar posts every shift. Um, I shifted the rest of the month to that stretch 32.

>> Okay.

Thank you.

>> Doing what we can.

>> Yeah.

>> Is there anything else on this spect?

>> No. Okay. Um so moving on to the next thing we have. Um some of you have maybe heard of uh Helpsy. Um this is basically a uh textile recycling program. This is they basically collect textile waste, clothing, etc. It goes into bins. Um it will actually help reduce the overall amount of you know I mean people throw clothes out it you know adds to our tonnage but more this is about a um you know recycling of like textiles and clothing etc. The town you know does get a little uh um cut of this you know etc. There's a bin that would go out front um out here. And uh you know, I've I've never uh used this, but I can tell you I've I've spoken to other people that are familiar with this. Um Mothers Outfront, they sent in a they're like a local uh environmental advocacy group. They sent in a letter supporting this. Um they're very familiar with with HELPC.

So, you know, they have they have a a municipality program where municipalities sign up. Um, you know, it's pretty simple here. So, this is, you know, something that, you know, I think might be an interesting idea to to do was put it up here at town hall.

>> Are are they responsible for promoting this?

>> Yeah. I mean, look, we'll be a location.

And I mean, this is this is no different than, you know, we're going to post it on our social. I don't think it has to be anything more than some flyers, some post on social,

>> you know, when somebody goes in and like types in a zip code and looks for, oh, you know, where do I recycle my like it'll, you know, we'll come up as a location and I think I think that's probably

>> Yeah, that's how it work. The closest one around here is in Newberg, but it's in a dicey area.

>> So, next we have uh the Roland accessibility platform. So, um, you know, I, uh, I have the, uh, the, uh, one pager here. Um, I think some of you know, uh, Dave Ceroda here. He, uh, local guy who developed this, uh, this app. You may have seen that. There's also been, I want to say Rocky Bagels and Two Alyses are I don't know if you've added any more in the meantime.

>> We have a few more coming out.

>> But basically, it, you know, it's an accessibility platform. you know, it's an act. And so, you know, I guess I'll, you know, I'll let David just maybe

explain what it is

>> a little bit

>> if you don't mind.

>> Absolutely. All right. Good evening,

guys. So, my name is David Civera and

I'm a founder of Rland Accessibility.

And so, essentially what we do is we

score locations on whether you can

actually get into the place or not,

whether it's a bar, a restaurant, a

cafe. And so, essentially what we're

looking to do is try to go ahead and

bring Connell on board as our first

municipality for accessibility and help

drive traffic during the busy months as

soon as you know we saw Storm King art

our center with their huge expansion. So

we're hoping to get this platform

launched by July 4th and help drive and

help show people that you know Cornwall

is forward thinking with their

accessibility and their platforming as

well.

>> Great. So um basically what this would

be is u if you know if if the town

decides to participate is that we would

be the

you know like essentially the first like

New York uh you know accessibility

intelligent town. So he would basically

go through uh no cost to the town. He

would go through and he would

essentially you know uh you you would
what like score or rank the businesses
and other

>> absolutely yeah based on you know
entrances, walkways, you know ramps,
whether the bathroom is accessible,
whether the aisles, you know, you can
get your wheelchair or even strollers
in. I think you know that's one of the
biggest things as well. people always
looking whether you could, you know, get
your stroller in, whether it's dark in
the environment to allow to have
conversations in as well.

>> Yeah. And you know and so then basically
um this so we would basically you know
in the pilot essentially um there would
be press around this you know this would
be a good way to help with you know the
visitor tourism based economy but also
just you know for locals as well in the
immediate area you know because when you
go into the app you can kind of like
pull up like which places are friendly
which you know and it definitely like
you know helps to drive business I think
it would help drive more people into
Cornwall

>> um you know it's a you It's It doesn't
cost us anything. Um can't really think
of any downsides here. I don't What you

>> If I could just ask a question.

[clears throat]

How are those businesses or places that are maybe a little bit behind or lacking in accommodations? How are they treated on this app? So

>> the reason I ask is because you know I've had some experience as a mediator in federal court on places getting sued because they're not handicap accessible and I would hate to see that type of situation coming to businesses in Cornwall.

>> Absolutely. Great question. Thank you.

So um we like to focus and showcase those that are accessible. You know we have a community-based platform. So we have about 2,000 users right now. Bunch of them are in New York state. So they will go ahead and come in and mark you know as our ramp they have a ramp here. We aggregate a lot of sources as well.

Um one of the things we've realized with accessibility data is all over. And so what we work as is an aggregation platform as well. So if there's a platform that is not, let's say, or there's a location that's not fully accessible, they don't we don't surface those locations.

We try to focus on those that have a higher accessibility. We also cap them.

So we're not going to go ahead and say

this is 100% accessible. We'll wait for our community and our users to go ahead and confirm accessibility.

>> Okay. Is there on the app? Is there some sort of live chat that people can communicate with an administrator of the app and ask questions like this?

>> Absolutely. Absolutely. We have a new feature where you could go ahead and you could directly interact with the scores.

So, if you're on a local business and you're trying to figure out why is this scored this way, we believe transparency is one of our biggest assets, one of our biggest features of the application rather than it just having a simple check box. We like to surface what is accessible and what was scored.

>> So I have one question as a business owner. Um the business doesn't want to participate if they don't want to be scored.

>> Absolutely.

>> Is there any note made of that on your on your app?

>> We we do have a policy where business owners can go ahead and reach out to us and say, "Hey, we we love what you're doing or we want to be featured." And we will respect that. Absolutely.

>> Thank you. Our goal is just to highlight accessible places and, you know, give a

little bit of independence back to those who are looking to have a night out or looking to have a meeting and not have to worry about whether they they can get in.

>> So, if you're not scored, um, do you show up in the in the app?

>> If you're not scored, you're not going to show up in the app.

>> Gotcha. So, I don't know if that helps too because I guess if you're not, you know, it's not like you're going out there and just ranking everybody whether or not they want to be ranked and then showing up in there. It's only really if you want to be participate. So, if you go into the app, it's only going to show people that have like pro proactively signed up to be ranked

>> more or less. No,

>> more more or less. Absolutely. Yeah. Absolutely. And you know, if we have a location that is we don't have information on, it can be in the app, but it's just going to let the user know, hey, we don't have enough accessibility information on here. Do you want to go ahead and rank or do you want to go ahead and rate the place?

>> Okay.

Any other questions?

>> Okay.

>> Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Yeah. Yeah, I mean, look, I mean, I think I think barring some of the issues that were that were raised, but you obviously have to consider those. I mean, it seems to me like, you know, there's we're not, you know, he's not going out there necessarily and, you know, highlighting people who are not scored properly. But still, I mean, I guess there's, you know, we can talk further about this, but I definitely I mean, I guess I like the idea of, you know, anything that's going to I think we'd want to come up in an app that says Cornwall is an, you know, an accessible town. Now, whatever that means, whatever that looks like, you know, you know, I'm open to whatever that I don't even think you necessarily know what an accessible town, you're still kind of working that through, hence the pilot.

>> We Yeah. So, the pilot is going to help us work out a lot of, you know, we really would love to, you know, I was raised in Cornwall. I would love to highlight Cornwall as our first municipality on the platform here. And the whole goal is to really, you know, help show when guests are coming here for, you know, West Point graduation or

they're coming here from the Storm King Art Center events or any events that are going on in town. You know, if a person's in a rollerator or walker or even has a stroller, you know, if they're looking for uh places to go and places to patronize, if they find a location that happens to work for them, you know, these businesses now have a loyal customer. And you know, our whole goal is to have a whole community dashboard as well. So, we can share this.

community users or community members can go ahead and let us know what you want to see featured, what you don't want to see featured, and what your thoughts are as well. So, if the community has would like to, you know, weigh in, we're open for that as well.

>> And David, does this also includes um pet friendly feature as well?

>> Absolutely. So, service animals is something we've looked at. Um and we're hoping to roll out lighting as well. So, you know, those who are sensitive to fluorescent lighting or flickering or low lights, they can see what the environment of the restaurant offers as well.

>> That's very good. Thank you.

>> So, so uh a a user of the um can

>> just um you know, if you if you have any questions, just talk to him afterwards.

>> Okay,

>> I'm good.

>> Board members, anything else? That's good.

>> Dave, I love what you're doing. Number one, but uh none of this also revolves around the ADA, you know, law for all the new construction, new businesses. They're actually required, I believe, to have ADA accessibility. And as you know, stuff pops up and businesses pop up that I'm pretty sure they require. I know all public buildings [snorts] have to have it, but I think all businesses also as they pop up, not current ones, but the ones that are getting like built, you know, i.e. the hotel.

>> Absolutely.

>> Good job.

>> Yeah.

>> Okay. So, uh, moving on to the USDA, um, you know, buyout program. So, I think, you know, we've been with this now for a while. Um, and so I think, you know, we're we're kind of at the point now where, you know, the you know, but the board's been speaking internally about this for like a number of months now. And,

you know, we we just don't I mean, at this point, it's a it's a 75% 25%. So 75% USDA will you know reimburse the town for the acquisition of property and turn, you know, and turning it back into flood plane. 25% the town has to has to chip into this. So when you're looking at, you know, potentially up to five properties, you know, over on Hasbro, you know, you're looking at quite a substantial amount of money that the town's going to have to, you know, put into in order to do the project, right?

Um,

>> yeah. That doesn't include the demolition and the clearing.

>> Well, it's it's it's it's the overall cost, right? So, like, you know, there's the acquisition of the home, right? And we've gone through we've done appraisals. Um, and we all went through that process. So, you know, the homeowners have the appraisals, they know what the value is. There's there's not as much wiggle room. like the town obviously has some you know wiggle room to negotiate there but not all that much you know based on discussions with the USDA we've done the environmentals we've done all the things and really it's a matter of you know is this something the clock's ticking to

because we're there was like a statutory
clock on the funds from the USDA and so
we're kind of at the point you know can
the town come up with a million dollars
to have to put towards the overall all
you know and at this point I think we
need to because we have homeowners that
have been
you know
you know they want to move you know move
forward on things you know like they
have work they want to do to their homes
they there's there's things that are
going on we kind of owe it to them to
make a decision and so you know I think
do we have a sense of where they all
stand on whether they're willing to
accept
>> don't want to know
>> well they're all related to will they
get the amount, you know, will they get
enough, [clears throat]
you know, will they get, you know, in
some cases like more than what the
appraisal was because we've now like
we've had an escalation in, you know,
prices on homes over the years since
then. So, we're essentially at this
point where I don't know that the town
can come up to like what current market
value is because the way the program
worked is that we had to do it was

either going to be the
like the day before the storm the
assessed value or afterwards and we
decided to go with the day before and
the day before would have been July, you
know, June, July 2023.

>> It's now 2026.

I I just, you know, obviously I was very
heavily involved in it upfront, but not
since. So, I was just wondering what the
um the homeowners, you know, what their
stand was on this, whether they're
interested,
they're waiting for a better offer.

>> Well, it all it all it all comes down
to, you know, to values and so, you
know, we've I think look, we're not
going to act on this tonight. It'll be
on next week to make a decision. So, I
think, you know, if I were you, I would
all go and, you know, have have
discussions um about this, but I think
that we've, you know, based on our
discussions, I mean, we're not really in
a position to be able to to go higher to
current market value. I mean, we're
talk, you know, we're just not I mean,
we don't

>> I understand that.

>> Well, if they're not interested in
selling and we don't necessarily have
the money, it seems like a no-brainer.

Yeah,

>> probably where it's going.

>> Yeah.

>> So, that's, you know, that that's where we're at with this. So, I would say this isn't, you know, going to be on the agenda for next week to because we do have to let the USDA know, you know, one way or the other because the the the statutory clock, it was something like 480 days or whatever since the last time like since uh 2025 or something. So, we're we're getting there. It's it's coming up. So,

>> Sure. Yes. I I I know you're both homeowners. Yes.

>> So, I would say we're not like a uniform one decision for all five homes. People have their own opinions on how they feel moving forward with this. Some are not interested completely. Some are open to hearing more about it or hearing that offer. Um so, it's not a uniform no for all of us. So I know people assume that but that's not the case. So

>> So we So then you know I'm going to take it that you would like to talk further.

>> Yeah. I mean we've always kind of said that it would depend on that final number for sure to see if it's worth it. But I get I think the number changes for the town obviously if all five of us are

interested the number for the town to come up with is significantly higher. If one or two of us are interested, that number for the town to come up with is significantly lower. So that's just again, I know we can't just assume, but I think if you had conversations with each homeowner, you would really be able to narrow down who's interested and who's not um before next week to kind of gauge

um

but ultimately it does come down to the number. It has to be worth it obviously.

So

>> have a discussion during the week.

>> Yeah. I mean what you know why why don't we have a discussion over this week?

>> Okay.

>> Okay. Let's let's um you have my number.

Just reach out. We'll we'll start. I you know I know all of you. Um Okay.

>> Thank you. Um

All right. So next we have memo from the building department on lawn maintenance and vacant property registry. So all right. First, I'll you know, I'll address the pollinator garden piece here. So, you know, there there is an increased interest in people wanting to, you know, instead of just having a green lawn, some people want to have

pollinator gardens in their, you know,
in their front lawn. And I, you know, I
realized that if that's not done
properly, it could end up looking just
like tall grass and weeds and unsightly
and not like a good So, it's got to have
>> balance,
>> you know, parameters. Scott, I know some
municipalities have, you know, do this,
>> but you know, so again, like I know I
know that the conservation advisory
committee is talking about this. I even
know some people in Cornwall that would
like to do this as well, but because the
town doesn't have any regulations, it's
kind of up to the building inspector as
to how he's going to, you know, and I
don't know that we want to let Gary
decide like we want we want to have like
pretty strict like this is what a
pollinator, you know, garden looks like
in your front lawn and here's what it
could, you know, what the town's going
to allow, right? I think any garden um
as an amateur garden myself resident any
garden requires a little bit of TLC
regardless of what kind it is. So and I
think I have pollinated um gu garden in
front of my lawn and I do weeding. So
it's it's you have to keep keep up
otherwise it will just take over.
>> Yeah. Other towns have regulations where

they have to be fenced or have a stone
>> perimeter and they have to have a
certain amount of lawn. They have to be
weeded. They have to be maintained.

So

>> is is any part of his thought process
have to do with private roads versus
town roads? [clears throat]

>> We haven't even gotten there yet. I
mean, and this is just a side, you know,
thing. Yeah.

>> What do you mean private roads?

>> The I live on a private road.

>> Yeah, I know.

>> There's virtually no traffic in front of
my house.

>> Okay. The main thrust of this though is
that you know we've been getting lots of
complaints from people that are

>> neighbors complaint

>> that are you know well I'm not about
pollinator gardens about people that are
you know the grass is going like two
feet high in front you know in lawns and

>> and you know Gary feels that he doesn't
have the tools to address it and I don't
believe that he does you know other
municipalities

allow you know like like you um you have
like a landscaper on staff or in some
cases if you have a big enough
department you can have them go out and

then you bill it and if they pay it,
then it gets added on to the taxes. So,
there is there is a way to do it.

Probably it would require what law to is
there case law in this?

>> Well, there's currently a uh there's an
act in the legislature which is
moving through. Hasn't got to the
governor yet, but it's called the
Garden Protection Act. protecting the
rights of individuals to cultivate home
vegetable gardens, native plant gardens,
and or pollinator gardens. So, I'll look
into this a little bit, see what the
state's doing, and see whether that
allows local legislation or not, if this
is ever adopted.

>> So, that would be the pollinator piece.
Then there's the just like, hey, you
have

>> Well, there's the property maintenance
portion. Yeah.

>> Which Yeah. I mean, I have local laws
all over the place for
outofhand properties that
notices are sent. If the property is not
cleaned up, then the town either does it
itself or engages an outside contractor
to do it, does the cleanup, sends a
bill. If the bill's not paid, then it
goes on as a lean.

>> Yeah, Gary's listed at least six that

are here.

>> Oh, yeah. There's,

>> you know, and and these are problematic.

I mean, I can tell you these are

constantly

>> constantly coming up. all know which

ones they are.

>> We do. We do. I mean, um, so anyway, so

that that's something he wants us to

look at. There's also this idea of doing

a a vacant property registry program. I

know that that's more common than cities

and maybe larger towns. Um, you know, I

know we looked at this a couple years

ago. Um, and we kind of just like, you

know, punted it. Um, you know, and I

know though just uh talking to folks on

the Chamber of Commerce and others like

um they feel that this might be helpful

for sometimes you have these like

properties on main streets and in

downtown areas as well as neighborhoods

that you know they're they're vacant,

they're dilapidated, they're just

sitting there for years and years and

years and years. Um, and so,

[clears throat] you know, like

essentially this requires the property

owner to register and they have to pay

and then there's like a fee structure

and then it escalates over years and

eventually the idea is like, well, the

the fee is going up exponentially and either you're like, all right, well, I'm going to fix this and either rent it out or I'm going to sell it because I don't want to be paying these fees that are that are escalating. So, I know that's something that, you know, uh, might be interesting to explore. I know Gary supports it. Um, so that's, you know, but I think I think like a good place to start is uh certainly on the pollinator piece. We I think that's a pretty easy one. We could we should try to find some language that we could

>> Nicole's working on something else.

>> She's working on that.

>> And then certainly how do we deal with, you know, I know Gary would very much like for us to either have a lands, you know, have a landscaper that could go out, cut it, rebuild them, it ends up on I don't want to burn in the highway department with uh, you know, I don't know, Tom. I mean, do you think that's something you want to take up? Not really. So,

>> yeah.

>> Go ahead.

>> No, go ahead.

>> Wouldn't be the owners be notified getting a friendly reminder before

>> Oh, it takes time. Yeah, you can't just

go and do it. Yeah, like you have to
It's like 30 days notice. It's It's
probably a couple times you'd have to
notice them. Well, there's different
ways to do it, [clears throat] but
>> uh we would then do an RFP for a
landscaping company to be the contracted
landscaper for the town if if the board
decides to go this route.

>> Some of these homes are in foreclosure,
so they're sending notices to the bank
and nothing's getting done,
>> right? Until until they get a bill, then
they call. Then the bank calls and they
this happens a lot and they get a little
excited. It's like why are you sending
us a bill? Well, we tried to get you to
clean it up and now now it's a lean on
the property and it's got to be paid off
and that's how it goes.

>> Yeah. you know, and those that can take
because usually it's like really hard to
get the bank initially and then like
Will says, once they get the, you know,
the either the lean goes on and they
find out about it or they get it
whatever happens then that usually gets
them to but takes a real real long time
sometimes unfortunately.

>> Hey. Yeah.

>> Yeah. Um All right. So, next we have
this request for no parking designation

Academy Avenue Extension. Um

Tom, you want to just, you know, I guess, uh, give the board a little bit of an overview on this?

>> I guess there's just been some complaints with not being able to get down the road. It's a very, very narrow road. Once a car gets parked on there, you

>> know,

>> is that the piece that goes up behind what used to be Larry Sher?

>> Yep.

>> Yeah.

>> Yeah. So basically they've you know so you have that that property owner on the corner and then you have this like weird little area and you have people that are just like kind of like parking on their lawn and the rightway sort of

>> you know and they have a fence up. It's just this like very you know I would almost say like unsafe weird like situation. Um

>> is that a town still a town road?

>> So we can't just block it off.

>> No, there's actually a couple houses three houses up there.

>> Yeah, I know that. Yeah, but it's more we don't want people actually like kind of parking halfway into the road and halfway onto these people's property

that you know

>> we just want signs. There's no parking.

>> Yeah, but it requires an amendment of

like the BNT law. So

>> to be well or our local

>> our our local Yeah. Yeah.

>> So you'd have to anytime you establish a

parking zone, it has to be in the town

code so tickets can be

>> Yeah. [snorts] you know, so that's what

we're looking to do here. Um, I'd

welcome you to go out and just take a

look.

>> Yeah, sure.

>> Um, all right. Special event permit. So,

we'll do the chambers first. Uh, you

know, we all know about the fall

festival. Um, you see all the details

here.

>> Um, spooktacular, too. Um, we all know

about that, right?

>> Two standard events. They're just doing

this in advance.

>> Very popular,

>> right? Very popular.

>> September 20th.

>> Yep.

>> Yeah.

Yeah. It's almost always um scorching

hot on the floor or it's like terrible

weather. It's actually never actually

like the fall. Um but um

and then it's spectacular. That's always a good time. Um next we have the the Storm King decision, the July 11th event. So I know um you know I just wanted to So obviously we have the contract in place and the contract does say the signed contract. It does it does stipulate that they're allowed to have several events, but that they have to provide the details of the events to the clerk go through the normal process. Um I know they have one coming up on July 11th that they would like to have um over across the street. And so they they've submitted this. This is, you know, basically a month away at this point. Um you know, so I think you know they're they're here tonight. So, if you you want to explain what you're looking to do, Vivian,

>> um we just want to uh have a little celebration with some refreshments.

We'll have one person playing guitar. Uh some refreshments, uh book signing um by Finella Hexure of her book about Jane Colton's

uh

uh manuscript and uh has a lot of insights about it and photographs and um a a raffle.

That's it. Janette, do you have want to add something?

>> It's a fundraiser for u the it's a fundraiser for the earthwork and the garden. Um

I think with all the volunteer hours we put into it, it should be a celebration of the Storm King decision. and I look forward to the event.

>> And I know that um you know, we had spoken on the phone about this. There's going to be no alcohol, so there's not going to be a requirement for the town to wave anything. Um so it's it's just basically going to be, you know, food, some refreshments. Um you're estimating that it's up to 75 people. Um I mean let me see traffic parking guidance. I mean certainly I would think that people obviously there's a certain amount of parking over there but I would think people could just go park it down all walk across the street.

>> Um

>> so do we I don't see the hours listed on here.

>> Yeah I was going to say there's no hours. Um but I want to say I saw

>> 5 to 7. Okay.

>> And this is rain or shine. Do you have a backup?

>> Um we may we may have a rain.

>> Yeah.

We will have

>> Okay. So, yeah. I mean, this is this
seems pretty uh I don't I don't think
we're really going to need help from the
police or

>> I don't think so.

>> I I think one um question may have been
misunderstood. Um description of
sanitary facilities. I believe that
refers to restrooms.

>> Yeah.

>> And so, we will clean up doesn't answer
that question.

Yeah, you know, um well, I I would, you
know, I I don't know how we're going to
answer that. I mean, certainly there's
facilities that are in the um

>> the park. It's a two-hour drop in event.

I don't know that we're going to need to

I I guess that's a question for,

you know, I mean, typically this goes to

the clerk, but I guess because of the

amount of people and where it's at, I

guess it's coming, you know, it's coming

to us to just look over. I I don't know.

We feel looked at getting a port up. How

do you

>> Well, the town hall's right across the
street and there's the public bathrooms
here.

>> Okay.

>> Yeah, but town hall's locked.

>> Yeah.

>> Oh, yeah.

>> Yeah.

>> Well,

>> I mean, there's bathroom at the Little League fields that'll be open. So,

>> that's two hours. So, I'm sure

>> most people

given the fact that there's no alcohol,

it's going to be quiet with me.

>> [laughter]

>> Yeah.

>> But um All right. Uh so any any other questions on this?

>> Yeah.

>> Yeah.

>> You said doing books on you selling books and is that is that profit going towards your fundraiser?

>> Vanilla

is selling books and she's donating it to Trailside Museum. um such as profits.

The the books are expensive. They're

very nice quality. Um so

she's entitled to [clears throat] profit

from her book or donation to Trailside

wherever she wants to put it.

So,

I guess this kind of gets I mean, look,

well, you know what? While we're on the

subject, um I think I'll just go through

a few things here related to the to the

sculpture itself, right? Just address a few things that have been out there. Um so, let's see. Um you know, we've we've seen like some misinformation out there about this. So, I just think it's, you know, let's just sort of correct this. Um, [clears throat] you know, one, I just want to stipulate that this whole thing's guided by a contract. It's very specific. Um, and we've been following the contract. Um, the let me just see here one of the questions. Since the sculpture site will be using water and electric supplied by the town, they just assumed that's what was happening. Have you established what cost Sansbury Homestead has been statistically? So, the additional cost of water and electric due to the sculpture is paid back to the town. So, let's just like you right off the bat here establish it's using solar lighting. It's not tied into the electric grid. Um what water costs there may be um you know we will we know what they are. We'll take a look at it. It's going to be you know quite frankly like you know 10 15 20 bucks a month. Um, at the end of this, you know, again, they're fundraising and the contract stipulates that costs such as

this are borne by the company. So, again, the contract's going to dictate how this gets handled. So, we'll take a look at this, how much water consumption there's been. And, you know, we will then go to the company and we'll we'll address that at, you know, at the time.

Um,

the let's see, um, the uh there's a question about the event insurance. So, yes, they will have to they are going to have to provide event insurance and they are going to have to provide the form which they have to the clerk. We're looking at that right now. Um, what's the plan to reimburse the town for town cruise work that was done on our dime?

Um, again, and actually I'm sure Tim and Tom would be happy to answer this cuz, you know, they they dealt directly with this, but um, you know, it's my understanding that the the water line that was dug to Sands Ring, uh, Ray from RPC donated his trench digger and, you know, they dug the line. Um, and then this other part, this gets back to the contract. The highway department ordered \$400 worth of uh water line parts and they observed to make sure that it was done correctly because you don't want to have, you know, a water line coming from a town property to a spigot done

improperly. So again, the contract dictates that the company will have to reimburse the town for those costs. And so we will be, you know, actually um we already have I I told, you know, Janette and Vivian that they will have to reimburse the town for those costs. Um, let's see. Um, there were some allegations made that a skid skier and dump truck were used to benefit the project. Um, Tom, didn't we have that over there because there was like a stump, there was a tree that fell on the property a couple months ago.

>> Yeah, we poor timing, but we just ground two stumps while we were over there with our skid steer.

>> Brought in dirt, grass, seed, that stuff to

>> Yeah.

fill in the stump. I don't know if we've ever stumped ground before, but it is a slow process.

>> Yeah.

>> So, it did take like a good day and a half to do the two stumps. And then we um we did have to put dirt and grass seed back over the trench line. You know, there's a liability factor.

Someone was to

>> shrimp in the trench that would ultimately come back to us. So, that was

about all we did over there.

>> So, let's see. So, we have So,

That's what the guys were doing over there was for the stump. Um, you know, so I guess I guess you know, Tom, if you want to if you want to, you know, add up the cost of the grass seed to their bill, have it. Um,

let's see. Oh, okay. This this is a good one. There have been accusations that the town is to provide security, fencing for the project, etc. I think I think whoever did that one they kind of didn't read the whole um line in the contract because

uh let's see because it actually says let's see the person that said this they only gave the first part they didn't give the like the second part it says however the town shall have no obligation to provide any such measures and shall not be responsible for the adequacy thereof. So yes, if the town so chooses to provide fencing, barriers, lighting, cameras, police patrol, security and safety measures is at the town's discretion, we have no obligation to and we're not responsible for the advocacy as there are.

We're not doing any of that. Um says right in the contract. So they've not requested it. We've not decided we're

going to do it. Um things are fine, but again, everything is dictated in this contract here. Um, so I think I think it's actually pretty clear um what's going on. Um, I will say that the it's great. It's all planted now. It looks nice and, you know, I expect, you know, it's going to grow in fully and it's, you know, it's going to be a nice, uh, work of art and tribute to the history of our town. So, I'm very much looking forward to this um, exhibit. Any questions that the board has on this?

Okay.

Um,

>> do we need to approve these?

>> No. Um, well, I mean, you know what?

We'll we'll we'll do the events next week.

>> Okay,

>> that's just that's fine. This this was just a review, but

>> can I ask a question?

>> Well, um, no, we'll get to that. And, um,

>> thank you.

>> Let's see. So, uh, moving on. Um, let's get to the Independent Living, Inc. in town of Cornwallou.

So, basically, we have this agreement.

This is basically a data sharing protocol agreement between the town and the police department um and um independent living because there's and you this is also related to like HIPPA requirements as well. Um, this is something we're being asked to put in place, you know, so not something we're going to do tonight, but uh, Will's looked at this. You know, this is the fairly standard thing that has to go into place.

[clears throat] Uh, let's see. Next, we have the 2025 Justice Court audit. Um this is a letter from both justices. Um the uh the audit is available but this is just uh the town will have to vote to accept the audit which we'll do at next week's meeting which you can basically see the letter to the town supervisor here from uh Justice BCer and Justice Ferraro.

Um next we have security upgrades. So, I know that we just in terms of town hall security, um, this is like an open discussion. So, we're still trying to decide, are we going with the one solution that was presented where people will enter down

here and go upstairs? Will we go a different route where we put, you know, fobs on every door?

>> Email that over this morning. I figured we would discuss it at the department head.

>> Yeah. So, we got we got to actually get a cost on that because it's going to be a certain amount per door, right? So if there's like a hundred doors in the building and it's \$1,000 a door because in some cases you're having to wire them or even replace them depending on the door. So there's definitely some discussion around that. But the the real thing that I think we we actually can act on is going to be the security cameras, you know, uh around town hall and a River Park. I know we had discuss, you know, we have the issue of Munger Cottage and, you know, we understand that issue. Um Tim and I spoke about that a little bit, you know. [snorts]

We think that maybe there's a way to address the concern about Moner Cottage by, you know, you have like the two entrances, right? So maybe there's a way to to to deal with the camera around the back that's not like a direct shot of people coming in the door, but we would have to have that in, you know, when people are coming in the the main door

because that would defeat the purpose of having security there. So I think I think there's a way to have a compromise around that, but

>> I don't you know, I don't want to hold up cameras that need to go elsewhere.

like we really need to get cameras over by the ice house and elsewhere.

>> And so I don't I don't want to hold, you know, that up. I mean, in fact, we could even just, you know, approve this, go about doing the other cameras and, you know, we'll have the cameras. We kind of like think about how we're going to handle Munger. But I don't want to put everything else off because we're still trying to figure out, you know,

>> we can do it in phases,

>> what to do with lunger. So

>> phases.

>> Yeah. So that's that's going to be on for next week too. I definitely want to get that up and running. Um so that's that's security. Um we have this uh fail safe.

This is um

we've been doing this now for a number of years. Um you know Kurt Han, our uh director of uh you know volunteer director of OEM. This is the platform that you know that he uses that we pay for. It's a website. the whole it's also

a whole other like suite of services. We do budget for this every year. There's a you know this is in the budget. Um and so I would ask that we we reauthorize this again. This would be offer like next week as well. This would be going on what the third year that we've been doing this now.

>> Yep. Um

>> it's 10,000.

>> Yeah.

>> Um

>> yeah.

>> Yes.

>> Yep.

Then we have Millennium Strategies. So we had spoken about this is actually for a vac truck. So the W the water quality improvement program allows you to go for a number of things you know anywhere from like drainage projects to back trucks to you know uh GIS mapping etc. This would be for a vac truck. We think we have a real good chance of getting it because we're actually done with all of our GIS mapping. Um I know Tommy you would said that there's still a bunch of municipalities that aren't even like so and that you know that's one of the requirements to be competitive is to be done with your GIS mapping and to be further along in your you know MS4 storm

water you know management process. So we think we have a good shot of being competitive. So that's

>> what's the cost of the vac truck and what's the value of the grant?

>> So you're going to get roughly 80% of the cost of a vac truck. So five to 600.

>> Yeah.

>> In the past we in the past we applied jointly with the village um to share a back truck. So look certainly if we were to be awarded this I could see a scenario if the village is interested.

Although I mean I don't know if they need their own back truck but certainly having one and you know I know I know the village water department uses it like at times you know Mike Trainer has rented it for a month and we've borrowed it to do uh

>> water you know do different things. So

>> but I think I will say as we move forward into the new rules and drags that come along this is going to be very helpful because the only thing we have right now is a street sweeper that does have a back on it but we don't want to rely on that. That's not what it was really intended for. It was

>> to reach the depth of half the pieces of town.

>> Yeah. So, you know, we're going to need

a backdrop. Um,
so this will be on for next week to
authorize this. Um,
the next thing is the CDBG urban county
participation. So every so often um as
you know Orange County has this
they basically aggregate all the money
from HUD for this program and if you're
one of the participating municipalities
you know Orange County manages the whole
process so that we don't have to
directly I don't know about you but I
would want to directly be dealing with
HUD on this. So it's it's good that the
office of community development does
that. So this is essentially we would
just need to opt back in for you know
2027 to 2029. I don't see any reason not
to do it. We've done it every year. Um I
don't think we want to do this on our
own. So I would I would expect that we
would do this at next week's meeting.

Um,

then we get to this. Let's get to this
first.

Sorry. The fire hydrant. Okay. So,
Next thing is the fire hydrant
replacement on Route 32. So, actually we
are going to act on this tonight because
we need to um we have a fire hydrant on
Route 32. It's over by you know it's
basically right in front of Ivy League

daycare. Um we need to very quickly approve this um order the hydrant uh and then get this replaced. This is like an immediate thing. Um, so you know what we're going to do is um, you know, it is an emergency. Uh, we have the one quote from Nin and Callahan, but we're, you know, like we're talking like a fire hydrant needs to be replaced ASAP and we need to move on this. So the the quote that we actually have includes the fire hydrant. So we're actually going to order the fire hydrant ourselves. Um, and the the contractor is just going to do the, you know, the excavation and the install. So, what we're going to do is we're going to approve it for this amount or less. And once we, you know, get the, you know, all the pricing, etc., we know it's [clears throat] going to be cheaper already because we're going to be paying for it. But, you know, you wanted to act at tonight's meeting.

>> So, it's more than just a fire hydrant.

You know that.

>> What's that?

>> It's more than just a fire hydrant.

Unless you're going to use all parts because you have to shut off in the street, which is part of the fire hydrant operation. Then you have a T

which connects the main to the fire hydrant stem.

Says a T on the valve and then the fire hydrant with

some sections of small pipe.

>> Yeah. I mean I know I know John Far looked at this and he basically said what it is that we need to do in order to to do this. So I think yeah it's we've got a new hydrant and a valve. Um,

>> do we know of anything else that we need to to add to this, Tom? I mean, beyond

>> I haven't dealt with it really at all.

>> Well, I don't do first order.

>> So, I mean, I know you're going to order the hydrant and you're going to order whatever is needed. So, this this is what

>> state bid pricing and taxes.

>> Well, I think you know, we uh we do it at this amount. I know Nini has spoken to fair about this and this is what fair has said that we need to order and they you know nin and fair typically deal with the hydrants in this district and this is what they say that we need and this is what the quotes based on. So I think that we you know I think we got to just act on this tonight and we'll

>> Is there an inspection uh required after this is assembled? Yeah, everything will have to be like certified that it's

>> it's working

>> done correctly.

>> Yeah, this isn't our first fire hydrant that we So, John, fair and have done this throughout the district for a long time.

Um, so,

so I'm going to make a motion then to authorize, you know, this this um, uh,

quote for 147 14,700

or less for

the u um, mobilization, excavation of existing fire hydrant, replacement of the hydrant, back fill and cleanup, uh, supply materials, traffic control, um,

you know, for Nin and Callahan. Can I get a motion to approve? [clears throat]

>> Second for discussion. Um, just a couple

of notes. This is under for a couple of reasons. It's permissible for the board

to proceed this evening. Number one,

this is under the competitive bidding

threshold of \$35,000 for a public works

project. Number one. And number two, um

because this is an emergency situation

and a fire hydrant needs to be replaced

for public safety, uh the procurement

policy of the town can be bypassed in

the interest of public safety. So three

quotes aren't needed for the excavation.

The uh fire hydrant and related

components will be on state bid as Tom said. So, it's permissible for the board to proceed tonight uh with this uh quote from Nian Callahan. Thank you.

>> Just one quick question, Tom. Is this a one day job, a two-day job?

>> I I this really came into my lap at like 1:00 today.

>> This this was we were trying to figure out how to get

>> probably I would imagine a day or two.

>> This could be a one day job if there's no issues.

>> And this is a one day job.

>> Okay.

>> But you never know until you dig. So

>> we could dig and it could be an issue. I mean that's

and it is the first Cliff Heights water district after all. So you know that district is full of issues. Um

>> yes

>> you have a second.

>> Yeah. Mr. Mardi.

>> Yes.

>> Miss E.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Gold.

>> Yes.

>> Miss Michael.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. [clears throat] Woodask.

>> Yes.

So, next we have the [clears throat]
recreation department seasonal staff.

So, this is going to be to hire.

[clears throat]

We've got kinder campam counselors
and we also have lifeguards. You know,
we are opening the kitty pool. Um

I'll also be announcing we're just
waiting to get the flyer. Long Pond is
going to be open again this year. I'm
just waiting to get the updated flyer
from the folks that run Long Pond. Um
you know, with the updated pricing, I
don't have it yet. the second I have it,
we'll put it out. You know, some of you,
I think, probably went there last year.

It was a good time over there. Um, but
uh

so I'm just going to I'll just make a
motion to you can see the uh the staff
rates that are right here. So,
basically, I'm going to make a motion
for the board to approve the the uh 2026
summer staff hires um for the kinder
camp counselors and for the lifeguards
based on the uh based on the rates that
we have.

>> I get a motion to approve.

>> Second,

>> Mr. McCarti.

>> Miss Heath?

>> Yes.

>> Mr. [cough]

[clears throat]

>> Yes.

>> Miss McCarthy?

>> Yes.

>> Mr.

Yes.

Uh let's see. Uh next we have action item. We have warrant number six. Can I get a motion to approve warrant number six at 1,249,621.37?

>> So move.

>> Second.

>> Mr. McCarti.

>> Yes.

>> Miss Heat.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Gold.

>> Yes.

>> Miss Michael.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Woodowski.

>> Yes. Um, and just actually, um, I believe Tim's going to give a brief, uh, Okay. So, I'm going to be giving a a brief comp plan update. Comp plan committee is meeting on Monday, June 22nd at 6:30 to discuss updates, changes to the draft plan. The town planner is currently making deadlines to the

document based on input that was received for the public hearing. Public hearing still remains open. Comp plan committee will send back uh to the towns for continuation of the process. I'm going to turn it over to chairman uh Wayne Gold of the town committee for any further remarks.

>> There's not much more to add this. I just need to point out this is not a Q&A session. We are all we're discussing a holding a Q&A session in at some point in the future. This is not a public hearing. This is just like the 17 I'm sorry 15 regular meetings that we held in the conference room where the committee will discuss the red line that I we actually got it today. We haven't had a chance to look at it. I got I think I got it at 4:00. Um, but we will we will be discussing um the modifications, revisions that our planner has made and determine whether or not we feel that they're appropriate. Um, if everything goes according to plan, we may make a decision that night or we may have to hold it over for another meeting. Um, but this is these are not public forum forums. These are not um public hearings and these are not Q&A sessions. When when we are satisfied that we that the adjustments that the

planner has made um then we will send it
back to the town board for action.

>> Anything else?

>> Just one thing unrelated to the comp
plan before we go into public comment.

Uh I expect to present the board next
week with a resolution.

Um, you may recall that there's a a a
request that's been made to the town for
the Sam's Ring property from some
trusts. Uh, I've been in touch with the
um trust administrators down in Florida.

I've reviewed the documents that the
clerk's office has provided. So, I think
we're in a position where next week
we'll have a resolution for the board to
accept that uh those two trust requests.
and start the process of getting the
funds up here to the town for
administration. So, that should be on
the agenda for next week.

>> Sure.

>> Thank you.

>> That's good news.

>> Yeah. The So, the last thing I'll just
say is that um you know, some of you
have heard about the the idea of a
community preservation plan. Um
that will be on at some point for
discussion. Um we we are looking at you
know that's that is going to be an
initiative that's going to be led by the

conservation advisory committee. The board will have to to basically empower that committee to there's like a whole like steps and process. You'll have to talk to the town attorney exactly how to go about doing that. I think you might be familiar with that maybe from like Pulse or elsewhere that's that's done this. But it is something we're going to be embarking on. First step is going to be to establish the committee. Um, we've done a lot of work. The conservation advisory committee has done a real lot of work over the years on this. So, we're probably half of the way there on coming up with the actual preservation plan itself. There's obviously more work that has to be done because the idea is to end up with a parcel by parcel inventory and action plan for how you're going to put it into place. And right now, we don't we don't have that. So, that that's actually a lot of work to put together, but I think it's something important for us to have. So that you know that may be on for next week for discussion or it may be on for July. Haven't decided yet but you know we are we are working on that behind the scenes. Um I guess we're now public comment.

Yes.

>> Um Greg Robbie Min Springs. Um in terms

of since 1991

uh you have to declare defects in your

property. So the people who are in that

uh FEMA flood thing if they are not

aware of it that affects you have to

declare that you are uh getting

inundated. So that does affect value.

Um, in terms of uh the speeding cameras,

uh the New York State Association of

Boards is has until June 25th for the uh

town to contribute things that should be

the legislative agenda. I don't know if

that came in an email for me this

morning, so you may not be aware of it

yet, but um I also note that there's a

slot in the presentation for September

and I did the thing with the essay on

what it would be like if we had a

charter. I would like to I'm going to

plan to purs pursue that. Um I did the

essay. I haven't heard back whether the

town historian ever submitted anything,

but I'm hoping to make that that a thing

that you guys will be aware of maybe

next week. Um, in terms of the uh thing

that you just mentioned, there's a board

version of our uh comprehensive our uh

conservation advisory council and you

keep saying committee. It is a council.

It sets its own rules and rags. Um and

and and that needs to get straightened

out. Um in terms of um

Tim's

facilitation of the public hearing, it was a pleasure to not only have written comment taken, but asked for. I felt like I was back in Maine. Uh that's standard practice. Let the people's speech be both verbal and written and considered. Um

of particular interest is on the advisory uh conservation advisory council's vacancies. The law allows for two youth,

two people ages 16 through 21.

what I handed out to you says it way too poetically. I apologize, but we should make two kids fill those positions, fill out the vacancies

because it's their future. And my

generation, our generation, we have the word I've used, we have

conjoined the making an absolute disaster for

and and we owe it to them to give them a place at the table. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

Yes,

>> Andy Biscowski. In regard to item four, does anyone on the board have any idea how much has been invested so far in prepping for the decision, the survey, or the appraisals?

How much money have you spent so far?

I don't have it off hand, but I'll tell
you that we've had access to um

>> Okay.

>> Yeah, let me finish.

>> Yes.

>> Uh can you come up with a figure in the
next meeting with that?

>> What? So, I'm just asking you how much
you've spent so far

>> in prepping for your decision.

We will give a, you know, a full
accounting when we, you know,

>> Okay. The next meeting that's all. Thank
you.

>> Well, no, I said we'll give a full
accounting as soon as we've, you know,
have a complete number as to what we've
spent. Yes.

>> Oh, year to date.

>> We haven't spent anything to date. Year
to date,

>> you haven't spent anything.

>> No.

>> You haven't hired contractors. You
haven't hired appraisers.

>> This has been a three-year process and a
very lengthy process. So,

I will I will give an overview for it's
been a very lengthy process that has
taken about three years to go through
and we have had access to administrative

funds that have been allocated to us to
pay for administrative costs that the
panel

>> all I'm asking what you've spent on

>> Yes.

>> Thank you. Yes.

So the gentleman who was here about the
traffic safety I was thinking the first
thing that came out of uh the board's uh
while you were speaking that we'll have
to hire more officers. Now just keep in
mind that we are not an industry we are
a town. So before we go on the civil
service jobs are forever benefits and
retirements and everything else. So
before let's entertain the technology
this day and age as much as we can.

Second suggestion is use a ticket
writing blitz and those tickets should
be written to Cornwall town court so we
get the revenue and it it acts as a
deterrent. I'll give you an example. My
son was passing through town of
Thompson. His ticket was \$350.

So that will deter the people and we
don't want to hire any more people
unless we have to unless the chief says
so. Um couple of things on security. It
seems like the safety cameras and the
doors is going to go on for a while.

Until then, can we just buy

[clears throat] a couple of Ring cameras

and give that access to Jen and her co-workers so at least they know who's coming in. It'll be a lot cheaper. Uh the lady who was sitting there, I did not follow her. uh this USDA thing. It seems like uh are we getting into real estate business in the town or is it like some kind of law that we must buy their houses?

>> No. So So if

>> I don't know.

>> Yeah. Sorry. Yeah.

>> My house is for \$1 million. [laughter]

>> Sure. So

>> for those who have been not been following the USDA buyout program, this goes back to the July 9th storm. There's there's something called the emergency watershed protection plan. In the days after the flood, we had the USDA come out here and they looked at eligible projects. I know they looked in the village as well. I don't know if the villages decided to do dredging or to do I don't know if the village had options for buyouts. I think they might have looked at dredging and other things, but I do know the USDA did talk to the mayor at the time after the July 9th storm, just like we did in the town. Um, for us, what ended up being eligible was the emergency watershed protection program,

which is basically USDA buyouts of properties.

So, essentially, the USDA determined that there were these five properties.

Um, I think you know which ones they are. When you come over the Hazbrook Bridge, there's like three on the right, two on the left, right before the ambulance station. We looked at it, took a long time, you know, they had to go through this whole analysis, this process. They got approved to go into the program. The idea is that it's in some cases cheaper. Instead of spending millions and millions and millions of dollars to protect a small number of homes with like physical infrastructure, you just buy the homes, demolish them, turn it back at the natural flood plane, reveate it, helps absorb the flood waters. So that's that's essentially the program. This is a very I mean FEMA has a version of this. Uh USDA has a version of this. New York State has a version of this, but it requires the town to buy the house, demolish it, haul it away, reveate it. Um it also t happens to take the properties off the tax roles too which is you know so there's like pros and cons right um and so that's what the town was contemplating and yes a prior board the prior board [clears throat]

in fact you know only three of the members that are up here now were you know were involved in this process from the beginning and at the time the board said hey let's look at this because we don't want to spend millions of dollars on physical infrastructure to protect these properties to be cheaper. So the board said, "Let's go through the process. Let's do the appraisals. Let's do this. Let's let's see what this is. It's worth doing this because it's far cheaper than spending millions of dollars in hard infrastructure." Um, so that's what the board did. Um, you know, they were all, you know, for the most part, I believe they were all 50 votes to do this. This wasn't just Josh Bojerowski. This was 50 votes by the board looking to do this. And so, you know, we did the work. Um, we have appraisals. We had to do some environmental on this, you know, to get to the point. Um, and, you know, there was funds that were obligated by Congress for the town's project. And the town's been filling out administrative reports and doing other things. We've been working with the team at the USDA now for a couple of years to do this. And, you know, there's a new board now. And the new board, you know, when I came

in, decided, hey, we should take a look at this project again because it's been and the new board's taking a real hard look at this project. Um, you know, looking at financial considerations, doesn't make sense to, you know, do we have the 25%, you know, outlay that we would have to have for this? And, you know, the board has to make this decision.

>> Okay?

>> You know, but that's that's sort of like the overall, you know, view of this. But that's that's all I have on this. Um

>> I I have a question. What would happen to those houses if the challenge did not buy them?

>> Well, I mean, you know, again, this is a purely voluntary situation where the homeowners know that they can only be offered really up to the appraised value. So, if they don't accept an offer,

>> they'll continue to stay there.

>> Then they're going to continue to stay there. Some of them at this point, it's now been three years. Some of them just, you know, don't don't want to go through. Some of them just want to move on. They're, you know, they're making the improvements that have to be made because they're in a flood plane and

they've they've, you know, changed. Like I know one house they had a kitchen on their bottom floor and they decided to like not rebuild it and they've, you know, people are making people are making changes because they want to stay there and they realize that this is Cornwall. if [clears throat] they were to sell this, they may not get an opportunity to get back into like like I think you said your house is worth a million dollars. So if you know in some cases like if someone's house assessed at you know at \$600,000 in 2023 and it's now worth a million. They're only getting \$600,000. They're not staying here. And so some of them they just want to stay here. Like they don't they don't even want to take the money, you know, that they would be offered. And so you know these are just all decisions that that people have to make. But yes, you know, they they would have to they would have to stay here. So

>> So I'm not sure I understand. If you offered them money and they did not take the money, they would just stay and live in their home.

>> That's right.

>> Yes. This is purely a voluntary program that and the town would have never pursued this. So we went to them and we

said, "Hey,

>> the USDA is offering this to us. Are you interested in pursuing this?"

>> Because we would have never taken the next step. We had five homeowners that said, "We're interested." And so then we moved forward. And we went through the process. The town board agreed. Let's get the appraisals. Let's do all the things. Let's get it up to the point when we can make start possibly making offers. And then let's go back out and talk to people to see if it makes sense to proceed. And that and and that's where we're at.

>> Well explained.

>> Yeah. Is it okay? Is there anybody else before I

>> You know what?

This is not a question and answer.

>> You're going to have to do the work on the properties that

>> no I we you know we can talk about this offline. There's no projects like you know that are you know look we know about the hazmat drainage project. We know about there's other projects on continental that are you know FEMA hazard mitigation projects that we're currently dealing with. I'm just saying long term the only way to prevent the stream,

you know, from coming out and flooding properties is to build like expensive physical infrastructure that the town hasn't even, you know, fully designed or engineered. I wasn't going to go out and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars, you know, to our engineers having them design physical infrastructure to protect five properties. that that just didn't seem like a good So, we were going to go through this process first, you know, see what else we're doing on Continental because we do have four or five projects we're working on on Continental that are in various phases with engineers and we have the Hazbook drainage project that is about to start the third leg in the next couple of weeks.

>> Is is there anybody else before I

>> Yes, Angelo, can you just touch on one [clears throat] to bring up? Do we have any update on the bridge on on Baltimore?

Yeah. So, you know, what I can say on the bridge on Boulevard is that we have, you know, again, we we're at the point where we have all the things we're we're waiting on. There's like one easement that we have to get in order to put it out to bid. Um, and once we get that, it'll go out to bid. We have plans for

the highway department to demo the bridge this summer. There's some stream dredging that's going to happen. Um, I would just say that that I think um, you know, we're going to be fine. Obviously, like there are, you know, our plan is to basically get this out, do work over the summer, come in, you know, early fall, drop in the covert, finish it, pave it, etc. But again, I would I would just say that like if we look at, you know, we've been lucky. We've had some FEMA projects that have happened in record time and we've had some that have like dragged on and it hasn't even necessarily been FEMA's fault. It's been myriad of it's been DEC it's been easement acquisition oftent times the easement is the hardest thing to get you know um and so that's that's basically where we're at but you know we're now at the point where we need to get that done. a resident on Boulevard asked me if I knew anything and I said I would be here tonight and I would ask you. So

>> yes,

>> that's all that was. Um last night at CAC meeting Miss He said that we are moving forward with the CPP and you said that earlier that we're moving forward with it and

>> so there's there's no discussion of

that. That's not a resolution that needs to be done. Just it's already been done >> and it's happening without any discussion or public input or anything else. Is that No,

>> what's been said? Well, you you said we're doing it. Miss Heath said we're doing it.

>> Yeah.

>> So, there are there's a process by which we'd like to do it. Then there's the we have to pass a resolution to establish a committee, but there's no reason why the CAC has been working has been working towards this since they've done the natural, you know, you know, resource inventory and the open space plan for years. So, you know, this is something that the board would like to do. Um, this has been discussed for a number of years. We will obviously when we have a resolution prepared to name the CAC or whatever conglomeration of people to be on the committee, we will have to discuss that. Um, and this will come up, but you know, this is this is something that the board broadly supports. So that you know it will come up but you know yes this you know we we are moving forward with it.

Yes.

>> Okay. So the [clears throat] contractor

I forgot Vivian Janette. Thank you for everything you've done for the Storm King decision. It has impacted my life more than you will ever know because I have been down at the corn yach club since I was a child. Okay. And that's why I came up to you last year in full support of your concert. So, thank you to the contract. There's provisions in the contract that say you can, you will, okay? But there's never a really you must. And we just sat through the explanation of they were always going to pay back. And I believe they are going to pay back whatever labor was involved. Okay. But the contract doesn't say they have to read back pay back. The contract says that compensation the town shall not pay any fees or other amount to the company artists or any of any of the company's assistants or contractors. Company shall bear all the costs of the installation DX installation except as to the costs and expenses expressly assumed by the town under this agreement. There's no part in that where we're getting reimbursed for our labor. It just pretty much says unless we say we're going to pick up the tab for, you know, the fencing that it's on them. But it doesn't say we're going to trade this or trade that. Okay. The second thing

that I wanted to bring up was
the bridge on the boulevard. Uh, I
looked at tap tax
maps the other day and it appears
that the town property is actually the
green
at the golf course and the bridge is
actually on the golf course property.
So, I do a little bit more investigating
and it sounds like we've been in a
holding pattern for the last three years
because we got caught in a bad land swap
with a
I guess he's a billionaire at this point
instead of just imminent imminent
domaining the property.

>> He hasn't. So,

>> this is

Yeah. Yeah. No, no, no, I understand. Um

so

you know look I you know this as far as

the golf course is concerned

ownership's changed three times since

2021

and the town has dealt with one how do

we get the golf course completed? How do

we get additional storm water

improvements done?

Then we had the flood and that was even

before

the current guy owns it. Um

I will say that he has agreed and he's

already done additional storm water
improvements to protect the lower
boulevard, the lower Hasbro.

So he's worked on those items which were
not part of the original storm water
improvement program which he did not
have to do. So
we felt that it was important to again
these things are all complex so you want
to make sure yes you have a bridge and
you're working on it to get the
engineering the design the easements
that spanned two different owners.

We're also trying to get different storm
water improvements done which the
previous owner would not make but the
current owner has made to protect the
folks that are on lower Hasbro.

Thankfully he has done that.

>> Was force built to the plans specified
when they were submitted?

I'm you know I'm not an engineer I I
can't talk to that but I can tell you
that you know again there is a SWIP and
the SWIP

>> the SWIP dictated the entire thing um
there's been improvements made they're
going to you know you know they're
before the planning board they're going
to have to come back to the planning
board and they may have to make
amendments to that etc but there's been

additional storm storm water

improvements that have been made along
the way again throughout the two

different owners of the golf course

there has been times when with the

previous O owner where

we had to take, [clears throat] you

know, action after storms because, you

know, you know, things went ary and we

had to threaten

[clears throat]

>> and we had to, you know, we had to get

involved with, you know, engineers and

Gary, etc. The new owner has been very

good about addressing issues as they

come up. And so, you know, we're

thankful that he did the storm water

stuff. We're now dealing on the easement

piece and I expect this to move forward,

you know, but again, this hasn't been

caught up with him for three years

because he hasn't owned it for three

years. Um, and so what I would say is

that we got the storm water improvements

on Hasbro, which I think is very

important because that affected a lot of

people downstream. We're now dealing

with the bridge and so the bridge will

get done. I'm confident that that's

going to happen. Um, and we'll move on.

As far as the other pieces, yes, it's a

complicated situation where I think we

all know part of the property. Back in the day, people used to park cars on there and go. So, there's like part that's the town parts that's this.

There's some land swaps and other things that we want to deal with. That's for a later date to deal with. Right now, the main concern is like getting construction easements so we can start construction. There's other things should be dealt with at a later date where we do swaps, but that is a much longer process. My main concern is getting the bridge built and that's that is what you know we are focused on. So

>> I think I have 50 seconds left. Is the land swap going to cost? Okay. Because the proposal right now that what I've heard is

essentially they want us to take the pond which is a problem child of silt and every sediment that washes off the mountain for them to get their grain back. Okay.

And if we go and take that pond, it will go and be nothing but long-term expense for the town.

>> That's not part of this. So that's um you know I'm not quite sure how you know how you're but that that is

>> oh I got it from a board member.

>> Uh but that's not part of the DEC

permitting. We have no intent of taking

>> Oh yeah but you the bridge isn't on the area for the DEC permitting. So it's all part of the whole deal.

>> Okay. I mean I I you know I don't know what to tell you but like you know we're going to get a construction permit. We're going to complete the bridge. We're going to complete the project according to the permits that we have from, you know, from the DEC. I have no plans on owning ponds.

>> Okay, great.

>> So, thank you.

>> Yeah, thank you.

>> I have one other question.

>> Yes.

>> Um I'm just wondering why um the art project is not going to donate anything to S's ring. Why any donation would be outside to the author or a land trust or whatever.

I think something to

>> They can discuss that answer.

>> Yeah, you know, I mean, you two can discuss this afterwards.

>> No, I does one donate to Sans Ring Homestead. I looked all over the internet and I could not find uh the the name or website or anything of how to donate to.

>> So, Vivian, I can I can I can help you

with that. Look, it's a town property. I don't believe they have an active, you know, 501c3 or anything like that. I mean, if they did, it would be easy. I don't think they have that. So, Um, you know, certainly, you know, it could go to the Well, again,

>> it was just a simple question.

>> I mean, they're using the property. They could use the money, but you know, it's just a nice thing. I agree.

>> Yeah. And you know what? Well, she's already asked about that. And again, there's

>> no way to directly give because in the past, I think they may have had something in the past. I don't think it's active anymore.

>> I would be happy to look into that.

Sure.

Thanks.

>> Anybody else who hasn't spoken?

>> Who hasn't spoken?

>> No. Okay. So, I'm going to make a motion to go into close session to seek the advice of council.

>> Well, then also we're going to go in if someone would make a motion to go into executive [clears throat] session pursuant to public officers law 1051D to discuss matters of pending

litigation.

>> So, move. Second

>> will be

just called my vote. There may there may

be a vote after on

>> Oh yes yes yes. There may

>> there may be a vote if anybody whoever

just asked. Ladies and gentlemen,

>> ladies and gentlemen.

>> No.

Ladies and gentlemen, someone asked,

would there potentially be a vote after

the executive session? The answer is

possibly. So for anybody who's who's

interested, thank you.

>> And Mr.

>> Yes.

>> Not going to discuss that until after we

come out.