

## TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABET MEETING TRANSCRIPT

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Sam ([00:00:00](#)):

Yeah. Yeah. I have you done some persons, so I probably won't miss some steps in, so just, you know, nudge me if I mess up. But, um, yeah, we'll get rolled in and we can kick with the proceedings. So Roll call Pres John? Yeah. Good. Yeah. Good.

John ([00:00:22](#)):

We should have a list of message.

Sam ([00:00:24](#)):

Yeah. Um, list of numbers

John ([00:00:27](#)):

Right here.

Sam ([00:00:33](#)):

Okay.

John ([00:00:39](#)):

Here. Nico, sir. And our staff is here. Sam is no longer with us. Is no longer with us.

Sam ([00:00:55](#)):

The expiring.

John ([00:00:56](#)):

Um, Dave is here. Um, remember I sample? Yep. And new member

John ([00:01:07](#)):

Vince Farty.

John (00:01:08):

Vince Farty is not, how do you spell that last name?

John (00:01:11):

Uh, f a h u h, e r t y.

John (00:01:21):

Spelling name

Jeremy (00:01:22):

Sample. S a n p l e is my last name. I n i a n

John (00:01:29):

Did you wanna it?

John (00:01:30):

Yeah, I'm recording it actually right now.

John (00:01:32):

Okay. So, uh, so because we've been making recordings and automated transcripts available, gonna suggest Sam is our chairman, recognized people and by name, so that this is John Bolt speaking. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, so that you're recognized by name. Something that when you go through the transcript, cause it's not on Zoom anymore, you don't have an automatic identifier on choice. So to make the process later for identifying transcripts and who said what and things like that. Identify ourselves as we speak. Yeah. So technology wrinkle. Go.

Sam (00:02:16):

This is Sam <laugh>. That's a very good point, Sean. It'll take someone getting used to. Um, but yeah. Um, Dave has been trying to figure out how we can get the, uh, transcript publicized along with minutes and, you know, make sure this are all clear for, for everybody, you know, so that you know, we're doing this properly and that, um, especially, you know, some of the action items that we take on can be recorded adequately. Um, so we will move on to the minute second after we see public comments. Actually, you acknowledge that. Uh, Cameron, um, Jeremy is here today. Thank you for joining us.

Jeremy (00:02:55):

Yeah. Welcome to, glad to join you guys. Um, listen in and see what's going on and looking forward to talking about, you know, next steps with this committee. Yeah.

Sam (00:03:06):

Excellent. No, lots, lots of ideas. And, um, I think one of the first meetings, this is Sam again, <laugh>. The first meetings we had here was, um, with the, your predecessor, um, um, uh, Jamie Garbin, you know, who actually sat here. I think we were trying to figure out kinda what our, our mission was and

our remit and all that kinda stuff. And we hadn't, we haven't had the pleasure of having a time counselor, you know, join us, you know, since that meeting. So it's been a long time coming. So glad you could come. Yeah. And I believe you're fairly, you're, you've been newly minted as the chair of the TY council. Correct.

Jeremy ([00:03:40](#)):

Newly

Sam ([00:03:41](#)):

Reed Mint. Okay. Okay. Got it. This, I

Jeremy ([00:03:42](#)):

Was chair last year and just got reelected as chair. Okay. And yeah, I'm glad to, glad to be here. You guys have, have been super impressed, but the larger this committee over the last couple years, I know solar project has obviously taken longer than an AOS wanted too it to. Um, but I'm glad to see that permitting and all of that seems to be moving ahead now. So hopefully we're moving ahead with that. And, um, you know, obviously got the solar, the Chargers, electric car chargers in and, and um, I think at one point you guys were looking at doing some, uh, work with the L E D conversion, which we wound up being able to do directly through the, um, through cfp.

Sam ([00:04:30](#)):

I think that preceded our existence this meeting.

Jeremy ([00:04:33](#)):

So, but um, yeah, I mean, lots of great stuff going on. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> look forward to talking what comes next? Great. Cool. Is that, is that what you guys have first?

Sam ([00:04:42](#)):

Yeah, well we wanted to, um, discuss, well go through the, uh, the agenda, um, uh, you know, after we approve our formal previous minutes. But yeah, if we definitely wanna, um, make sure you date you are John

John ([00:04:58](#)):

Gonna, I was gonna suggest addition or amendment to the current agenda. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> we're actually public

Sam ([00:05:07](#)):

Comment. Yeah.

John ([00:05:09](#)):

But after public comment and after minutes, I'm gonna suggest we do our organizational meeting portion. Suggest we also, um, specifically add on the discussion with Jeremy after the energy and climate goals. I think there's some things specifically about that, that we would to have search mm-hmm. <affirmative>, but then I think specifically s Jeremy council and how some of the committee communication things work have a specific item for that would be helpful. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Absolutely. Uh, I'm moving that we added item of the agenda for organizational, um, elections. And, uh, item one, a discussion with Jeremy. Have council and communication. This,

Jeremy ([00:06:03](#)):

I'm not sure I understand what the traditional agenda items for organization.

John ([00:06:08](#)):

So this is our first meeting with all our new councilors. We're supposed to elected chairman, vice chairman meeting okay's. Normally what we would do, we would also generally have notification around foyer and other organization things. But those actually haven't been provided to this committee to my knowledge.

John ([00:06:27](#)):

So I'm printing those right now. And we only need a chairman. We don't need a vice chairman.

John ([00:06:31](#)):

Right. If we, if we have one that's the meeting and timeframe that we do first, we can postpone that next meeting. I'm fine with that, but we should, shouldn't not acknowledge it.

Sam ([00:06:44](#)):

We should act.

John ([00:06:45](#)):

So I've made the motion needs a second. We should, we can discuss it.

Jeremy ([00:06:56](#)):

You'll

Sam ([00:06:58](#)):

Okay. All those in favors. Yeah.

John ([00:07:00](#)):

Aye.

Sam ([00:07:02](#)):

Okay. Motion and passes.

John ([00:07:04](#)):

Vote was unanimous.

Sam ([00:07:06](#)):

Yes. The

John ([00:07:07](#)):

Tape. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>? Yes on the tape.

Sam ([00:07:08](#)):

<laugh>. Thank you John. Perfect. Um, okay, well we have public here to comment. I don't believe so. Um, so moving on from that, we can approve the medicine previous meeting. Um, you have the here before you. Thank you David for pull us together and, um, lemme take a moment, sir.

John ([00:07:40](#)):

My name is mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

John ([00:07:44](#)):

Yeah.

John ([00:07:48](#)):

Borrow, yeah.

Sam ([00:07:49](#)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Okay.

Richard ([00:07:57](#)):

We have items. Richard, I was assigned to the last meeting, <inaudible> one. I was supposed to return the status of the en course contract and can copy the full contract and verify verified construction start date. Um, that's not good meeting. Um, also, I was supposed to review the EV charging station dashboard and I re reporting possibilities. Mm-hmm.

Sam ([00:08:22](#)):

<affirmative>

Jeremy ([00:08:27](#)):

Action,

John ([00:08:32](#)):

Which that we, my action was probably moving in June. Um,

Sam ([00:08:44](#)):

What's on that

John ([00:08:45](#)):

<inaudible>

Sam ([00:08:47](#)):

Second to last?

John ([00:08:49](#)):

Okay, let's put the full.

Jeremy ([00:08:59](#)):

John, could you clarify the purpose of,

John ([00:09:02](#)):

So this was around, um, finding out, getting input on them about sending a climate preparation for a discussion today. So that we do that research. You'll see in the, if you see in the transcript for the recording and discussion about getting, uh, um, a climate goal and what steps we take and then getting some background provide to that prior to having the discussion tonight and then presenting direct council next. So that was

Sam ([00:09:41](#)):

Any other, um, additions or comments to the, uh, meeting?

John ([00:09:47](#)):

David, do you have all those additions?

John ([00:09:49](#)):

They're all, I get 'em all recorded and this is going a lot better. No one's talking over. That was the big issue with the other set of, um, recordings.

John ([00:09:58](#)):

Okay. Approve the minutes as amended.

Sam ([00:10:05](#)):

Yeah.

Jeremy ([00:10:06](#)):

Second.

Sam ([00:10:07](#)):

All in favor? Okay. Minutes are approved as amended.

John ([00:10:15](#)):

Second move, amend.

Sam ([00:10:22](#)):

Okay. Um, so we'll move on to the first item on the amended agenda. The organizational, um, part of this, I think as John mentioned, oh, sorry.

John ([00:10:33](#)):

Public comment. There's

Sam ([00:10:34](#)):

No way here. Oh, no, I think we did that. Public comment. Well, yeah. It wasn't an uneventful <laugh> item there. Um, but we should, um, per this point in our, in our, in our tenure, commit a commit, commit, appoint, you know, a, uh, a chair, you know, for the, um, the committee. So I have been the chair. Happy to remain the chair that's someone wants to take over chairmanship office facilities where propose proposed a co-chair person, you know, management. Happy to, to consider any, any proposals. Yeah,

John ([00:11:16](#)):

I'm happy to nominate to Sam Milton as, as, as, as chairman. And I, I would also suggest that we have a vice chair and I'm, and I would be happy to accept the nomination for that. Someone wants to make it. I'm also, anyone else's, please make that known.

Sam ([00:11:36](#)):

What

Richard ([00:11:39](#)):

I'm second a motion for Sam John Vice chair respectively. It's Richard Parker.

Sam ([00:11:50](#)):

Well, John, I'd be happy that, you know, you would, you know, be a vice-chair or well vice chair your, you know, knowledge of the parliamentary procedure and how the town works and, you know, all nuts and bolts of making run is second to none. So yeah, I would accept your, your willingness to be vice chair and I'll be happy to be the chair if everyone

John ([00:12:16](#)):

In favor.

Sam ([00:12:18](#)):

Okay. I'll,

John ([00:12:19](#)):

Its unanimous, unanimous motion.

Sam ([00:12:23](#)):

I'll

John ([00:12:23](#)):

Organize in the year. You probably should cover FOIA next

John ([00:12:26](#)):

Meeting. So I printed out all of foya. I can hand it out tonight. Just gotta grab it.

John ([00:12:30](#)):

Just front next. All right.

John (00:12:32):

And then also confirm our schedule meeting, which is currently the third Thursday of the month.

John (00:12:37):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, do we want seven?

John (00:12:40):

Do we want ATS seven? Do we want to continue with that schedule?

John (00:12:46):

Convenience

Jeremy (00:12:46):

Time for the new number? Yep.

John (00:12:50):

We adjust from six 30. Um, remotely overlap.

Jeremy (00:13:02):

I'll just say that. Uh, my wife are expecting John in about three weeks.

Sam (00:13:06):

<laugh>

Jeremy (00:13:08):

Next. Otherwise,

John (00:13:12):

Congrats.

Sam (00:13:13):

This is during that time. You're fine. <laugh>. Congratulations.

Jeremy (00:13:19):

I got a question here, Steve. Is it possibility remote, uh, meetings off the table now? Uh, so the most recent policy that we adopted, like fully remote meetings, like a full zoom meeting is only, those are only possible understand law if we declare an emergency again. I see. So yes, the fully remote option is not available at this point. Um, a hybrid. We're, we're hoping to get some of those towels. Um, so you can set, set the little camera up in the room here and, um, hopefully we can get one for this room and the, um, room downstairs, which would make hybrid meetings available. So if there were folks you needed to call in, they could do it that way. But somebody will have be here.

Sam ([00:14:11](#)):

So until further notice we'll be meeting here. Yeah. Every, every, yeah. Third Thursday month. John,

John ([00:14:20](#)):

This is John addressing the same single point. When do you believe that technology will be available? Cause as you can see, it would be very advantageous for some members who might be at home with a new child to be able to participate in the moment.

Jeremy ([00:14:35](#)):

I, I don't know when those will be here. I, we had a big delay getting the big room hooked up, the ability to go remote in the smaller rooms. I think literally we can just order those off of Amazon. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, and I've been encouraging to tell him that to do that. So hopefully soon. But I don't wanna see them know.

John ([00:14:57](#)):

I would just highlight the need is clear and recurring constantly in this committee as opposed as is just evidence here tonight.

John ([00:15:08](#)):

This is this Dave. Um, I spoke to the town manager last week and I identified where funds would be to, to pay for the owls. And he seemed like he was, he was very into the idea of wanting to reach out to CP Cog, who's he said has really already figured this out. Um, which to me it just seems like an owl for this room would be all we need. But, um, so the there money, the money is there

Sam ([00:15:40](#)):

That's the same. That's, that's, that's great to here. And I think we certainly all, you know, appreciate the flexibility to be able to zoom in or meet in person, but typically we leave these one person to be present in the room. <laugh>,

John ([00:15:53](#)):

I live close

Sam ([00:15:54](#)):

In order not to happen. Correct. Um, so we'd have to make sure that it was clear that there would be that person, probably the chair and possibly you as well. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, but we can, we have some, some time to sort that out. Um, but perhaps by next five, even before next meeting, can we maybe have an update if that's possible? It,

John ([00:16:14](#)):

It seems simple.

Sam ([00:16:15](#)):

Yeah, it seems simple. <laugh>. Yes. All right. Well we'll assume that we're meeting in this room again in four weeks time. Um, so let's move on to the first, unless there's another, uh, anything else that people

wanna discuss on that, on that point. Okay. Um, so the energy and climate goals. This, this is an interesting item and this has been for me, you know, bubbling up to the top of, you know, our, our mission. You know, why, you know, what is it that, that we're here for? I think our, our remit, I think it excludes a reference to, to climate goals yet at the same time, I think it's, it's one of these things that is kind always in the background of, of what we're doing. Um, the town does have, I think, fairly high level of climate goal, right. Or they reference the climate goal. I think at some point,

Jeremy ([00:17:08](#)):

I think we actually set a council goal of coming up with climate goals last year. And I don't believe we have set

Sam ([00:17:16](#)):

A Okay. All right. That's clear. That, that the goal set goals exist. Cause that's, that's something we would, I think be supportive of and I would be supportive of. Same.

John ([00:17:26](#)):

Yeah. I would communicate again what our, what, sorry, this is John speaking for the recording. Um, our department member Carrie Gilbert of for when she was leaving, one of the things she said was not having a goal makes everything we're trying to do in this committee harder. Cause you don't know how far you can go. You don't know what is inance of. You don't have anything to know. You guys accept Dominic cents and that's really not the goal of this. It's not a dollar cents only committee.

Jeremy ([00:18:00](#)):

Yeah. Um, I, I, so I agree. I I think, um, I, my understanding is that, um, and this is Jeremy, um, that your, your recollection is, is correct Sam, that there was not, at the time this committee was set up, it was, I think somewhat intentionally, maybe very intentionally. I wasn't on the council, um, focused on energy and not broader. It wasn't like the climate right committee that said, my personal opinion is I have been continually impressed with the level of expertise that this group has. Um, and, and level of thinking around issues related to planet and energy. And I, I know others on the council feel the same. And I also know that lovely have had this goal of developing climate action goals. Um, we have not gotten there. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. So I think, you know, I would be very open to, you know, coming up with a charge for this committee to essentially help the council out, um, and help us figure out, you know, what those goals are. I think it would probably be, have to be a ative thing, right? So we would, the council would ask you guys to do some, some research and figure out some goals, um, that, or some draft goals for the town. Um, and then we said that, and, and I think that approach could work really well. Um, that, that sort of one, one idea that I have for,

John ([00:19:35](#)):

So I, I could pass along on some of the, also wasn't able to get ahold of and then also Sam and was able to talk to, uh, cumber stumbling, think about what they're exposed. But one of the things was, we're at the point now where it feels like we're not early, we're now kind of late. And the state's had a climate goal for a while. And you can also see the big picture from me. It says, with all kinds of federal and then often administered by the state dollars, it will be flowing through the new climate oriented project, many of which we're gonna want do and be involved in and if will be beneficial for us. Um, you know, the portion that they're funded and beyond that. And so, and the, the gating issue to that is the climate plan and the gating issue to a climate plan is a goal.

John (00:20:36):

And so one of the things that we were talking about was, as a starting plan, we could just put a stake in the ground and say we, Kate Elizabeth will meet the state goals for Kate. In other words, basically as a, not given anything else, we'd say, all things being equal, we'll do our portion of what the state goals are. And then that at least puts a stake in the ground. And then in the next process, as you figure out what that means and the plan, you can even evaluate that goal saying, is that too far? Or should we go farther? But, but you could not do that in a vacuum saying, we don't have any goal. We're saying we at least do our part. And then in the process of developing the plan we can, and looking what the pieces of that plan are, is that enough?

John (00:21:23):

Should we go farther or is it too far? And here here's why or why not. Because if we're not doing at least what the state is said at its goal, we should be explaining to people why we're not. And I, I don't think I'm ready to do that. So that's how I would put, so we can do one right now cause we we're follow in the footsteps that everybody else and say, let's go lease this and explore. Then the charges do the work to say, should we go further? Should we not go further? What are the, what are the elements to do that? Um, so that's sort of, and when I was, um, that was somewhat the advice that I got from Troy and we talked about how can you do that and how do you make sure it happens. And um, I had just some general concern about the, the, the next piece of that in terms of once you set a goal and you're trying to get to something that looks like a plan and, and or vet out that goal in more depth, that unless there's budget or personnel attached to that or some sort of process to do that, it's very likely to fall over.

John (00:22:28):

I mean, Cumberland did, Cumberland did it on an all volunteer basis and the committee itself went often got its own budget. I'm not sure that's necessarily the best model. Um, other towns of similar sizes have done other things. There's a, um, but I would consider how we think about putting a goal out there and attaching budget and personnel in the budgeting process. And it's not necessarily big dollars, honestly. I think you could go a long way by having somebody who's a half a three quarter time grant writer. Cause there's grants to go get to do this planning. But if you rely on volunteers to do the grants, again, you could fall over. We missed the electric school bus Yeah. Grant process program. Cause have staff to, to write the grant. That would've been a really good grant for us to go after. But we weren't staffed for it.

John (00:23:17):

So we missed it. And so I'm worried about those sorts of things happening again. So the bigger picture is we can make a sta of the goal sooner rather than later and do the work to flesh that out. But we have to put some something behind that. It was gonna show up and think about it much more day to day, week to week than once a month in a committee if you want it to happen. And so that, if you had a consultant do the whole thing, estimate I got was that's probably from zero to a climate plan, probably an hundred thousand. But you can do that in chunks. And there's planning grants that are out there through like the GP COD'S partnership of 50, 50 K and 50 K and things like that, that are are there to get, but again, if it's, if we don't put resources to go hit it, we're, we're gonna be in a difficult spot. So that's, that was the info that I got from, from talking with Troy and with some, some wanna add

Richard (00:24:18):

Richard, um, before the here current charge of this committee is one focus. So I think what needs to change is thes charter to this committee is what, what's the scope of the stuff you want us to make mm-

hmm. <affirmative>, if you can define that first. And then we can define when we can come up with our first round goals and start that process. I think first I think we need some, some specific s that says what, what the scope of our responsibilities and then we can proceed from there. Um, the I had mentioned is said, um, um, Niko mentioned, uh, last month or so about, um, meeting that based on what's available with the I reduction act. And he highlighted one was available and I attended that and I came with that with, with two observations or three observations. The first big is that they're just a tremendous amount of audio.

Richard ([00:25:20](#)):

Um, the second observation is what, it's very complicated. They're finding, you know, there's to focus in on, it's a huge project. There's a lot of avenues. It's gonna take some, a lot of time. You get your <inaudible> stuff to through it and identify what's what we can, what we want and what's available and how we get it. Yeah. And then, uh, the third thing is that now I don't know how someone in town or some if we're gonna go after it, then someone, John has just said someone needs to be focused on them and be able after mm-hmm. <affirmative> and uh, but I think the town council needs to really understand, um, once we get the goal set, you know, um, just there's money available and it gets the function of how we get it. And it's not gonna be necessarily straightforward and easy. The other things, there's, it's not something we can wait for because there's gonna be on money's the piece.

niko ([00:26:31](#)):

This is ni Okay, this is Niko speaking. Um, uh, briefly, uh, I think John raised this, but just to put a final point on it. I've looked at a lot of the, uh, federal applications, some of the money money's available through the state, some through some of the cos and Efficiency, Vermont. So there are many avenues if you're going through, I think a lot of those avenues. Uh, you know, question three is you, what is the context for what you're viewing? And please tell us about your client plan. So I, I think you were alluding to this, but if, uh, a jurisdiction is, you know, seeking to apply and take advantage of this really unique moment, you know, to tackle the big dollars for climate clean energy, um, they wanna see some sort of commitment and rationale context. And a lot of that is documented by providing a copy of your climate plan or at least your, um, town resolution, some context.

Niko ([00:27:29](#)):

And then just in terms of this committee's jurisdiction, um, you know, as you know, clean energy in the, the buildings and transportation sector is a big part of, uh, climate plan. It's not, you know, the whole thing. So I, I think we would need to figure out, or are we getting at, you know, the energy components that's, I dunno think stab would probably 75% of the opportunity, at least most jurisdictions for mitigation. But then there's also, you know, natural resources and waste and rec recycling climate still see and adaptation all those other elements that at the same time scaled into the local government's, uh, climate plan per se. But in terms of what we can do to get reductions, a lot of it can come from energy. And, and this is Jeremy. I, I would just observe, I tend to agree with that and I just observe as, as the state works through their climate action plan, um, a lot of the emphasis was put on the mitigation strategies early on too, for the same reason that, you know, we haven't acted out on that.

Jeremy ([00:28:37](#)):

Um, there, there is a lot of adaptation work that has to happen as well. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> timelines on that earlier, longer mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, and so if we do have to get out in terms of looking at the work of this committee over the next couple of years, I would think that focusing on

energy transportation, sec energy improvements built, you know, built infrastructure transportation, like that's a piece. There's pretty good state policy around that. Um, there's some good work done. Um, and I think this group could do a great job of sort of taking that and translating it to a, you know, a set of actions that we could undertake at a local level. Um, and then, you know, obviously I don't think we can ignore the infrastructure adaptation for, and I don't think we should, but I also think that, you know, order operations, we've, although there is a bunch of you on that is resiliency.

Jeremy ([00:29:39](#)):

Well, one of the things that I was thinking about, of course, as you as a new charge for the school, um, <inaudible>, um, I dunno what the condit debate I suppose that we should focus on, which is the, the middle school and grade school. And as part of that chart, we was started putting that piece together. Um, one of the things that needed to work into that I think is, is energy both. And there may be ways for these grants to support and pay for that segment of any sort of expansion. And on that basis, it might be an opportunity for, for the town to hire a person that is working with the school, putting equity piece together. But another part of that person's responsibility is to work in the higher for underground opportunities to something the town in general and specifically the tool budget, the store budgets and that because it's, it's really gonna be a lot of, of, it's gonna be a lot of work identified, write the grants and get the stuff done. And I don't think the town through has enough staff, professional staff to do successfully. But that's something.

John ([00:31:05](#)):

Yeah. John. And, um, we're talking, so there's actually a fair amount of money for wetland type of stuff. And we actually have a lot of wetlands and we have some put have some significant sustainability related wetland needs. And they're actually, those can be significant mitigation as a lot of carbon sequestration in wetlands and other wood water quality things that happen, other wetlands. And so there is a bunch of money that's out there for that. Again, each of these is very particular and requires getting up to speed on the areas of, of, of increase versus what I would just say in terms of climate goal, climate plan and it kind of gotta happen is the, the sooner the better. Cause the, basically there's gonna be a river and the boats are gonna be coming by with Grand Bob to do these things. And if you wanna, you need to build a dock. That dock is your climate goal and client plan and there's no place for the boats to dock, they'll sail. Right on. Bob. Okay.

John ([00:32:07](#)):

This is Dave. I think there's probably a lot, I mean, I could, I could envision us taking like a couple of months, two or three months just to being on the green, you know, at the pace with which we were, I'm just my concerns just like that we deliberate, you know, for for half a year on, on climate goals and climate plan and I, I think there's probably a lot of, a lot of sort of off the shelf. Yeah. I mean there's a lot of work already done on this mm-hmm. <affirmative> by other towns. We could just sort of, that's what I'm saying, Alma, you know, that sort of thing. Like we could have a, a plan or, you know mm-hmm. <affirmative>, there's a lot of, we could accelerate mm-hmm. <affirmative>. So that's exactly why what Mrs. John speaking again, um, that's exactly why I was recommending starting with just do what the state is saying and evaluate from there. But because after you do that, you could start allocating dollars to say, okay, questions out and we can be a resource to the permanent per, you know, budget personnel that gets assigned to do this. But if we do it, it will take too long and you won't meet often enough and it's likely to fall over cuz someone who is doing it, you know, not busy with AD or

Jeremy ([00:33:23](#)):

Mm-hmm.

John (00:33:23):

<affirmative>. And so, and, and

Jeremy (00:33:26):

So this is Jeremy. Um, to, to Richard's point about a charge for the committee, uh, one of the things that I'm hoping to do this year is sort of a, a bigger review of how our community structure is set up and, um, just making sure that our committee charges are aligned with where there's need for public review or different parts of town operations and budget. Um, I think it largely is, but there's some gaps. Um, and, and I think this committee is really well aligned to be doing the type of work that you guys are talking about. So I guess what I would propose is, um, after this meeting that David and I can talk to, to Matt and, you know, without having to go through the process of redoing the whole committee goals for this group, um, we have in the past and I think we could, in this case come up with a charge to this committee to look at some specific items and, and I, I like the suggestion that you guys are coming up with, um, reviewing some, some of the available, you know, documents on state violent goals and coming up with the recommended climate goal for the town.

Jeremy (00:34:48):

Um, I think that's something we can move on fairly quickly, I hope. Yeah. Um, and then I, you know, I, so I'm also along that I'm interested in thinking about, okay, well what is, what does that look like from a budget perspective mm-hmm. <affirmative>. So we're, we're going into budget season now. Um, I I think we could talk about putting some placeholder funding in that budget, um, as we're fleshing that out. Um, and I will have that, I can have that conversation with Matt tomorrow. Um, I think, I think their only opportunities to think about how that works with the design work for the school. I think that's a great suggestion. And there may be some, frankly, that is the largest infrastructure investment you're going to make in the next 10 years at least, and probably longer than that. Um, and so if we're gonna try inventing the needle on conditions, you know, that's, that's right there. <laugh>.

Jeremy (00:35:47):

This is the time to do it. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, but, um, I, I'm also, I I would also want to be looking to this committee to think through as we're going through that, you know, how do we prioritize what, what to do next. I mean there's a, there's a gazillion things that we could be doing from, you know, focusing specifically on energy improvements in our, you know, municipal buildings. I've seen, you know, south Portland has this electrifying everything campaign that I'm receiv that in the ground, um, zillion ways that we can go and, and I um, would appreciate this group, you know, helping us sort of through that. Um, and provide some, some recommendations. Many of those things are gonna come on budget items. So there's gonna be that will that will happen to be a conversation. Yeah. That's Richard. We need to focus cause we just don't have the resources, but also we have focus.

Jeremy (00:36:54):

I was just gonna ask question. Um, the funding opportunities that are out there, raise on the top. So obviously the idea of going after state and photo dollars would be nothing new to the town. So I'm curious if there is a process that the town has, whether it's or anything else when someone raises, oh, this grant is available value process. Typically when we're pursuing grant funding through the town, which it is, we're pursuing funding for needs that have already been identified as a, as a town priority.

And, um, those are grants are typically other than some relatively small grants, they're typically pursued by, by our existing staff. So for facilities and transportation that having the front account manager and public works director doing a lot of that work. Um, I, we don't have a, like a specific grants writer on staff who does that. So that tends to get handled largely by department heads.

Jeremy ([00:37:59](#)):

Um, and they, one of the things to think through with this work in particular is, you know, I I guess if we're talking about improving good energy efficiency and the existing town buildings, you know, I'm, I'm looking at at Dave. Yeah. But, um, but if there's other projects that we're looking at, you know, the, I think the solar charger, solar, um, ev charging stations is a, was a great project, but you know, we've got one at community services and one at the park and like, it kind of falls a little bit betwixt in between different areas of counter government. And so figuring out how we take that on and handle it, um, you know, there, there there'll be some things to figure out <laugh>, I guess.

Sam ([00:38:48](#)):

And especially if, you know, when think about, you know, climate plant, like, you know, you've got, you know, the energy efficiency piece got this buildings, we've got the transportation, we've got the wetlands and the, and the different sources and yeah, these all typically, you know, if you look at the thet that it goes far beyond the purview, the, of the energy committee, you know, say, so I wouldn't wanna get too far ahead in terms of, you know, you know, creating a, you know, a scope of work for the town to adopt climate action plan, you know, without buying from, you know, their committee.

Jeremy ([00:39:16](#)):

Yeah. And, and I think that's also a good argument. This is Jeremy again, a good argument for, for starting with focusing on energy and the maybe energy and um, weatherization type stuff. Um, because you know, if we start looking there, there are other, we, we have other groups in town that are, have responsibility for some of the other areas and what we might address in the climate. So, you know, um, I know the conservation committee, for example, has been working pretty closely with the town planner on the Willow culvert, which is a title restriction, remediation remediation project. Um, that seems like it fits really well there. I'm not saying that, you know, like it may be that if we go out to like a full town-wide private action plan that this is the group to lead that charge, but that would also require coordination with some of those other groups who are developing plans for how we manage land. You know, for Williams, you know, obviously the school, school building, the school department, if we're talking about energy improvements there. So

Dave B ([00:40:27](#)):

This, this is Dave. I just wanna add that during the building process, uh, Colby did reach out to the state for some grant funding and the response they got was that actually the school, a lot of, some of the grants that they were looking at the town had to be the ones submitting it when it wasn't, the school wasn't able to move forward. They needed more of a town backing on the application. And, um, the bandwidth on the town, particularly with the finance person being out, uh, for extended periods of time right now is, uh, was a, was a challenge under,

John ([00:41:01](#)):

So I think Richard's point is John Bolt accurate? So the nice thing though is you set the goal and you flip out the plan, the plan part of that is the community outreach. We talked about what people are

interested in as well as what are the major mitigation ones that apply uniquely to your community. And that's basically your list of what you're going through to focus on that falls out of that work. And so, um, you know, there are things that we can identify in the meantime that are probably low hanging fruit that we know will be on that list. But overall that would be the work would be basically saying, we're gonna set this goal, we're gonna assess that goal in the meantime, work on this low hanging fruit, do the community outreach and do the work that look at what the mitigation strategies will be to suit our community. And that will be your lists work going forward. And I'm not sure there's a shortcut to that.

Richard ([00:41:57](#)):

Yeah, I agree. Uh, this is Richard. Um, so, uh, we, we said two things need the charter, which, and yet the identify is for us, this committee to come up with, with plans and goals from the accounts. Basically form the first ETT can start immediately. And I'm pretty sure that was fine John, but you were in the process of doing that, contacting another town. Yep. So is that something we you've been willing to follow through on?

John ([00:42:26](#)):

Um, yeah. I, I mean we have couple planned now I have support in South Portland's plan. Okay. I mean that's, that's three to start with. So I know North Arm is working on now. Yeah. Freeport, Scarborough, Freeport. Yeah. So many these towns around have, have done what we wanna do.

Jeremy ([00:42:47](#)):

So if other people have them, you have that. Um, no, but I have a, a very good friend who's on their Energy and Environment committee and I can ask her send it. She's working on it. You wanna, you wanna read the focal point of send, send it to you.

John ([00:43:05](#)):

Sure. Uh, um, I would also sort of say, do we have a town web page or something like, it would be great to just have a public repository putting these in and we can all access it and other people

John ([00:43:19](#)):

I sent, this is Dave, I sent that web link today and that's kinda like the energy committee is like home, it's not the calendar. Right. Which seems to not be in link anyway. Um, but that seems to be like the energy committee's home. I can ask Susanna Hubs the webmaster, if there's like a, a place keep for uh, we could call it other documents or something cuz it has like meeting and agenda. Yeah. Uh, I bet you could add another sublay there. Documents, working documents, yeah,

John ([00:43:49](#)):

That's, I'm happy to coordinate it.

Jeremy ([00:43:55](#)):

Yes.

John ([00:43:56](#)):

Yep.

Nico ([00:43:58](#)):

This is Nico. I'd like to also suggest that as part of this outreach to communities, I think another question that everybody's gonna have, uh, that will be vaccinated is how to access the funding. Uh, that's available now again through federal agencies and state and, um, of questions that it's again an opportunity to, uh, poke that from the ideas and resources of, uh, better staff jurisdictions. I think a lot of, lot of people are asking them same set of questions about how, how we go about finding and accessing these opportunities for homeowners

Sam ([00:44:33](#)):

Themselves or for the

Jeremy ([00:44:34](#)):

Town. So both, um, how do we take advantage of IRA funding?

Sam ([00:44:44](#)):

I keep, I keep going back to the fact that we have, you know, the, the state seems very, you know, actively involved in sharing information. You know, towns we're part of the G COG network, which I think also is ACT actively involved in coming and helping its members take advantage of information and resources. And this is like, you know, huge opportunity for for, for towns to, um, participate in this like massive either way. And um, this initial version of information resources that are out there. Well

Nico ([00:45:13](#)):

This is again, I would just add for the v8 I've looked at four different main based websites. Ncrm mm-hmm. <affirmative>, efficiency name, state Energy Office. There's a town council, like a Cobb for Southern Maine has been active with renewables looking for that like, you know, any consortium or, um, information of or, or resources for how to access, uh, hiring funding. And I, I didn't see anything. Even the Efficiency Main website has a presentation about it, but it's like reading through code. It's not like plug and play for jurisdictions. I think it's a different purpose. So, but, but I'm sure the conversations are happening and I'll, I'll keep monitoring, you know, asking around. Yeah. This is Richard. Is there GP card as a person? This all the, um, social account <affirmative>?

Sam ([00:46:15](#)):

Well they,

Jeremy ([00:46:16](#)):

This, that is Jerry GP does have a, a sustainability person who's working on Sarah Mills now, um, who's working with Denver community and I don't know exactly how her, her time is given up, but, um, that's probably the good resource person really reach out to and get some information from.

Sam ([00:46:36](#)):

Yeah. This is Sam. We've been up in touch with her, you know, over a years.

Jeremy ([00:46:42](#)):

She's

Sam ([00:46:43](#)):

Come talk to this committee. Has she? Yeah, she was at a Zoom meeting with committee. Oh yeah, that's right. That was a while ago. Yeah. But she, we should have her back. Yeah. If, if she is, you know, an owner, lot of information, you know, then we could be Yeah, we

Jeremy ([00:46:56](#)):

Could. Is there anything, get back, get her information?

Sam ([00:46:59](#)):

Yeah, sure. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah. Well we're members of the GP cog too. We go to the meetings and all that. They probably have to access. So is there, is there somebody who goes, goes to GPG meetings regularly? Do you know, is that with me,

Jeremy ([00:47:13](#)):

Matt? Um, Matt represents as I'm several of them. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, I, I know one of the projects that they're working on now is actually more on the adaptation side on looking at climate vulnerabilities and come out for communities in this area. Um, and I don't know when that process is gonna roll out exactly. I think it's sometime over this spring, but, um, I don't think we've identified who from Cape will be participating in that process.

Dave ([00:47:49](#)):

Uh, Maureen, uh, this is Dave Maureen O'Mara the, um, plan planning organizer for the town. Um, was contacted by Matt Pank of CP Cog, the planning director and was inquiring about, um, their beginning work on the climate ready ca bay plan and was asking about ongoing efforts through the town. And um, and you know, we, we gave what we had, which is a lot of public work sort of jobs and mm-hmm. <affirmative>, you know, we have one green car <laugh> Ellie. But, uh, so they, they are, looks like they are gathering other towns information to know what people are doing.

Jeremy ([00:48:29](#)):

She's contact, get information from what I'm telling you doing

John ([00:48:34](#)):

So I can, yeah, I will ask her. Cause she seems to be the person in contact with this person and uh, get an update on what the point where the, where what can she share the whatever she's gathering or he's gathering.

Jeremy ([00:48:48](#)):

What's her name

John ([00:48:49](#)):

And her

John ([00:48:49](#)):

Number it. So the name of the person of CP Cog is Matt Pan. Phil, p a n f i l. And it just says planning director.

John ([00:49:05](#)):

You wanna say something? Uh, yeah, I just kinda clarifying question from Nico sort of prompted this is, are these climate plans focused on, on on old kind of loads and impacts for, you know, school buildings by, you know, this building versus, or is there a sort of a separate, do the, do the plans include like how to engage the, you know, the members of the community on, you know, whether nation and electrifying their own kind of, you know, their own questions about how to access, you know, I the rebate kinda rebates through these building, I mean is do the, do the plans you've seen this is contemplate those both speaking. So cover those plans for example, they set separate goals, they set goals for town or facilities and for the town overall. And because that rolls back to what's the entire town's car footprint. Cuz that's what you're measuring against, that's benchmarking it and how you get these reductions and then the strategies go to, well what can we do and what can we help our town members do? And so that's again, that falls out of that whole climate planning, which saying what's the envelope, what's the baseline, what are our goals? What strategies are in place? Where are, where we having impacts these on the carbon side. Um, there are other important climate goals as well as hedge.

Jeremy ([00:50:29](#)):

Yeah. And I think that's something that's up for discussion is where, you know, where we want go with this. Um, I mean certainly some of the work that they're doing in South Portland around the, there's well beyond the missions that are coming straight from city government and they're really looking to try and enhance or reduce the overall city carbon footprint. Um, I think there may be opportunities to do that here too. Uh, and there certainly are opportunities. I just, you know, I think it becomes a conversation of, you know, how do we wanna, how do we wanna approach

John ([00:51:06](#)):

Just to make, just to make general again, just to make you look, we've had discussions around that here in the energy community before looking at what would be potentially the largest impact or of things that you could do to involve a citizenry. And really it's looking at what are the big carbon sources and it's things like people who are still converting fuel oil Yeah. And trying to get them to convert to heat pumps and how you can possibly do aggregate buying and or outreach that would really facilitate that because it all pencils really well. Yeah. And that along with insulting the insulation piece.

Jeremy ([00:51:41](#)):

Yeah. And I, yeah, I mean one of the thoughts that I've had is we have our, our senior tax rebate program, which is an income eligible program. And to the extent that there's anyone who's getting those tax rebates, who's still burning oil to heat their home, we should also be helping them figure out how they stop doing that and get heat pumps because

John ([00:52:01](#)):

They're,

Jeremy ([00:52:05](#)):

Um, but you know, that, that, that's one of those projects that like, I, I don't know why I don't know how to evaluate that as opposed to all a gazillion other things that we could be doing. And that like how we

would figure out, you know, what's the budget for that? How, how would we implement that that would, that would be things that I'd be working, you know, and I'm not saying that's the best idea, but like, if we wanted to go forward with an idea like that, that's something I'd be looking for. Input this,

John ([00:52:34](#)):

This John <inaudible>, this bring us back to Carrie's point, which is everything we're doing is harder if we don't have a goal. It, if you laid out the goal, you could basically then go and evaluate every single thing you're talking about saying, how does which one get us closer to our goal? And what does that cost? We, we don't have that. It's all fuzzy.

Jeremy ([00:52:59](#)):

Well I think the next steps are to, um, from, from my perspective are to look at, you know, getting a charge to this committee. Um, and I think that charge should be, you know, to evaluate the state private action plan and then we propose, um, you know, a goal or a set of goals for climate action, um, you know, to the council for adoption. Um, and I think, you know, um, I don't know if the best thing, and and maybe we could work on the wording of this between now and the, the council meeting, but you know, maybe the the other, there's that plan piece, plan development piece of it too. Um, and um, I think, like I said, I think that's gonna be a little bit iterative because there may be other folks on the council who have different opinions than, than I do about, you know, how much energy we should be putting into carbon reduction versus paying, you know, adaptation. I, I, I don't know. But, um, I I'd love to see it started on

John ([00:54:08](#)):

Yeah. Planning comes before any of those straight offs. Yeah. That's part of the planning

Jeremy ([00:54:13](#)):

<laugh>.

John ([00:54:16](#)):

Um, so you, you would like us to draft a of, for example, a capability of gold that Matthews main carbon goal with the platinum climate?

Jeremy ([00:54:37](#)):

You know, I think as a, I think as a starting point for discussion, I think what we can do with Epic account development is charge you guys with coming up with some goals that you can bring back to us. You know, uh, my, I I think what you said makes sense. I mean, you know, we have state climate action goals, let's start with that as a starting point and say, okay, what do these goals look like if we roll them down to minutes or not? And then we can, we can decide if we wanna exceed them or, you know, just kind do our part or

John ([00:55:11](#)):

So if, if you charge this committee with that, we can turn that around relatively quickly. Yes. And then once we have a goal set, we can, you can lay out the, essentially the resources to put the plan in place to evaluate the goal and plan around what goal, any goal or replanning goal.

Jeremy ([00:55:31](#)):

Let's, let's start with that and we can, and then we can also, you know, once we've done that, we can, we can look at, you know, coming off of the charge for the next step where we rising many assignments, you know, as go. But I think, I think that makes, that makes a lot of sense to me as an immediate next step. And also, you know, just bearing in mind that, you know, we're right up here on, on budget season, um, you know, I, I know it's hard to know what we're gonna do to spend if we don't know what we're gonna do mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, but, um, thinking about, you know, what think I'm thinking about putting some placeholders in the budget, I think, you know, to get started on that. Um, that's something that I think, well you, you guys have already turned in the first draft budget right?

John ([00:56:20](#)):

Tomorrow. Tomorrow. Yep.

Jeremy ([00:56:22](#)):

So, so we're right up on that. Obviously we're not gonna stop the budget until April. So we've got a little bit of time. But, um, I wouldn't like if we're gonna have money in the budget, that's not projects. So, you know, if we've got projects in there, he's got projects in there and we can, you know, this committee can work with him to identify grant sources that he can go after to stretch those dollars further, that's great. But if there's not project specific dollars in the budget, if we need somebody like a grant writer or something like that, that's something we probably need to start talking mm-hmm. <affirmative> that's, um, so that we can get, get that in the budget for next

John ([00:57:02](#)):

Speaking. John, speaking from my perspective, and I'm looking at budget impact, I can almost guarantee you if you put a grant writer in your budget, they will pay for themselves. Especially if it's over, you're looking at that over a two period time, they'll probably pay for themselves here one. And the other piece of this though is the other resources you should be, I think you should be thinking about in terms of budget is as these grants and other things happen, they're often related to projects and there's a project handoff piece. So maybe not immediately, but by the time this plan is done, you're going to need specific project management expertise to take on these projects and manage the grants and awards and everything for them. And they're ready for them. Because this is where we fell out a little bit. Cause Dave had a million things to do and, and he got EB chargers as a, as a bonus <laugh> charges.

John ([00:58:01](#)):

And, and so, you know, Richard did a great job with the grant. We won two out of, you know, better than anyone this day on that round was great. But the handoff between being ready to receive it and manage the project and get it through the completion was much weaker than we would ideally. So as we're thinking about budget, please think about even at this stage of the budget, what you're gonna need to put in place to be able to have project management to handle the projects as they come through. And the grants are there. If that's consultants fine. If it's pertinent people, that's fine, but it can't mean nothing. Ms. Dave are, are you, are you imagining a grant, a grant writer and sort of a, a sustainability coordinator? Like right off the bat? Are we talking, are we, are we, is the, I'm, I'm imagining just a grant writer knowing that we could easily fill after time with just energy and climate stuff easily.

John ([00:58:57](#)):

I'm just not sure. Oh, sorry. On the project side, yeah. Those won't become projects except for the climate plan piece until a year or two from now, because there's gonna be a pipeline of grants. But by the time those are coming online, you need to be already stacked up to have project management in place that is more than we have now because these are gonna be addition to our regular activities. And if you look at our regular activities, we're full up on project management from what I can tell you. So what I'm saying is by the time we get there, you know, we're gonna need, we're gonna need probably a consultant or somebody else to do the climate plan with us after we get the grant to do the planning. But the what comes after the climate plan, the additional grants and things we're gonna be applying for is going to need the project management expertise to execute well and, and to keep getting grants.

Richard ([00:59:56](#)):

This is Richard. Um, it's, I agree with what you're saying. It's all on good to sit on table and say, yes, that person paid for himself. And certainly Jeremy and, and and Dave would be, have much stronger cases to secure out this if they had a concrete example of a town who's got a grant that has paid for themselves. Do we, do we know such a case to cell phone have long and that's been paid, we're given a concrete example that they can say, you know, they can take to the budgeting that yeah, this town here had a and paid for her him rehearsal three times over within three years. We have any concrete examples of that?

Dave K ([01:00:42](#)):

This is Dave. The other issue is that, you know, we're talking a lot about grant writing and grants, you know, a lot of the IRA subsidy, the tax tax credits mm-hmm. <affirmative>. And so it's not actually cash that we're like applying for and getting, you know, I know we're talking, but it's actually the IRA is, is essentially a tax credit structured, you know, almost, you know, two thirds of it tax credit. So I just don't know if, if, if a grant letter is necessarily the right way to approach. So I know for the immediate future there's at least two rounds of \$50,000 grants from GP COGS to do this planning. And there are other ones as well that are similar that session grants for plan that people, Elizabeth should be right. And we have no one to write them, like what's happen unless one of us like step up like Richard did to go write those grants.

John ([01:01:36](#)):

And I don't think that having a committee member make the hurt in an effort like Richard did before is the right move right now. I, I think this is gonna be something that's ongoing and we should develop the capability within the town to do that. And so those are the ones I know about and that's why I say they could probably pay for them just knowing about those grants that are probably would be very likely to get. But we have to do the work and that's not a once a month job. And so that piece I know about and I think there's more in terms of planning grants and other early, early planning and planning, um, grants. I just feel like there, this is Dave, there's a lot we could be doing in the interim. Like I, I, I feel like there is an entire year of planning here that we're talking about, like that we're, you know, we're getting into the budget for, I guess it's a, it's a, it's a July budget I guess. So the grant writer is funded in July. It's like mm-hmm. <affirmative>, where does that get us? It's, it's January. What are we gonna do between now and then? Like, you know, there's a lot else we could do. I guess I'm, I would like to see us moving quicker on, you know, not take a year to plan, but take a, you know, take a three month make, make some goals. Like let's have a plan in three months and then let's start like, you know, I may, maybe I'm, maybe I'm, I unrealistic.

Jeremy ([01:03:02](#)):

I think we, we can, if there's no we can then that should be identified. I just don't know. That's something.

John ([01:03:24](#)):

This is Dave the other Dave. Uh, so like I had a electrician come in yesterday to look at getting this building to LED lights, something that probably should have happened a while ago. And most electricians will do Efficiency main grant for you and for municipalities. It's pretty good. But I know for a fact that there are all sorts of other grants out there for municipality, for LED like or energy savings, but it's fine. It's finding it, you know, they're normally like, those are like on like the, like the national level. You gotta find it and then you gotta apply for it. So like there are, I think there is some low hanging fruit. So I agree with everything you guys are, but everyone's saying. But there definitely is low hanging fruit there, but it's time to research it and then, you know,

Jeremy ([01:04:07](#)):

Research fine.

John ([01:04:08](#)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>

Jeremy ([01:04:14](#)):

Raising <laugh>.

John ([01:04:16](#)):

We're doing pretty good.

Jeremy ([01:04:19](#)):

John. I agree with John way that works. Other, you, you guys are here to provide the direction we need, the town needs to provide with the staff to like, it shouldn't be you guys' job rewriting the grant, provide the input direction. Um, but we should have the resources,

John ([01:04:46](#)):

The committee can work often to catalyze and initiate, but what the, what we need to have is the town ready to take the hand off. Yeah. And so, you know, we might be able to get it started, but with the idea that going to become, again, I look at this as I think grants in this area is gonna be a continuing function for the next seven to 10 years. And so let's develop a permanent capability starting now and wherever that goes, that goes, I mean I think there's things on the IRA that we might be able to do. I haven't explored that enough to know, but just looking at the length, I know that we would be very certain, you know, highly likely to get is in the range of if we had someone that we knew could work on that

Jeremy ([01:05:39](#)):

<inaudible>, there is a lot of stuff in section government. There's a lot of money available for government <affirmative>, which is, this is Nico new and potentially exciting for our purposes for from the NRA because we can finally take advantage of these tax credits, which we couldn't before. Um, on the second piece, Dave, you raised about, um, like what can we do to need by example do in our own facilities, David, is there a, uh, like an inventory of, you know, buildings and buildings, square footage

and status of whether projects have been undertaken or just on baseline of where the town is, uh, including, you know, I, again, pretty new to town. I know there's big opportunity at the school. There's this building, there's police station.

John ([01:06:34](#)):

So there was,

Jeremy ([01:06:35](#)):

You know, there's, there's vehicles. So I'm not asking for you to go through the list now, but just if there is some kinda, uh, status of where things are and where there might be opportunities. So we could look into IRA fund for energy efficiency of work with efficiency, uh, some of these things.

Dave ([01:06:54](#)):

This is Dave. So there actually was a great report done in 2012 by, uh, Harriman for the town buildings. And Matt and I discussed, uh, last week that I would like to get that refreshed because the, the base is there. I mean the square like this building, not much has changed. They could, they could probably update that report fairly inexpensive. Uh, but it's, uh, it has a lot of information. But you know, we are behind, I mean this building is probably the most UNFI inefficient building we have. And um, you know, I e d lights, we don't have I e D lights. The fire department didn't have, uh, I e D lights until recently and those, that building is open 24 7. So like there is things out there and just building wise that are pretty easy to, to do.

Jeremy ([01:07:42](#)):

It's missoni in electric vehicle <laugh>.

John ([01:07:45](#)):

Ah, yeah, I dunno. That was, uh, well that, that group has money behind them. <laugh>.

John ([01:07:52](#)):

And also I just wanna add to, um, not everyone is probably aware of this, but um, so we had a five year electric electric, uh, electricity contract that just ended, uh, in December. So, you know, we were saving tons of money over the last five years and as everyone saw their own C M P bills slowly climb up. We just got hit with 110% increase on our electricity, on our rate. And the delivery demand, uh, particularly for the school has also increased. And um, it's gonna be a shocker when the school board reviews, um, things but that, so we basically haven't seen increases in electricity and now it's like, it's, it's hitting hard and um, you know, last year we saw it with fuel. We had a long crop contract and that ended, it went from like \$2 a gallon right up to like, I think we, we, we did a couple different buys, but probably average around 3, 3 30 a gallon. So there are electricity is, is definitely a big thing right now that we really should be thinking about on these buildings.

John ([01:08:57](#)):

Two, this 2012 <inaudible> was sort of done, um, sort of assess the things add, there was never any consistency to follow on and maintain sort of a, of description of the fixed assets and their condition or replacement costs or status. But, um, it was sort of done as a point in time. By the time I saw it the first time it was probably 2016. It was bunch of, it was always sort of out cause some of the low fees get

fixed already even fixed, but there was not ever tracked anywhere. And so fixed asset and long-term asset accounting in town has been an issue for some time. I don't believe we even have currently have a balance sheet. We sort of have a couple of spreadsheets. I don't think we actually have youth life or condition recorded anywhere. Um, for our fixed assets. Um, and you know, is tens of millions of dollars that is untracked, uh, appropriately. It has a cost. It sort of has a loose cost basis and has no replacement basis if there's no condition basis. So being able to assess where they are, um, 2012 is a starting point, but you don't know what's been fixed since then. And they didn't open up the walls on anything. So they don't, they only did a superficial view. They didn't go through and look and look under the hood.

Dave ([01:10:23](#)):

So this is Dave. I have looked under the hood in this building. Okay. And it's bad. Uh, a lot of, not inherit, but no, it's not. This was recent insulation. A lot of these walls has, has dropped. Um, so either by the entryway for the most part where the en its insulation has dropped. So there's, it's on, on insulated. Well that side of the building has, looks like it might have not have ever been insulated. Um, but I am having, uh, an HVAC company, Johnson and Jordan do, um, an evaluation of our HVAC equipment. But I can tell you right now what they're gonna find is on the school side, basically everything's passed its useful lifespan and now it's just being repaired and it's all working relatively good. But I mean it should have been replaced and it really hasn't. We've fallen far off when they got blueprint of, you know, in five years we need to replace plan to replace this. And um, you know, on the school it's, it's, I just got some roofing numbers back, just the roof third grade, um, which is probably the, the worst section of the, of the roof over there. It's like 490 \$400,000 just to put replace third grade section, which is just a section of the building.

John ([01:11:31](#)):

So to also ask your summary statistic question back in, uh, when the school board several years ago, and I was looking at the hair a few years old and new facilities director, but I was trying to get an idea of, and either on the tap on just on the school side of the week, didn't have, I mean I don't think they downside either is what's the total square footage and what are operating costs and what are operating metrics? Cause you can compare yourselves to no ones of a college campus or a hospital or a hotel or other institutional buildings. What are you actual operating costs and what should they be and what are we? And we have no idea. We really don't.

John ([01:12:11](#)):

It would be amazing this Dave, if we had like 10 years of to look at our electricity usage.

John ([01:12:17](#)):

You don't know what they are. You don't know how they're changing. So that's, that's the, that's the bucket we're in in terms of our fixed and uh, asset infrastructure and known operating costs.

Richard ([01:12:30](#)):

Um, Richard, um, couple comments about electricity. Of course the solar cable set, pump and running and it's gonna offset some of those costs. The thing we talked about once the solar permit be moving, we talk about last meeting and we started looking into supplemental. So which it's another piece. And um, so that's something else that needs to be done. Offset those due cost increased. But I don't know what needs to be explored is we have an electric, we have an the companies for supplying nissin and if

we switch to a supplemental solar contract with somebody else, what are the implications? Where are the contract implications in?

John ([01:13:15](#)):

I was gonna add one little thing that's new, a new nugget here. Um, this is Dave. So there was a community solar, um, thing that I mentioned in the special meeting. Um, that ship has since sailed. Um, that field got filled, but we got proposed a new offer, uh, just this week yesterday about a fuel cell field that we could get in fuel cell, fuel cell initiative. It's still, uh, it's still, it's still uh, is part of the same energy, um, program. Uh, but it's only a 10% savings. And Matt wants us to explore that. Uh, with the fuel cell offer here, it's like a 20 year deal. It does have some weirdness about getting out of it. You basically need to find someone to like take your spot. Um,

John ([01:14:02](#)):

Yeah,

John ([01:14:04](#)):

But supplemental is is definitely still kind of up in the air. Cause we never

John ([01:14:09](#)):

A bunch

John ([01:14:10](#)):

If the developer is Amon and, um,

Jeremy ([01:14:20](#)):

Hey, uh, I unfortunately have to go run pick kiddo up. I just wanna, as I'm hang out, just I circle back. I will touch base with Matt in the morning getting a chair our February agenda. And I guess, um, maybe what I will do Sam's um, CCU on that is we drafted just to get some feedback from you. But, you know, short term we're looking at a charge from this committee to come help us identify some some climate goal. Um, the council, this committee and the council could been adopted. Um, and I will also start the conversation around getting a placeholder in the budget. Um, but don't know what, at this point we'll see what form that takes, whether it's uh, a grand person and we have theoretically we have some unassigned fund now and so get started before in July if we move to. But um, that of course is be a conversation with council Schwan. Um, and I think, I think that'll get us rolling. I would anticipate that we'll be talking over the next few months, um, as well. Cause I, I know this is something that we've talked about at the council level for a couple of years and just haven't, haven't had a chance to get you with. Um, but I'm excited that you guys on and hopeful probably maintenance.

Jeremy ([01:15:56](#)):

I think Mr. I know that, I mean you call us, uh, sort of the liaison pretty with her about her role at standing become liaison haven't yet. I will see her tomorrow morning so I can ask her if she, I think coming similar to what we did with whatever we have a council member, um, didn't participate in those discussions and as there were things that seemed like might be of interest with the council level and we evoke, um, so

John ([01:16:36](#)):

You had you also anticipation patient protection from before the

Jeremy ([01:16:40](#)):

Council to talk,

John ([01:16:42](#)):

Closing by that. What would be expectation of what you'd like to hear from us and when, cause we'd like to push

Jeremy ([01:16:48](#)):

This forward, that spot. Um, so let me talk to Matt tomorrow. We have a council workshop. I believe I'm pulling it up on the sixth. Is that right? If I made the same. Um, and a council meeting on, um, the 13th, which yes, that looks right. Um, so since the council have seen any of this before, it probably makes the most sense for us to think about putting a draft charge for this committee to look at developing those goals on the workshop mm-hmm. For February 6th <affirmative>. Um, with the anticipation that we could then go on following week. Um, I would, I I will confirm that with Matt. I know we have a couple other things on our agenda that night, but none of them are super happy to left. So I would ask, um, at least, um, if Sam could join us for the workshop on other folks from the committee are able to join us and talk through that charge together with the council, that would be helpful. Um, and I, I'll confirm what David and Sam, um, after I've had problem tomorrow that we're for them, but I, I don't see any reason why we February 6th. Correct. And that'll be right out room at

Sam ([01:18:12](#)):

Perfect. Sounds good. Yeah, no, we're moving to to, you know, helping town figure this out. And I know a lot of people in the town who are voters, you know, are also very motivated to be working on this. And we see storms, you know, knocking down sea walls and stuff, you know, and there's a really good economic imperative. People, you know, you know, use less energy, you know, and sustainable. So I think it'll be really important time to be able to do.

Jeremy ([01:18:38](#)):

Yeah, I agree. Thank you. Met before. It's nice to meet you in person

Sam ([01:18:47](#)):

Coming.

Sam ([01:18:56](#)):

Yeah, it's, I think, I think that's saw, you know, in a good spot. I think, you know, you mentioned Dave Kind decided you we have, we can do some, a lot of stuff, you know, really quickly, you know, before, you know, we get something on, you know, on July one to start, you know, on the town. Hopefully they connected budget for somebody to be doing some stuff too, which be really nice. Some eyes, you know, on this immediate, maybe until then you, there's a lot we can do and I think some of these grant, this grants may not be huge lifts. I'm not sure the, the main community partnership I think has, I think as one that Danny s talking about, right? \$50,000, you know, and I, I can take a look at it, kind see what it takes to get that, get that done. But um, you know, at the same time,

John ([01:19:40](#)):

Right, my point in raising that now is yeah, if, if we step in to fill the gap, the expectation mm-hmm <affirmative> is that they're, we'll do it forever. They're talent. This is an ongoing talent function that they should be taking over and we can start it up. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> and, but the idea that that is gonna continue to be run solely by volunteers is a losing proposition. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, again, yeah, it only magnifies cuz when you win then there's an implementation piece and that has to be the town mm-hmm. <affirmative>. And so moving the grant process in so that the implementation of the grant together,

Sam ([01:20:20](#)):

I think for, um, to Sam for, um, the budgeting purposes for, for for next year. You putting someone's specificity around kind what a staff person would look like or staff, however that would look. I mean this sort, you know, project management, um, you know, expertise around, you know, climate related, you know, activities, uh, would be useful. I'm just, as long as they can have some sort of clarity and Richard GI had mentioned, you know, what have other towns done that actually paid themselves off, you know, um, that'd be a good experience. Make examples to share as well.

John ([01:20:53](#)):

We, we ought look just at the community partnership rank mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Cause that actually could be one of those ones where, where committee members jump in and do that piece Yeah. To get things jumpstarted. But I'm more comfortable now jumping in, get jumpstarter with the understanding that the, the chair of the council understands this is not just floating out there in the sea by itself, but it's part of what is the need, um, to developing in house. It proves the point that we go and we're gonna spend this time to go get this money. We can do it if you had someone staff could and should done it. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. So that's something that, um, we should, we should just take a look at sooner rather than later. Yeah.

Jeremy ([01:21:44](#)):

Let me just, uh, before move on to the next topic, David, um, just in the interest near term wins, is there something that would be helpful for us to do or contribute regarding the renewable, renewable this electricity contract? You said just you're exploring some

John ([01:21:58](#)):

Different Oh, so we, we already, we already resigned. We used com, we used competitive energy. Um, but we went for a short, uh, two year contract. So Okay. We, there was a couple different options on the table, but um, that's one one we went with.

Jeremy ([01:22:15](#)):

So is there this potential opportunity for additional solar or that you mentioned a fuel

John ([01:22:21](#)):

Cell. So I just sent the information about the fuel cell, um, and there was a community solar opportunity at one point and there may be other ones out there and then, um, Richard can speak more. There was like an encore offer that was supplement or addition in addition to the solar project initially, but like, I

don't know the history of where that went, but it didn't ever get signed. So we've always talked about a supplement.

Jeremy ([01:22:45](#)):

I think I solar back question. The question is if you've already signed to your contract, does that mean we can't, we can't initiate an seven mile solar for

John ([01:23:00](#)):

Two

John ([01:23:00](#)):

Years. So, sorry. I was just gonna say, uh, for the community solar it, they were gonna take, you know, 10 or 15% off our rate that we already have through. We now went with, we're now with Constellation, we were with Direct Energy, um, but it was gonna be off that bill, which is comes as our CM P bill.

John ([01:23:20](#)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah. It's, it's a monetary credit, so it's whatever, you know, just zeros out and doesn't compete with, uh, any third party supply contract meeting. So, so that still may be an opportunity or at least it's something that Yeah, the, this is John Paul speaking. The challenges right now with the solar contracts that were looking for, supplemental solars, they were basically discount rate off the standard offer and the standard offer is shot up. So that discount off the standard offer may be very close to what we're getting or even neither advantageous as we're getting from competitive energy services on the contract. I dunno, because you know, when we did the original encore deal, we sit on a flat rate that's got pencil all day long for us. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, honestly, if we could come up with any spare land, it was, you know, a a couple, a couple hundred kilowatts, we should do it. The ire economics, it's still pencil for whatever it built. I'm seriously, I mean, I mean we're talking about region today. Do we have a developable land that that has good, so good sun on it?

John ([01:24:36](#)):

So there actually is, this is Dave. Uh, the, where the current rink is is a two year spot that, um, C M P has put in a huge generator right there. So it's wired and I don't, you must need that for a solar, but it is then gonna be moved to behind the shed where kind of, there's a community garden at Goldcrest. So I mean it is not a huge field. It's probably the size of this building or size of the size of an ice rink. That's what it, it's the size of an ice hockey. It's the size of an ice hockey ring. But, um, that will be available in two years

John ([01:25:06](#)):

If there's a, but I, I don't know, you know, Maureen will know the land and just say, is there land that's sort of somewhat, you know, ground stranded mm-hmm. <affirmative> that is heat and sun because you get a couple acres that's, that's big dollars or could we and it fixes your costs forever. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> the, um, the, the cape, I'm sorry, the, the land trust. Um, I know that that, that that land is eased but with the solar fields as a sort of a dual use ag mm-hmm. <affirmative>, we built it up higher. So, you know, let let the wildflowers grow underneath the panels. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, maybe they would, I don't know. I I don't even know what's in those evidence to allow The question really would be is could they develop one that be possible? Develop one, whatever be possible. Cause there, there itself continues to acquire and grow in other,

Sam ([01:26:11](#)):

It maybe be a good time to move onto the, officially move onto the next agenda item. Um, about 90 minutes into the meeting. Yep. Um, I'm gonna, its on solar project. Um, but I know Richard given tracking that, so thank you so much for being on top of top of that

John ([01:26:25](#)):

Couple

Jeremy ([01:26:26](#)):

Things. I um, I asked Matt for contract and get the whole contract back. Go back. Um, basically, um, it looks like Encore has somebody following I just email. Um, and

John ([01:26:43](#)):

Um, yeah, he signed up the organization

Jeremy ([01:26:45](#)):

For the um, uh, they said they can have construction without, without an I 3.9 approval since Lambo customer. Is that true?

John ([01:27:03](#)):

Sorry, what sentence again?

Jeremy ([01:27:06](#)):

We can move ahead with the construction without I three nine at Google. Yes. Since the landfill project is not subject to a cluster study living size.

John ([01:27:16](#)):

Yes, that is, that is true. Okay. Um, however, um, the other there are going to be, um, cuz we have a, we have a project in Westbrook that is in the same same but it's under, under neglect and we are not gonna be able to bring that project online. In other words, it is not gonna be able to start generally powered until the cluster, the remaining. So it is to a degree, it is subject to the cluster in that any cluster upgrades that are identified after the cluster study, those have to be implemented. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> and <laugh>, we just, so we're that's cluster 14, that's greater Portland. Um, we just got updates on cluster nine, um, cuz we have two projects in cluster nine and they told us, and they told us that they have to, uh, implement some voltage controls and that we will not be able to bring our projects online until the sales.

John ([01:28:29](#)):

Yeah. So it is, this is the another kind of, you know, bad news and, and in aptitude from CMP because there are lots of ways you can mitigate these voltage issues with other technologies and <inaudible> all sorts of technologies. But you know, CM P will not, CMP has a very sort of archaic way of viewing it and they sort of, they impose mitigations for the worst possible case, you know? Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, um, all to say that the project can be built, but we, we may, may need to temper our expectation expectations on when project could come on. Now I don't, I don't know what because cluster 14 is not

finished yet. It hasn't even, you know, we won't know results for cluster 14 until June, July. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Um, so

Jeremy ([01:29:24](#)):

These guys are saying that you can build it. Yes. My goal is for go, we believe this quote, but then take some of months to final financing construction plan and deliver key main the internal schedule we have communicate CMD is for install 10 20 October 20th and for no and November 23. And as lieutenant is an energization live going online November schedule,

John ([01:29:55](#)):

That's their internal schedule.

John ([01:29:57](#)):

Right. Which is

Jeremy ([01:29:59](#)):

If they get their

John ([01:30:00](#)):

Own pay absent, absent the cluster study, which is, you know, again, if, if cluster nine results are any indication there could be wellbeing cluster nine is midco of crystals and also we not sort mid coast crystal

Jeremy ([01:30:20](#)):

Extension cord. So anyway, so so this is what they're saying and you're saying maybe. Yeah.

John ([01:30:31](#)):

Right. I mean again, there's nothing keeping them from building it now. Um, and it, you know, this project will come online eventually

Jeremy ([01:30:40](#)):

And of course they're not making money. Um, so I'll, I'll contact that. I'm copy entire. Um, so that's all I have on the supervisor. Um, the EV update, I said I will look at the, the, uh,

John ([01:31:12](#)):

Portal

Jeremy ([01:31:14](#)):

Port, um, and ions. There are, it doesn't, the utilization is not as high as we should be and we have frankly community service, uh, community center. Um, so I think we need advertising more. There's

John ([01:31:39](#)):

Sign.

John ([01:31:40](#)):

Yeah. I've seen other people have ev charging station signage. I think it's one

Sam ([01:31:46](#)):

Of the conditions of the grand Oh it's that, that we were, we would have

John ([01:31:49](#)):

Signage. It's at the location, but like you could have it on 77, right?

Sam ([01:31:53](#)):

Yeah. That's the way Yeah. That's

Jeremy ([01:31:54](#)):

What we should have. Well this is another thing. 20 hindsight revision for all putting instructed by revision. Right, right. Information <laugh>. Um, as far as ev, another ev charge is, is, um, I think we, um, when you increase the rate right now it's 20 cents, I don't know, 20, 27, 20 5%.

John ([01:32:36](#)):

I put the 25 probably like January 3rd. So you, when you, if you were looking at it right after the meeting and I didn't do it until January.

Jeremy ([01:32:45](#)):

Alright. But there's two plans and right now there's a plan for plan ones.

John ([01:32:50](#)):

Yeah. So I couldn't, you had to like keep your, you had to keep your plan. It's switched over. It's just I know, I know exactly what you're talking about. It's, it's weird looking.

richard ([01:32:59](#)):

Um, and there is a, I'll do some more research on what can be changed because, um, there's a, there's a help screen on you. They say they any instructions and it would be nice to, to layer or change the rates or, uh, sometimes computer connected for six hours, it's gonna have long connection times and so I'm not sure we're gonna sit use properly. Um, so there's that piece I'll look at and provide some suggestions. Um, the, um, other than is assign something needs to be done also the sign is part of the advertising. Put more on the courier or put sign up into high school. Some teachers can use whatever.

Dave ([01:34:05](#)):

This is Dave. I think the community service is a little bit intimidating to people as well. I mean, if you see that parking lot like during the day or like it's a lot of people, a lot of cars. It's um, not the most easy. You know, it's behind the building and I feel like it's a little bit intimidating if you were gonna come off the street to go there to park, um, that's where you

Jeremy ([01:34:28](#)):

Went. Signs and

John ([01:34:29](#)):

Every just like Yeah. To tell

Jeremy ([01:34:31](#)):

You you're on the right

John ([01:34:31](#)):

Path. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah. I mean you can't even turn in there, you know, between seven 30 and eight 15 because of the traffic turning into the high school and buses. Um, and then the same thing around two, I mean two two to two 30 is like horrible in that section.

Jeremy ([01:34:48](#)):

We'll, go ahead. Delegated in high school service, that's not, someone's gonna be driving down.

John ([01:35:01](#)):

It's a charger at the largest employer in town. Yeah. <laugh>.

Sam ([01:35:06](#)):

It's buy the shopping mall too, right?

John ([01:35:09](#)):

It's difficult.

Sam ([01:35:11](#)):

Yeah. The signage should be really important. Is there, as far as getting new signs made, what's the process for that? Is there, is there a plan for signage?

Jeremy ([01:35:20](#)):

Let's get it made in the church

John ([01:35:22](#)):

Revision.

John ([01:35:22](#)):

We have a account. Withs, Ramma, they're pretty reasonable. They could make a sign like

Sam ([01:35:28](#)):

Metal signs, like

John ([01:35:29](#)):

That kind of thing. Any, any sign we want. They, they can do a lot of cool stuff. But, um, I'd have to cut the public works, installs the signs. Um, and which they, they obviously could do it. I'm not much of a graphic guy, but I have the logo.

John ([01:35:44](#)):

I'm not sure. But basically we should have signage from 77 to the um, <inaudible> Community services. And same, we should have signage on Fort Williams. Yeah. On on Road that says it was an electric charger.

John ([01:36:02](#)):

Would it make sense? You know, um, past the gas station across from the church is a big sign that says like Kettle Cove, like straight ahead, Fort Williams left. It's like a big Cape Elizabeth sign and it has blue signs. Would it make sense to be on that signage? That's like the, that's the

John ([01:36:18](#)):

Signage. Fort William.

John ([01:36:20](#)):

That's the biggest signage. Is there an international like logo, like a recycling logo? You know,

Sam ([01:36:26](#)):

Gas, like a gas station with the plugs?

John ([01:36:29](#)):

Yeah. I dunno. We can look at other people's signage, steel for so we don't have to read. Yeah.

John ([01:36:34](#)):

Because that be

Sam ([01:36:39](#)):

Sure Revision has sign.

John ([01:36:40](#)):

Well like there's signs thing. I'm

John ([01:36:43](#)):

Happy to raise it. My wife's on the school board and basically just say we should publicize the fact that there is this Yeah. Can we, can we publicize this through the school system that, uh, charge that nothing utilized. There's also because they can put it in the newsletter, they can tell staff and

John ([01:37:01](#)):

It's never, it's never been communicated that I've seen and an email or anything. Yep.

Sam ([01:37:06](#)):

Well the, the town, the town email newsletters, right. Could be one way to do that too. I'm not sure

John ([01:37:14](#)):

The superintendent sends out, he sends out Blast all the time. He could put it in mm-hmm.

John ([01:37:18](#)):

<affirmative>.

Jeremy ([01:37:19](#)):

Yeah, I just, for what it's worth, I confirmed that it showed up on Google Map, which it does. So I think, you know, people driving through and looking for a charging opportunity would probably map it. It's there, but then I think there's a lot of people around town who, who, who know where they're going and would, would benefit from Safe Sign

Sam ([01:37:39](#)):

And from knowing this infrastructure too. For for for an ev Yeah.

John ([01:37:42](#)):

Even on the mapping one. So you're Matt will take you like down 77 and then you're like, oh, there's my charger signs will take you to, yeah. I'll just get the next one.

Jeremy ([01:37:52](#)):

Right, right. Okay. This is Dean. Quick question. Obviously I'm getting up speed on all this stuff. Um, in terms of the Chargers, is that something that the town owns? Like the town pay,

John ([01:38:07](#)):

We put in two charge charging stations. How many? Four fours service two efficiency main grants to paper

Jeremy ([01:38:18](#)):

As the objective of themselves. The objective. Yeah, I was gonna say, do we have an idea what that, what which monthly it gets into? I don't know what the capabilities, um, ING station and the software ones have different software from the standpoint what you can for for photographs. Yeah. And um, some these, some of these and what I don't know is, I don't know what the capabil ones, these triggers that were supplied by revisions. Um, they know that, um, tur point and, and uh, the other one they had software was very principled. These are ways that, um, put rate people, schools, other people in different charts. And that's one thing that when we look at and what software and see just what is these charges right now? We dunno, right now what we, what David is doing is just putting

John ([01:39:26](#)):

Flat.

Jeremy ([01:39:28](#)):

It's the same rate. Paying

John ([01:39:30](#)):

Yeah. We we're guessing 25 cents. I don't even know the new rate and the new delivery. I mean we, yeah, that's probably losing

Jeremy ([01:39:38](#)):

Community services. My kids are getting dropped off from, from a pleasant

Sam ([01:39:42](#)):

Mountain. No worries. Um, segue to the community outreach part. May I think you too. Okay. Should we make a motion to adjourn? Okay. A second. Second. All all in favor of adjourning <laugh>. Yes. So moved. All right.

John ([01:40:14](#)):

I didn't to, I didn't to bring that.