

Meeting Speaker Data

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Speakers: spk_0, Doug Norman, James Gillway, Mark Bradstreet, Steve Tanguay, Wesley Norton, Janine Laveway, spk_7

00:00:15.73 - spk_0

Um I can walk

00:00:18.80 - spk_0

tough for me

00:00:24.96 - spk_0

It's time

00:00:27.68 - spk_0

I don't think so

00:00:34.07 - spk_0

Got to keep

00:00:40.20 - spk_0

Is 8

00:00:42.52 - spk_0

So

00:00:56.32 - Doug Norman

This meeting shall come to order

00:01:00.00 - Doug Norman

Please join me in salute of the flag

00:01:03.93 - Doug Norman

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all

00:01:21.05 - Doug Norman

Thank you

00:01:28.69 - Doug Norman

Roll call uh we're all here with Sandra

00:01:33.79 - Doug Norman

Call-in number for tonight's meeting is 930-818-9

00:01:39.33 - Doug Norman

The town website is www.seb.maine.gov

00:01:46.25 - Doug Norman

James announcements Yeah

00:01:48.32 - James Gillway

just quickly this is our last uh meeting before the town election which will be March 3rd 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Searsport Community Building on Prospect Street

00:02:04.12 - Doug Norman

Thank you

00:02:07.13 - Doug Norman

Acceptance of minutes

00:02:18.35 - Doug Norman

Do it here in motion

00:02:23.80 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Chairman I make a motion that we accept the minutes as written

00:02:29.99 - Steve Tanguay

Second

00:02:31.93 - Doug Norman

Any discussion

00:02:35.91 - Doug Norman

Hearing none all those in favor a 301

00:02:45.82 - Doug Norman

Uh

00:02:47.89 - Doug Norman

Acceptance of agenda 11th hour James

00:02:50.98 - James Gillway

Yeah I have two items to talk about One is the mutual aid agreement for Waldo County and uh for fire departments and the second is a promotional video that's being talked about I no action on it Just wanted to make you aware

00:03:05.30 - James Gillway

OK

00:03:06.38 - Doug Norman

Do we have connect special

00:03:07.31 - Steve Tanguay

special

00:03:10.54 - Steve Tanguay

Make a motion to accept the agenda

00:03:13.93 - Doug Norman

Secondended

00:03:16.41 - Doug Norman

Any further discussion

00:03:19.50 - Doug Norman

Here are none All those in favor Aye

00:03:23.81 - Doug Norman

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00:03:26.97 - Doug Norman

Public comment

00:03:39.31 - spk_0

I

00:03:43.07 - Doug Norman

Is that on James uh just

00:03:50.61 - spk_0

OK the lights on I am here actually just

00:03:55.64 - Doug Norman

to name and address please

00:03:59.34 - spk_0

It's on here I'm gonna give it to you Tony Rowe Sasport I'm a resident native of Sarisport and I'm also a member of

00:04:11.15 - spk_0

Muswell Memorial Park Association I'm one of the trustees and that's one of the things that has brought me to this and I'm gonna give you a summary of what I'm talking about tonight I don't expect comments tonight you're gonna need to review it This full one is for you

00:04:31.49 - spk_0

I didn't copy all of the deeds for everybody

00:04:35.89 - spk_0

Thank you

00:04:38.54 - spk_0

I won't give

00:04:42.72 - spk_0

You

00:04:48.07 - spk_0

OK

00:04:57.99 - spk_0

Basically this is a problem that the PAC has tried to address repeatedly over many many years Some of the documentation is included in what I gave James tonight uh but there's an extensive file of 2 or 3 inches deep of the stuff and generally I'm not an attorney I reviewed the stuff merely as a trustee

00:05:27.28 - spk_0

To try to figure out what happened with the maintenance right of way that is at the end of the street coming down Leach and Howitt at that junction and you'll see a little map there where I'm acted in yellow where I'm talking

00:05:46.43 - spk_0

The deeds over a period of years had referred to this not as a public access but as a maintenance access for the shore front for that end of the park and for the town because there's drainage that is incorporated under there

00:06:05.07 - spk_0

My problem is that I think this should be addressed and thought about particularly now since we've got repairs to do to the park from the storm damage and if access is needed which it may very well be

00:06:22.30 - spk_0

That

00:06:24.26 - spk_0

Supposed right away that has disappeared is blocked off by Sharon the current owner of Murphy property So I it's something that I brought it to the town so that you can review it and see what we all can do about it because it's definitely a town issue not just a park issue

00:06:49.44 - spk_0

And yes you

00:06:52.78 - spk_0

Just

00:06:56.28 - spk_0

That's just a rough drawing that was part of a gro one

00:07:02.59 - spk_0

Oh John's

00:07:04.59 - spk_0

Yeah it's a portion that James has the remainder of that particular that's one of the particular uh presentations that we had over the years with the park and with the owners then of the property

00:07:23.06 - spk_0

And it just seems

00:07:26.54 - spk_0

Somebody needs to do something about it and that's all I'm requesting Don't expect an answer from me but I will come back

00:07:36.00 - Wesley Norton

And I just have one question

00:07:38.16 - Wesley Norton

question for tonight Do you or does the park have any concerns at this time about access that's been denied um either by discussion or by some sort of physical blockade

00:07:50.62 - spk_0

There is a blockade

00:07:53.82 - spk_0

the

00:07:54.79 - spk_0

Wood stored on that area there's just

00:08:00.45 - spk_0

A taking over of it but we haven't had a need at this point since this happened which has been a cumulative but more recent with the last ownership

00:08:13.26 - spk_0

Uh that we may need to have that access soon if they need to do work on that end of the waterfront protection

00:08:24.02 - Wesley Norton

OK thank you for clarifying And then the other portion as I understand is some degree of concern around the the um deed language that's included

00:08:31.95 - Wesley Norton

included right now

00:08:33.07 - spk_0

right It seems to kind of disappeared from the original repeated times over the years which James has a packet that includes copies of those deeds that refers to the book and page but I didn't want to confuse all of the the whole big bundles

00:08:52.12 - spk_0

I'll let you have it later Thank you Tony and you can call me I put my phone number on there if there's any questions

00:08:59.01 - spk_0

any follow up feel free

00:09:02.28 - spk_0

I'll try to help you give you access to all of those pieces of paper I have Thank you

00:09:09.91 - Doug Norman

James I I know you have dealt with this over the years

00:09:13.75 - Doug Norman

Do you have any comments

00:09:15.63 - James Gillway

I do have a letter downstairs and file where the town hired our town attorney Peter Mason to straighten this out with the Murphy family It never ended up having to go to court but it was

00:09:29.53 - James Gillway

The letter outlines and I think I think their attorney was Fred Romanal but it clearly identified that that right of way exists and it was as maintenance and it outlined just what Tony said and we do have a copy of that downstairs

00:09:49.88 - James Gillway

So and I and I I don't know did did you get a copy of that letter I didn't OK Um let's see I gave one to you right

00:09:57.47 - James Gillway

The copy of the Peter Mason letter I think so yeah so I'll I'll I'll dig it out It's in the closet downstairs but but it does exist and it is clear And even after that uh I think the granite pieces that um that Tony refers to were still there but it was an understanding with the Murphy family that if and when we need to do that those are going to be moved and and they had no problem with that There's even a couple of plantings there that are that are problematic

00:10:26.86 - James Gillway

Uh but but I will um I'll I'll dig all that out for us and we can talk about it

00:10:32.97 - Doug Norman

Well the problem is

00:10:35.15 - Doug Norman

We've dealt with the Murphy family but we haven't dealt with the new one

00:10:38.36 - James Gillway

Yeah yeah

00:10:40.04 - Doug Norman

that's true This has to be addressed

00:10:44.30 - Doug Norman

Because we very well

00:10:48.10 - Doug Norman

I'll ask you do you think we'll need access

00:10:52.70 - Doug Norman

To do the work there

00:10:54.53 - James Gillway

it's really hard to tell but there's a possibility there's a possibility we're going to need to bring materials in from that no problem with conveying that to the new owner Very very easy to do even in writing so we document it

00:11:11.71 - Doug Norman

Thank you

00:11:13.79 - Doug Norman

OK Colonel

00:11:15.20 - spk_0

Thank you

00:11:18.10 - Doug Norman

Make make make sure Tony gets copy uh Tommy and and Janine get copies of everything you do

00:11:28.80 - Doug Norman

Uh

00:11:30.83 - Doug Norman

Denise

00:11:37.58 - Janine Laveway

Janine Loudvoy see your support and I also have my um an officer and trustee of the park and so to segue along with the I just have a was looking for a quick update on the status of the permits and make sure I understand it correctly I think we have the

00:11:54.40 - Janine Laveway

We have the permit by rule for the in-kind repair and then we've since hired Vanessa O'Donnell to do the NARPA permit which will which will encompass the entire seafront bank of the park

00:12:13.90 - James Gillway

and where do we stand with I haven't had an update

00:12:16.34 - James Gillway

In 3 or 4 weeks now but she was moving forward with the NRA permit and we were also looking to modify the permit by rule to allow for a different type of cribbing which the state is in favor of doing in most cases So and we have hired Sean Stone

00:12:36.28 - Janine Laveway

OK because his original estimate for the

00:12:39.71 - Janine Laveway

For the not the NRA permit the permit by rule was considerably higher than what I understand It's gone to bid for

00:12:48.24 - James Gillway

it went out to bid as is but his bid came back with a stone stone bed seawall instead of

00:12:56.72 - Janine Laveway

of the crib work that we have permission to do And so where does that leave the FEMA funds We were awarded money based on the original

00:13:07.78 - James Gillway

We're we're still until we pay the bills

00:13:09.26 - James Gillway

We're not in in a position to make I don't think they're going to be asking for it back but they'll want more work done

00:13:16.42 - Janine Laveway

Yeah I thought we had to get in writing from the FEMA to use the funds differently than what they awarded but maybe I misunderstood approved

00:13:24.76 - James Gillway

approved for that first

00:13:25.47 - Doug Norman

first OK OK

00:13:27.59 - Janine Laveway

great thank you

00:13:31.29 - Doug Norman

Thank you

00:13:35.61 - Doug Norman

Anyone else

00:13:39.66 - Doug Norman

And moving on old business

00:13:42.97 - Doug Norman

Citizens petitioned for warrant

00:13:45.73 - Doug Norman

Has everyone had a chance to look at it and

00:13:50.32 - Doug Norman

Do you have any questions

00:13:52.86 - James Gillway

I'll just report out that

00:13:53.99 - James Gillway

that there were 100

00:13:59.15 - James Gillway

185 total signatures 160 were valid There were some non-registered

00:14:08.38 - James Gillway

People on the petition but adequate to include it on the warrant And you don't have to vote on it It just

00:14:15.93 - James Gillway

I've included it in the warrant Um I just need to make you aware that they did have the

00:14:21.45 - Doug Norman

so we'll approve when we do the warrant correct

00:14:26.05 - Doug Norman

Uh

00:14:27.57 - Doug Norman

Any comments about it however

00:14:32.67 - Doug Norman

Let's see

00:14:35.35 - Doug Norman

Well well we will when you do the one

00:14:41.24 - Doug Norman

No more questions

00:14:44.58 - Doug Norman

No more

00:14:45.84 - Doug Norman

Uh town meeting Laura

00:14:48.73 - Doug Norman

I want to run out

00:14:51.03 - James Gillway

So I'd

00:14:51.27 - Doug Norman

I'd like

00:14:51.40 - James Gillway

like to start

00:14:51.80 - Doug Norman

start out

00:14:52.00 - James Gillway

out

00:14:52.92 - James Gillway

Initially

00:14:55.88 - Doug Norman

Uh

00:14:56.65 - James Gillway

there are 3 items that should be voted on separately because they are uh required to be so

00:15:09.14 - James Gillway

Articles

00:15:13.46 - James Gillway

Article 16 to see if the town will authorize the select board to appropriate up to \$80,000 from surplus to fund items within the 2026 municipal budget that would otherwise be raised by taxes The BAC has voted that out at 900 Mr Lebor needs a formal vote

00:15:33.43 - Doug Norman

You want to hear motion

00:15:39.16 - Mark Bradstreet

Can we can do all three at the at the same OK I make a motion on Article 16

00:15:46.84 - Mark Bradstreet

That we appropriate up to \$80,000 from

00:15:51.75 - Mark Bradstreet

from

00:15:53.66 - James Gillway

So you you're not you're not actually voting to do

00:15:56.63 - Mark Bradstreet

I'm making a motion on Article 16 that we accept the article as written to be placed in the town Warner uh

00:16:03.63 - Doug Norman

for for

00:16:04.71 - Doug Norman

uh

00:16:04.86 - Mark Bradstreet

town meetings 77

00:16:05.59 - Doug Norman

77

00:16:07.63 - Doug Norman

Any further discussion

00:16:12.58 - Doug Norman

Hear me none All those in favor aye 440

00:16:19.14 - James Gillway

Article 17 to see if the town will vote to authorize the select board to appropriate up to \$100,000 from unappropriated surplus to the following reserve accounts The ambulance \$20,000 public works \$75,000 fire department \$5000 The BAC voted out 900

00:16:42.45 - Doug Norman

Do it here in motion

00:16:44.55 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Chairman I make a motion that we accept Article 17 as part of the warrant for town meetings

00:16:51.36 - Mark Bradstreet

meetings

00:16:52.57 - Doug Norman

Second

00:16:54.27 - Doug Norman

In a discussion

00:16:57.37 - Doug Norman

Hearing none All those in favor Aye

00:17:00.26 - Doug Norman

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00:17:02.04 - James Gillway

And the final article requiring a separate vote is Article 18 to see if the town will vote to raise \$77,500 for the following reserve accounts The ambulance \$7000 Public works equipment \$38,500 Police cruiser \$32,000 The BAC voted this article to be included at 900

00:17:24.05 - Doug Norman

900 dollars

00:17:25.06 - Doug Norman

dollars

00:17:26.23 - Doug Norman

I want to point out that this is not a slug

00:17:30.56 - Doug Norman

Uh Tonight's proposal but not in the future

00:17:34.69 - James Gillway

Correct All you're doing is you're voting to bring it forward to the town meeting to vote This will be stated at a town meeting clearly that this is a vote to raise taxes um

00:17:46.10 - James Gillway

It it's and the previous move

00:17:49.86 - James Gillway

The previous vote is actually also contingent on there being enough surplus to do it I don't know what the surplus number is but it

00:17:58.25 - James Gillway

As much as we and and this is all part of um improving our capital reserves so we can buy equipment as Wes has been working on for the past 6 months or so

00:18:08.80 - James Gillway

And this you know people just need to know that that's what this vote will mean in the end

00:18:15.73 - James Gillway

end

00:18:17.01 - Doug Norman

and whether or not there's enough surpluses is up to the ball

00:18:21.53 - James Gillway

Yeah the board has to decide that

00:18:24.45 - Doug Norman

But this is strictly

00:18:27.91 - Doug Norman

That we have no no say after the vote

00:18:32.94 - Doug Norman

Uh

00:18:34.62 - Doug Norman

Do I hear a motion

00:18:35.86 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Chair I make a motion that we accept Article 18 as written to be placed on the town warrant for town meeting

00:18:46.80 - Doug Norman

So

00:18:48.48 - Doug Norman

Any discussion

00:18:51.32 - Doug Norman

Hearing none all those in favor Aye 40

00:18:59.24 - James Gillway

So to continue you have to vote to approve the warrant so it can go to

00:19:06.26 - James Gillway

Go out and be posted and and it's the warrant for the meeting Article 20

00:19:13.74 - James Gillway

I want to point out that article

00:19:17.33 - James Gillway

A couple of issues

00:19:19.38 - James Gillway

Uh article

00:19:21.64 - James Gillway

14 is included

00:19:24.24 - James Gillway

Article 14 This is our clay slurry PPSAOV turned into Emery's Clay now turned into another company which I don't even have the name for This is the final 20th year of our credit enhancement agreement with the Clay slurry Endeavor in the port At this point I don't have a contract that includes the new name but they are changing hands or they have changed hands and if we're going to

00:19:54.45 - James Gillway

We need authorization to move forward if we're going to get this straightened out in the next year Beyond that the funds that are being collected for as part of that TI uh the board will have to decide what to do with those because we extended the TI for 10 years The TIFF was due to expire also at the 20-year point

00:20:17.47 - James Gillway

But the monies that are being sheltered in the Emery Clay Agreement exist in the TIFF and I recently met with some economic development folks

00:20:27.62 - James Gillway

And we'll have to take a decision about what to do with the total amount of funds not the 65-35 split that we've been doing And one of the recommendations from them was to keep those funds in economic development and use them for potential growth especially when it comes to housing You might want to look at expanding sewer or building roads or doing things that help the housing situation in

00:20:56.79 - James Gillway

Future discussion but I want to include that It now says to appropriate that to PPSA or Emery's Clay or their successors

00:21:08.43 - James Gillway

Uh next item uh Article 19 is this Ruth No

00:21:13.18 - James Gillway

article for this final shot at town meeting

00:21:18.07 - James Gillway

And Article 21 um the code enforcement officers recommending an adjustment to the solar ordinance uh solar energy systems large scale

00:21:31.35 - James Gillway

Our number for the differentiation between large and small scale units is 40,000 currently but there's been a huge improvement to solar panels and there no longer needs to be 40,000 square feet of area to create 250 kilowatts of DC or greater That number has now reached at 30,000 so he feels that that number should be 30,000

00:22:01.39 - James Gillway

Uh to keep us kind of in line with what the industry is

00:22:05.29 - James Gillway

So we're including that in the uh in the

00:22:08.83 - James Gillway

Warrant and then finally Article 22

00:22:12.16 - James Gillway

To see if the town will vote to approve the Searsport Mobile Home lot rent stabilization ordinance

00:22:19.47 - James Gillway

As written and that was from the from the

00:22:24.56 - James Gillway

Petition

00:22:34.08 - Doug Norman

So now we can just approve the law as presented

00:22:38.58 - James Gillway

uh correct and there's a signature page in the in the signature folders up there

00:22:43.01 - Doug Norman

there

00:22:44.92 - Steve Tanguay

Mr Chairman I'd like to make a motion that we

00:22:49.02 - Steve Tanguay

Approved the 2026 annual town meeting warrant so it can be posted in public

00:22:55.46 - Steve Tanguay

And as soon as possible

00:22:58.43 - Doug Norman

Do we hear a second

00:23:00.27 - Doug Norman

2

00:23:02.02 - Doug Norman

Any discussion

00:23:04.71 - Doug Norman

Hearing none All those in favor Aye aye 40

00:23:15.61 - Doug Norman

The first litigation

00:23:20.12 - Doug Norman

So there's

00:23:20.65 - James Gillway

there's currently

00:23:21.09 - James Gillway

currently the litigation filed from Pennacot Energy Recovery against Eagle Point Energy Center which took over the per

00:23:31.20 - James Gillway

Buildings in operation Uh we were listed as an interested party in the lawsuit

00:23:39.87 - James Gillway

But the question comes from

00:23:43.56 - James Gillway

Uh John Hammer the lawyer for Rugman and Mitchell who we've hired before um if uh if we would be interested in joining uh the lawsuit as a litigant

00:23:55.05 - James Gillway

Um 3 choices

00:23:57.93 - James Gillway

We object to concurrent representation We do not object to Rugman and Witchell's concurrent representation We do not wish to be represented by Redman and Mitchell And the last we acknowledge the extent of your representation for each of us in connection with the above captioned matter and consent to the employment of Redman and Mitchell as attorneys and parties in connection with this matter We agree to concurrent representation

00:24:25.85 - James Gillway

Um I did call to find out what the costs are and basically right now there are about 7 towns that have signed on to be co-litigants Um all all fees would be split between the 3 towns Cost us \$300 initially Then it would cost the share of

00:24:48.27 - James Gillway

Oh God I'm gonna get the number wrong \$295 an hour for for the litigation Um it doesn't seem like it's gonna be a huge burden an

00:24:59.18 - Doug Norman

an hour

00:24:59.96 - James Gillway

Yeah but and that's if it's \$75 There's there's 40

00:25:05.46 - James Gillway

Co-litigants um and they're just trying to get everyone lined up

00:25:13.15 - Doug Norman

Well it sounds like there could be more

00:25:15.88 - James Gillway

There will be more than 7 for

00:25:17.08 - Doug Norman

for sure OK

00:25:19.76 - Doug Norman

What the board want to do

00:25:23.56 - Doug Norman

Do you have a recommendation James

00:25:27.26 - Doug Norman

Uh

00:25:28.57 - James Gillway

I I'm not I'm not sure it hurts much to to join We are we are a uh

00:25:36.53 - James Gillway

You know signatory we're we're a member of of uh that We stayed with them instead of going to the uh

00:25:47.66 - James Gillway

Municipal review committee's hand in plan So um I think it's probably wise to stay the course We're already on the documents We never signed documents to switch to Eagle Point and that's what is basically in question here um and

00:26:06.17 - James Gillway

Yeah

00:26:07.39 - James Gillway

I don't think it hurts to continue

00:26:11.02 - Doug Norman

Do I hear emotion

00:26:15.53 - Wesley Norton

Do we have a deadline from um Redmond and Mitchell that they would like a response by

00:26:21.48 - Wesley Norton

Other than earliest convenience

00:26:29.23 - James Gillway

No they haven't um but I like I say as soon as I got the letter I reached out and and got the answer but it was it was it's only been two weeks If you do wanna review more or talk more about it I I think we have plenty of time but

00:26:50.30 - James Gillway

Um James

00:26:51.53 - Mark Bradstreet

um how many

00:26:53.36 - Mark Bradstreet

Possible towns would be involved Do you do you do you

00:26:56.29 - Doug Norman

you know that offhand or

00:26:57.25 - spk_0

or

00:27:01.40 - spk_0

45

00:27:10.41 - James Gillway

Oh OK I guess we could add

00:27:14.91 - Doug Norman

I wouldn't go by that We we have no idea whether they're we we we kind of know that

00:27:20.49 - James Gillway

that potentially 45 40 40 44

00:27:23.98 - Doug Norman

45 I I personally wouldn't use that figure however

00:27:29.29 - Doug Norman

Some are not going to do the

00:27:32.40 - Steve Tanguay

If we approved for one day in court

00:27:36.96 - Steve Tanguay

With the 8 litigants now we'd be in for another \$240 for the day roughly

00:27:44.16 - Steve Tanguay

I'd be comfortable with that if we approve it just for the one day in court

00:27:49.29 - James Gillway

I I think it's hard to it can't it's really hard to do that um because you can't parse out what what's going to be be done It's either in or you're out and

00:28:00.01 - James Gillway

Nice try yeah I I it would be nice to put a cap on it but I don't know how

00:28:07.91 - Doug Norman

It's a court action It's not

00:28:11.48 - Mark Bradstreet

I didn't see

00:28:11.96 - James Gillway

see that as one of the choices

00:28:12.88 - Doug Norman

choices

00:28:15.35 - Steve Tanguay

So we have no idea

00:28:17.77 - Steve Tanguay

At this point

00:28:19.53 - Doug Norman

No it's a it's a guess I I'd recommend tabling it Maybe maybe some maybe you'll have a better idea of how many

00:28:28.15 - Doug Norman

I'm going to join

00:28:30.63 - James Gillway

Yeah I I I can I can ask I I don't know when the clock started ticking Usually there's timelines between litigants 2 days to respond 20 days to respond back

00:28:43.60 - James Gillway

We're still I think within that window

00:28:46.74 - Doug Norman

Will will it be for the next meeting

00:28:49.62 - James Gillway

I should think so

00:28:52.95 - Wesley Norton

Do you have the full do you have the full complaint beyond what just got printed here

00:28:57.84 - spk_7

here

00:29:03.15 - Doug Norman

Do we hear a motion to table

00:29:05.04 - Wesley Norton

I make

00:29:05.20 - Wesley Norton

make a motion that we table the request from Rudman Winchell to join uh to determine our litigation status

00:29:12.00 - Wesley Norton

status

00:29:13.73 - Doug Norman

So

00:29:15.71 - Doug Norman

Follow the favor

00:29:19.49 - Doug Norman

We'll deal with that in the next meeting

00:29:23.59 - Doug Norman

And hopefully have

00:29:27.23 - Doug Norman

You will follow up and maybe you'll know a little more

00:29:31.86 - Steve Tanguay

And we can keep our papers for next time so you don't have to re run them

00:29:38.80 - Doug Norman

Uh new business animal control compensation

00:29:44.52 - James Gillway

We're not that close to getting an animal control officer on board

00:29:49.78 - James Gillway

Um I'm making a proposal that we increase the stipend for animal control uh from \$400 from \$100 a month plus hourly and mileage to \$400 a month No hourly

00:30:05.52 - James Gillway

And uh no additional hourly rate and reimburse the minor

00:30:10.25 - James Gillway

I think in the end it works out probably

00:30:13.71 - James Gillway

You know some months are lean other months you've got quite a few calls but I think in the end it fits within the budget It puts somebody in the slot and I think it works well for us and we can review it as we go forward

00:30:29.88 - Doug Norman

But I think we actually have someone money contingent on the money

00:30:34.08 - James Gillway

yeah pretty much

00:30:34.52 - Doug Norman

much

00:30:36.65 - Mark Bradstreet

It it should cut down paperwork I would

00:30:38.66 - James Gillway

would think too Oh absolutely we we will still require uh uh you know a level of paperwork but we won't have the hourly rate to figure out why that it's just flat out

00:30:51.80 - Doug Norman

Do I do I hear in motion

00:31:01.01 - Doug Norman

Uh yes Mr

00:31:02.02 - Mark Bradstreet

Chair I

00:31:03.04 - Doug Norman

I may be

00:31:04.38 - Mark Bradstreet

I'm here I make a motion that we increase the stipend for the animal control officer to \$400 monthly with no additional hourly rate or reimbursement from our own

00:31:20.55 - Steve Tanguay

Second

00:31:22.31 - Doug Norman

Oh

00:31:24.96 - spk_7

For my yeah I shouldn't have OK sorry I got

00:31:28.07 - Doug Norman

got it wrong

00:31:29.65 - Doug Norman

All those in favor 40

00:31:34.25 - Doug Norman

Quick claim deed mat 5 9A account number 404

00:31:43.40 - James Gillway

This property is due to be closed on this week

00:31:48.29 - James Gillway

And we can issue a quick claim deed pending the receipt of the taxes and fees due not to

00:31:57.16 - James Gillway

You know so we don't slow it up but if you approved contingent we can close this out so we can get another tax property transferred It's been a property that's been in jeopardy before and it's nice to see that move along Plus the sale of this property helps the current owner to pay taxes on another property within the town

00:32:20.25 - James Gillway

We will make sure that taxes and fees are paid

00:32:22.98 - Doug Norman

Do I hear a motion

00:32:27.67 - Steve Tanguay

Mr Chairman I

00:32:29.35 - Steve Tanguay

Make a motion that we authorize the town manager to issue a quick claim deed on the property

00:32:36.94 - Steve Tanguay

Map 5 Lot 9A account 404 pending the receipt of taxes and the fees to

00:32:47.70 - Doug Norman

Second

00:32:50.22 - Doug Norman

Any further discussion

00:32:53.88 - Doug Norman

Hearing none all of them favor a 40 votes

00:32:59.50 - Doug Norman

Bill adjustment wastewater

00:33:03.25 - Doug Norman

I skimmed over this James and I I I confess I I really didn't understand

00:33:08.46 - James Gillway

understand it No problem Uh so generally you authorize the manager to make adjustments for bills for um interest and anomalies Um if you have a leak in in your house and the water district goes through a procedure to give you a a variance uh on your on your bill

00:33:30.70 - James Gillway

Uh we follow too and I have authorization to to do those Usually it's

00:33:36.98 - James Gillway

Anywhere from a couple of dollars to \$100 but this one is a bit higher This is a request for \$839.83 Um the owner of this property uh receives his wastewater bill They receive it by way of email

00:33:55.86 - James Gillway

And we've been pretty consistent um haven't had any problems but they changed management companies And somewhere in the management company change and today they claim they didn't receive the bill and the email um

00:34:12.52 - James Gillway

I don't I can't verify that they did We feel that they did um but they are asking for a an adjustment of that amount for just the interest So I should tell you the bill is pretty stiff uh beyond that

00:34:29.55 - James Gillway

But I felt it was beyond my

00:34:32.44 - James Gillway

Capability or it was I was uncomfortable with trying

00:34:35.67 - Doug Norman

trying to issue that

00:34:36.45 - Doug Norman

that 39 dollars

00:34:38.11 - Doug Norman

dollars

00:34:38.52 - James Gillway

Interest is \$839 to see what the bill is

00:34:43.99 - James Gillway

I could probably tell you I'd be

00:34:46.64 - Doug Norman

be interested

00:34:46.93 - Doug Norman

interested uh if you know or or if you can guess

00:34:51.12 - Mark Bradstreet

but is this for a whole complex or just one

00:34:53.87 - James Gillway

one complex Pardon the whole complex Oh OK \$33,0043 All right that makes more

00:35:00.92 - Doug Norman

more sense

00:35:02.16 - Doug Norman

And we're going to pay

00:35:04.29 - James Gillway

Uh we were recently up up to speed paid on the taxes

00:35:10.33 - James Gillway

Um which we're also uh quite quite a bit behind So they are making efforts and I think their their goal is to pay this but you know like you say they don't want to pay the the the interest

00:35:24.63 - James Gillway

As a result of this we've made a change in or we're going we will be making a change in the next billing whether you get your um we have a certain amount of bills that go out by email It saved us the postage We're going back on that and we're going to mail it to everybody even if we email it to you You're still going to get a postage stamped bill in the mail so this can happen so this will not happen again

00:35:52.11 - Steve Tanguay

So his management company he changed it That could have been a factor but we can't find evidence that we sent it

00:36:01.43 - James Gillway

We can't We also can't find evidence that we didn't It's in our sent box It's not in our rejected box but it could be between the management company and the owner But again it's not

00:36:15.78 - Wesley Norton

This was also email billing is something that the the customer elects into correct

00:36:20.71 - James Gillway

correct yes

00:36:22.71 - Wesley Norton

so he at some point elected into this

00:36:26.68 - James Gillway

But we didn't do that We never did that formally That's been growing for the past 20 years and people you know can you email it OK

00:36:35.91 - James Gillway

And for some of those we we just don't send the the paper copy bill because it's saving us money Um two ways to do this we could either

00:36:48.35 - James Gillway

Either way my my immediate knee-jerk reaction was everybody's getting a bill I don't care And we're going to mail them and if they get sent back to us we'll have proof that they didn't receive them and then we'll deal with it subsequently or we could send out a waiver to people and have them sign off saying that you're responsible for this bill and if if if not received you're still responsible for the bill Funny thing about billing um we don't have to send out a tax bill

00:37:17.32 - James Gillway

Um we're not required by law to send your tax bill to you You're still required to pay it So we

00:37:23.93 - Steve Tanguay

of course

00:37:24.33 - James Gillway

we do uh and it's very expensive but uh ultimately there's a bill generated you have to pay it

00:37:31.71 - Steve Tanguay

This is a monthly mailing

00:37:34.81 - Steve Tanguay

Quarter quarterly

00:37:37.38 - Wesley Norton

if a resident

00:37:37.62 - Wesley Norton

resident or a property owner in the town of Searsport did not pay their property taxes and they came to us a year later and said I never got the bill

00:37:47.97 - Wesley Norton

We would still

00:37:50.10 - Wesley Norton

Request that they pay the interest

00:37:52.03 - James Gillway

interest they would need to pay the interest

00:37:57.21 - Doug Norman

Well if they're a responsible property

00:37:58.50 - Mark Bradstreet

property owner they would know that those taxes come

00:38:00.32 - Doug Norman

come

00:38:01.30 - spk_7

you

00:38:02.16 - Wesley Norton

And if they were using utilities by the town one would expect that as well

00:38:07.33 - Doug Norman

I want to make sure I'm right here You said that they pay the taxes but haven't paid the sewage

00:38:15.09 - Doug Norman

That is correct

00:38:16.92 - Doug Norman

Well we're not going to take this off until the

00:38:20.55 - Doug Norman

They they need to pay the so

00:38:24.50 - Doug Norman

Whatever we do should be contingent on we want that money and we shouldn't wait much longer Well I

00:38:31.89 - Mark Bradstreet

I would recommend that we notify them that you know we're going to forego this interest but from the date we notify them interest will

00:38:40.47 - spk_7

will still accrue

00:38:41.25 - Doug Norman

accrue until it's paid and we're not doing it and we're not we're not we're not discounting it until we get paid the entire

00:38:52.87 - Doug Norman

That's right Amount of the sewer but

00:38:55.80 - Wesley Norton

respectfully I think we set ourselves up for um

00:38:59.61 - Wesley Norton

Any number of scenarios that we're willing to

00:39:03.89 - Wesley Norton

A vague interest just based on user error

00:39:08.07 - Wesley Norton

What have you Um

00:39:10.16 - Steve Tanguay

yeah I would if it if and and if I have this if I was in this situation

00:39:16.20 - Steve Tanguay

And 2 of us

00:39:18.97 - Steve Tanguay

Maybe had made an error

00:39:22.27 - Steve Tanguay

Both sides of

00:39:23.81 - Steve Tanguay

Parties both parties

00:39:26.27 - Steve Tanguay

Then it would seem reasonable that way they split

00:39:30.42 - Steve Tanguay

The interest because

00:39:33.15 - Steve Tanguay

We promised to send a bill

00:39:37.35 - Steve Tanguay

But

00:39:38.75 - Steve Tanguay

You're responsible to pay your bills and you know that

00:39:43.04 - Steve Tanguay

You owe money on

00:39:44.98 - Steve Tanguay

To the town on

00:39:47.09 - Steve Tanguay

Utilities that you

00:39:48.11 - Doug Norman

you would support splitting

00:39:52.63 - spk_0

I'm

00:39:54.55 - Doug Norman

that's just fair compromise

00:39:55.40 - Steve Tanguay

compromise I think that's what I would do with somebody on a handshake and that seems fair

00:39:59.68 - Steve Tanguay

fair

00:40:00.06 - Wesley Norton

Is there anything to suggest that the town made an error used the wrong email

00:40:04.89 - James Gillway

Absolutely not OK so in fact they responded to an email The follow-up was an email saying your bill isn't paid it's delinquent and they responded to that So we have a good email

00:40:14.52 - Steve Tanguay

It's just it's a generous offer I think from the town

00:40:18.32 - Doug Norman

But but again they've got to pay the bill correct yes

00:40:22.63 - Doug Norman

I think the book

00:40:24.51 - Wesley Norton

But the town to to the best of our knowledge has not made any errors in the in the administering of the

00:40:29.52 - Doug Norman

the bill

00:40:33.12 - Doug Norman

Yeah

00:40:39.11 - Doug Norman

What what's a uh a fair amount of time to expect payment

00:40:44.25 - Doug Norman

And and this

00:40:47.13 - Doug Norman

OK

00:40:48.59 - Doug Norman

In your mind

00:40:51.20 - Doug Norman

30 days

00:40:52.75 - James Gillway

Yeah I think that's most most businesses give you 30

00:40:55.65 - Doug Norman

30 days

00:40:55.96 - Doug Norman

days because we don't have to do anything correct

00:41:01.59 - Doug Norman

I want to use this to get home

00:41:05.30 - Mark Bradstreet

so we want the full payment of the

00:41:07.98 - Mark Bradstreet

Sewage bill and we want 50% of the

00:41:11.74 - Mark Bradstreet

accrued interest

00:41:12.95 - Doug Norman

Sounds very fair for 30 days I don't pay it to you I can do

00:41:19.07 - Wesley Norton

I don't think that we should have made any of this I think it's too

00:41:23.02 - Wesley Norton

There there's nothing to support that that the town and we issue

00:41:30.46 - Doug Norman

When I said I didn't when I said I didn't understand it I didn't understand how this could happen

00:41:39.09 - Doug Norman

I

00:41:40.95 - Doug Norman

I can understand why it happened on that

00:41:43.44 - Wesley Norton

I'm concerned about somebody coming in and saying I never got my tax bill I never got my bill You evaded this the last time this happened

00:41:53.64 - Wesley Norton

And I said that

00:41:54.69 - Doug Norman

What do you think

00:41:56.49 - James Gillway

I just present I don't have an opinion I don't I don't believe you did anything wrong I think I don't

00:42:03.54 - Doug Norman

I'm trying not to be unfair

00:42:04.53 - Steve Tanguay

unfair We have no way to 100% prove that we delivered the bill

00:42:10.53 - Steve Tanguay

bill

00:42:11.65 - James Gillway

Correct Right

00:42:13.74 - Steve Tanguay

so and this is not setting a to me we're not setting a precedence in that This is a

00:42:20.48 - Steve Tanguay

Uh a way to help

00:42:23.95 - Steve Tanguay

Help out on getting this pain and this people caught up

00:42:29.60 - Doug Norman

I I'm trying to get to my confusion

00:42:33.27 - Doug Norman

I do have a point here

00:42:35.87 - Doug Norman

8

00:42:37.72 - Doug Norman

\$839 That's not one bill Oh no

00:42:42.73 - James Gillway

no right absolutely not

00:42:43.73 - Doug Norman

not Is he saying he didn't get billed for two years

00:42:46.57 - James Gillway

years That's an accumulation I misunderstood I'm sorry

00:42:50.73 - Doug Norman

sorry Well that was my confusion

00:42:53.09 - James Gillway

Sorry about that I should have that clarified that That's 12345 billing cycles

00:42:59.89 - Doug Norman

55 billing

00:43:01.32 - James Gillway

billing cycles to

00:43:01.81 - Doug Norman

to get

00:43:03.33 - Doug Norman

We didn't we didn't we couldn't have we shouldn't have made 5s

00:43:08.30 - James Gillway

5s No absolutely not 11 of 24 12 2 of 25 5 15 to 25 731 of 25 11 to 2 to 25 and the latest 1 531 of 26

00:43:22.02 - Doug Norman

So they went through 5 billing cycles figuring they don't they don't

00:43:28.96 - Steve Tanguay

Is this because I'm I'm a seasonal business so I pay once a year

00:43:34.11 - Steve Tanguay

And I don't have any sewers so I don't know about this but does he also get uh a monthly water bill

00:43:42.04 - James Gillway

bill

00:43:43.53 - James Gillway

I couldn't answer that

00:43:45.08 - Doug Norman

We we don't have anything No we have quarterly

00:43:46.37 - Steve Tanguay

quarterly I mean if you're if you're a year-round resident

00:43:52.00 - Steve Tanguay

Residential home are they billed monthly for water

00:43:54.97 - James Gillway

water No no

00:43:58.77 - Doug Norman

no they're I I get We get them the same month

00:44:02.75 - spk_0

I'm I do monthly

00:44:03.36 - Doug Norman

You're billed monthly monthly for the water Oh really

00:44:06.21 - spk_0

yeah

00:44:07.23 - Steve Tanguay

Well I'm Bill I'm Bill Corley

00:44:10.17 - Steve Tanguay

My point is that's an awareness that the bills are coming due

00:44:18.17 - Wesley Norton

I'd like to make a motion that we deny any abatement request for wastewater to account number 773

00:44:31.86 - Doug Norman

Do it here separate

00:44:37.00 - Doug Norman

Well uh yeah since it's 5 cycles I'll second

00:44:42.41 - Doug Norman

All those in favor

00:44:44.77 - Doug Norman

Alright 40

00:44:49.22 - Doug Norman

I I just you can explain if you have to

00:44:54.26 - Doug Norman

The

00:44:55.89 - Doug Norman

This isn't a one-shot deal They should have been notified

00:45:01.38 - Doug Norman

You get bill after bill after bill and

00:45:05.95 - Doug Norman

I don't see how thinking of my own bills I don't see how that could happen I mean I could see it happening one month

00:45:14.99 - James Gillway

Yeah it's hard over over 55 billion cycles

00:45:18.36 - James Gillway

Yeah

00:45:21.08 - Doug Norman

That settles that

00:45:22.17 - Doug Norman

that

00:45:26.75 - Doug Norman

Moving on

00:45:28.66 - Doug Norman

Authorization to engage with Xero safety investigations

00:45:34.77 - James Gillway

So we used a company called Gerrigo Safe Safety to do our police ambulance and fire uh not fire training police and ambulance training Um they have a new uh uh

00:45:50.10 - James Gillway

Division within their offerings for investigations for municipalities and I'd just like authorization to use those as needed There are times I can give you an example of one that happened a few years back where the police chief needed to be investigated independently to satisfy the public that we weren't doing something

00:46:16.17 - James Gillway

Giving him any sort of break and we ended up hiring a different police department to investigate us which was a little bit uncomfortable but it was done and the end result was that the police chief had made a mistake an error in judgment and he was disciplined I'd like the authorization as needed to hire them Their investigator is well known to us

00:46:43.49 - James Gillway

Uh in fact well known to this board he he's been in front of us He used to work for the um Attorney General's office Brian McMasters and um he does a thorough and complete investigation and um

00:46:57.37 - James Gillway

I'm not saying for every investigation but in certain investigations

00:47:03.41 - James Gillway

They would be a valuable asset I was here during

00:47:06.42 - Doug Norman

during

00:47:08.00 - James Gillway

the chief's

00:47:08.42 - Doug Norman

chief's investigation

00:47:09.49 - James Gillway

investigation

00:47:09.66 - Doug Norman

and I too was very uncomfortable to have another police department

00:47:15.12 - Doug Norman

Uh it worked out OK but I was very nervous about it because

00:47:22.00 - Doug Norman

As we know we all know each other

00:47:25.22 - Doug Norman

And and it's hard to get around in this case uh there was no no problem

00:47:32.44 - Doug Norman

And very professional but I support this In fact I'll make the motion to

00:47:39.73 - Doug Norman

Um

00:47:42.22 - Doug Norman

Authorize you to engage with deergo safety investigations at at your

00:47:50.38 - Doug Norman

Or or the board

00:47:53.00 - Steve Tanguay

At the town managers

00:47:55.33 - Doug Norman

yeah

00:47:55.65 - James Gillway

because it's a

00:47:55.97 - James Gillway

a because it's a personnel matter you wouldn't necessarily be

00:48:02.52 - Steve Tanguay

Mr Chairman the only question I have do we put it is there a yearly limit that we revisited or this would be

00:48:10.44 - spk_0

permanent

00:48:11.77 - Doug Norman

Well it's a division of something we

00:48:14.70 - James Gillway

we already use We already use them but the investigations don't come in frequently I'm hoping it stays that

00:48:21.62 - Doug Norman

that way 1 every 10 years So

00:48:25.82 - Mark Bradstreet

question Mr Chair So we're only paying per use not

00:48:29.54 - James Gillway

not there's no fee to have it or anything It's an engagement if we don't use

00:48:34.85 - Mark Bradstreet

use them we don't pay specific

00:48:35.82 - Steve Tanguay

specific second that motion

00:48:38.10 - Doug Norman

Thank you Steve All those in favor I

00:48:43.18 - Doug Norman

400

00:48:44.96 - Doug Norman

Yes for sure

00:48:49.07 - Doug Norman

11th hour James

00:48:52.54 - Doug Norman

Uh

00:48:52.94 - James Gillway

so the Walmart

00:48:53.47 - James Gillway

Walmart County EMA has been working on renewing our mutual aid agreement for fire departments

00:49:00.38 - James Gillway

Uh it actually came in uh late last week and didn't have time to make the agenda but it's pretty uh it's pretty straightforward It's AJ has uh reviewed it

00:49:12.95 - James Gillway

It appears to be

00:49:16.65 - James Gillway

Similar to if not exactly the same as our last mutility agreement Uh it goes out to all 26 towns in Baldo County

00:49:25.00 - James Gillway

And it does cover us for some level of liability

00:49:28.82 - James Gillway

Um and sets the ground rules for

00:49:32.72 - James Gillway

We can't do it alone We can't fight fires without having agreements with each other

00:49:40.97 - Doug Norman

Is it uh

00:49:42.69 - Doug Norman

Has both had signed this do you know

00:49:44.65 - Doug Norman

know

00:49:45.30 - James Gillway

I they would have wasn't

00:49:46.79 - Doug Norman

wasn't a question about that

00:49:48.74 - James Gillway

There was with the ambulance agreement but I think that's been resolved and they did sign it

00:49:52.70 - James Gillway

it

00:49:52.98 - Doug Norman

It wasn't this agreement correct

00:49:56.75 - Doug Norman

Do I hear motion Uh well

00:50:00.20 - Doug Norman

Is there any glaring changes from the previous ones

00:50:04.33 - James Gillway

I honestly didn't see a change at all

00:50:06.67 - Doug Norman

No

00:50:08.41 - Doug Norman

Do I hear emotion

00:50:10.04 - Wesley Norton

I make a motion that we enter a mutual aid agreement for the Waldo County firefighters

00:50:17.19 - Doug Norman

OK

00:50:18.37 - Doug Norman

All those in favor 40

00:50:25.04 - Doug Norman

Good

00:50:26.48 - James Gillway

So the the second item is uh a gentleman who does uh

00:50:35.14 - James Gillway

Documentary films uh contacted us uh last week

00:50:39.65 - James Gillway

And he'll be making rounds around the state of Maine or in the Northeast uh learned about us and was interested in knowing if we would be interested in a marketing um uh

00:50:53.44 - James Gillway

Video to be made of of Searsport Um he helped the town of Van Buren Maine population 2000 um and they together they applied for a grant to make their film possible Um

00:51:09.23 - James Gillway

It's

00:51:10.91 - James Gillway

Interesting I did look at the Van Buren uh video actually top-notch This guy is the the real deal Um and he is uh he is interested in us

00:51:24.76 - James Gillway

Uh I can give you some examples We certainly don't have to decide tonight but I wanted to bring it up and I believe if it's done in the in the idea of promoting the town for economic development which is what Van Buren was doing and tourism that not only we would qualify for a grant but we could probably pay for it out of our tip funds

00:51:48.58 - James Gillway

It's about \$1000 a minute produced There's no backroom hourly rates or anything It's just when they produce it you want a 10 minute video promoting the town it's going to cost \$10,000 When you

00:52:03.55 - Steve Tanguay

you come back and you're filming

00:52:06.68 - Steve Tanguay

Uh months or seasons

00:52:10.21 - James Gillway

it actually didn't look like he did much of that with Van Buren It was it was pretty much a a one shot uh done during one season um but it's interesting and I didn't want to pass it up I actually called him because um it it is interesting and uh if you remember in

00:52:30.47 - James Gillway

2020 Wayne Hamilton helped us to produce a film and he did in 1995 as well uh but it was more historical historic

00:52:42.52 - Doug Norman

historic

00:52:43.55 - James Gillway

reservation type stuff This is more promoting the town and the industry in the in the sense of Searsport

00:52:51.56 - Steve Tanguay

We want them when we're our most vibrant but also to get the character of the town It sounds great but to talk to him if he would

00:53:00.00 - Steve Tanguay

Film at a couple of different time periods because the money's in the editing and the time

00:53:06.02 - James Gillway

Yeah and I just didn't want to I'm not engaging any further with him until I got a feel from the board Is this something that would help us Certainly we will get the finished product He would help promote it to get on PBS stations

00:53:23.24 - James Gillway

Which is really the ultimate goal is to get it on TV

00:53:26.93 - Steve Tanguay

I think what

00:53:27.25 - Steve Tanguay

what we want to do again is have

00:53:29.97 - Steve Tanguay

Searsport own its own YouTube channel

00:53:33.83 - Steve Tanguay

So that we could put you know get more out of this production and he could help with that But we want to own that I mean that's how we're gonna get the most views

00:53:45.69 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Chair I I wonder if we could table this and then I actually uh view the uh Van Buren

00:53:53.55 - Doug Norman

Video just

00:53:54.20 - spk_7

just to get

00:53:54.52 - spk_7

get an idea of what this does

00:53:55.60 - spk_7

does

00:53:57.11 - Doug Norman

I don't think we have to table it with this discussion

00:54:00.08 - Mark Bradstreet

I think Palmer might be

00:54:01.00 - Mark Bradstreet

be interested in seeing that too

00:54:03.68 - Doug Norman

Can you appoint someone to check and see if there's any money available in

00:54:07.32 - James Gillway

in grants There's definitely money There's definitely money available from the main tourism

00:54:15.37 - James Gillway

It it's just applying for it I I didn't want to take on another one There was no interest from the board but I I can start Very interested I'm very interested

00:54:25.73 - Mark Bradstreet

but we would have a backup tip money too

00:54:27.38 - James Gillway

too right Correct And I'm on it I I will start doing the legwork for it Yeah

00:54:31.22 - Mark Bradstreet

I'm interested Thank you Very good

00:54:32.90 - Steve Tanguay

And I'll we'll help with the grant as far as unique partners I think with this particular grant So happy to help

00:54:39.30 - Doug Norman

help

00:54:43.12 - Doug Norman

Correspondence

00:54:47.44 - James Gillway

First item in correspondence is from the RSG2

00:54:52.86 - James Gillway

And they are starting a uh

00:54:56.94 - James Gillway

Uh well it's a letter about the uh budget process They're going to be starting that and they want a series of of meetings uh Monday March 2nd Wednesday March 4th

00:55:09.18 - James Gillway

March 9th March 11th

00:55:12.06 - James Gillway

And uh you and anyone who is invited to the meetings um we have actually posted this on our website as well

00:55:20.26 - James Gillway

Second item is from

00:55:23.10 - James Gillway

Um Maine Municipal Association uh just

00:55:28.94 - James Gillway

Talking about the claim uh Penobscot Energy Recovery Company We shared the information with them and they're just assigned a claim number to that

00:55:40.02 - James Gillway

Uh next item new address from the Code Enforcement Addressing Officer 48B North Searsport Road has been assigned

00:55:50.87 - James Gillway

And uh the billing reconcil reconciliation report for the ambulance uh basically

00:56:00.00 - James Gillway

Showing that for January

00:56:02.43 - James Gillway

We applied \$20,048.31 to this year's total That running number is is actually last year's numbers carried forward They'll clear those out but we we did collect \$20,000 Likely most of that money is from last year So when we clear the report you'll get some zeros

00:56:26.32 - James Gillway

And there's one more thing um

00:56:31.87 - James Gillway

I did it

00:56:33.31 - James Gillway

I put a copy of my own notes but I think I copied to you I did get confirmation from FEMA that we have been awarded

00:56:43.34 - James Gillway

Money to rebuild the wharf I think was just north of \$1,200,000 We're responsible for a match I think the bottom line of that is the town is receiving just shy of a million dollars to put towards rebuilding the wharf and I responded immediately

00:57:09.24 - James Gillway

The email didn't even get a chance to cool down and I've responded because I've been waiting for that confirmation for months because we went through so many different people at FEMA but it's really great news that we've we've actually secured that money I've let our engineers know and I believe we're going to be ready to go out to bid for the repair portion of the wharf project in 2 weeks

00:57:36.57 - James Gillway

That's all I have

00:57:48.17 - Doug Norman

We have more of the at least

00:57:51.38 - Doug Norman

Read them stuff like

00:57:53.35 - James Gillway

no I think I I think the rest of those are related to the uh FEMA That's like 3 or 43 or 4 pages uh my response or

00:58:01.35 - Doug Norman

or it could be complete

00:58:07.77 - Doug Norman

Uh treasurer's warrant Do I hear a motion

00:58:12.22 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Mr Chairman I make a motion that we accept the treasurer's warrants uh for pending our signatures

00:58:19.38 - Doug Norman

Second all those in favor Aye Aye

00:58:23.70 - Doug Norman

The department had reports we have

00:58:27.43 - Doug Norman

Fire police

00:58:30.18 - Doug Norman

Library

00:58:35.40 - Steve Tanguay

Mr Chairman I make a motion to accept

00:58:38.19 - Steve Tanguay

The department reports that we received

00:58:43.86 - Doug Norman

Second all those in favor uh

00:58:48.31 - Doug Norman

Select member report Mark

00:58:51.56 - Mark Bradstreet

I I don't have anything Uh just I just remind everybody to get out there and vote on March 4th up at the uh community building and the town meeting will be uh the following Saturday 9 a.m. in this building

00:59:09.48 - Doug Norman

Steve

00:59:12.34 - Steve Tanguay

Are you feeling a bit housebound from the cold of winter Well mark this on your calendars Mini golf at the library in the library a week from this Saturday 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. That's mini golf in our own Searsport library

00:59:31.96 - Doug Norman

How inspired

00:59:33.29 - Steve Tanguay

Yes and um make an announcement that we need to postpone this month's shellfish Committee meeting to next month so there'll be no meeting this month Next month will be March 26th at 4 p.m.

00:59:50.72 - Steve Tanguay

What

00:59:53.22 - Wesley Norton

Uh the town hosted a very well attended workshop last Tuesday to start conversations with the engineer that's designing um improvements to the town wharf Thanks to everyone that came out You can view the recording on the Town Hall Strings website and there will be future meetings to continue to review those plans in the weeks and months ahead so keep your eyes out for

01:00:20.11 - Wesley Norton

announcements about that

01:00:21.98 - Doug Norman

I had several comments about that meeting and the one thing that stood out seems to be the

01:00:29.98 - Doug Norman

The the wall where the granite where the car went into the water and that needs to be higher

01:00:40.08 - Doug Norman

Um I had several people comment to me about that

01:00:44.28 - Doug Norman

And I presume we we would support

01:00:49.58 - Doug Norman

Mm

01:00:53.44 - Doug Norman

Public comment

01:01:04.47 - spk_7

Excuse me AJ Coach

01:01:07.24 - spk_7

I think it was a typo on click claim D should be mapped for

01:01:15.00 - spk_7

If I looked up the proper account correctly

01:01:19.47 - spk_7

Nice

01:01:21.53 - spk_7

Just so that somebody doesn't worry that they're getting there

01:01:24.33 - Doug Norman

You

01:01:27.20 - Doug Norman

Yeah

01:01:27.97 - Doug Norman

Um

01:01:29.41 - spk_7

The other thing is we I put out an announcement out on the Public Safety Facebook page this morning

We have

01:01:36.25 - spk_7

pile of surplus micro gloves over next door that we're not able to use anymore They're not medical grade They're they've expired Um and instead of taking them up to the transfer station and sending them off to be landfilled

01:01:53.66 - spk_7

We'd like to

01:01:55.20 - spk_7

Get them out to the people there We've got a lot of mediums left We've got a few larges they tend to run a little bit small

01:02:03.04 - spk_7

But we've got a there's usually somebody there every day but there's going to be a bunch of us there February 28th which is a Saturday It's going to be like the 9th of June there should be a bunch of us there so

01:02:15.25 - Doug Norman

That doesn't need a boat does it James

01:02:17.53 - spk_7

No I just

01:02:19.16 - spk_7

Get it out there on a different

01:02:22.09 - Steve Tanguay

method So the

01:02:22.12 - Doug Norman

the time to play mini golf

01:02:25.26 - Mark Bradstreet

AJ are these the disposable gloves that you use for like changing medical things and

01:02:31.35 - spk_7

and stuff Yeah I mean and like I said we can't use

01:02:34.53 - spk_7

medical purposes but I mean whatever anybody does at home

01:02:38.84 - spk_7

Down's down here yep OK you know that whatever somebody does at home

01:02:44.55 - spk_7

Definite

01:02:47.90 - Doug Norman

Anyone else

01:02:51.87 - Doug Norman

OK

01:02:52.88 - James Gillway

can I make one comment for us I did attend the uh budget uh workshop Thank you very little

01:03:00.63 - James Gillway

I did attend a budget workshop at the county today and subsequent to that um our county commissioner Kevin Kelly came over and sat with me after the meeting and talked about some strategies They have currently made some proposal to cut

01:03:18.74 - James Gillway

From the original number to 17% that came before the Budget Committee and they wanted more and they've gone back to the drawing board and they're now down to 13% which for Searsport looks like it's about \$102,895.19 increase over last year If you were working that number out and I can't say that I

01:03:47.56 - James Gillway

Uh

01:03:49.31 - James Gillway

There's a lot of variables Your uh your property value could increase The the town's value could be different than it was last year So there's a lot of variables but my rough estimate is about 40 cents on the mill rate

01:04:05.63 - James Gillway

40 cents on the mill rate added to what we currently have and the only good news about our mill rate is we did manage to get it lowered to under 17 um but that's roughly what I came up with They're not done but they have a budget meeting that was a workshop today but they have a budget meeting

01:04:32.83 - Doug Norman

So

01:04:35.58 - Doug Norman

Are they trying to get it down more because that's too hard

01:04:39.15 - James Gillway

Yeah they are

01:04:41.19 - James Gillway

They're still searching for different ways to do it They did some of it by attrition of positions They didn't cut the positions but they didn't fund the positions and had no plan to fill them for the coming year There are still a couple of positions that that could be done with which was one of the things I recommended you

01:05:03.13 - James Gillway

We're technically about 6 months from them starting the budget process all over again so they can't sit for 6 months Uh I don't know I I personally that's what I would do um but they're still working on it They're not there not good

01:05:21.46 - Doug Norman

The executive session

01:05:24.58 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Chairman I make a motion at 7:05 that we enter into executive session under MRSA 14056 confidential general assistance matters and poverty abatement requests

01:05:51.05 - Doug Norman

So

01:05:52.73 - Doug Norman

I I

01:06:01.07 - Wesley Norton

switch that up

01:06:03.70 - Wesley Norton

The liaison with the

01:06:04.71 - Steve Tanguay

the Japanese and he said

01:06:09.46 - Doug Norman

It's the only one in

01:06:10.49 - spk_0

in

01:06:11.44 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Chair I make a motion at 7:20 p.m. that we exit executive session and return to regular session

01:06:22.63 - Doug Norman

all those in favor

01:06:27.32 - Mark Bradstreet

Mr Chair I make a motion in the case of PA 2601 that we deny that request

01:06:40.59 - Mark Bradstreet

And I make a motion in the case of PA 2602 that we abate the taxes for the years 2021 2022 and 2023

01:06:55.44 - Steve Tanguay

Mr Chairman I'd like to second those motions

01:06:57.20 - Doug Norman

motions All those in favor Aye

01:07:01.93 - Doug Norman

Do we hearing motion to adjourn

01:07:04.55 - Doug Norman

So moved Second All those in favor aye 40

01:07:10.38 - Doug Norman

You the same

01:07:12.54 - Doug Norman

Yes