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Yeah.

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7 34. Why don't we go ahead and get started here.

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Stand for the, for the pledge of allegiance.

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Oh, okay. I pledge allegiance to the flag

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Of the United States of America, to the Republic

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for which it stands, one Nation, nation under God

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indivisible with liberty.

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00:00:19.635 --> 00:00:20.635

Justice. For all.

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00:00:22.105 --> 00:00:23.685

Hey, thank you all for coming

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00:00:25.105 --> 00:00:28.525

and, uh, I don't think we have too much of a, uh, of a, uh,

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00:00:28.665 --> 00:00:30.485

of agenda tonight, but we do have some,

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00:00:30.625 --> 00:00:31.845

uh, important stuff to get over.

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Uh, before we get started, I do need to call

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for an executive session, uh, for the 16th

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00:00:39.105 --> 00:00:41.445
at six 30 for our personnel matter.

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00:00:43.505 --> 00:00:46.525
Mm-Hmm. Second In favor.

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00:00:47.605 --> 00:00:49.845
A aye. Okay. Some announcements.

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00:00:49.845 --> 00:00:52.525
First, I want to thank the Pound Ridge Fire Department

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and pd, uh, for another successful 4th of July.

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Uh, fireworks, uh, celebration.

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Uh, for those of you that went there,

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I think you saw it was pretty well attended.

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It was a lot of fun. Um, we also just kind

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of beat a little bit of a storm that was coming through.

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Uh, so we were tracking it pretty closely

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and it got through just the time, got everybody out and, uh,

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before the rains hit, so it was, uh,

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it was pretty successful.

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Uh, so I want to thank them for all their efforts there.

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00:01:23.105 --> 00:01:27.845
Um, the townhouse will be closed tomorrow, no, Thursday,

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Thursday, July 4th, uh, for Independence Day.

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Um, and then just to remind everyone of our next food truck.

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Friday is, uh, Friday the 19th, uh, from five

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to nine down at Scott's Corners.

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The last one went off for about an hour,

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00:01:43.665 --> 00:01:45.685
and then unfortunately, kind of got a little bit of rain.

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00:01:46.225 --> 00:01:47.725
Uh, so we got a little bit of rain down,

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00:01:47.785 --> 00:01:49.325
but, uh, so hopefully the next one,

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00:01:49.325 --> 00:01:51.125
the weather will cooperate a little bit better.

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00:01:51.275 --> 00:01:55.765
Okay. Any other announcements, guys? Anything else you have?

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00:01:56.385 --> 00:01:58.245

No, I can't think of. Okay.

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00:01:58.505 --> 00:02:01.525

Uh, any, uh, that needs to prove the minutes from June 11th.

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Were there two more other minutes to approve? Just those?

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No, just those. Okay. So second

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In favor.

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A Okay. We have no public hearing.

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Some public comments. Did you guys want to go ahead?

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Go ahead. Got you. Three minutes,

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John McCan, 25 Miller Road.

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On June 11th, I reviewed my estimate of annual cost

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for the drinking water project.

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Coming in at 2.2 times the report, the detail was shared

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with the board, the committee, and the consultant.

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Weeks ago, no challenge or rebuke by anyone was received.

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My numbers were based on the same project outlay

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for a 70% grant.

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The differences were driven by inaccuracies in the report.

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To put it another way,

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it simply had bad numbers, bad cost numbers.

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This goes beyond low balling the cost to get district,

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uh, uh, support.

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Uh, the main reason for the unsupportable cost testament is

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to get, get under a regulatory threshold each year.

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The controller's office establishes a maximum cost per EDU

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for drinking water projects.

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It is based on their calculating the average cost

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of similar projects.

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Statewide, maximum threshold this year is 1080 \$3.

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00:03:14.225 --> 00:03:16.285

Any project with an estimated cost above

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that maximum scrutinized

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by the controller's office in an oversight role

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to protect taxpayers under Section 2 0 9 F

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of the Town Law Pacific approval is required

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by the controller's office for proceeding

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with any project whose cost exceeds 1083 per EDU.

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This should not be confused with the perfunctory approval

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for projects below the maximum.

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The proposed resolution tonight underscores the importance

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of Pacific approval by saying no expenditure for

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after said class of objects or purposes shall be made

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unless the state controller has considered thereto if

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00:03:49.885 --> 00:03:52.885
required by town law, the report claims

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00:03:53.065 --> 00:03:57.205
of 856 per EDU cost ostensibly

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00:03:57.205 --> 00:03:58.765
21% below the maximum.

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00:03:59.385 --> 00:04:01.285
If you believe that I've got a bridge in Brooklyn,

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00:04:01.365 --> 00:04:04.205
I wanna sell you that fiction has material in

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00:04:04.365 --> 00:04:05.525
accuracy and annual cost.

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00:04:06.065 --> 00:04:10.005
Ignore my 1891 per uh, EDU number

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00:04:10.345 --> 00:04:12.965
and focus on the obvious mistakes in the report.

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00:04:14.205 --> 00:04:16.045
Remember how many times Kevin told us, quote,

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00:04:16.075 --> 00:04:18.085
just look at the 2019 report.

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00:04:18.465 --> 00:04:20.045
All the information you need is in there.

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00:04:20.555 --> 00:04:22.845
Page 1 55 showed annual operating

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00:04:22.845 --> 00:04:25.205
and maintenance costs for the same drinking water project

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00:04:25.545 --> 00:04:26.605

at 200,000.

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Using that instead of the absurd 77,000 figure pushes the

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cost from 856 to 1,281 per EDU

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18% over maximum add inflation for the last five years

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to it, and you're up to 1,439

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00:04:42.025 --> 00:04:45.645

or 33% above the maximum adjust to level principle.

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Instead of mortgage basis pay payments not available in the

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00:04:49.045 --> 00:04:51.685

rural actual mortgage muni bond market

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00:04:51.985 --> 00:04:56.525

and cost is 1,577 or 46% of maximum.

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Those are just mistakes in the cost numbers

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and even larger mistake results from the denominator

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00:05:02.245 --> 00:05:03.925

to calculate cost per a DU

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and equivalent dwelling unit is defined as quote,

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the typical single family home in the district.

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The average square footage

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of a typical single family home is one EDU.

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00:05:14.705 --> 00:05:18.005

And it is huge to get eds the other spaces from the

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00:05:18.015 --> 00:05:19.245

ratio of their square footage.

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To that average, the three single family homes in the

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district have an average size

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of 2,853 square feet applied

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to the largest space in the district, results in

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00:05:31.765 --> 00:05:33.685

19 EDUs instead of the 50 shown.

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The latter comes from using 1084 square feet as the quote,

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typical single family home.

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That is a tortured interpretation coming from calling an

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apartment the quote, typical single family home.

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When the average size of the single family homes is used

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to calculate the number of eds in the district,

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00:05:52.105 --> 00:05:55.805

you get 110 rather than 289 eds.

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00:05:56.235 --> 00:05:59.005

That adjustment push pushes the cost per EDU

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to one th from 1,577

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00:06:02.905 --> 00:06:04.925

to 4,143.

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That last four figures, almost four times the maximum.

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This board needs to show real accurate figures

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00:06:11.065 --> 00:06:12.565

to the folks in the business district.

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00:06:12.825 --> 00:06:16.085

It also certainly needs to show real accurate numbers

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00:06:16.265 --> 00:06:18.525

to the staff at the New York Controller's office.

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00:06:18.815 --> 00:06:19.815

Thank you.

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00:06:21.235 --> 00:06:23.085

Next comment. Go ahead.

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00:06:35.335 --> 00:06:38.685

Thank you so much, Dan. Here you go.

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00:06:39.875 --> 00:06:41.045

Yeah, Dan Dan's out.

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00:06:43.275 --> 00:06:44.845

Alright, so I timed,

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00:06:44.845 --> 00:06:46.765

and I hope I don't go over this. I'm sure I won't go.

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00:06:46.785 --> 00:06:47.845

I'm sure you'll do fine. All right.

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00:06:47.845 --> 00:06:51.925

So for the record, I am providing written copy

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00:06:51.925 --> 00:06:53.965

of my statement to the Pound Ridge Town Board

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00:06:54.385 --> 00:06:55.405

and to the town clerk.

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00:06:56.145 --> 00:06:58.805

Uh, in the interest of full transparency in, in keeping

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00:06:59.035 --> 00:07:01.485

with the spirit of the New York State Open Meetings law,

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00:07:02.205 --> 00:07:03.685

I formally request

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00:07:03.945 --> 00:07:07.485

and humbly request that this statement be included

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00:07:08.205 --> 00:07:11.765

verbatim in the meeting minutes so that my, uh,

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00:07:11.765 --> 00:07:14.005

statement will be seen by people accurately.

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00:07:14.705 --> 00:07:17.645

So also, I would like to thank you for your time

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00:07:17.945 --> 00:07:19.245
and for your consideration of

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00:07:19.245 --> 00:07:24.125
what I'm gonna be talking about on this very exciting 245th

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00:07:24.235 --> 00:07:26.325
anniversary of the people

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00:07:26.345 --> 00:07:29.565
of Pound Ridge standing up bravely against Charlton's raid,

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00:07:29.855 --> 00:07:33.165
which happened on July 2nd, 1779. Oh,

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00:07:33.715 --> 00:07:34.715
Wonderful. We're still

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00:07:34.715 --> 00:07:38.005
here on July 1st, 2024,

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00:07:38.975 --> 00:07:40.085
which was yesterday.

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00:07:40.445 --> 00:07:42.365
I spoke with a guy named Zafa

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00:07:42.945 --> 00:07:44.685
at the Westchester County Department of Health.

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00:07:45.585 --> 00:07:50.005
And I took notes as I listened. I'm already done. No. Oh no,

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00:07:50.655 --> 00:07:51.405
Sorry. That

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00:07:51.405 --> 00:07:52.405
Was fine. And I,

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00:07:52.405 --> 00:07:54.485
I told him as I was trying to really listen

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00:07:54.995 --> 00:07:56.125
that I was taking notes

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00:07:56.145 --> 00:07:57.845
and I wanted to read them back to him

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00:07:58.035 --> 00:07:59.925
because I would be speaking to a lot of people.

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00:08:00.045 --> 00:08:02.285
I did not know that I had such honorable people,

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00:08:02.515 --> 00:08:03.685
honorable people here.

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00:08:03.705 --> 00:08:05.845
But nonetheless, I told him this

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00:08:05.845 --> 00:08:07.685
and I said, I wanna read these back

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00:08:07.705 --> 00:08:08.965
to make sure I've got it right

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00:08:09.545 --> 00:08:11.045
to make sure that I've got it right.

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00:08:12.305 --> 00:08:15.525
And here are the points that Zfa agreed

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00:08:15.635 --> 00:08:17.845
that were correctly repeated back to him.

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00:08:18.655 --> 00:08:21.405
Point one, the Westchester County Department

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00:08:21.405 --> 00:08:24.645

of Health specifically requires that non-community,

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transient or non-community,

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00:08:26.725 --> 00:08:29.645

non-transient public water be treated at the point

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00:08:29.645 --> 00:08:30.925

of entry of the building.

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The POE 0.2, the Westchester County Department

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of Health Regulations for public water are the same

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as the state, the New York State Department

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of Health Regulations 0.3.

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There are three specific treatments recommended

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by the Westchester County Department of Health

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and the Environmental Protection Agency,

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otherwise known as the EPA.

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And these three are granulated, act, granular,

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00:08:59.675 --> 00:09:03.915

activated carbon ion exchange

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and reverse osmosis.

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Point four, the building owners here in Scott's Corners

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could submit their own site-specific designs

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for granular activated carbon

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or reverse osmosis systems online

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at the Westchester County Department of Health website.

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00:09:22.255 --> 00:09:23.995
And the Westchester County Department

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of Health would also go further

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and really help them with modifying the designs if

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00:09:28.655 --> 00:09:29.875
so, so needed.

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00:09:31.215 --> 00:09:34.675
The fifth point, the Westchester County Department of Health

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apparently sent, this is what they said to me.

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They sent supervisor ke uh, Kevin Hanson,

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00:09:40.515 --> 00:09:41.795

a memo describing the points.

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So why am I up here? Why is that important?

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I had a really nice meeting with Kevin. I really did.

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It was very nice. Thursday, June 20th, 2024.

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And during that meeting, discussing the possible use

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of the granular activated carbon in reverse osmosis,

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Kevin expressed very sadness that this was not allowed.

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And so there's a problem here with the recommended stuff

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that I'm hearing and what we were talking about.

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I don't know how that problem arises,

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but the issue is

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that the osmosis idea would cost 780,000 if you're really

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overestimating what the guy said, what it would cost.

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Whereas the pipe costs \$11 million.

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And yes, the pipe could be funded by a grant,

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but the grant money still comes from us,

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basically, I mean, diluted out.

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But it's New York state taxpayer, federal taxpayer.

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00:10:33.025 --> 00:10:34.035

It's taxpayer money.

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We could save \$10 million of taxpayer money

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00:10:37.855 --> 00:10:39.555

if we followed the recommendations

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of the Westchester County Department of Health and the EPA.

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I don't know. I'm not being mean. All right.

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I just, that's the end of my story.

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00:10:48.415 --> 00:10:49.795

God bless Pound Ridge. There

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You go. Thank you.

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Thank you. Anyone else?

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Yes, my name is, uh, Norman Bernstein.

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I live at two Pheasant Road in Pound Ridge.

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I'm concerned that this, um, water district wastewater, uh,

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water district, water pipeline project

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and um, uh, the wastewater treatment system

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that will follow, will make a environmental financial mess.

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And is, as Ellen points out, unneeded, you have point

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of entry technology that works.

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Uh, the Department of Health will accept it.

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Secondly, the environmental mess will occur

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because all this additional water from the, uh,

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Connecticut system that you're going

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to import has to go somewhere.

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You're turn off the taps, uh, in the, in the town.

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You're not taking water out, you're adding water in.

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And so the water has to be treated.

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Otherwise it will overwhelm the septic system.

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Number three, the septic system cost

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is, uh, replacement cost.

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Uh, for the, uh, septic, the treatment system is estimated.

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The cost was 2019, it was about 20 million.

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Now you're looking at probably 25 to 30000003rd, um,

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that would necessitate a, uh, installation

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of a \$30 million system, wastewater treatment system,

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which in turn will create the need for

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a \$9 million roughly bond, I'm sorry, \$9 million bond.

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Yes. To cover 30% of 30 million.

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Um, and then of course you have the \$3 million bond

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that you're going to be creating under this, uh,

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00:12:39.125 --> 00:12:40.125

for the water system.

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00:12:40.505 --> 00:12:44.445

So that's \$12 million bond, which will burden the town.

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00:12:45.265 --> 00:12:48.485

And that burden is not gonna be confined on.

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00:12:48.545 --> 00:12:50.125

Um, contrary with the Mr.

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00:12:50.125 --> 00:12:54.125

Harrington's statement at the last, uh, meeting, uh, and,

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00:12:54.145 --> 00:12:57.205

and your consultant, um, uh,

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00:12:57.395 --> 00:13:00.485

it's not gonna be fine confined realistically just

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00:13:00.485 --> 00:13:03.645

to the water district because the bond shortfall

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00:13:04.145 --> 00:13:07.045

and if it occurs, will flow over into the town.

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00:13:07.205 --> 00:13:08.325

That's what the bond says.

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00:13:09.265 --> 00:13:13.085

And the notion that this is somehow just like

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00:13:13.805 --> 00:13:17.725

a default on a private home on taxes just doesn't work.

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00:13:18.315 --> 00:13:19.965
There's no such thing in the world

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00:13:20.545 --> 00:13:23.165
as liquid commercial real estate.

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00:13:23.435 --> 00:13:25.765
It's an oxymoron. It doesn't exist.

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00:13:26.425 --> 00:13:29.365
Second, once you start burdening the town

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00:13:29.365 --> 00:13:32.765
with this extra financial burden, it's going

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00:13:32.765 --> 00:13:35.685
to cause the rents in the town district to go up.

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00:13:35.885 --> 00:13:37.725
'cause the landlords aren't just gonna pay for this.

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00:13:37.795 --> 00:13:39.685
They're gonna pass it through to their tenants.

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00:13:40.275 --> 00:13:42.045
Tenants start going outta business

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00:13:42.465 --> 00:13:44.485
and the value of the real estate goes down.

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00:13:44.945 --> 00:13:46.125
So it's not liquid.

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00:13:46.265 --> 00:13:48.165
The bondholders wanna be paid on time

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00:13:48.745 --> 00:13:49.885
and you, you're going

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00:13:49.885 --> 00:13:51.925

to have a financial mess on your hands.

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00:13:52.825 --> 00:13:57.005

All I'm saying is, please don't do this. It's not necessary.

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00:13:57.435 --> 00:13:58.965

It's gonna create an environmental mess

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00:13:59.145 --> 00:14:01.045

and it's gonna create a financial mess.

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00:14:01.495 --> 00:14:02.645

Thank you for your time,

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00:14:06.695 --> 00:14:09.845

Scott. Hi

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00:14:10.005 --> 00:14:11.005

Everyone. So

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00:14:11.005 --> 00:14:12.685

my name is Scott Quist.

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00:14:12.685 --> 00:14:14.645

Uh, my wife Anna and I own the property at

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00:14:14.645 --> 00:14:15.885

39 Westchester Avenue.

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00:14:16.025 --> 00:14:18.805

We are one of three single family homes in the proposed

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00:14:18.805 --> 00:14:20.405

water district in Scott's corners.

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00:14:21.665 --> 00:14:24.765

Um, so I'm here to voice my opposition to the formation

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00:14:24.765 --> 00:14:27.765

of this water district as it is currently being presented

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00:14:28.505 --> 00:14:31.285

as one of only 39 properties in the proposed district.

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00:14:31.405 --> 00:14:33.405

I felt it was important to be here tonight.

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00:14:34.165 --> 00:14:36.005

I had no prior knowledge of this proposal

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00:14:36.095 --> 00:14:38.765

until receiving the June 11th meeting notice in the mail.

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00:14:38.825 --> 00:14:42.725

As it was crazy end of school season, I brushed it off

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00:14:42.725 --> 00:14:44.005

and honestly didn't realize just

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00:14:44.005 --> 00:14:45.565

how major this proposal was.

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00:14:46.455 --> 00:14:48.045

Since then, I've been trying to learn

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00:14:48.065 --> 00:14:51.405

and understand as much as possible about water districts,

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00:14:51.405 --> 00:14:54.965

which is super interesting and it's been fascinating.

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00:14:54.965 --> 00:14:56.845

And also, to be honest, a little bit scary.

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00:14:58.495 --> 00:15:01.485

First, I wanna address the inconsistency in the projected

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00:15:01.485 --> 00:15:03.645

financial obligations outlined in the report

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00:15:03.675 --> 00:15:05.365

that I read on the website.

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00:15:06.065 --> 00:15:08.765

The figures presented are totally unclear

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00:15:08.825 --> 00:15:12.885

and the formula for assigning eds per property is causing a

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00:15:12.885 --> 00:15:14.325

lot of concern and uncertainty.

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00:15:14.325 --> 00:15:18.045

As John pointed out about the true cost to property owners

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00:15:18.785 --> 00:15:21.445

before any additional action is taken, it is imperative

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00:15:21.445 --> 00:15:26.045

that every property owner is properly notified about their

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00:15:26.565 --> 00:15:28.685

specific financial responsibility

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00:15:28.685 --> 00:15:29.925

associated with this project.

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00:15:30.515 --> 00:15:33.205

Ideally, these numbers would be vetted by an outside auditor

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00:15:33.705 --> 00:15:36.725

or other neutral third party Without any financial interest

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00:15:36.725 --> 00:15:39.845

in the outcome, we cannot make an informed decision without

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00:15:39.845 --> 00:15:40.965

this critical information.

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00:15:41.965 --> 00:15:43.925

Moreover, there has been a significant lack

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00:15:43.925 --> 00:15:45.845
of information provided to date.

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00:15:46.235 --> 00:15:48.885
Many members of the proposed district we are learning are

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00:15:48.885 --> 00:15:50.885
still unaware of the project's existence

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00:15:51.545 --> 00:15:53.085
and its potential implications.

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00:15:53.825 --> 00:15:54.925
We just need more time.

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00:15:55.225 --> 00:15:56.685
We need to do our due diligence

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00:15:56.745 --> 00:15:59.885
and fully understand the proposal rushing this process.

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00:16:00.025 --> 00:16:02.165
And I understand grant applications that you had a deadline.

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00:16:02.205 --> 00:16:04.845
I work for the county. I manage many grants. I get it.

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00:16:05.905 --> 00:16:07.925
Um, rushing the process.

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00:16:07.925 --> 00:16:10.165
However, without adequate community engagement

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00:16:10.165 --> 00:16:13.125
and transparency is not in the best interest of residents.

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00:16:13.415 --> 00:16:16.445
Water quality is an issue that affects all town residents.

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00:16:16.945 --> 00:16:19.325

So this is a great opportunity to start some type

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00:16:19.325 --> 00:16:22.525

of educational campaign or town wide dialogue around water

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00:16:23.105 --> 00:16:25.325

and ways to protect our critical supplies.

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00:16:26.585 --> 00:16:27.645

I'm also concerned,

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00:16:27.645 --> 00:16:30.085

as our previous speaker pointed out about the potential

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00:16:30.085 --> 00:16:32.805

strain this proposal would place on our already fragile

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00:16:32.905 --> 00:16:34.405

and aging septic tanks.

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00:16:35.225 --> 00:16:37.845

The wastewater situation came up a lot at the June 11th

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00:16:37.845 --> 00:16:41.445

meeting, and yet the proposal before us sidesteps the issue

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00:16:41.545 --> 00:16:44.445

and does not present a clear vision for what comes

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00:16:44.455 --> 00:16:46.085

after this drinking water project.

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00:16:46.995 --> 00:16:48.245

What is the ultimate goal?

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00:16:48.665 --> 00:16:49.845

Has it been confirmed

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00:16:50.235 --> 00:16:53.245

that the additional water influx would not risk the quality

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00:16:53.265 --> 00:16:54.885
of wells in the area such as mine?

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00:16:55.435 --> 00:16:57.325
Will the next step be the construction

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00:16:57.325 --> 00:16:59.445
of a wastewater treatment plant in our backyards?

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00:17:00.105 --> 00:17:01.325
If this district,

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00:17:01.465 --> 00:17:04.725
if this water district is just one step in a much larger

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00:17:04.725 --> 00:17:06.845
development plan, we need to know that now

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00:17:08.625 --> 00:17:11.005
my family has invested a lot of resources

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00:17:11.005 --> 00:17:12.805
of our hard-earned money into maintaining

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00:17:12.805 --> 00:17:15.125
and upgrading our well pump and filtration system.

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00:17:15.145 --> 00:17:17.285
In fact, our well pump broke two weeks

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00:17:17.285 --> 00:17:18.525
after moving to Pound Ridge.

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00:17:18.985 --> 00:17:20.125
We had to shell out a lot

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00:17:20.125 --> 00:17:22.205
of cash we didn't have on a brand new well pump.

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00:17:22.585 --> 00:17:23.805

And they discovered in the process

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00:17:23.875 --> 00:17:26.365

that our well is actually twice as deep as they thought.

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00:17:26.365 --> 00:17:28.925

It's 300 feet deep and we've been told it will never go dry.

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00:17:29.475 --> 00:17:32.045

Even with climate change, you know, impacts on the horizon.

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00:17:32.545 --> 00:17:34.765

We are satisfied with our current water supply

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00:17:35.065 --> 00:17:38.725

and reverse osmosis system for drinking water.

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00:17:39.225 --> 00:17:40.565

We do not want to switch

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00:17:40.625 --> 00:17:43.045

to treated chlorinated municipal water,

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00:17:43.175 --> 00:17:46.685

especially since PFAS substances have been detected

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00:17:47.345 --> 00:17:49.445

in the same municipal water supplies we're

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00:17:49.445 --> 00:17:50.525

thinking about tapping into.

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00:17:51.525 --> 00:17:53.605

Additionally, there are properties bordering the gas station

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00:17:53.665 --> 00:17:56.045

on the very corner of Westchester Avenue

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00:17:56.045 --> 00:17:59.445

and Trinity Pass that may be contaminated from the original

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00:17:59.455 --> 00:18:01.885

Shell Oil spill that led us down this dark path.

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00:18:02.305 --> 00:18:04.445

But they are left out of the proposed district entirely.

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00:18:04.985 --> 00:18:08.605

So this selective inclusion raises questions about the

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00:18:08.605 --> 00:18:11.125

justification for this very project.

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00:18:11.745 --> 00:18:12.765

Why do we need it?

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00:18:13.465 --> 00:18:15.645

It seems that the priorities of certain landowners

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00:18:15.645 --> 00:18:19.245

and businesses in the district were influential are being

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00:18:19.275 --> 00:18:21.525

favorable over other properties such as mine

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00:18:21.705 --> 00:18:24.565

as a private landowner on my side of the district

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00:18:24.565 --> 00:18:26.405

where we have little or nothing to gain

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00:18:26.745 --> 00:18:28.445

and a lot to lose from this project.

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00:18:29.865 --> 00:18:32.445

In conclusion, I urge the town board to reverse course

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00:18:32.745 --> 00:18:34.925

and vote no on the proposed water district.

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00:18:35.385 --> 00:18:38.205

At a minimum, I hope any future action can be delayed

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00:18:38.415 --> 00:18:40.965

until all property owners in the district are fully informed

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00:18:41.385 --> 00:18:43.925

and have been given an an ample opportunity

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00:18:43.985 --> 00:18:47.045

to vote on the future of their own water supply.

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00:18:47.375 --> 00:18:49.005

Thank you for your time. Thank

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00:18:49.005 --> 00:18:50.005

You. Thank you

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00:18:50.005 --> 00:18:52.885

anymore. You alright?

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00:18:53.025 --> 00:18:54.365

Go ahead, Alex.

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00:18:58.155 --> 00:19:02.605

Alex Gohar, uh, 21, uh, Patterson Road.

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00:19:03.425 --> 00:19:07.125

Uh, the board has heard, uh, my comments in the past.

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00:19:07.595 --> 00:19:09.605

Unfortunately, I have not heard answers

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00:19:09.865 --> 00:19:11.285

to most of my questions.

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00:19:11.905 --> 00:19:14.525

Uh, so these are the key ones that remain outstanding

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00:19:14.625 --> 00:19:17.325

and definitely appreciate, uh, Senator Shelley and,

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00:19:17.345 --> 00:19:20.085
and assemblyman verdict here to participate.

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00:19:20.825 --> 00:19:22.885
One is the town able to apply

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00:19:22.885 --> 00:19:25.125
and receive grants without audited financials.

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00:19:25.745 --> 00:19:29.805
Two, can pound ridge issue bonds without audited financials?

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00:19:30.775 --> 00:19:34.165
Three. How does the board justify an \$11 million water

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00:19:34.445 --> 00:19:36.325
district and a \$40 million, uh,

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00:19:37.015 --> 00:19:39.165
associated wastewater given the struggles

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00:19:39.165 --> 00:19:42.765
that Scott's Corners has, has had, uh,

413
00:19:43.525 --> 00:19:44.565
a, a board member?

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00:19:44.705 --> 00:19:47.645
Uh, Briggs has noted in the past our support for the,

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00:19:47.745 --> 00:19:49.005
for the businesses because

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00:19:49.005 --> 00:19:50.205
they're struggling, they need help.

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00:19:50.625 --> 00:19:52.325
The TE was sold to the town

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00:19:52.665 --> 00:19:54.645

as a solution to increase business.

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00:19:55.185 --> 00:19:56.805

Uh, in the 15 years we've been here,

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00:19:57.265 --> 00:19:58.485

the town looks the same.

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00:19:59.025 --> 00:20:02.765

How does importing PFAS polluted water from the aquarium

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00:20:03.085 --> 00:20:04.605

Stanford solve this issue?

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00:20:05.785 --> 00:20:08.005

Uh, I've lost count. So now we'll go to six.

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00:20:08.705 --> 00:20:10.285

If the water issues

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00:20:10.305 --> 00:20:13.045

as this town has clearly articulated been an issue since the

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00:20:13.245 --> 00:20:16.165

seventies, there's not a major health concern here.

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00:20:16.265 --> 00:20:19.405

No one has written it up that, uh, so my question is

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00:20:19.925 --> 00:20:22.045

PFAS is something that we've already lived with,

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00:20:22.245 --> 00:20:23.925

digested along with everything else

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00:20:23.925 --> 00:20:25.285

that's in the water here.

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00:20:25.785 --> 00:20:27.965

So there hardly seems to be a threat.

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00:20:28.385 --> 00:20:30.125

It just seems to be the latest concern,

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00:20:30.585 --> 00:20:32.525

but certainly there's not any health,

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00:20:32.525 --> 00:20:34.845

noticeable health issue is there.

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00:20:34.845 --> 00:20:39.005

Another goal is, as in a redevelopment of the downtown,

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00:20:39.355 --> 00:20:41.365

it's hard to imagine the existing businesses

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00:20:41.365 --> 00:20:44.685

and residents can financially support a \$50 million system.

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00:20:45.135 --> 00:20:49.205

There seems to be an ulterior motive, perhaps at the behest

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00:20:49.205 --> 00:20:52.285

of certain private developers who wanna remake downtown.

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00:20:53.025 --> 00:20:54.925

Our wonderful town is not New Canaan,

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00:20:54.975 --> 00:20:56.325

Mount Kisco or Richfield.

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00:20:56.665 --> 00:20:59.085

We don't have the consumer base, the shopper base,

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00:20:59.345 --> 00:21:01.045

and the tax dollars those towns have.

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00:21:01.505 --> 00:21:04.725

We have something that they don't, a bucolic community

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00:21:04.905 --> 00:21:07.845

that's always focused on low taxes and no traffic lights.

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00:21:08.015 --> 00:21:11.005

Kevin, I think early on you said you would never be the sem

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00:21:11.145 --> 00:21:14.485

the supervisor who resulted in a traffic light.

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00:21:14.555 --> 00:21:15.605

It's something that we treasure.

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00:21:15.865 --> 00:21:17.605

That's what attracts people to live here.

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00:21:17.775 --> 00:21:19.605

There are a wonderful, diverse number

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00:21:19.605 --> 00:21:22.645

of communities in our area, including over the state line.

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00:21:23.515 --> 00:21:24.885

What makes us unique

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00:21:24.985 --> 00:21:28.845

and why people of all political persuasions come here is

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00:21:28.845 --> 00:21:31.325

because of the community that we have not,

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00:21:31.545 --> 00:21:32.845

we don't want to be in other towns.

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00:21:32.905 --> 00:21:34.085

We want our pound ridge.

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00:21:34.995 --> 00:21:37.565

Thus, these two water projects seem to upend

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00:21:37.795 --> 00:21:39.285

what makes Pound Ridge unique.

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00:21:39.665 --> 00:21:42.125

And I would hope that the Town Board seriously considers

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00:21:42.825 --> 00:21:46.485

and certainly with proposed far cheaper solutions, uh,

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00:21:46.735 --> 00:21:50.725

looks at those options rather than a \$50 million financial,

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00:21:51.265 --> 00:21:53.005

uh, burden to the town.

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00:21:53.135 --> 00:21:54.135

Thank you. Thank you.

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00:21:55.625 --> 00:21:59.845

Anyone else? Oh, go ahead. Oh, thank.

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00:22:04.625 --> 00:22:07.245

Hi everybody, I'm Donna Simons.

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00:22:08.265 --> 00:22:10.045

Um, for the record,

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00:22:10.665 --> 00:22:12.085

I'm providing a written copy

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00:22:12.145 --> 00:22:13.445

of my statement. I need my glasses.

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00:22:13.705 --> 00:22:18.605

I'm so sorry. I forgot.

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00:22:21.505 --> 00:22:22.485

Excuse me one second.

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00:22:22.575 --> 00:22:23.845

Don't count this in my three minutes.

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00:22:24.105 --> 00:22:25.485

Oh, don't worry. You got plenty of time.

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00:22:25.575 --> 00:22:28.885

We're not gonna push you out. Don't worry.

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00:22:28.945 --> 00:22:31.485

You haven't been very good about Yeah. Minutes.

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00:22:33.875 --> 00:22:37.125

Okay. For the record, I'm providing a copy of my statement

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00:22:37.125 --> 00:22:38.285

to the, to Aaron.

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00:22:38.625 --> 00:22:40.525

Um, in the interest of full transparency

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00:22:40.705 --> 00:22:42.045

and in keeping with the spirit

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00:22:42.065 --> 00:22:45.525

of New York State Open Meetings law, I formally request

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00:22:45.525 --> 00:22:49.685

that the statement be included verbatim in the minute,

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00:22:49.795 --> 00:22:52.005

meaning the meeting minutes.

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00:22:52.395 --> 00:22:54.725

This will ensure that my concerns are accurately

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00:22:55.605 --> 00:22:56.845

represented for public record.

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00:22:57.585 --> 00:23:00.765

My name is Donna Simons. I'm at 22 Westchester Avenue.

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00:23:01.565 --> 00:23:03.925

I am one of the 39 properties included in

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00:23:03.925 --> 00:23:05.245
the proposed Water District.

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00:23:05.865 --> 00:23:07.885
I'm here to oppose the establishment

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00:23:07.885 --> 00:23:09.645
of a Scotts Corners Water District

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00:23:10.065 --> 00:23:14.245
and the bond intended to fund it as outlined in the May, uh,

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00:23:14.245 --> 00:23:17.245
2024 LaBerge report.

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00:23:17.915 --> 00:23:18.925
From my understanding,

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00:23:19.425 --> 00:23:22.405
you tested two wells in a location historically known

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00:23:22.425 --> 00:23:23.605
for ground contamination,

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00:23:24.025 --> 00:23:25.405
and as a result, you plan

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00:23:25.425 --> 00:23:30.365
to impose a \$3.4 million debt upon the properties from PBA

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00:23:30.365 --> 00:23:32.005
through PBC.

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00:23:32.555 --> 00:23:35.485
Despite their zoning, whether their wells are affected

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00:23:35.585 --> 00:23:37.605
or not, and whether they even wish

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00:23:37.625 --> 00:23:40.245

to participate such as myself.

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00:23:41.345 --> 00:23:44.125

The EDU assessment appears arbitrary

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00:23:44.145 --> 00:23:45.570

and unfairly distributed.

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00:23:46.145 --> 00:23:50.565

My house is solely residential with me as the only occupant.

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00:23:52.225 --> 00:23:56.365

As far as pound ridge organics, I use 450 square feet

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00:23:56.465 --> 00:23:58.045

of my carriage house for retail.

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00:23:58.185 --> 00:24:01.565

The remainder of the 1500 square foot building is primarily

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00:24:01.565 --> 00:24:02.845

used for personal storage.

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00:24:03.905 --> 00:24:07.005

My market is only open 11 hours per week,

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00:24:07.145 --> 00:24:08.525

and I have no employees.

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00:24:08.755 --> 00:24:10.965

However, I serve hundreds

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00:24:10.965 --> 00:24:12.885

and hundreds of people in the community

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00:24:13.155 --> 00:24:14.885

locally and extended.

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00:24:15.145 --> 00:24:19.965

And as far as North Carolina come to me, the Leberts report

513
00:24:20.595 --> 00:24:24.245
addressed my property, I'm sorry, the Lebert report

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00:24:24.965 --> 00:24:29.885
assessed my property for 4,781 square feet

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00:24:29.885 --> 00:24:33.005
of retail space more than 10 times.

516
00:24:33.115 --> 00:24:36.765
What I use, resulting in a calculation of five eds

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00:24:39.135 --> 00:24:41.565
using this math from the current report,

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00:24:42.035 --> 00:24:45.765
each EDU would equal 110 gallons of water per day.

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00:24:46.445 --> 00:24:47.925
Multiply that by the five EDUs

520
00:24:48.025 --> 00:24:50.125
and my anticipated water consumption

521
00:24:50.935 --> 00:24:53.525
would be 550 gallons per day,

522
00:24:54.165 --> 00:24:57.045
equaling 17,000 gallons per month.

523
00:24:58.085 --> 00:25:00.205
I have a water meter. Okay.

524
00:25:01.025 --> 00:25:05.605
It verifies that my actual use is 378

525
00:25:05.715 --> 00:25:09.925
gallons per month, not 17,000.

526
00:25:11.145 --> 00:25:14.645

Um, at the June 17th meeting, I was told that I can choose

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00:25:14.665 --> 00:25:16.005
to not hook up to the water,

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00:25:16.065 --> 00:25:18.245
but it would still be my responsibility

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00:25:18.305 --> 00:25:19.445
for paying for this project.

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00:25:20.105 --> 00:25:21.325
So let's look at those numbers.

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00:25:22.025 --> 00:25:24.005
As per the LA calculations,

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00:25:24.145 --> 00:25:28.805
the five EDUs I have been assessed would equal 4,300 per

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00:25:28.805 --> 00:25:33.045
year, which is \$129,000 over the

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00:25:33.045 --> 00:25:34.165
30 year bond term.

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00:25:34.745 --> 00:25:37.925
My fear is that this number may in fact be more than double

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00:25:37.995 --> 00:25:39.765
what we're talking about, if not more.

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00:25:41.225 --> 00:25:43.925
And this isn't even including tapping into the

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00:25:43.925 --> 00:25:45.205
pipe or using that water.

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00:25:45.235 --> 00:25:48.765
This is me merely my personal out-of-pocket cost as one

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00:25:48.765 --> 00:25:50.525
of the 39 properties being taxed.

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00:25:51.065 --> 00:25:53.765
I'm a senior, I'm a sole proprietor

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00:25:53.765 --> 00:25:55.525
of a business, a small business.

543
00:25:55.925 --> 00:26:00.165
I can't afford this. As stated at the June 7th, uh,

544
00:26:00.195 --> 00:26:01.965
June 11th meeting, failure

545
00:26:02.065 --> 00:26:04.005
to pay this money would bring a lien

546
00:26:04.005 --> 00:26:06.645
and potential potential seizure of my property,

547
00:26:06.645 --> 00:26:08.005
which is unconscionable.

548
00:26:08.715 --> 00:26:10.445
This project makes no sense to me.

549
00:26:10.895 --> 00:26:13.645
Abandoning 39 wells, as was stated

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00:26:13.665 --> 00:26:16.405
before, bringing chlorinated water, which was stated

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00:26:16.465 --> 00:26:19.565
before, which also contains PFAS into town

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00:26:19.565 --> 00:26:21.565
with no logical plan for the disposal

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00:26:21.665 --> 00:26:23.765

of said water is ill-conceived.

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00:26:24.165 --> 00:26:27.005

I respectfully ask that you table this project, go back

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00:26:27.005 --> 00:26:31.125

to the drawing board and seriously hear, really truly listen

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00:26:31.185 --> 00:26:32.925

to the concerns of the citizens

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00:26:32.925 --> 00:26:34.485

that you have the responsibility

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00:26:34.585 --> 00:26:36.605

and privilege to serve and support.

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00:26:37.665 --> 00:26:39.725

And Aaron, I'll give you a copy of this

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00:26:39.825 --> 00:26:42.765

for the, for the record. Thank you for

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00:26:42.765 --> 00:26:43.765

Your time. Thank you. And thank

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00:26:43.765 --> 00:26:44.485

you for all this

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00:26:44.485 --> 00:26:45.605

work you've done so far.

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00:26:47.865 --> 00:26:51.805

No, I, thanks.

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00:26:56.675 --> 00:26:59.405

Just for the record, I'm speaking on behalf of

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00:26:59.925 --> 00:27:03.605

Nicholas Turn, owner of 26 Westchester Avenue.

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00:27:04.315 --> 00:27:06.045

Just so we have documented here,

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00:27:06.885 --> 00:27:09.325

I Nicholas Turk give permission for my statement

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00:27:09.325 --> 00:27:12.445

of opposition to the proposed Scotts Corners Water District

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00:27:12.445 --> 00:27:14.605

project to be read before the Pound Ridge Town

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00:27:14.605 --> 00:27:16.085

Board on my behalf.

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00:27:16.185 --> 00:27:21.165

And in my absence on July 2nd, Mr. Turner formally requests

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00:27:21.165 --> 00:27:23.565

that this statement be included verbatim

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00:27:23.665 --> 00:27:24.725

in the minutes of the meeting.

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00:27:25.475 --> 00:27:28.685

Dear town of Pound Ridge, I would like to enter my statement

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00:27:28.685 --> 00:27:30.965

of opposition to the proposed Scotts Corner

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00:27:31.055 --> 00:27:32.245

Water District Project.

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00:27:32.865 --> 00:27:35.245

By way of background, panini real estate Real estate

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00:27:35.605 --> 00:27:39.365

acquired the property located 26 Westchester Avenue from May

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00:27:39.605 --> 00:27:40.805

Peterson in 2007.

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00:27:41.575 --> 00:27:45.125

Prior to that time, Mr. Peterson had the property zoned

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00:27:45.125 --> 00:27:47.325

as mixed use retail and residential.

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00:27:48.145 --> 00:27:52.005

She operated the antique shop out of 1000 square foot barn

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00:27:52.105 --> 00:27:56.045

and lived in the 22,000 square foot house prior

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00:27:56.045 --> 00:27:57.445

to closing on the property.

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00:27:57.465 --> 00:28:01.805

In 2007, the town of Pound Ridge formally changed the zoning

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00:28:01.825 --> 00:28:04.005

of the property to PBC.

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00:28:05.065 --> 00:28:06.485

The barn space is dry.

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00:28:06.875 --> 00:28:08.845

There's no water in this building at all.

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00:28:09.825 --> 00:28:11.645

Its inclusion in the calculations

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00:28:11.745 --> 00:28:15.845

and listed factor in, in as an EDU is an heir

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00:28:16.145 --> 00:28:18.365

by whomever created the water district

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00:28:18.645 --> 00:28:20.165

documentation to have it listed.

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As such, the main house is being used

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00:28:23.665 --> 00:28:27.365

as a commercial office space on a part-time as needed basis.

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00:28:28.265 --> 00:28:30.645

The water usage out of this space is limited

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00:28:30.665 --> 00:28:32.725

to toilet flushing and sink usage.

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00:28:33.555 --> 00:28:36.885

There's no laundry or excessive water usage taking place.

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00:28:37.825 --> 00:28:39.005

The EDU sheet

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00:28:39.405 --> 00:28:42.645

provided by my neighbor states that my property is three

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00:28:43.305 --> 00:28:47.605

eds comprised as 1099 square foot office.

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00:28:48.285 --> 00:28:51.165

I assume this refers to this, uh, to the dry barn,

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00:28:52.035 --> 00:28:55.165

549 square feet of actual retail.

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00:28:55.165 --> 00:28:58.125

Factually not accurate. No t retail exists.

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00:28:58.825 --> 00:29:02.325

And one apartment, again, factually not accurate.

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00:29:02.465 --> 00:29:03.565

As there's no apartment

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00:29:03.825 --> 00:29:06.205

and no residential occupancy whatsoever.

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00:29:07.185 --> 00:29:10.245

The overall property water usage is minimal at best.

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00:29:11.075 --> 00:29:13.485

Furthermore, in 2021,

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00:29:14.205 --> 00:29:16.325

a water filtration system was installed

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00:29:16.385 --> 00:29:18.765

by West Fair Water Systems by Bedford Hills.

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00:29:19.545 --> 00:29:22.005

So this will effectively be unnecessary

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00:29:22.025 --> 00:29:25.085

and provide no additional benefit to the property.

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00:29:26.405 --> 00:29:29.445

I have only recently heard of this ongoing dialogue

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00:29:29.795 --> 00:29:31.205

with the town of Pound Ridge,

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00:29:31.425 --> 00:29:33.205

and I was shocked to hear

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00:29:33.205 --> 00:29:36.685

that this economic burden is being forced on the property

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00:29:36.685 --> 00:29:38.365

owners within the business district.

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00:29:39.265 --> 00:29:41.845

I'm located in Charleston, South Carolina, so I'm unable

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00:29:41.845 --> 00:29:43.685

to attend the town hall meeting

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00:29:44.145 --> 00:29:46.245
and voice my concern directly.

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00:29:47.065 --> 00:29:49.565
Um, Aaron, this is a copy of the letter

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00:29:50.265 --> 00:29:53.405
and then these are copies to be handed out by the board

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00:29:54.545 --> 00:29:56.645
to be used for the minutes and for the board.

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00:29:59.065 --> 00:30:00.245
Any other Yeah,

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00:30:00.305 --> 00:30:05.305
me public comment, We

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00:30:05.875 --> 00:30:07.045
Sure. Okay.

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00:30:07.445 --> 00:30:11.125
Nicholas Ola, 29 Autumn Ridge Road, Pound Ridge, New York.

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00:30:13.025 --> 00:30:15.445
For the record, I'm providing a written copy of my statement

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00:30:15.445 --> 00:30:18.645
to the town clerk in the interest of full transparency.

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00:30:18.785 --> 00:30:19.925
And in keeping with the spirit

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00:30:19.925 --> 00:30:23.045
of the New York State Open Meetings law, I formally request

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00:30:23.045 --> 00:30:25.925
that this statement be included verbatim in the

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00:30:25.925 --> 00:30:27.485

mi uh, minutes of the meeting.

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00:30:28.075 --> 00:30:30.525

This will ensure that my concerns are accurately

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00:30:30.845 --> 00:30:32.085

represented for public record.

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00:30:33.045 --> 00:30:35.245

I respectfully but urgently request

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00:30:35.315 --> 00:30:38.325

that this board schedule a dedicated public forum

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00:30:38.865 --> 00:30:40.845

to address the significant discrepancies

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00:30:40.845 --> 00:30:43.485

and concerns regarding the drinking water project.

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00:30:44.255 --> 00:30:46.045

Given the magnitude of this project

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00:30:46.225 --> 00:30:48.445

and its potential impact on residents

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00:30:48.505 --> 00:30:49.885

and business real estate owners

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00:30:50.385 --> 00:30:52.165

and the proposed water district

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00:30:52.385 --> 00:30:54.925

and entire community, it is imperative

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00:30:54.925 --> 00:30:57.965

that we have a transparent and comprehensive discussion.

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00:30:59.005 --> 00:31:01.885

I propose that this form be held within the next three weeks

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00:31:02.425 --> 00:31:05.045
to ensure a timely resolution of these issues.

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00:31:06.365 --> 00:31:08.485
Additionally, we request an independent audit

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00:31:08.785 --> 00:31:10.285
of the EDU calculations,

651
00:31:10.645 --> 00:31:14.605
specifically detailing methodology used to determine EDU

652
00:31:15.385 --> 00:31:18.085
and projected costs that we pass down

653
00:31:18.085 --> 00:31:19.885
to each individual EDU.

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00:31:20.625 --> 00:31:23.685
The audit should include the following, a formal listing

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00:31:23.785 --> 00:31:27.885
of each EDU, including residents and businesses by name

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00:31:27.885 --> 00:31:31.365
and address to projected costs that will be passed down

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00:31:31.365 --> 00:31:34.605
to each EDU in terms of their individual user fee

658
00:31:35.265 --> 00:31:37.525
and estimated annual tax increase.

659
00:31:38.435 --> 00:31:42.445
This tax, this tax increase projection should be based on

660
00:31:42.445 --> 00:31:45.845
three potential grant scenarios, 6 million,

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00:31:46.215 --> 00:31:47.605

7 million, and 8 million.

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00:31:48.475 --> 00:31:51.165

This form should provide ample opportunity

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00:31:51.665 --> 00:31:53.085

for detailed presentations

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00:31:53.145 --> 00:31:55.045

of the project's financial projection,

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00:31:55.435 --> 00:31:58.445

including the EDU calculation, as well as allow

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00:31:58.505 --> 00:32:00.925

for substantial public comment in a

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00:32:00.925 --> 00:32:02.605

comprehensive question and answer session.

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00:32:03.465 --> 00:32:06.005

If this meeting cannot be conducted within the next three

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00:32:06.005 --> 00:32:09.525

weeks, I request a firm scheduled date

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00:32:09.825 --> 00:32:11.325

within the next 30 days.

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00:32:12.265 --> 00:32:14.405

The requested audit information

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00:32:14.405 --> 00:32:17.525

and EDU listing should be posted at least one week prior

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00:32:17.545 --> 00:32:20.765

to the scheduled meeting to allow sufficient time for review

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00:32:21.585 --> 00:32:23.245

the residents of Pound Ridge deserve.

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00:32:23.275 --> 00:32:25.805

Well, transparency, full transparency

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00:32:26.185 --> 00:32:29.725

and opportunity to voice these concerns about the project

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00:32:30.035 --> 00:32:32.005

that will be significantly impact our

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00:32:32.005 --> 00:32:33.845

community for years to come.

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00:32:34.065 --> 00:32:36.925

We look forward to the board's prompt action on

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00:32:36.925 --> 00:32:37.965

this critical matter.

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00:32:38.745 --> 00:32:40.445

Now, I just read this,

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00:32:40.565 --> 00:32:42.965

I want it submitted verbatim into the meeting minutes.

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00:32:43.475 --> 00:32:45.525

I've gone through the proper protocol to do so

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00:32:45.525 --> 00:32:48.525

with the one exception I address now to Kevin.

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00:32:49.135 --> 00:32:51.285

Kevin, would you then need, Kevin, you need

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00:32:51.285 --> 00:32:53.805

to formally accept the letter into the record

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00:32:53.945 --> 00:32:56.765

and instruct the clerk to include it with the, uh,

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00:32:56.955 --> 00:32:58.045

with the meeting, uh,

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00:32:58.045 --> 00:33:00.285

meeting minutes. Do you wish to do so?

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00:33:00.875 --> 00:33:02.605

Sure. Aaron, You you'll include that.

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00:33:03.245 --> 00:33:06.565

I believe we have a policy that that doesn't,

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00:33:07.665 --> 00:33:08.685

oh, I've asked that.

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00:33:08.685 --> 00:33:10.405

I could be wrong. I think we need to, um,

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00:33:10.405 --> 00:33:11.405

Reflect, do you know Bill?

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00:33:11.765 --> 00:33:12.965

I do know Kevin.

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00:33:13.585 --> 00:33:17.605

You can accept all incorporated them into this and,

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00:33:17.665 --> 00:33:20.325

and you can do that by either reference

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00:33:20.385 --> 00:33:22.365

and including them in the documents.

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00:33:23.645 --> 00:33:24.765

I think we need to have a discussion.

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00:33:25.075 --> 00:33:26.165

Yeah. Alright. Well listen,

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00:33:26.415 --> 00:33:28.565

while you're having a discussion, I'll have this as a point

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00:33:28.565 --> 00:33:31.205
of record as long as I follow the procedures

703
00:33:31.205 --> 00:33:34.005
and make the request during the appropriate

704
00:33:34.065 --> 00:33:35.365
public comment period.

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00:33:35.505 --> 00:33:36.765
And that's where we're at right now.

706
00:33:37.545 --> 00:33:39.245
Boards are required to accept

707
00:33:39.265 --> 00:33:41.365
and incorporate written resident comments

708
00:33:41.875 --> 00:33:44.445
into the official minute meeting records and minutes.

709
00:33:45.275 --> 00:33:50.005
This allows me to have full statement documented as, as part

710
00:33:50.005 --> 00:33:51.645
of the pertinent public meeting.

711
00:33:52.465 --> 00:33:56.485
So that's verbatim right there on top of that. Okay.

712
00:33:56.705 --> 00:33:59.965
Me, as a resident, I can request a public forum.

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00:34:00.595 --> 00:34:02.965
However, this, this is the protocol

714
00:34:03.665 --> 00:34:06.365
during the designated public comment section of the meeting.

715
00:34:06.455 --> 00:34:10.365

Right now, I can express my desire for a public forum

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00:34:10.545 --> 00:34:12.565
or hearing on a separate issue.

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00:34:13.425 --> 00:34:17.685
Second protocol, submit a written request

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00:34:17.985 --> 00:34:19.045
to the town clerk

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00:34:20.025 --> 00:34:23.205
and appropriate officials asking for public hearing

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00:34:23.265 --> 00:34:24.885
to be considered by the board.

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00:34:25.695 --> 00:34:27.605
Right now, I just hit the send button.

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00:34:28.265 --> 00:34:32.045
My request now is in everybody's email. You'll read it.

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00:34:32.185 --> 00:34:33.965
And that's what I'm requesting a public hearing

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00:34:34.445 --> 00:34:37.205
'cause as we can see right now, okay.

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00:34:37.505 --> 00:34:40.965
We don't have, you know, support from the residents

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00:34:40.965 --> 00:34:42.005
that you're hearing right now.

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00:34:42.385 --> 00:34:45.285
And this is absurd that you guys are moving forward so fast

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00:34:45.285 --> 00:34:46.525
because you want to grant.

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00:34:47.175 --> 00:34:48.175

Thank you.

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00:34:48.985 --> 00:34:51.245

If I could just ask a procedural question, bill,

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00:34:51.305 --> 00:34:52.885

do we need to, when we speak?

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00:34:52.985 --> 00:34:54.405

No. Do we need to say each

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00:34:54.405 --> 00:34:57.085

One of your requests, the record reflect

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00:34:57.085 --> 00:34:58.965

that you've made the same request as made.

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00:34:59.155 --> 00:35:01.085

Okay. So they can all be incorporated into

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00:35:01.085 --> 00:35:03.245

The, and then separately we should we have

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00:35:03.245 --> 00:35:05.165

to submit written documentation or

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00:35:05.185 --> 00:35:06.185

No? No. If you provide

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00:35:06.185 --> 00:35:08.725

it to the clerk, Aaron

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00:35:08.725 --> 00:35:11.405

and I will discuss how it gets done. It will get done.

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00:35:11.595 --> 00:35:14.245

Okay. But ver but it's the preferred method to speak

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00:35:14.245 --> 00:35:16.405

and then also submit written. Yes. Okay, cool.

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00:35:16.465 --> 00:35:17.645

You can read it and then submit it.

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00:35:17.645 --> 00:35:18.885

Or in your case, when you're not here,

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00:35:18.885 --> 00:35:20.765

you can just submit it and not have somebody read it.

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00:35:20.765 --> 00:35:24.525

That would make, you know, that would make me allow copies.

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00:35:25.825 --> 00:35:26.805

I'm not here, so it

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00:35:26.805 --> 00:35:31.565

doesn't Thank you both.

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00:35:31.565 --> 00:35:33.245

You're welcome. All right, thank you.

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00:35:33.265 --> 00:35:34.325

Any, any, any others?

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00:35:35.905 --> 00:35:37.850

All right, then we'll close the public comment

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00:35:37.850 --> 00:35:39.330

section there for a little bit.

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00:35:39.945 --> 00:35:43.565

Um, you know, a lot, lot to be, to, to be discussed there,

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00:35:43.625 --> 00:35:47.845

but or most important is we are at the beginning

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00:35:47.945 --> 00:35:52.045

of this process, so there will be ample opportunity

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00:35:52.105 --> 00:35:54.885
for additional public comments as we go through this

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00:35:54.885 --> 00:35:56.085
during the, during the summer

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00:35:56.145 --> 00:35:59.205
and the fall as we all learn, creating a bus,

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00:35:59.525 --> 00:36:02.365
creating a district is brand new to the, to us here.

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00:36:02.675 --> 00:36:04.525
It's not something that happens every day.

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00:36:04.745 --> 00:36:06.605
So it's something that's clearly we need to learn.

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00:36:07.565 --> 00:36:10.405
I am quite confident in our, uh, engineer

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00:36:10.705 --> 00:36:13.045
and his ability to, to respond

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00:36:13.105 --> 00:36:16.845
to your question specifically, like at a form like that,

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00:36:16.945 --> 00:36:21.565
to be able to describe why one assumption was about an EDU

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00:36:21.565 --> 00:36:23.685
and maybe it was incorrect as they were trying

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00:36:23.685 --> 00:36:25.405
to put it together based on

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00:36:25.405 --> 00:36:26.845
information that they may have had.

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00:36:27.105 --> 00:36:28.885

And so there'll be ample time to correct

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00:36:28.885 --> 00:36:30.005
that and go through it.

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00:36:30.705 --> 00:36:33.245
Um, and as you said here is in terms

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00:36:33.245 --> 00:36:35.005
of all the other comments and stuff.

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00:36:35.185 --> 00:36:39.005
So, um, you know, so there, there's, there's a lot there.

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00:36:39.005 --> 00:36:41.165
So there'll be plenty of opportunity as we go through this.

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00:36:41.235 --> 00:36:43.165
This is, this is just the beginning of this,

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00:36:43.905 --> 00:36:45.925
um, this process.

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00:36:46.105 --> 00:36:49.245
Did you, anything else you wanted to say? No. Okay.

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00:36:49.685 --> 00:36:51.605
I mean, just, so also, so you know, just

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00:36:51.605 --> 00:36:53.605
because I maybe should have made put in the announcement,

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00:36:54.185 --> 00:36:57.565
the one couple comments that I do have to correct, one

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00:36:57.565 --> 00:37:01.005
of which being the data points that are out there, um,

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00:37:01.295 --> 00:37:03.205
these are data points that have been out there

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for like the last two years is what we found out.

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Two to three years that we've got, uh, PFOS levels

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above the state and now federal standards both at the

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market, uh, across the street, Barnwell property at denardo.

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Those we know for sure, you know,

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they're absolutely on the town.

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On the website, you can see on town website there's a link

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to the, uh, county website.

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So there's those three locations.

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The DEC has committed, uh, to come in

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and do additional testing, uh, to find out, uh,

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if they can isolate out

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or help isolate out some of the source of the DEC.

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They're currently p what's that?

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P Well, POSE source, excuse me.

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They're currently scheduled to come here July 8th.

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From my understanding is they may have already sent some

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letters to some of the private property owners saying

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that they would like to be able

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to access the water at those specific location

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so they can understand how much further it is in

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the business district there.

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Um, so hopefully at

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that point we'll even have a better understanding of

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how much, uh, water is in there.

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And again, Alan, I I understand what you're saying

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and I wish to God the Department of Health would, uh,

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reclassify all our buildings to be what you call here,

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the non-transient non, they are classified, but they're not.

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So hold on. But well, we'll come back to that later.

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I'm not gonna, I'm not gonna debate it right now. Alright.

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I just wanna, it's my turn to talk.

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You had your moment, you're talking, you had your moment.

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No, I'm just correcting point.

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This is very, you had your down

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from what I had with a, a lot more.

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You had your point. You had your point.

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All I know is I've got DiNardo going to the Department

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of Health on, on Tuesday of next week.

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Right. And they will not accept any system

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that is being recommended here.

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Now that's, that's on the website.

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You can see the system. It's not

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That's My problem. It's,

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it's on, it is on our website. If you go there,

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It's on your website. But

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the problem is that the State Department of Health,

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I don't have it in here, but I talked to them,

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they gave me the names of Westchester.

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They said they don't regulate this Westchester County does.

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And these, these points are exact points I read back

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to the guy I see.

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And he says that, I

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Hear you. I hear that

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that's recommended.

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I hear You. And somehow in our discussion it was

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said that it's not allowed. I don't know how that happened.

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It's possible that there could be different points

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of view within the Department of Health

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and we could be getting different information

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depending on who you talk to.

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And that's not unusual, right.

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Um, when it comes to these types of

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Things. Yeah. But, but,

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but there's specific, there's

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Something that obviously Correct, either allowed

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or recommended, not allowed

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or recommended are two very different goals.

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Correct. And so there's plenty of time with that,

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and that's why we're trying to work with DiNardo

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and the Department of Health, the Westchester County

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Department of Health, to try

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to get some better understanding about what type

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of systems they can put in there.

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Uh, because the system that they're putting in want them,

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requiring them to put in as Jane from Denardo said,

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is over a hundred thousand dollars

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that she's looking at right now.

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Now, whether or not that's, that's between them

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and the Department of Health, we don't

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have to jurisdiction over that.

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All I'm just trying to do is, is offer light

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and insight into that

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and help facilitate as much as possible.

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So there's a lot of work to be done over the next six months

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as we do this, as we understand it, uh, the process.

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So thank you for your comments.

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And I know I think, uh,

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you guys have on the Water Wastewater Task Force have

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already committed to, to start running some educational

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sessions even further to get more on it.

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Um, as you know, this PFAS is is relatively new

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to Pound Ridge for our perspective.

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Um, and I wish we had more time to really understand it and,

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and so we've gotten more public

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input, but we're getting there.

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We're getting all cut up.

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So there we plenty of opportunities.

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So let me just jump in some

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of the new business we've already had the public Yeah.

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Comments. So let's keep going here.

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Um, 'cause I'd like to introduce our guests.

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Um, we are fortunate

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because I think it's good for them to hear this conversation

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because POS is an issue throughout the state.

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This is not a poundage issue.

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This is not a Westchester County issue.

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This is a New York State issue and it's a federal issue.

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Uh, that's why you see there's a

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lot of money that's out there.

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And you're right, we're rushing quickly to get to a grant

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because the grant just was for the first time, allowed us

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to go with emerging contaminants.

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And there's a lot of municipalities

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that are jumping into this funds

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and how much of this funds will be left over

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next year if we wait a year?

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I don't know. But anyway, with that, I'd like

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to turn it over to, uh, our state Senator Shelley Mayer

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and, uh, s and Chris Bur, thank you guys for coming in.

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Give us a little legislative update here.

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Thank you very much Kevin and members of the board.

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And thank you to the members of the public.

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Um, Chris and I wanted to have the opportunity to come

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and just talk very briefly so

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that also we can answer questions about

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what happened in Albany.

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For those of us that represent Pound Ridge, between January

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and June, we're free of Albany now.

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Uh, we are back home. Yes. That's good.

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Uh, I want to talk a little bit about the areas that are,

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uh, most important to me, given my chairmanship

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of the Education Committee.

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Unfortunately, they don't intersect directly with PFAS

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and the other things we're talking about water districts,

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but it's actually very informative

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and important that we heard your comments

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and I appreciate that very much so.

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Just as a chair of the education committee,

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the first four months of this year, we were in a position

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to fight back against the governor's efforts

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to restrict the increase for our school districts,

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including Bedford and Katona Lewisburg.

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Uh, they were not owed more foundation aid,

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which is the money that the state pays

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to every public school based on a complicated form formula

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from 2007.

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And she proposed to be no additional money.

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We were able to fight back.

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Unfortunately, it took up sort of all the space

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and get, uh, 1.6 million in foundation aid.

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Additionally for Bedford, extremely important for

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that district and less for Katon lubo.

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But in both cases, we were able to get her

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to back off her original proposal

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and recognize that the cost of running a school district

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between inflation and post covid recovery

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and the loss of federal dollars, all

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of which required additional money.

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I happen to believe that schools need support,

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but they also need accountability.

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This is a lot of money taxpayers pay

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for New York State Public schools.

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Uh, you're lucky you have some excellent school districts

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here that produce excellent results,

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but at the same time, uh, we want to ensure accountability.

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So we worked hard on that.

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The second point that's relevant for those of you

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who are involved in this is there is going to be a study

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of the existing financial, uh, foundation aid formula that,

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as I said, was created in 2007.

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The first hearing is gonna be in Manhattan.

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They're not having hearings in the Hudson Valley.

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They're having five hearings. We wanted eight.

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I will get the information for anyone who's a parent,

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a teacher, a superintendent, works in the school district

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and believes that our schools should get more

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and that the formula is not fair to our schools,

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which I happen to think that's true.

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They should make sure their voice is heard.

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There'll be five hearings. You can submit written testimony.

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I will hopefully be present at every hearing

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advocating on behalf of schools.

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And then at the end of the day, they're gonna come back

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with a report this year and we will review.

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We are not bound by it.

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We'll review the recommendations

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of the report for next year's budget.

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The other thing I just wanna say in the school space is, uh,

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you may remember the governor insisted on the,

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what's called the Science of Reading.

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It's moving to a more phonetic based teaching of reading,

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which some of us older people had.

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They moved away from, there's money in the budget

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to help train all teachers.

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So they are capable of teaching this, uh,

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really a more improved method of reading.

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And lastly, I have bills that pass both houses

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to encourage every school board, both

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to have a student member on their, uh, on their board

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of education and non-voting student members so that

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students are heard and, uh, adults hear

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what students have to say.

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And also to require

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that every school have a student government.

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These are part of the civics education requirement

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that I think we're missing a good deal

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of in our current school.

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So we try to do that.

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Two other subjects I wanted to speak on briefly is

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in the past, you remember housing from last year big deal

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where the governor tried to impose, uh,

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a housing requirement on our communities.

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Pound Ridge was very strongly opposed to the requirement.

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Plus you, you don't have the water infrastructure,

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shall I say, nor other opportunities

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to build additional multi-family housing.

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So that is not in the budget nor in the legislation.

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However, I think there is a movement to recognizing

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that somewhere along the line we're gonna have to deal

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with a lack of affordable rental housing

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and multi-family housing in all of Westchester,

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including Northern Westchester.

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And we need creative solutions, including

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planning within a community to come up with ideas

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and then incentives by the state.

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So we did build in some incentives for communities

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to come up with their own ideas and to encourage that.

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So I wanted to mention that.

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Uh, finally for me

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and for many others, we did increase those crimes

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that are considered hate crimes

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because of the increase of antisemitism

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and anti-Asian violence and anti-Muslim violence.

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More crimes are put in the bucket

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of hate crimes than were previously included.

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Uh, this was, we didn't do everything I would've liked,

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which was more, but this actually, uh, accelerates

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or increases the penalties for crimes if they're connected

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to an act

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of intentional hate based on one of these criteria.

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Uh, that was an important thing for me

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and many of my colleagues.

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Lastly, I wanna mention, I I didn't mention it

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to Kevin earlier, is, uh, we did change

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and increase the penalties for retail theft

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with an affirmative, uh, steps forward to

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strengthen the ability of police

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to do more about persistent retail theft.

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It's less of an issue here,

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but in other communities throughout downstate particularly,

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there's great sensitivity to people literally not paying

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and not being charged with high enough crimes.

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And we have allowed the police

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to aggregate the amount that someone takes.

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If they take 7 51 day

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and seven 50 the next day, within the same count county,

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you can aggregate those amounts

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and charge 'em with grand larceny instead of petty larceny,

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which is a crime, which is ultimately eligible for bail.

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So, um, that was among other things we did in retail theft.

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But I know for the communities that I represent from Yonkers

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to Pound Ridge, these are concerns

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that people have about sort of a breakdown

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of the rules of the game.

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And, uh, I continue to be an advocate for ensuring people

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that we can have, uh, equal rights,

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civil rights, and public safety.

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They're not, uh, contradictory

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and we have to do our best to address both at the same time.

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So I'll stop there. Happy. Chris is a great colleague.

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We work very closely together

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and, uh, we're lucky to have each other in this process.

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So thank you. I happy.

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So I'd like to, um, give a little bit of an update

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as well since, um, neither Shelly

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nor I have been in front of you for a little while.

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Um, so we had wrapped up the legislative session session,

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uh, in the very early hours, at least on the assembly side

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of Saturday, June eight.

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And there were a total of 805 bills that were passed

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by both houses, which is actually a

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decline from previous years.

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And, you know, the, the clock kind of ran out

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on a number of bills, and for a couple of reasons.

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One is late budget,

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and the other is that in the closing days of the session,

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the governor had said

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that she was gonna suspend congestion pricing

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and whatever people may feel about congestion pricing, it,

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it created turmoil

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because one of the key things about it

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is it would've produced some \$1 billion

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just in the first year for MTA capital programs.

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So now we're in a quandary, uh, proposal was made that,

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let's just say was not shared terribly, uh, um,

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received terribly, uh, favorably, which was to, um,

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have an MTA tax, uh, I'm sorry, a payroll tax

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that would've, um, hit particularly businesses

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and New York City.

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And, um, it was revolt against that.

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The, the long and short of it is

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that nothing was solved on that.

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And if in fact,

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something is we will be called back in session,

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but I am not holding my breath, that there will be something

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that will be able to be put together.

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But be that as it may, we're gonna have to figure out a way

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to provide for capital funding for the MTA.

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We cannot allow the MTA

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to just simply slide away.

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We all rely upon that.

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And, um, it's absolutely critical to

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not just the economy of New York City,

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but the economy of our region.

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Um, and so looking back at the whole six months,

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as Shelly was mentioning, I totally concur with Shelly that

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the single most important thing that was accomplished was to

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make sure that our school districts were going

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to get at least what they got last year.

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And that was this provision

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that's called the hold harmless provision that provides just

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that, that whatever the formula says,

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you're not gonna get less than last year.

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And we fought very hard on that.

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Shelly as head of the education Committee, had a huge voice

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and a huge influence.

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She carried the torch in the state Senate.

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I carried the torch in the assembly,

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but none of it could have been accomplished without

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the engagement of the community,

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without the superintendents, without the parents, without

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the the community at large, we were not in a position

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to see that kind of

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decline in support from the state.

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What would it would've done? It would've jeopardized

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our educational system.

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It would've raised property taxes in order to compensate

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for the loss of state funding.

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And as Shelly was indicating

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and saying, um, we are really fortunate

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that we have such strong

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and successful school districts in Westchester County,

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and we couldn't allow that to happen.

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And fortunately it did not.

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And as Shelly had mentioned,

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they're gonna redo this antiquated formula,

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but we wanted to make sure that that was transparent.

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There were gonna be hearings throughout the state,

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unfortunately nothing in Westchester County,

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but we're gonna have a watchful eye over that.

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So what that resulted in is that

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for the Bedford Central School District,

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the the budget provides the 20 24 25 state budget provides

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9,800,000 4 68 in total eight,

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which represents about a 5%

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increase over last year.

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Um, now I'm gonna also mention that one of the things

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that we pushed back on talking about water quality,

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talking about grants to municipalities,

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is we pushed back on cuts that the governor had proposed

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for grant funding through the Environmental

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Protection corpor, uh, uh, uh, facilities,

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facilities Corporation, thank you, and the,

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and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

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And we were able to restore the funding to that so

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that if in fact the, uh, Pound Ridge is looking

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for funding, at least there'll be a better

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opportunity for that.

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Now, I'd like to turn to some

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of the legislative action in addition to a number

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of the actions, which, um, Shelly had mentioned

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also in the closing days of the session, um,

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the Safer Kids Act

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and the Child Data Protection Act, which were supported,

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supported both by Governor Hoel and Attorney General James,

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and are intended to protect kids

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online from algorithmic feeds.

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And so for anybody knows about that,

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basically they're really predatory, uh,

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because they are those, um, ways in which

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they can reach in to the personal device

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or into the media based on information associated

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with the user or that device.

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And it can become really toxic.

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And so I was very pleased that

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that got over the finish line.

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And obviously since the governor supports it,

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it'll be signed into law.

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Also a key environmental bill,

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the Climate Change Adaptation Cost Recovery Program,

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which would require large major polluters to contribute

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to a climate action fund.

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Now, some may either recall if they're old enough

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or know from history how General Electric was required

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to help clear

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and clean up PCBs in the Hudson River.

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It's somewhat akin to that.

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If you're the cause of major pollution

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and in this case having an impact on our climate,

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then you need to, to step up to the plate.

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And that funding would be applied

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to upgrade infrastructure needs such

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as coastal wetlands restoration, storm water,

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drainage system upgrades,

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and energy efficient cooling system.

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So I was pleased to see that get over the finish line.

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Also, an electric vehicle charging in public lots

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was passed expansion of the Food Donation

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and scraps program.

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And in the area of election law,

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the legislature made it easier to vote by absentee ballot

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in approving a bill to enable local boards of elections

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to set up absentee ballot drop boxes.

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Um, one other thing for those who have to contend with

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the court system, you know, one of the things that

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we hear a lot is how long it takes to,

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to actually get a case heard.

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And it's been said,

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and I think there's a lot to it,

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that justice delayed is justice denied.

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And the problem that we have, and this is not just our area,

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but throughout the state, is

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that the dockets are overwhelmed

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and we simply don't have enough Supreme Court justices.

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And so the legislature took the first step in,

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uh, amending the Constitution

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by removing the population based cap on the number

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of Supreme Court justices that can serve

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a particular judicial district.

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And the way that constitutional amendments work

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is it's a three step process.

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One is that the legislature has to pass it, then it has

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to be passed in the next session

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00:57:17.175 --> 00:57:19.605
where there is a new legislature.

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00:57:19.865 --> 00:57:21.365
So there's an election in between.

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If it's passed that second time by the legislature, it goes

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00:57:26.105 --> 00:57:28.045
to the voters by referendum.

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00:57:28.785 --> 00:57:30.485
So the earliest

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00:57:30.515 --> 00:57:34.605
that it could go on the ballot is in November of 2025.

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00:57:35.625 --> 00:57:40.285
So, um, we, I had some bills

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that I was pleased did pass both chambers.

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A I'm trying again, on protection of local wetlands.

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00:57:47.905 --> 00:57:50.405
And in this case it would authorize localities

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00:57:50.915 --> 00:57:54.485
with freshwater wetlands to adopt a further local law

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to allow the prohibition of the application of pesticides

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to wetlands that are hydrologically connected

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to any public water system.

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Here we are talking about getting, uh,

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forever chemicals out of the water.

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Just seems to be that we ought to try to

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not have pesticides go into our water.

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But, uh, we'll see whether it, it, the,

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my last two attempts, the governor vetoed,

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hopefully she won't this time.

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Um, also got across the finish line

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healthcare professional intake form,

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which very simply would require healthcare professionals

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to ask patients if they have a disability

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that requires accommodation under the Americans With

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Disabilities Act on patient intake forms

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and what reasonable accommodations are required.

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Also in the area of expanding employment opportunities

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for people with disabilities, it would, a bill

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that passed both chambers would create an inter-agency task

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force to promote employment of people with disabilities,

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both in state agencies and the private sector.

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Um, so one other thing that I should mention

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that we fought back on is notwithstanding cuts in some areas

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of the state budget, we were able

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to retain CHIP'S funding at the same level.

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We certainly wanted it higher

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and Pound Ridge is slated if it hasn't already received it

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at \$186,490

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and 84 cents.

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And, um, I also should mention that Shelly

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and I collaborate, uh, on trying

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to address capital needs of

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the municipalities that we serve.

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We certainly don't have endless funds,

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but we certainly want to consider, you know, um,

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what the needs are for the town of Pound Ridge.

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Um, since I took office, I did secure

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\$125,000 in grant funding for improvements at the town park.

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And I know Shelly also has, uh, been able

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to provide grant funding through allocations

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that she receives on the state Senate side.

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Um, I also want to mention that Shelly

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and I are absolutely committed in the area of the housing,

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uh, to oppose any kind of construction mandates.

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This comes up, um, from time to time that there's concern

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that the state is gonna come through with some kind of edict

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and say, you poundage shall construct X number

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of affordable housing units.

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We don't think that that's good planning

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and we don't think that that top-down approach as had been,

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um, proposed as you know, in the past, um,

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is a good way, uh, to provide for affordable housing.

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And you can be sure that if it should come up,

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we will fight it again, though we have not heard any kind

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of peep that it will come up again.

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That said, we're gonna be vigilant about it.

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Uh, there are other ways to try to promote it.

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And I will say that I also concur with Shelly

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that this is something that won't go away

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and that this is something that we need to come up with

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creative ways in order to address the need.

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01:01:32.025 --> 01:01:36.725
And I'm, and I know Shelly shares this with me, that we want

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to work with our municipalities

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01:01:39.025 --> 01:01:41.525
and with the communities to come up with things that

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01:01:42.075 --> 01:01:46.085
make sense and are done in a way that is, um,

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01:01:46.695 --> 01:01:48.525
consistent with neighborhood character

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01:01:49.105 --> 01:01:51.525
and with the character of the communities themselves.

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It can be done and communities, uh,

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throughout Westchester County have been able

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to do it without, um,

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01:02:01.385 --> 01:02:03.405

having an upheaval in terms of

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how their communities look and feel.

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01:02:07.105 --> 01:02:10.805

So I want to thank you all for the honor

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01:02:10.945 --> 01:02:13.405

of representing you in the state assembly

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01:02:14.105 --> 01:02:16.125

and look forward to working with you

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01:02:16.345 --> 01:02:17.885

and with the community itself.

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01:02:19.465 --> 01:02:21.925

And if you have any questions for either Shelly

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01:02:21.925 --> 01:02:23.965

or me, we're happy to entertain them.

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01:02:26.125 --> 01:02:29.625

Go ahead. Yeah, just more of a thank you both for coming.

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01:02:29.725 --> 01:02:32.865

Um, more of just a kind of a connector point that, um,

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01:02:33.005 --> 01:02:35.745

you know, the connection between safe clean water

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01:02:36.165 --> 01:02:37.545
and waste water.

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01:02:37.845 --> 01:02:41.945
We have numerous apartments above, uh, many of our shops

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that are empty, um,

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01:02:44.255 --> 01:02:47.025
because we don't have water infrastructure for them.

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01:02:47.925 --> 01:02:49.905
And we did just complete,

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01:02:49.945 --> 01:02:51.385
I don't know if you're aware 'cause it's very new.

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01:02:51.845 --> 01:02:54.705
We did, um, follow the rules from the environmental facility

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court, um, and we did an income study

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and we, um, got that back.

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And our median income in our business district,

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01:03:03.445 --> 01:03:06.785
if I remember correctly, it's \$60,000, is that right?

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01:03:06.795 --> 01:03:09.305
60, 70, \$70,000.

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01:03:09.765 --> 01:03:14.305
And the median income, um, of Pound Ridge is a whole,

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I don't remember the exact number,

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it was hundreds of thousands.

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01:03:16.925 --> 01:03:20.705
Mm-Hmm. Um, so I think there is really a connection between,

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01:03:21.365 --> 01:03:22.945
you know, a lot of these issues.

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01:03:23.095 --> 01:03:27.585
It's not so isolated. So thank you for your Sure.

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Help with this And We'll,

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we'll continue to work on these water issues

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with you taking direction, you know,

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01:03:33.245 --> 01:03:36.465
to be helpful both on grants and on legislation,

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01:03:36.765 --> 01:03:38.585
and to be partners with you,

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01:03:38.925 --> 01:03:41.425
and then recognizing that there's conflict, that

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01:03:41.485 --> 01:03:43.785
that's why it's very valuable to be here. And

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01:03:44.435 --> 01:03:45.435
Thank you. And,

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uh, for those of you, oh, go ahead.

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Well, Chris and Shelly,

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you're both subject matter experts on

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01:03:51.145 --> 01:03:52.225

this whole grant business.

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I mean, the Albany kind of controls.

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And, um, I guess I'm just curious how, in terms

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of these grants, is it, is it always just based on

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whatever the grant is for and it's scored objectively?

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01:04:06.165 --> 01:04:09.185

Or is somebody, how much is somebody in Albany kind

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of keeping track of what community gets it and, and,

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01:04:12.485 --> 01:04:15.385

and a town like Pound Ridge realistically?

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01:04:15.805 --> 01:04:18.785

Um, uh, what can, I mean, I, I guess my,

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01:04:19.245 --> 01:04:23.705

my my observation from afar is that Pound Ridge with its,

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uh, overall affluence, um, is gonna always be kind

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of on the short end.

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And, and I guess I'm just curious how the, you

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Take, you want take, okay, first

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01:04:35.585 --> 01:04:36.865
of all, it's a great question.

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01:04:36.975 --> 01:04:38.785
Yeah. Um,

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01:04:41.215 --> 01:04:45.195
grants are competitive for one thing,

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01:04:46.135 --> 01:04:50.635
and especially in the area of infrastructure projects.

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The applications, the dollar amount

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of those far exceed the allocation, which just part

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01:04:59.995 --> 01:05:02.635
of the reason why we were fighting so hard to at least

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01:05:03.145 --> 01:05:04.315
keep what we had before.

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Now there's a scoring for every grant.

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01:05:12.105 --> 01:05:16.235
It's a matrix. An an example may be

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how dire is the situation?

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Are we looking at, um, businesses being forced out?

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Are we looking at real health issues

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01:05:33.315 --> 01:05:34.605

that are very severe?

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Are we looking at a, a a, a municipality

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in which there's a consent order to clean up the problem

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because they haven't gotten,

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they haven't been able to do it.

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And it is extremely difficult.

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Um, having come outta municipal government

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and having fought to get this kind of grant funding,

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it is not easy to get it.

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And it can get turned down one year.

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You can come back the next year, you might ask

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for 3 million, you might get a

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million, you might get nothing.

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Again, they do consider geographic

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distribution throughout the state.

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01:06:21.725 --> 01:06:24.425
Income does play a part. There's no question.

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01:06:24.725 --> 01:06:27.185
Can I answer that? Yeah, sure. Please go ahead. Each

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Of these grants for all the different things

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have different criteria.

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And to the question of affluence,

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which is a relevant subject for us across Westchester,

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there are grants like in the area of

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after school childcare where there is additional waiting

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01:06:43.285 --> 01:06:45.185
for lower income communities.

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Whether this water one is one would be determined

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by the actual language of the grant

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as determined in the statute.

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01:06:53.085 --> 01:06:56.625
So I don't think there is a general rule. I understand.

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And I think people frequently in communities like this

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and others are worried

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that somehow we're never gonna get these grants

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because we're perceived as an affluent community.

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But there are grants that don't have income limits.

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And where you can make the case, particularly in a,

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01:07:11.925 --> 01:07:13.505
you know, I think in the communities like this,

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where water is a very challenging subject,

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that we can make the case that the need is great,

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but it really depends on whether there's an

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additional weighting. And sometimes

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It, see it's a very clever mechanism by the state too.

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01:07:26.085 --> 01:07:28.105
And it seems like grants, uh, you know,

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because as Ellen said, it's, it's our tax dollars.

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Yes. And it's recycled.

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01:07:32.925 --> 01:07:36.505
And, and I guess I, I just, my my sense is in a broad sense

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01:07:36.615 --> 01:07:40.145
that, you know, as, as the pot of grants goes up,

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01:07:40.405 --> 01:07:43.425
places like Pound Ridge, probably overall,

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01:07:43.445 --> 01:07:45.665
and I know what all depends, but, but,

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01:07:45.845 --> 01:07:48.745
but we're probably, it's hard to view us

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01:07:48.805 --> 01:07:50.345
as being net beneficiaries.

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01:07:50.525 --> 01:07:52.105
You know, we're still giving a little bit

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More than we can. I

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01:07:53.105 --> 01:07:54.865

I just wouldn't start with that presumption, honestly.

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01:07:55.135 --> 01:07:58.065

Yeah. I wouldn't either. I I think No, go ahead. Go ahead.

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Go ahead. You know, as Shelly was saying,

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each grant is scored differently depending upon what it's,

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and there's a public health issue.

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If there's a public health issue, um, I think

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that ultimately we're gonna get the money.

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And, and I, I would also urge, and,

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and I know that the supervisor is gonna go

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to Congressman Lawler, he's gonna go to Senator Schumer.

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Senator Gil Grant, have to go to all sources for funding

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to get this stuff done.

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These are public health issues.

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And that's why I think that you cannot assume,

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and I Shelly is absolutely right, that simply

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because of those income levels, you have no chance.

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Look, Bedford has gotten funds,

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north Salem has gotten funds, Newcastle,

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these are wealthy communities have been able to get funds.

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And so that's why I think that, and,

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and look, this is the first time out, right?

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First time out. First time out.

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We didn't get it when I was supervisor in Bedford.

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We didn't get it first time out.

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And, and so you have to be persistent.

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Lewisburg applied for funds last year, didn't get a dime.

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I have to tell you I was furious.

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But be that as it may, you know,

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they're applying again, which is exactly

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01:09:27.635 --> 01:09:28.765
what they need to do.

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And, and why is

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because that whole pool of applicants may be different.

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And, you know, it could be

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that nobody else in Westchester County applied.

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And so that is something they have

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to take into consideration.

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The they're not gonna shut out a whole region.

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01:09:50.465 --> 01:09:54.965
Uh, that, that I think, is that a, a determining factor?

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No, it's a factor. Okay. It's a whole matrix.

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And so, but it's a great question.

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01:10:02.545 --> 01:10:06.245
But I think that, you know, what the community wants to do

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01:10:07.145 --> 01:10:09.885

and want, whether they wanna go forward with something,

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you can be sure that if, if the community wants

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01:10:13.565 --> 01:10:15.805

to go forward with something, Shelly

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and I are gonna fight very hard to try

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to get support for it. Yes, sir.

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A question on, you know, government grants,

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usually there are things the government wants

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01:10:24.985 --> 01:10:26.005

for, for its money.

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Affordable housing, you mentioned No top down force

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mandates, but still affordable housing.

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So if a water system is coming in,

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presumably it allows more development, more housing.

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We don't have the mass transit that like, uh, Mount Pisco

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or, or Yonkers has.

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How does, how, how should we as town residents?

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'cause we don't typically get grant money.

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So we're all, we're all new to this,

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as Kevin said, we're all learning.

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How do we think about, you know, asking the state for money

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and then worried that the state's gonna tell us, Hey,

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01:10:55.165 --> 01:10:57.325

pound Ridge, you gotta, you know, overhaul

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and you have to do X, Y, and Z. Well, you,

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01:10:59.945 --> 01:11:03.645

You, you have, or you have just heard from Shelly

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01:11:03.645 --> 01:11:08.165

and me that we will fight very hard against

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01:11:08.305 --> 01:11:09.485

any kind of mandates.

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01:11:09.995 --> 01:11:12.565

Okay. There's something called zoning.

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01:11:13.825 --> 01:11:18.645

And one of the reasons why I was so strongly opposed

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01:11:18.665 --> 01:11:22.445
to it coming outta municipal government is the suspension

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01:11:22.445 --> 01:11:24.045
of environmental laws, which is

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01:11:24.045 --> 01:11:27.605
what would've occurred under the, the housing compact.

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And just basically

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totally overriding local zoning.

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You know, I happen to think as an example

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that transit oriented development can make some sense.

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Can, but not every train station, sorry,

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01:11:51.905 --> 01:11:53.725
it doesn't work in every train station

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01:11:55.185 --> 01:11:58.845
as an example in Lewis Borough, Golden's Bridge,

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the supervisor, it's the, it's the parking lot

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that's across from the Acme.

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If people can picture that, it's been almost vacant.

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Right? Even with some increase, you know,

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uh, in, in, in ridership,

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01:12:18.065 --> 01:12:21.205

that's a great location, but not now.

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Kisco. Right.

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Maybe Bedford Hills, but maybe not Katona.

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01:12:27.925 --> 01:12:30.985

The point of it is, don't dictate to the town

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how they may want to address

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housing needs for their community.

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Give the town, there's not one size fits all.

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It just can't be that way. Can

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01:12:41.585 --> 01:12:42.505

I just add something? Yeah,

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Please. So I, I

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understand people saying the state might do this,

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or the state get the money,

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and then the state might, so

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what happens is the governor might try and people think

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because we're in the same party that we all agree,

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01:12:54.265 --> 01:12:56.225
obviously we don't, it's like we don't

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agree about much of anything.

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So she might want that.

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But the legislature, just

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as we did last year in rejecting the housing,

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because we heard so loudly, particularly in Westchester

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and Long Island, those two communities,

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01:13:11.565 --> 01:13:12.745
we were able to push back.

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So we don't have to go along with what, so-called the state.

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When you think you are really thinking of her

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as the governor being able

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01:13:19.145 --> 01:13:21.505
to impose conditions on the money.

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01:13:21.685 --> 01:13:24.185
If there's water money, that it might be housing money.

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01:13:25.085 --> 01:13:28.505
We, we will, I we will fight against tying those together.

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01:13:28.845 --> 01:13:31.545
And there's been absolutely no movement along those lines.

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01:13:31.545 --> 01:13:33.145
In fact, I think, you know,

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01:13:33.145 --> 01:13:35.025
the governor got burned on the housing thing

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01:13:35.025 --> 01:13:37.825
and is not going to come back with it as, as Chris said,

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01:13:37.825 --> 01:13:40.825
unless there's from the ground up conversation,

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01:13:40.825 --> 01:13:42.185
which there wasn't last time.

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01:13:44.245 --> 01:13:46.385
Yes, sir. Yeah. I hope that, uh,

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01:13:46.405 --> 01:13:48.225
our legislators will keep in mind

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01:13:48.775 --> 01:13:50.785
that not all grants are good things.

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01:13:51.815 --> 01:13:55.265
When you get a grant, that is the pernicious effects

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01:13:55.925 --> 01:13:57.425
of this proposed grant,

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01:13:58.645 --> 01:14:01.385
you're doing more harm the community.

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01:14:02.735 --> 01:14:05.545
This project, that's where big pushed now,

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01:14:06.125 --> 01:14:09.465
as you heard from people tonight, is not supported

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01:14:09.465 --> 01:14:10.865
by many members of the community.

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01:14:11.385 --> 01:14:14.685
We don't want it, and we don't want a grant to get it

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01:14:15.975 --> 01:14:17.405
Understood. And we heard you

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01:14:17.405 --> 01:14:18.405
Loud. Yeah. And, and

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01:14:18.405 --> 01:14:22.285
look, to be honest with you, um, it,

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01:14:22.505 --> 01:14:27.485
if it is something that doesn't go forward, no grants coming

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01:14:27.485 --> 01:14:29.245
through, right?

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01:14:29.245 --> 01:14:31.045
Because the project isn't going forward,

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01:14:31.825 --> 01:14:33.245
We don't have a Vote on that part of it.

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01:14:33.245 --> 01:14:34.565

You know, we don't have a vote on that.

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01:14:35.345 --> 01:14:37.925

That's entirely within the town of Pound Ridge.

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01:14:38.705 --> 01:14:42.325

If, if Pound Ridge wants to proceed with it, and

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01:14:42.495 --> 01:14:46.445

after this public discourse, the community feels that, well,

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01:14:46.445 --> 01:14:48.445

maybe there's something that makes sense,

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01:14:49.215 --> 01:14:50.445

we're happy to support it.

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01:14:51.105 --> 01:14:53.565

If not, then you're not gonna get a grant

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01:14:53.915 --> 01:14:57.325

because there's no project to give, give a grant for, right?

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01:14:57.385 --> 01:14:59.285

Mm-Hmm. So, you know, that's,

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01:15:00.345 --> 01:15:03.765

and I, I couldn't agree with Shelby more, you know, that.

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Look, you, you know, suffice it

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to say that we don't always agree with the governor.

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01:15:11.885 --> 01:15:13.325

I think we'll, we'll leave it at that.

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01:15:15.155 --> 01:15:17.125

Okay. Can just add one thing. Yeah.

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Let's kind of to the board here

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01:15:18.125 --> 01:15:19.205

real quick, what Mr. Stein just said.

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01:15:19.705 --> 01:15:24.085

So this is an emerging problem here. We have a lot to learn.

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01:15:25.395 --> 01:15:29.125

What we're voting on is to proceed with the formation

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01:15:29.225 --> 01:15:30.765

and the, and the grant application.

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01:15:31.985 --> 01:15:34.605

And then all of these details

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01:15:34.675 --> 01:15:37.005

that are being discussed will be ironed out.

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01:15:37.165 --> 01:15:39.405

I can assure you, I heard very loud

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and clear a lot of the concerns expressed tonight.

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01:15:41.825 --> 01:15:44.565

And we will work very closely with the people

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01:15:44.565 --> 01:15:47.885

that have devoted many, many years to this topic, to solving

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and answering everybody's questions.

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I will say in transparency that I have PFAS

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above 10 at my house, right behind the business district.

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01:15:57.885 --> 01:16:01.085

I have spoken with four different potential companies

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01:16:01.085 --> 01:16:03.805

that remediate, and I've gotten four different solutions.

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01:16:04.155 --> 01:16:05.445

They're all across the board.

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01:16:05.865 --> 01:16:09.285

Nobody has a very clear path forward just yet.

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01:16:09.865 --> 01:16:11.765

So you may talk to whomever you want

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01:16:11.825 --> 01:16:13.045

and any department you want,

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01:16:13.185 --> 01:16:15.365

but there's no clear path forward

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and there's not one solution

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01:16:16.915 --> 01:16:20.325

that eliminates POSI can tell you that it will be a,

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01:16:20.605 --> 01:16:24.045

a variety of systems in your home to eliminate PFAS.

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01:16:24.065 --> 01:16:25.325

It will reduce your levels,

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01:16:25.425 --> 01:16:27.125

but it will not eliminate it just yet.

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01:16:27.145 --> 01:16:30.845

The technology's not there, number one. Number two is, Mr.

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01:16:30.845 --> 01:16:33.405

Bernstein says a majority of the people don't want this.

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01:16:33.625 --> 01:16:35.165

If you had been in our last town board meeting,

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there was a lot of support for it.

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I am not saying, I'm not saying that

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the entire community votes one way or the other,

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01:16:43.305 --> 01:16:45.565

but in this room, there were a lot

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of people supporting us exploring this, this project

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01:16:50.545 --> 01:16:51.765

and the letters of support day.

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01:16:51.765 --> 01:16:53.245

And we got, I don't remember how many,

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01:16:53.345 --> 01:16:56.765

but many, many, many letters of support from almost every.

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01:16:57.025 --> 01:16:59.685

So I, I just don't want it represented that

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01:16:59.685 --> 01:17:02.245

because you're here tonight and a majority

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01:17:02.245 --> 01:17:04.365

of the people in the room are speaking out very

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articulately against it.

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01:17:05.525 --> 01:17:08.605

And I respect everybody's position, and they will be heard

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01:17:08.665 --> 01:17:10.285

and recognized and accounted for.

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01:17:10.585 --> 01:17:13.285

But there were a lot of people that are, are in trouble.

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01:17:13.845 --> 01:17:15.805

A lot of our business owners are in trouble

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01:17:15.985 --> 01:17:18.565

and they're looking for help. So I just want,

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01:17:18.645 --> 01:17:20.525

I just wanna to clarify, I only meant

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01:17:21.295 --> 01:17:23.005

Since we don't vote, we don't live here.

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01:17:23.075 --> 01:17:24.445

Yeah, no. And we don't vote.

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01:17:24.745 --> 01:17:27.045

We will take our lead from the ultimate decision.

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01:17:27.965 --> 01:17:29.565

Absolutely. Yeah. No, and thank you guys

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01:17:29.585 --> 01:17:30.925

for your support overall.

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01:17:31.265 --> 01:17:32.525

No much.

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01:17:32.695 --> 01:17:37.565

Thank you for, um, I, I, I do, just

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01:17:37.565 --> 01:17:39.125
so you can brief the board real briefly

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01:17:39.225 --> 01:17:40.525
to have the one thing

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01:17:40.525 --> 01:17:42.285
that I think you should mention real quickly

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01:17:42.795 --> 01:17:45.285
that affects us more on a, a day-to-day basis.

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01:17:45.425 --> 01:17:48.805
And that's what the police department Yes. John, Nathan.

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01:17:48.875 --> 01:17:51.445
John. Nathan had a question, I think for the legislators.

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01:17:51.745 --> 01:17:53.245
Oh, for the legislators, okay.

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01:17:54.865 --> 01:17:55.925
Oh, he had his hands up. Yes.

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01:17:56.025 --> 01:18:00.275
Yes he did. Can you hear me?

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01:18:01.335 --> 01:18:02.955
Oh, I can, Can you hear me now?

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01:18:04.245 --> 01:18:06.225
Yes. I think we can hear you sort of, yeah.

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01:18:06.405 --> 01:18:08.505
Volume, volume, volume. A little,

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01:18:10.165 --> 01:18:12.905
Uh, uh, apologies for not being there in person.

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01:18:13.165 --> 01:18:17.065

I'm stuck at home with Covid. Sorry.

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01:18:17.325 --> 01:18:20.385

Uh, Senator, uh, mayor, someone verdict,

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01:18:20.525 --> 01:18:22.905

you may recall me from the last December.

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01:18:23.765 --> 01:18:26.705

Uh, I'm the guy that, uh, discovered what happened

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01:18:26.705 --> 01:18:30.225

with the cannabis situation in 20 21.

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01:18:30.845 --> 01:18:32.585

Uh, and thanks to your efforts

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01:18:32.685 --> 01:18:36.025

and this town board's, uh, support, uh,

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01:18:36.125 --> 01:18:40.225

you introduced legislation to reopen, uh, uh,

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01:18:40.325 --> 01:18:41.705

the opt out period.

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Uh, there were formal bills submitted.

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01:18:44.365 --> 01:18:47.065

Uh, my understanding is the bills did not proceed.

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And my question is, uh, will there be an opportunity

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01:18:51.045 --> 01:18:54.985

to reintroduce those bills, uh, in the future, uh, so

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that we can gauge how to proceed from, uh, here on,

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out on this matter?

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01:19:00.045 --> 01:19:03.385
So, so I'll just answer on sort of on the technical part.

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01:19:04.005 --> 01:19:07.145
Um, after the election, all bills

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that were previously introduced, you have the option

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to introduce them again if you're reelected

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01:19:11.345 --> 01:19:13.185
or if not you, someone else could pick them up.

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01:19:13.245 --> 01:19:16.025
So we did put in a bill, assemblyman, bur

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01:19:16.045 --> 01:19:19.745
and I, to give a nine month window, uh, to the town

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01:19:19.745 --> 01:19:21.705
of Pound Ridge to opt out pursuant

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01:19:21.705 --> 01:19:23.505
to the conversations we had and,

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01:19:23.965 --> 01:19:26.305
and with the folks you, uh, retained.

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01:19:27.005 --> 01:19:29.185
As you said, the bill did not move in either house.

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01:19:29.245 --> 01:19:31.745
And, and I think we were very upfront about the fact

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that there's going to be real resistance to moving it

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for one town or for one select group of communities,

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because there's tremendous reluctance to opening

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01:19:41.525 --> 01:19:43.745

up anything in the cannabis space.

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01:19:44.565 --> 01:19:45.785

Uh, that being said,

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01:19:45.785 --> 01:19:48.505

there's not a reason why it can't be reintroduced next

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01:19:48.505 --> 01:19:49.825

year in January.

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01:19:50.525 --> 01:19:51.625

And we would start again.

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01:19:53.845 --> 01:19:56.705

I'm just honest about the likelihood of such a bill passing.

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01:19:58.175 --> 01:20:02.225

Just, just so I understand then, so that you, you and m

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01:20:02.225 --> 01:20:04.745

and, uh, verdict will be reintroducing it in January.

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Well, I'm, I'm open to a conversation about whether we

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should and look forward to talking with you

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and others about it, but we can,

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01:20:13.285 --> 01:20:15.245
assuming we're reelected, that's,

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01:20:16.825 --> 01:20:20.045
And it'll have your, and assuming you're reelected,

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01:20:20.045 --> 01:20:21.085
it would have your support.

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01:20:23.545 --> 01:20:26.645
Uh, I mean, I don't wanna pro I wanna have a conversation

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01:20:26.645 --> 01:20:28.885
about it, because if it's not gonna move next year,

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01:20:28.885 --> 01:20:30.805
we should have that frank conversation as well.

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Okay. He brought up one,

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but I wanna bring up one other

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that, that you didn't talk about.

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01:20:36.645 --> 01:20:38.205
Yeah, please. That police department. Yeah.

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01:20:38.225 --> 01:20:41.165
You know, poundage just one of the only few municipalities,

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01:20:41.325 --> 01:20:45.525
poundage, SORs, north Salem, Lewisburg,

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that we still have part-time police officers only

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part-time only part-time.

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And so we had asked them to introduce

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a legislation that'll allow us to

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utilize the part-time police officers more than the current

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cap of, of earning \$30,000 per year.

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Um, when it comes right down

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to \$30,000 a year down here in lower Westchester.

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01:21:09.885 --> 01:21:12.885

I mean, in Westchester is really only a few shifts a month.

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Uh, maybe upstate New York part-time, you know that

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01:21:16.325 --> 01:21:18.245

that can really get to be part-time.

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Um, for us it's, it's part-time or a part-time.

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So as a result, that's why you see

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that we have 20 something.

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01:21:25.705 --> 01:21:29.965

Uh, well, we're way down now, uh, part-time police officers,

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01:21:30.465 --> 01:21:32.245
and we're losing more, uh,

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01:21:32.275 --> 01:21:34.645
because Connecticut wa is hiring them.

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01:21:35.305 --> 01:21:36.845
Um, so why don't you just tell me

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01:21:36.845 --> 01:21:38.165
briefly about that legislation.

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01:21:38.475 --> 01:21:39.475
Want to

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01:21:39.985 --> 01:21:40.985
I'm happy to.

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01:21:41.025 --> 01:21:44.845
So we did, we, we met with the chief, uh, several times,

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01:21:45.305 --> 01:21:46.325
and both he

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01:21:46.425 --> 01:21:50.325
and Kevin had good ideas for sort of how to fix the problem.

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01:21:50.735 --> 01:21:52.365
Again, a little bit like the,

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01:21:52.425 --> 01:21:55.365
the problem we have on the cannabis, we put in a bill

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01:21:55.755 --> 01:21:57.645
that would, uh, change the

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01:21:58.285 --> 01:22:01.325
earnings limitation in certain small communities

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01:22:01.325 --> 01:22:03.925

that are dependent on part-time officers.

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The current cap to maintain your full pension is 35.

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01:22:08.495 --> 01:22:11.845

There has been an effort to raise that to 50 statewide,

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which I, I think both of us fully support

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01:22:13.805 --> 01:22:15.525

because you can't get these

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excellent people like retired NYPD.

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If you're only gonna pay 35, they're gonna go to Connecticut

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01:22:21.385 --> 01:22:23.045

or they're going to do something else.

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01:22:23.745 --> 01:22:26.325

Um, we can't get that bill passed.

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01:22:26.505 --> 01:22:29.525

But we did put in a bill that was Pound Ridge, basically

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01:22:30.415 --> 01:22:32.445

Pound Ridge and other small communities specific

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01:22:32.445 --> 01:22:33.845

that have part-time officers.

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01:22:34.585 --> 01:22:36.285

And with these kind of bill, you have

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01:22:36.285 --> 01:22:39.765

to get a fiscal note on the impact on the state's pension

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01:22:39.785 --> 01:22:42.725

system because you're basically saying someone can draw

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01:22:42.725 --> 01:22:45.125

their whole pension and still make more money.

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01:22:45.515 --> 01:22:48.045

That does have an impact overall on the state's pension

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01:22:48.045 --> 01:22:50.965

system, the controller and the City of New York,

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01:22:51.755 --> 01:22:54.325

because some of these people come from the city of New York,

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01:22:54.835 --> 01:22:56.125

both gave fiscal notes

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01:22:56.635 --> 01:22:58.445

that made this bill very hard to pass.

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01:22:58.955 --> 01:23:01.165

They would be expensive to the state's

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01:23:01.715 --> 01:23:02.965

overall pension system,

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even though the number involved is modest.

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01:23:05.825 --> 01:23:07.405

I'm sorry for my back being distracted.

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01:23:08.105 --> 01:23:11.525

Um, so, uh, we have had

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01:23:12.365 --> 01:23:13.925

multiple ideas for how to deal with this.

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01:23:14.025 --> 01:23:16.845

We have had the chief on the phone with the,

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01:23:16.985 --> 01:23:18.685
um, comp controller's office.

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01:23:19.425 --> 01:23:22.085
Uh, it is a challenging problem to fix.

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01:23:23.225 --> 01:23:25.205
We are gonna try to continue to be creative

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01:23:25.265 --> 01:23:27.685
and come up with ways to address the unique problem

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01:23:27.745 --> 01:23:29.405
of Power Ridge and other small communities

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01:23:29.635 --> 01:23:33.365
that have all part-time officers who are easily poached

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in one once retired by, uh,

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01:23:36.185 --> 01:23:37.765
by Connecticut that doesn't have this cap.

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01:23:37.865 --> 01:23:40.805
So it is a problem, uh,

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01:23:41.825 --> 01:23:44.645
and it'd be very difficult again, to pass it

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01:23:44.645 --> 01:23:46.845
with a controller basically saying the costs are

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01:23:46.845 --> 01:23:50.005
unsustainable in the state pension system overall.

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01:23:50.265 --> 01:23:51.265
So yes,

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01:23:53.245 --> 01:23:54.965

I just wanna understand something based

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01:23:54.965 --> 01:23:56.085

on what's transpired here.

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01:23:56.185 --> 01:24:00.565

You would then encourage our board to move forward

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01:24:00.955 --> 01:24:02.885

regarding agenda eight here.

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01:24:02.985 --> 01:24:07.525

In terms of ratifying, uh, this water project, this point,

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01:24:07.555 --> 01:24:09.685

therefore for the grant, from what I'm hearing?

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01:24:10.145 --> 01:24:12.485

No, I, based on, based on what you're saying,

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01:24:12.485 --> 01:24:15.445

it's very tough to get, gee, you should apply for it.

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01:24:15.685 --> 01:24:16.965

I just wanna make sure I'm understanding

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and also doing that without the, uh,

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01:24:22.355 --> 01:24:24.965

appropriate audits conducted for the last two years.

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01:24:25.185 --> 01:24:26.245

Is that what you're suggesting?

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01:24:26.245 --> 01:24:27.845

No. First witness, no. Speaking for myself,

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01:24:28.605 --> 01:24:29.925

I do not have a view Yeah.

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01:24:29.985 --> 01:24:32.165

On what is before you and the board. Right.

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01:24:32.325 --> 01:24:35.045

I just say if you as a community, would the board vote

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for it and you want a grant, then we will be helpful.

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01:24:37.985 --> 01:24:39.525

But the likelihood of us, I,

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01:24:39.525 --> 01:24:41.765

but I just wanna be clear, I'm not weighing in. Okay.

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01:24:41.865 --> 01:24:43.485

But the likelihood of we don't

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01:24:43.945 --> 01:24:45.605

ratify it, we won't get it anyway. Right?

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01:24:45.835 --> 01:24:47.885

Yeah. But we don't, we don't have any

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01:24:48.405 --> 01:24:49.645

I don't have any say in that.

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01:24:49.935 --> 01:24:52.045

Understand Only in the place I live do I have

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01:24:53.035 --> 01:24:55.005

Well, thank you guys, uh, very much.

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01:24:55.215 --> 01:24:56.405

We're coming in question

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01:24:56.445 --> 01:24:57.445

Pretty much. Yeah.

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01:24:57.445 --> 01:24:58.605

It has nothing to do with anything.

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01:24:58.635 --> 01:24:59.965

It's very fast and stupid.

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01:25:01.165 --> 01:25:04.845

I am very attached to my mustard

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01:25:05.065 --> 01:25:06.525

and blue license plate.

1786

01:25:09.185 --> 01:25:11.765

Change it. I have to get the car inspect in.

1787

01:25:11.845 --> 01:25:12.925

I got a little message saying,

1788

01:25:13.225 --> 01:25:14.685

you really should get the Excel,

1789

01:25:14.865 --> 01:25:16.405

new Excel here, and I don't want it.

1790

01:25:16.425 --> 01:25:18.205

Can you, I don't think you have the

1791

01:25:18.205 --> 01:25:19.485

options to have most You can.

1792

01:25:19.545 --> 01:25:22.365

No, you can opt out. You can opt out bubble you get.

1793

01:25:22.395 --> 01:25:23.765

Yeah, you can keep it, but

1794

01:25:23.785 --> 01:25:26.285

Why can't people just choose which one one they want?

1795

01:25:26.355 --> 01:25:27.685

It's ridiculous. I love my mustard.

1796

01:25:28.955 --> 01:25:29.725

Well, thank you guys.

1797

01:25:33.835 --> 01:25:38.365

Keep it. But eventually it's gonna get off. I like,

1798

01:25:40.135 --> 01:25:41.135

Thank you. Alright.

1799

01:25:41.135 --> 01:25:44.685

Since we, uh, voted, uh, last time for the

1800

01:25:45.235 --> 01:25:47.125

formation of the water district

1801

01:25:47.125 --> 01:25:49.645

and the bond resolution, we had a little technical problem

1802

01:25:49.645 --> 01:25:51.925

with the record, or not the record review.

1803

01:25:51.985 --> 01:25:53.645

The journal news. The journal news.

1804

01:25:54.345 --> 01:25:58.245

So that's why we're required to just go ahead and ratify

1805

01:25:58.265 --> 01:26:01.085

and reaffirm the new language for the water district.

1806

01:26:01.865 --> 01:26:05.165

And so that's all we need to do tonight for this, so

1807

01:26:05.165 --> 01:26:07.965

that we can make sure that it's properly noticed in the

1808

01:26:07.965 --> 01:26:09.925

newspapers as it should have been two,

1809
01:26:10.105 --> 01:26:11.845
two weeks ago, or three weeks ago. Right.

1810
01:26:12.695 --> 01:26:15.445
Kevin? That includes the secret finding that was made.

1811
01:26:15.445 --> 01:26:17.085
Everything that was done on June 11th

1812
01:26:17.505 --> 01:26:18.205
Yes. Is being

1813
01:26:18.445 --> 01:26:20.005
Re ratified. And

1814
01:26:20.945 --> 01:26:22.885
And they're gonna be with the same vote as

1815
01:26:22.905 --> 01:26:24.365
before. Correct. Dan,

1816
01:26:24.825 --> 01:26:25.825
Dan voting. Dan

1817
01:26:25.825 --> 01:26:29.485
voting, uh, nay on the water district. Yeah.

1818
01:26:29.725 --> 01:26:33.045
I believe he voted yay for the se CI.

1819
01:26:33.305 --> 01:26:35.125
Yes. I don't, I didn't believe

1820
01:26:35.125 --> 01:26:36.565
that the SE had to be reaffirmed.

1821
01:26:37.025 --> 01:26:39.125
That's not, those are not the instructions I had

1822
01:26:39.125 --> 01:26:40.125

For Well, that's all right. We

1823

01:26:40.125 --> 01:26:43.565

reaffirm it doesn't hurt to reaffirm it, it doesn't hurt.

1824

01:26:43.785 --> 01:26:45.365

So to do it. So I need a motion to,

1825

01:26:45.465 --> 01:26:47.485

I'd like to make a motion that we ratify

1826

01:26:47.485 --> 01:26:50.805

and reaffirm the June 10th, 2024 water district

1827

01:26:50.805 --> 01:26:52.245

and bond resolution, as well

1828

01:26:52.245 --> 01:26:54.205

as the secret finding. 11th, June 11th

1829

01:26:54.465 --> 01:26:55.465

On June.

1830

01:26:56.155 --> 01:26:59.565

This June 10th. It was June 11th. June, June 11th. Sorry.

1831

01:27:00.235 --> 01:27:01.235

Okay.

1832

01:27:01.625 --> 01:27:03.885

Do I need a second? A second.

1833

01:27:04.265 --> 01:27:06.205

All in favor? Aye. Okay.

1834

01:27:06.225 --> 01:27:08.365

Now it'll get properly noticed in the whole bit.

1835

01:27:09.545 --> 01:27:11.525

So let's go on down to,

1836

01:27:12.025 --> 01:27:14.565

Can I ask a clarification about what you just did?

1837

01:27:14.755 --> 01:27:19.245

Yeah. Because the, the package had the resolution.

1838

01:27:19.955 --> 01:27:22.005

Same resolution, but it, it, it,

1839

01:27:22.205 --> 01:27:23.565

I thought it was dated today.

1840

01:27:24.025 --> 01:27:25.485

And it's gonna have a certificate.

1841

01:27:25.485 --> 01:27:27.885

It's gonna have all of you sign that.

1842

01:27:28.345 --> 01:27:29.925

So I guess I'm a little confused.

1843

01:27:30.425 --> 01:27:32.125

Um, what is happening today,

1844

01:27:32.125 --> 01:27:34.365

because I, I hear you saying ratification,

1845

01:27:35.105 --> 01:27:38.045

but the package seemed to be kind of a they new

1846

01:27:38.325 --> 01:27:39.325

Resolution. We do.

1847

01:27:39.325 --> 01:27:40.565

They're Resolutions.

1848

01:27:40.565 --> 01:27:41.645

They're gonna be dated today.

1849

01:27:41.675 --> 01:27:44.285

They're published when they're published,

1850

01:27:44.585 --> 01:27:47.845

and there's notice of publication then the time period from

1851

01:27:47.845 --> 01:27:48.885

which we

1852

01:27:48.905 --> 01:27:50.605

Can do a permissive referendum

1853

01:27:51.085 --> 01:27:52.765

Petition for the, for the referendum.

1854

01:27:52.825 --> 01:27:56.365

So what, what is considered the official day

1855

01:27:56.715 --> 01:27:58.685

that the water district was formed?

1856

01:27:58.925 --> 01:28:02.005

I I understand the screw up with the notice. Today.

1857

01:28:02.015 --> 01:28:03.285

Today. Today. Today.

1858

01:28:03.355 --> 01:28:06.165

Okay. Today. And That starts the 30 day shop?

1859

01:28:06.385 --> 01:28:08.685

Yep. Yep. So it gives you more time. The talk

1860

01:28:08.685 --> 01:28:10.685

Doesn't start until publication is done

1861

01:28:10.905 --> 01:28:13.965

and notice of publication is, is issued.

1862

01:28:14.065 --> 01:28:17.165

So it, you'll be able to find out directly,

1863

01:28:17.305 --> 01:28:18.525
but today we're starting,

1864

01:28:18.585 --> 01:28:21.125
but the actual shock claim doesn't begin to yet.

1865

01:28:21.295 --> 01:28:22.325
Right. Got it.

1866

01:28:22.585 --> 01:28:25.165
And we have 10 days to publish it. Right.

1867

01:28:25.385 --> 01:28:26.805
So once it's published

1868

01:28:26.805 --> 01:28:29.085
and once the notice will published is done.

1869

01:28:29.425 --> 01:28:30.605
Yes. Then the shock.

1870

01:28:30.935 --> 01:28:33.165
Right. And the general news didn't give us

1871

01:28:33.165 --> 01:28:34.165
that window last time.

1872

01:28:35.025 --> 01:28:37.765
And then that will be in your supervisor email.

1873

01:28:38.035 --> 01:28:40.085
Yeah, it will say When the, it will say when

1874

01:28:40.085 --> 01:28:41.765
that date is published.

1875

01:28:42.075 --> 01:28:43.245
Yeah. I won't know this week.

1876

01:28:43.425 --> 01:28:45.565

It depends on when it gets published in the whole bit.

1877

01:28:45.635 --> 01:28:47.045

It's on the website, right? Yeah.

1878

01:28:47.185 --> 01:28:49.685

But all the website, it's all, it'll all be public notice.

1879

01:28:51.135 --> 01:28:52.405

Thank you. All right.

1880

01:28:53.025 --> 01:28:55.805

And the actual form, the, uh, uh,

1881

01:28:55.815 --> 01:28:58.725

permissive referendum form, when will that be available

1882

01:28:59.625 --> 01:29:00.845

to whoever ask for it?

1883

01:29:01.315 --> 01:29:02.445

When would that be? But that's,

1884

01:29:02.635 --> 01:29:04.005

It's, it's, Do you have a copy of it?

1885

01:29:04.435 --> 01:29:05.885

Have you been able to research that? I have.

1886

01:29:05.965 --> 01:29:07.965

I have sent it to the town attorney, so as soon

1887

01:29:07.965 --> 01:29:09.565

as he has disappeared,

1888

01:29:11.545 --> 01:29:12.725

Let do it right now.

1889

01:29:13.505 --> 01:29:14.525

He may have missed it. When

1890

01:29:14.525 --> 01:29:15.525

Did you send that?

1891

01:29:15.915 --> 01:29:19.685

It's, It sounds like that shot clock already

1892

01:29:19.685 --> 01:29:20.685

Started. I mean, research.

1893

01:29:20.685 --> 01:29:20.925

Yeah, so

1894

01:29:20.925 --> 01:29:22.045

they're, they're, they're getting that together.

1895

01:29:22.585 --> 01:29:24.605

So you got, they got extra more time now to

1896

01:29:24.625 --> 01:29:25.645

to, to go through your emails.

1897

01:29:25.675 --> 01:29:26.885

Take your time. Deposition.

1898

01:29:28.155 --> 01:29:29.765

Take your time. You got time now?

1899

01:29:30.645 --> 01:29:34.365

I do. Mm-Hmm. Based on's, right?

1900

01:29:34.465 --> 01:29:35.765

What's that? I think it's based on

1901

01:29:35.765 --> 01:29:36.765

Today's vote. If you fill

1902

01:29:36.765 --> 01:29:37.925

out the form based on

1903

01:29:38.005 --> 01:29:39.565

Yeah, yeah, Yeah. Based on today's vote.

1904

01:29:39.785 --> 01:29:42.485

Yes. So anyway, let's go to Vinny.

1905

01:29:43.655 --> 01:29:45.885

Vinny, your highway department. You're up next.

1906

01:29:47.145 --> 01:29:48.845

Yep. Okay, thank you.

1907

01:29:48.845 --> 01:29:51.405

You're requesting, uh, you trying

1908

01:29:51.405 --> 01:29:52.445

to get on with some other work here?

1909

01:29:52.445 --> 01:29:54.765

You're requesting some Culvers pipe?

1910

01:29:56.275 --> 01:29:58.725

Yeah, I, one for \$3,000

1911

01:29:59.425 --> 01:30:02.445

and one for \$3,528

1912

01:30:02.585 --> 01:30:04.725

and 30 cents for culvert pipe.

1913

01:30:05.225 --> 01:30:09.365

Yes. And there's two of them. And this is in the budget.

1914

01:30:09.515 --> 01:30:13.365

There's nothing, um, controversial.

1915

01:30:13.465 --> 01:30:14.685

Do you know where these are gonna go?

1916

01:30:17.195 --> 01:30:18.285

What roads are gonna go on

1917

01:30:18.385 --> 01:30:19.385

You mean? Yeah, just curious.

1918

01:30:19.385 --> 01:30:19.685

1919

01:30:20.395 --> 01:30:22.165

Yeah. Eastwood Road will be some of it,

1920

01:30:22.345 --> 01:30:24.885

and the bottom of Austin Hill will be the other batch.

1921

01:30:25.275 --> 01:30:29.005

Okay, great. So have a motion to

1922

01:30:29.315 --> 01:30:31.445

Make a motion that we approve the two

1923

01:30:31.845 --> 01:30:33.605

culvert pipe purchases. Second.

1924

01:30:34.185 --> 01:30:35.965

All in favor? Aye. Aye.

1925

01:30:36.345 --> 01:30:39.525

All. And Vinny, we've, uh, seat here.

1926

01:30:39.525 --> 01:30:42.445

There's the request to approve the hiring of, uh, Connor,

1927

01:30:43.105 --> 01:30:47.245

uh, Kinley Ka kaly as a part-time.

1928

01:30:47.405 --> 01:30:49.805

I mean, full-time. MEO effective July 3rd.

1929

01:30:51.385 --> 01:30:52.765

So I need a motion for that.

1930

01:30:53.225 --> 01:30:55.205

So Second. All in favor?

1931

01:30:55.865 --> 01:30:57.125

Aye. Okay.

1932

01:30:58.505 --> 01:31:02.805

The next is an a ED, uh, for the team camp travel.

1933

01:31:03.425 --> 01:31:07.445

So what's happened is, um, a new state

1934

01:31:08.005 --> 01:31:11.565

mandatory law requires that, uh, that kind

1935

01:31:11.565 --> 01:31:13.245

of travels with the kids.

1936

01:31:14.225 --> 01:31:18.725

So they need to purchase another one for 2,438.

1937

01:31:19.345 --> 01:31:21.485

And this is one that will actually be traveling

1938

01:31:21.675 --> 01:31:23.965

with the kids in the bus, um,

1939

01:31:24.515 --> 01:31:26.925

when they go on their offsite trips.

1940

01:31:28.065 --> 01:31:31.085

And so in the meantime, it'll be stored

1941

01:31:31.395 --> 01:31:34.445

accordingly here at the, uh, rec department.

1942

01:31:34.465 --> 01:31:37.245

And I believe it's required, It is required Department

1943

01:31:37.245 --> 01:31:38.245

Of Health in New York State.

1944

01:31:38.345 --> 01:31:42.965

So yes, I move that we approve that request. Second.

1945

01:31:43.385 --> 01:31:45.045

All in favor? Aye. Aye. Aye.

1946

01:31:46.355 --> 01:31:49.605

Okay. We've got some, uh,

1947

01:31:51.185 --> 01:31:53.885

uh, special event permit applications.

1948

01:31:54.545 --> 01:31:57.245

Uh, Lisa, you want to go through? Sure.

1949

01:31:57.375 --> 01:31:58.685

Looks very exciting again.

1950

01:31:59.345 --> 01:32:01.725

Oh, I'm so excited. Yeah, so we, um,

1951

01:32:02.215 --> 01:32:04.365

we've been working on the fleet for 2024.

1952

01:32:04.365 --> 01:32:06.325

It'll be our fifth year. I can't believe it.

1953

01:32:06.325 --> 01:32:09.885

Oh, so it's exciting. Um, we have 80 vendors signed up.

1954

01:32:10.625 --> 01:32:13.525

We have two music venues and then food trucks.

1955

01:32:14.065 --> 01:32:15.445

Um, it'll be spread out from

1956

01:32:16.835 --> 01:32:18.765

bans all the way down to the market square.

1957

01:32:19.095 --> 01:32:21.165

Great. And we will be diverting traffic.

1958

01:32:21.445 --> 01:32:22.925

I was with the police today,

1959

01:32:23.025 --> 01:32:24.565

and we're going with the traffic pattern.

1960

01:32:25.105 --> 01:32:27.085

Um, so it'll be very similar to what we've done in the past.

1961

01:32:27.185 --> 01:32:31.445

We will be adding at, um, the Barnwell Center.

1962

01:32:31.445 --> 01:32:32.965

There'll be some vendors there this year too.

1963

01:32:32.975 --> 01:32:35.445

Great. So, yeah. How many you got already?

1964

01:32:35.625 --> 01:32:37.805

How many vendors? 80. 80. 80.

1965

01:32:37.805 --> 01:32:39.645

Isn't that cool? Yeah. That's, that's really good. It's

1966

01:32:39.645 --> 01:32:40.485

Good coming to me. It's so

1967

01:32:40.485 --> 01:32:41.485

Fun. I love it. So

1968

01:32:41.485 --> 01:32:42.045

fun. Yeah.

1969

01:32:42.045 --> 01:32:43.525

When they come to you, it's great, right? Yeah.

1970

01:32:43.545 --> 01:32:44.965

The first year I was like begging.

1971

01:32:45.155 --> 01:32:47.325

Yeah. So it's such a great question.

1972

01:32:47.325 --> 01:32:48.765

So board, any questions for her?

1973

01:32:49.625 --> 01:32:51.645

No. Congratulations. Congratulations. Then.

1974

01:32:51.645 --> 01:32:53.845

If not, I'd just like to take a motion to approve that.

1975

01:32:53.875 --> 01:32:57.845

It's so much fun. So moved. Second. All in favor? Aye.

1976

01:32:58.105 --> 01:32:59.525

Are you gonna need a lot of volunteers?

1977

01:32:59.745 --> 01:33:02.005

Yes. So that's the One. Yeah. They're all happy too.

1978

01:33:03.505 --> 01:33:05.725

So maybe that Kevin, if you put

1979

01:33:05.725 --> 01:33:07.005

that in the supervisors newsletter

1980

01:33:07.025 --> 01:33:08.925

And Oh, we, we, we will. They've already

1981

01:33:08.925 --> 01:33:09.645

Started. Oh,

1982

01:33:09.695 --> 01:33:10.695

We've already started. Yeah.

1983

01:33:10.695 --> 01:33:12.325

We've already started it in the beginning

1984

01:33:12.675 --> 01:33:13.765

last week now.

1985

01:33:14.345 --> 01:33:16.325

But the more volunteers, we really, you know, just

1986

01:33:16.325 --> 01:33:17.445

for setup up and breakdown.

1987

01:33:17.555 --> 01:33:19.645

Yeah. Yeah. Even during the day, some of the vendors,

1988

01:33:19.865 --> 01:33:20.965

you know, they come by themselves.

1989

01:33:20.995 --> 01:33:22.805

They could use a bathroom break. Yeah.

1990

01:33:23.025 --> 01:33:25.005

So last year, like Lisa Fitz was doing that,

1991

01:33:25.005 --> 01:33:26.165

and they were so appreciative.

1992

01:33:26.315 --> 01:33:28.925

They love coming and doing the show here. Yeah. That's

1993

01:33:28.925 --> 01:33:29.925

Great. You know? No, it's

1994

01:33:29.925 --> 01:33:31.445

actually a lot of fun to work

1995

01:33:31.445 --> 01:33:32.725

with them and to help them out.

1996

01:33:32.745 --> 01:33:35.245

So they're, I really work hard in getting

1997

01:33:35.265 --> 01:33:36.365

the right vendors Yeah.

1998

01:33:36.465 --> 01:33:38.085

For this amazing town.

1999

01:33:38.185 --> 01:33:40.245

And it's, it's great for the business district

2000

01:33:40.385 --> 01:33:41.965

and for the community. Yeah.

2001

01:33:42.115 --> 01:33:44.725

Keep that pottery one. Which one?

2002

01:33:44.725 --> 01:33:46.445

That beautiful pottery with the the

2003

01:33:46.445 --> 01:33:47.685

white. They do a lot of the white.

2004

01:33:47.985 --> 01:33:50.245

Oh, placed her? Yeah, she signed up for relat.

2005

01:33:50.915 --> 01:33:53.925

Good, good. Uh, then we need another, we're looking

2006

01:33:53.985 --> 01:33:55.045

for another trivia night.

2007

01:33:55.045 --> 01:33:57.165

Special event permit application. Trivia night.

2008

01:33:57.165 --> 01:34:00.165

There's no rain date. Uh, August 10th.

2009

01:34:00.625 --> 01:34:04.365

Um, some six 32nd on.

2010

01:34:05.665 --> 01:34:10.565

That's be good. Uh, the town board needs to establish, uh,

2011

01:34:10.805 --> 01:34:13.125

standard workday resolutions, uh, for the purpose

2012

01:34:13.185 --> 01:34:16.005

of reporting to the New York State local retirement systems.

2013

01:34:17.025 --> 01:34:19.765

Um, most of us, I think are in here.

2014

01:34:20.305 --> 01:34:23.045

Myself, Renee, I see John Loveless.

2015

01:34:23.785 --> 01:34:25.725

You know, I think most of us are in here.

2016

01:34:26.385 --> 01:34:27.525

Oh, I need to get mine.

2017

01:34:27.785 --> 01:34:29.685

You, you and Dan look like you need

2018

01:34:29.685 --> 01:34:32.125

to get yours in pretty quick because we have to submit this.

2019

01:34:32.305 --> 01:34:33.405

The deadline is down.

2020

01:34:34.425 --> 01:34:37.005

So I think, is there two here or just one? So,

2021

01:34:37.065 --> 01:34:38.605

So what you, all you need to do is

2022

01:34:38.605 --> 01:34:40.205

to establish the standard workday.

2023

01:34:40.205 --> 01:34:41.605

Whether or not people have turned in their record

2024

01:34:41.625 --> 01:34:44.485

of activities at this point is, is not

2025

01:34:45.525 --> 01:34:46.525

Relevant. Okay.

2026

01:34:46.525 --> 01:34:48.805

I'm good with, I'm good with the, I'm good with it.

2027

01:34:49.025 --> 01:34:51.485

So I move that we approve the standard workday resolution.

2028

01:34:52.425 --> 01:34:54.245

Second. Second.

2029

01:34:54.465 --> 01:34:57.085

All in favor? A. Okay.

2030

01:34:57.945 --> 01:35:00.245

And then a request to approve a budget transfer

2031

01:35:00.245 --> 01:35:03.645

of \$69 from contingency to budget line.

2032

01:35:03.865 --> 01:35:08.325

Uh, 1450 for elections, uh, contractual services

2033

01:35:09.225 --> 01:35:12.605

for increased costs on the county Board of Elections.

2034

01:35:12.995 --> 01:35:14.885

Some second.

2035

01:35:16.025 --> 01:35:17.125

Second. All in favor?

2036

01:35:17.605 --> 01:35:20.365

A. Aye. Good. And then we got some bonds.

2037

01:35:20.855 --> 01:35:23.005

We've got, uh, let's see.

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One, uh, they've all been approved.

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Uh, Jim Perry signed off with them.

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01:35:28.665 --> 01:35:29.525

So we've got one,

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01:35:30.505 --> 01:35:35.445

two, this, they say two.

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Water control boards.

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Two, uh, planning boards, two planning board bonds.

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There are planning board escrows.

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01:35:45.355 --> 01:35:49.365

Yeah. Planning board escrows. Lisa, does

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01:35:53.685 --> 01:35:54.845

I, Can I get a motion?

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01:35:55.465 --> 01:35:58.005

So moved. Second. All in favor?

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Aye. All right.

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01:36:00.655 --> 01:36:02.565

Elise, why don't you tell us real quickly about the

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authorization to apply, uh, for a grant

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for the consolidated funding application.

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How, so how appropriate that was this, uh,

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I think real simply is to potentially use Hardesty

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and Hanover to do a lot more of the conservation.

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01:36:19.105 --> 01:36:21.205

Um, I mean the, uh,

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01:36:21.435 --> 01:36:26.435

comprehensive plan writing. Did I get that right?

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01:36:26.765 --> 01:36:28.605

Todd, thanks. Yep. Tha thank you.

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I think there's a bit of a delay, um, here.

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Um, so, uh, Christine, um, did you want to just say a,

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a, a few words first? Sure. On this?

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No problem. Can you guys hear me okay? Yes. Mm-Hmm. Okay.

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So, um, Elise had asked me,

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and Kevin had asked me to look into some funding

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for the comprehensive plan.

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And, um, we were looking at the DEC and sustainability,

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but then I found in this year's consolidated funding

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application, there is a specific one just

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for comprehensive plans,

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and it's through their Office of Planning,

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zoning and development.

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And I've attended a couple of, uh, webinars.

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It's very clear cut. It's purely for comprehensive plans.

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If you look at last year's grant recipients,

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the grant ranges from 70, the minimum is 75,000.

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It goes up to almost \$180,000.

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Um, there's a lot of towns that are similar to us in size,

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but also the fact that our,

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I guess the last plan was done in 2008, adoption in 2010.

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So the timing is right.

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01:37:38.185 --> 01:37:39.805

The fact that Elise and the working groups

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have been working on this, um, I think it's, um,

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it, it shows the strength of our town

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that we have these volunteer working groups,

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and that they've done so much and they've,

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01:37:51.905 --> 01:37:54.565

and the fact that we have an estimate from Hardee in

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Hanover, who I guess are the people that helped develop

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that 2010 plan

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and have already been working with Elise,

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this is an opportunity to, for clear cut, saying, okay,

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now we're ready to get the working,

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01:38:07.835 --> 01:38:09.845

help the working groups get it to the finish line.

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And we have a consultant that knows our town so well.

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01:38:14.105 --> 01:38:16.565

So I think that's a great strength in the grant application.

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Um, and I've, um, you know, once you all approve that,

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we can apply for it.

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01:38:22.475 --> 01:38:24.325

I'll be collecting the letters of support,

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which I know many people already are, um,

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has expressed interest in submitting to us.

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So, um, we have from Hardesty

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and we've already, um, you know, I,

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I put feelers out about the letters of support.

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01:38:38.025 --> 01:38:40.885

So once we have the approval to apply, I can,

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01:38:41.425 --> 01:38:42.525

um, do more of that.

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01:38:42.545 --> 01:38:44.285

And I'm working with Elise on the actual

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01:38:44.565 --> 01:38:45.645

questionnaire in the portal.

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01:38:46.225 --> 01:38:48.445
And the grant is due July 31st.

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01:38:50.305 --> 01:38:51.725
I'm good with it. You can get

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01:38:51.725 --> 01:38:52.965
the consolidated funding app.

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01:38:53.035 --> 01:38:55.045
Christine, thank you for your diligence. Yeah.

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01:38:55.105 --> 01:38:58.525
You have really done such an incredible job with, um,

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01:38:58.635 --> 01:39:00.805
exploring all these incredible opportunities

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and bringing really much needed to our

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01:39:03.365 --> 01:39:04.685
Town, so, right. Alright.

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01:39:04.685 --> 01:39:06.485
You've been a tireless worker

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01:39:06.585 --> 01:39:07.765
in this regard, so thank you.

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01:39:07.905 --> 01:39:10.405
So I move that we approve that request for the,

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01:39:10.465 --> 01:39:13.165
um, for the grant. Second on

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01:39:13.165 --> 01:39:14.165
Favor. If I would just

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01:39:14.165 --> 01:39:17.245

make, um, one comment if I could Oh,

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01:39:17.245 --> 01:39:18.245

You've already gotten it. You

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01:39:18.245 --> 01:39:19.405

don't, you don't wanna oversell.

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01:39:20.305 --> 01:39:23.005

No, I know. I, I'm not, I I, I totally get that,

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01:39:23.465 --> 01:39:27.925

but I also wanna just prep that this is the process

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01:39:28.175 --> 01:39:31.805

where our community can, uh, speak about

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01:39:32.395 --> 01:39:33.445

land use planning

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01:39:34.385 --> 01:39:37.285

and many of the issues that are related with that.

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So I think that's been in our forefront of our mind, um,

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in the past couple years

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and will continue to be, um, in the forefront

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as we move this process forward.

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01:39:49.825 --> 01:39:50.845

All right. Thank you. Thank you.

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Agreed. Any last

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01:39:52.325 --> 01:39:52.885

Public? Thank you.

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01:39:53.385 --> 01:39:56.565

Any last public comments? Oh, go ahead. James.

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01:39:56.785 --> 01:39:58.925

Uh, James Best Fox Hill Road.

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01:39:59.505 --> 01:40:02.285

Uh, I'm co-chair of the, the Wastewater Task Force.

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01:40:02.405 --> 01:40:05.525

I want to thank the board again for supporting this.

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01:40:05.785 --> 01:40:09.205

Uh, as you know, we've been working on it for many years.

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And ultimately, wait.

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01:40:10.925 --> 01:40:13.645

James, do you, do you need him here? Um, to be heard?

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01:40:14.025 --> 01:40:16.085

Um, I, the mic is probably picking him

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01:40:16.085 --> 01:40:17.205

up, but just wanna make sure you,

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01:40:17.585 --> 01:40:18.585

You want me to bring the mic over?

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01:40:18.785 --> 01:40:20.165

No, that's fine. Yeah,

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01:40:20.405 --> 01:40:22.125

Actually, um, just thank everybody

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01:40:22.345 --> 01:40:25.845

and ultimately we would not be doing this if, uh,

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we didn't feel this was the best thing for our town.

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I understand. Thank you very much. So

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Thank you. Thank you. Alright.

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01:40:30.765 --> 01:40:31.245

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01:40:31.525 --> 01:40:35.045

I need a motion to, I mean, uh, Councilwoman, uh,

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01:40:35.045 --> 01:40:36.165

Shelly, are the bills in order?

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01:40:36.355 --> 01:40:40.605

They are. So I need a motion to pay the bills. So moved.

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01:40:41.905 --> 01:40:43.525

Uh, second. Second.

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01:40:44.025 --> 01:40:46.125

Can you, Aaron, could you pull the board? Councilwoman

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Sheen. I abstain. Councilwoman

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vote. Aye.

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01:40:48.645 --> 01:40:50.645

Councilwoman Riggs Aye. Supervisor

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01:40:50.925 --> 01:40:51.925

Hansen. Aye.

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01:40:51.925 --> 01:40:52.605

Okay.

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01:40:52.685 --> 01:40:54.325

I need a motion to re adjourn

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01:40:54.325 --> 01:40:56.245

and reconvene as the parking district. So

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01:40:56.245 --> 01:40:57.165

Moved. Second.

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01:40:57.425 --> 01:40:59.485

All in favor? Aye. All right.

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01:40:59.525 --> 01:41:00.605

Councilwoman, uh,

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01:41:00.795 --> 01:41:02.645

Shelley are the parking district bills in order?

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01:41:02.715 --> 01:41:04.405

They are. Okay.

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01:41:04.565 --> 01:41:06.965

I need a motion to pay the parking district. So

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01:41:06.965 --> 01:41:07.925

Moved. Second.

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01:41:08.585 --> 01:41:10.605

Uh, Aaron, could you pull the board? Councilwoman

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01:41:10.605 --> 01:41:11.605

Shelley. I have say

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01:41:11.605 --> 01:41:13.365

council member, go. Aye.

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01:41:14.905 --> 01:41:16.045

Aye, supervisor.

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01:41:16.705 --> 01:41:18.925

Aye. With that, I'd like to take a motion

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01:41:19.065 --> 01:41:21.045

to adjourn the parking district

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01:41:21.975 --> 01:41:23.765

Moved. Second.

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01:41:24.065 --> 01:41:26.445

All in favor? Aye. Aye. All right. Thank you all.

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01:41:26.895 --> 01:41:28.445

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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01:41:31.135 --> 01:41:32.565

Thank you guys. Thank

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01:41:32.565 --> 01:41:33.565

You.

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01:41:34.135 --> 01:41:35.405

Thank you. Thank you.