

# Plainfield Selectboard Meeting

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## SPEAKERS


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 Karl Bissex 00:00  
Is going to be late, but probably on Zoom.

 Dan Fingas 00:06  
And I before we get started, since we've had issues with technical things and people using nasty images, can we just ask who the guest is? They're not on camera, not on and they're just there. We'll probably remove them if they don't put their name in. So if you're on Zoom and you're using guests, we need you to put your name in or we're going to remove you

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from the meeting, they should be able to hear us.

 Dan Fingas 00:34  
Mary lane, can you hear us? You can just Yep. Thumbs up. You can just do thumbs up. I think yeah. So I think we should probably just remove that person. They can always come back. But yeah, given we've had problems with

K Karl Bissex 00:47  
unknown people, yep, yep, thank you. Good call.

F Frances Rose 00:52  
Just transparently, there are times when people are signing in with their their telephone handles,

D Dan Fingas 00:58  
yeah, iPhone too. Yeah. We could do the same, because we are supposed to have a record of everyone who attends the meeting, and so people that are on on Zoom should be putting their names in, just so we know who they are they're on camera now. So note taking, yeah,

K Karl Bissex 01:13  
okay, so

F Frances Rose 01:15  
to repeat that announcement for whoever is using the handle iPhone two, would you please identify yourself? And it looks

D Dan Fingas 01:21  
like it looks like they came on camera. We saw their face for a minute. So they're a real person, yeah,

K Karl Bissex 01:27  
thank you, not a bot. Okay, so we're called to order change the agenda. We We were feeling that the traffic memo is going to be something we can take out.

S Speaker 1 01:44  
Yeah, we don't have the benefit so that we don't have them to discuss.

K Karl Bissex 01:47

That's going to be changed and quick

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Frances Rose 01:51

add to the agenda is an appointment of Dave born to

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Patti Jamele 01:55

committee. Yes,

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Bram Towbin 01:57

where would you

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Karl Bissex 01:58

like to add that? Let's see, is there right

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Dan Fingas 02:01

before the Executive Session, or this is there some

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Karl Bissex 02:05

more issues we're dealing with draft minutes and so on. That's after the Executive Session. Yeah, yeah, let's do it there. Okay, very boring.

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Bram Towbin 02:16

Mike, we had March 1 minutes to the group of minutes to be again to see it being improved. Oh, I added to these notes, but yeah, okay, okay,

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Karl Bissex 02:26

so it's a 10th, 17th and Mark and first and

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Bram Towbin 02:31


10, meeting with the fourth.


 Speaker 2 02:33  
Ah, okay, okay, all right.


 Karl Bissex 02:40  
Any other changes the agenda. All right, announcements. Do you want to, want to say anything? Board? We're going to talk about the village expansion committee formation later, so we can do that. Then, public comment. Is there anyone who's going to want to make a comment? Yes, your name please, and you got to go to the microphone. Yeah, we want, we'd like you to go to the mic so everybody can hear. I'm going to put a chair


 03:17  
over there in case.


 Mike Cariveau 03:19  
And then, actually, this will take more time than we want to put in on here. Can I just speak to somebody after this meeting?

 Karl Bissex 03:27  
I think that's, yeah, if it's long, longer than a few minutes, a couple minutes, it's probably best to do that. What's the topic?

 Speaker 3 03:35  
Just how the funds on the bonding and whatnot.

 Karl Bissex 03:40  
Okay, we you can talk to one of us, and if it's worthy of a you know, we can get it on another agenda.

 03:48  
Take up your time here. Well, we

 Karl Bissex 03:51

last meeting, there was an hour and a half of discussion of things, so we're not going to let that occur again. We can't, we can't take that much time.

**D** Dan Fingas 04:00  
Oh, he never, he didn't do a public sponsor. Oh,

**K** Karl Bissex 04:03  
Donna, you have an announcement or a public or public comment?

**D** Dan Fingas 04:11  
No, that's your hand. That's your

**F** Frances Rose 04:14  
uh oh, excuse.

**D** Dan Fingas 04:19  
You move her around.

**K** Karl Bissex 04:22  
Sorry, Don Okay, so we'll move move along, then to town clerk's report.

**T** Bram Towbin 04:33  
Oh, if you could use that

**K** Karl Bissex 04:35  
one, that'd be great. We're trying, trying different systems here

**P** Patti Jamele 04:39  
my seating app, yes,

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**T** Bram Towbin 04:41

okay, I'll let you know. If I still have to sit down, I will Okay. Bram Towbin, town clerk, a couple of items. One, we have hired a new assistant to join our team with Carol and Josh and I. Their name is Jamie Hammond. They're starting April 7, and we're very excited about that. There were a lot of very fine candidates, but we decided on them, and they will, once again, start April 7, I think, sort of going over other stuff. I have a contract for the auction contract, so

**K** Karl Bissex 05:33

it's in here. It's in the yellow folder. Okay, yeah. The

**D** Dan Fingas 05:38

mic is on. It might not be close enough to his face. He might just have to move to the stand. Have to move the stand up a

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little farther. It was

**S** Speaker 1 05:54

on him. You are

**K** Karl Bissex 06:06

one two, that's better. Okay, can you raise that up for him a little bit.

**T** Bram Towbin 06:15

Don't take his teeth out. Towbin, town clerk, I don't know how much of the first part here you heard, but we hired a new assistant town clerk to join Carol and Josh and I in the municipal building. Their name is Jamie Hammack. They're a Plainfield resident. We look forward to them joining on April 7. I just was saying there was a lot of discussion regarding disposing of assets, especially large items, big ticket items, trucks. There is a outfit which I send you information on that other towns have used with success. And there is a there's a contract board, and you can help and say, Don't charge. They took it like a listing fee, but it's not exclusive, and they have a very wide reach, and I think we feel good going forward to give them a shot. And if you want to entertain a motion to approve that contract, that will be great. We had just unfortunately, the elevator in the municipal building. It's in the municipal building, not this building will be out of service indefinitely. We've had some issues with it. Unfortunately, the manufacturer is out of business many years ago, and parts are hard to come by, and there's a switch that we need, and I don't have a firm date on when that will be. I will let everybody know ASAP for town

committees and so forth. Please make note of this. It will not be handicapped accessible the second floor room. So I would try to maybe move your meetings here if you have that need for Open Meeting things. And I will let everybody know as soon as possible when that will be fixed. I think that that's if that's it on my end. Okay.

**K** Karl Bissex 08:24

Thank you, thanks. Bram, can you spell hammock for me? Is it H, A M, M, O, C K, C

**T** Bram Towbin 08:31

k, m, m, a c k, A, C K. Thank you.

**S** Speaker 1 08:36

Sorry if I missed this. Could you talk about the fleet permits? Oh, I did not you put it on the agenda, but thank

**T** Bram Towbin 08:43

you very much. Yeah, it was on the agenda, and I forgot to talk about it. So the the state of Vermont has a program that towns have people who drive trucks on the road, register them and present insurance, and that process has been managed by the Select Board, and it's time consuming and cumbersome, because you have to go through each company and name the company and the town they're in and so forth. And another motion that I would like to suggest is that the Select Board could make the town clerk in charge of that process. I think it will smooth things and make it save you guys time and make things easier, so that that should be inspiration. Thank you. Thanks for reminding me, yep.

**K** Karl Bissex 09:43

Okay, so we have two potential motions. One is the fleet permit authorization going to town clerk. I should add that most of the time that we're approving these fleet permits, we don't know anything about the anything. It's all it's all determined by the road Foreman and the clerk?

**T** Bram Towbin 10:00

Yeah, I anyway, I think that it's an archaic thing to require the Select Board to have it. It's not mandatory, and I think it just makes things easier to have us handle that administrative test. Yep, I

**F** Speaker 1 10:10



Frances Rose 10:13

agree. I will make a motion to allow the town clerk to handle all the fleet permit approvals.



Karl Bissex 10:23

We have a motion. And second, any discussion, all those in favor say aye, aye. And that's unanimous with the four that are here. The other item is the online auction,



Dan Fingas 10:40

yeah, can I make a motion that we enter into contract with auctions International, Incorporated for the sale of unneeded and disused town equipment?



Karl Bissex 10:50

Second? And any discussion on that, all those in favor say, aye, aye. And that's also okay. Thank you. Town clerk, Josh Treasurer's Report. You



Josh Pitts 11:24

this morning, I spoke with Bonnie gotcha under CBA from associates and Barry about obtaining services to do the bookkeeping reconciliation and tying together the tax administration modules and integrating a new cash seats module, and all of the kind of restructuring financially that we need to do really good conversation and really, like a essentially, kind of a freezer of the ledger and the books to kind of see what, what to quote us, and so we should get that back well before the next Blackboard meeting. So great to pass around. Probably expect to get in by the end of the week, but, and so that's, that's one of the major things that came up and and then we've set up payment from school taxes, so we're all paid up there. And then usually do a reconciliation around May, and maybe we'll get some money a little bit back. It's always kind of a push and pull thing. Those are the major things for the drivers report. I'm going to get more on the road report, so I jump right into that. The the the



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uh, tobacco,





Josh Pitts 13:05

tobacco that was hit in the accident involving drug modeling like we should be getting back what's about 51,000 from the insurance company on that and and then, with that money, combined with the sale of a another piece of equipment that we're looking to to move out the 2005 dump truck, in pretty good condition towards age, it's been sorted side quite a bit, plus like, sound like the truck that we're going to look at this evening, and the road Foreman would like to to get he's gotten quotes for a trailer to Move an excavator, and a quote for an




excavator, and it looks like we can. We could do that in this fiscal year and just get it over the line with what we have available. If we can kind of get back what you'd expect from the the Mac footing. What would make sense to do sooner is to get the trailer. So even if we didn't have a, you know, we decided to push off having an excavator, and we had to lease an excavator or rent it as needed, we'd, at least would have a trailer. And the quote for the trailer, which I can share around online for, I think, all told, it's about 25,000 for the trailer to haul that excavator. And there's like a nine week lead time on that so, so that's something that you know, we'd be looking for approval on. And so this kind of getting us hopefully set up so that some of this work that's coming down that we can take on ourselves, using our force count labor and and the the next big piece of news, kind of feeding into the work we're going to need To be doing coming up here is the we have completed the at the ready process for selecting municipal project management firm VHB selected. We talked about that last time we had a first like kind of free kickoff, kickoff meeting with Ross gallon and and Evan's last name, right now from VHB, and that went on today, and was there the and so the next process is to select, with the after writing roster and Mike leave for a design consultant And and I, and it's sort of studying the process. Have a fairly good idea who should probably take that on. And then myself and Peter and Carl were making up the kind of the selection group from the town for selecting the municipal project managers. We've We've proved like VHB to take on sites two and three, which is essentially the brook road from Mill Street to Cameron road, but cannon road is FEMA and not federal highway. So up to that point, VHB is municipal project management, and there's some savings there, because they're adjacent sites. They have like, they have interactions in terms of, like, what makes sense to put in the road. And, you know, and we're trying to move as quickly as we can on some of this stuff. And in addition to that, today, I completed the damage inventory summaries for sites one and two, which is Mill Street and the bridge 21 on Brook road, the first one you get when you're going out there. Those are completed and submitted. And so that is sort of the first step to get funds back to the town, which, you know, at at present, or we could really use those to start coming back and the, let's see, and that I would expect, by maybe The end of the week, we'll have most of those damaged inventories completed, because all of the sorting and everything has been done, and really it's just down to like creating the documents and scanning and uploading it to the drive and then setting it On to Roscoe and our liaison with municipal systems period. And we have some bids to open. Can I ask

 Kim Nolan 18:07  
a question of you?

 Speaker 1 18:09  
You gotta be on the microphone. I have to say after two Yeah.

 Karl Bissex 18:13  
Okay, yeah. Okay. Name too. I have a question for

 Kim Nolan 18:19

you. Who employees has the endorsement to haul heavy equipment. Far as I know you have just one.

**P** Patti Jamele 18:26

Is he willing to do it?



18:31

I believe Dylan,

**K**

Kim Nolan 18:32

Dylan right. Is he willing to haul heavy equipment by

**J**

Josh Pitts 18:38

to the best of my knowledge, he is lasted. I'll ask him again.

**K**

Karl Bissex 18:46

Yes, okay, I Yeah, great. Does the board have any other questions for Josh? You know, is Josh complete? I have a question, or I just want to have a clarification, make sure that everybody understands what we did. Today we kicked off a meeting with a with a project manager who is the one who's going to oversee the construction of a new Mill Street Bridge. And this is required, and it's it's an engineering firm that will get beds, study the river, get designs, they're going to organize all that so we don't have to, and that is included in the in the award we get for the help we get for building the bridge. Oh yes, so

**D**

Dan Fingas 19:35

real quick before we get to the bids on the cost and sales of town equipment. So the backup was hit by the exact accident. We're getting \$51,000 back. We think, did we replace that with another backhoe?

**J**

Josh Pitts 19:48

No, they weren't replaced

**D**

Dan Fingas 19:52

with the excavator. So we're going to use the \$1,000 to get an excavator, part of it, okay, and

with the excavator. So we're going to use the 51,000 to get an excavator, part of it, okay, and then getting rid of the dump, the 2005 dump truck, and then the the black tagged vehicle that we spoke about last time those two sales together would be the cost of the trailer. Is that what you're saying?

**J** Josh Pitts 20:12

No, like the the excavator and trailer, plus some of the equipment fund would come out to the trailer and excavator, so like the sale of this plus 88 tractor and the and the to build a five truck and the insurance money works out To mostly the amount that we would need to purchase activate our trend. Okay?

**D** Dan Fingas 20:46

And also, I don't know the and maybe Bram does our town purchasing policy? And he said, you had a quote for a trailer. Do we? Are we required to do more than one quote, or something like that? Yeah, two quotes. Okay, got it. I don't know. We should just check the policy and make sure we're following Yes.

**K** Karl Bissex 21:07

Any other questions from the board? We have a question up. Michael, yeah,

**M** Michael Billingsley 21:12

it's a question for Josh. Josh, in some time in the last few weeks, I offered that the hazard mitigation committee would be available to help, at least in an advisory way, to the Mill Street Bridge project, because we had been so involved with the great Brook bridge project when that was underway, it took several years of our involvement. And one of the things I'm asking, or the thing I'm asking here, is we also have a scoping study that is projected to be taking place almost at the same time that might lead to a 40 foot widening of the channel upstream of the Mill Street Bridge. Is there any sense of how these things are sequenced, like first, second and third, or does the engineering firm VHB need to know about the scoping study? And do they already know it's that kind of question?

**K** Karl Bissex 22:04

Well, I can answer that I talked to them today and that we advise them that we are doing studies on the brook and the Evan assured us that that would be taken into account. We're a ways away from getting into that kind of detail, so right now we're trying to figure out permits and that kind of thing.

**M** Michael Billingsley 22:25

Okay, thank you. That's all I needed to know. Yes.

Okay, thank you. That's all I needed to know. Yep,

**D** Dan Fingas 22:31  
Joshua book, map, it's for, yeah,

**T** Bram Towbin 22:32  
explain what it's for. I can do it if you

**S** Speaker 1 22:36  
want. Well, one of you, one of you should explain, yeah, for, for the meeting. Okay? So

**T** Bram Towbin 22:42  
at the last meeting, there were questions on how we dispose of big ticket town equipment, items. We have a severely damaged pickup. It's Black Flag, meaning it will not pass inspection due to a bent frame. We going to sell it to a time employee for 4500 but we decided to pursue a bid process. I took ads out in the newspaper and advertised it on social media, and the bids closed at 5pm on Friday, and we got, I think, six bids. So this is for a vehicle that has low mileage relatively but is has a bench frame, which makes it impossible for it to pass inspection. Thank you.


**D** Dan Fingas 23:37  
And Josh, just for you're going to just open them and say how much The bid is for


 23:41  
right Number one


**J** Josh Pitts 24:00  
is 6200, you bid number two is \$500 I

**T** Bram Towbin 24:51  
bid


**J** Josh Pitts 24:54


 Josh Pitts 24:54  
number three is \$8,201


 25:00  
are you doing better than we're Going to


 Josh Pitts 25:08  
number four is \$6,100 I bid number five says \$4,500 or \$200 over the highest bid amount. Let

 Dan Fingas 25:41  
me do that again, a bidding this

 Karl Bissex 25:49  
actually were entertaining. I thought it

 Josh Pitts 25:55  
number six is I

 Karl Bissex 26:03  
\$5,160 Josh, do you happen to know if all those folks looked at the vehicle, or they just do it online, or, you know, I do not know. Okay. And And second question, what is our what do we have to pay towards the Auction House? That's this

 Dan Fingas 26:28  
isn't an auction house, since we just did that ourselves, right?

 Karl Bissex 26:32  
You there yourself? Yeah, fantastic,

 Dan Fingas 26:36  
okay, as requested by us at the last meeting. Great.

**T** Bram Towbin 26:39  
Fantastic. But,

**K** Karl Bissex 26:43  
yeah, nice if you start a new career. So

**F** Frances Rose 26:47  
next steps here, you're going to follow up with the highest bidders. Well,

**D** Dan Fingas 26:50  
I think we do. We have to make a motion to accept the highest bid.

**S** Speaker 1 26:54  
This is and what is? Well, it's 8201 how

**K** Karl Bissex 27:00  
do you run well,

**T** Bram Towbin 27:05  
I think, because there's no formal policy, I think it would be fine to say, to make a motion and accept the highest bid, and perhaps that should be incorporated into the future. You know, so we have, we have to develop a policy, to develop a policy, especially when we're talking about larger ticket items that you know could be in the 10s of 1000s of dollars and so forth. So yeah, I think it would be fine to have a motion on it. Okay, great. So

**D** Dan Fingas 27:33  
my only concern with this the plus 200 is if he was bidding in the 4500 range, and this is going to be potentially 8400 the big difference, if we go back to that person, I know that's right, then they might want to negotiate, or they maybe they can. They can't. To me, I think we should go for the highest, actually given bid, which is 8201 and could

**F** Frances Rose 27:52

we allow for either, we say, to follow up with the plus 200 if, if they're good with it, and if not, it goes to the 8200 I

**D** Dan Fingas 28:01

would rather be more decisive than leave our staff in the position of having to do that

**i** 28:07

personally. It said,

**S** Speaker 4 28:11

they said highest bid plus 200 and they might have just put the \$4,500 bid to start low, and they might, they might very well have 14 grand instead. They just

**i** 28:20

didn't want to put all

**K** Karl Bissex 28:24

this What's clear for you? Bram,

**T** Bram Towbin 28:28

I think whatever the Select Board decides, Okay, that was very

**D** Dan Fingas 28:37

good. I don't have to write down. But, oh, okay,

**T** Bram Towbin 28:43

whatever. Well, we have already decide is fine with us. We have

**K** Karl Bissex 28:46

a motion. I mean,

**D** Dan Fingas 28:47

I I am more more. I'd rather just pick the one that actually gave us the number. We know that they're willing to pay that amount. Yeah, we have a staff who's already overworked. For them to have to do multiple conversations on this when we can just go to someone and say, you said 8201 we'll take 8201 so I make a motion that we accept bid number three for \$8,201 for the sale of the black tag truck.

**K** Kim Nolan 29:10

Can you divulge the

 29:12

name? No, I have no idea. We have a second.

**K** Kim Nolan 29:20

Bram, can they divulge the name? No second

**T** Bram Towbin 29:24

I you know, once again, this is a gray area, and whatever the Selectboard wants to do, this will be, you know, it will be, it's on property. It

**D** Dan Fingas 29:36

will eventually be public. I think, once it's a sale, it can be announced. But I don't think we should announce all of the nervous

**T** Bram Towbin 29:41

about saying somebody's name, and then they back out of it and all that. So, you know, I'd rather just see if they come up with the cash. Okay, yeah.

**F** Frances Rose 29:49

I think my sensitivity here is I don't know any of these people who's making these bids. I'm like led to believe that the person who said or \$200 more than the highest bidder needs that truck





**D** Dan Fingas 30:02  
for something. They all might need the truck for something and really

**F** Frances Rose 30:05  
wants it and is willing to pay the most for it. And, yeah, that's that's like, done as a guarantee to get it. And so I guess, I mean, it is one more phone call for you. Bram, once

**T** Bram Towbin 30:18  
again, I'm totally comfortable whatever you wanted to do. I mean, I had a little bit of egg in my face because I was going to let it go for 4500 I mean, I think whatever you guys want to do is fine in this I'm not, you know,

**F** Frances Rose 30:35  
actually. And then Ryan Christensen,

**K** Karl Bissex 30:40  
Ryan, you have a point on this. On this point, yeah, just

**R** Ryan Christiansen 30:45  
an idea. Maybe you just go out for a second round and say the highest bid is 8401 and Would anybody like to beat that bid and take the all the highest bidders and then let them take another shot at it,

**F** Frances Rose 30:57  
even that sounds like too much. Yeah.

**T** Bram Towbin 31:00  
I you

**K** Karl Bissex 31:02  
had a thought on this, Laura,

**K** Karen Hatcher 31:07  
go to the person who said they want to pay \$200 more.

**P** Paula Emery 31:11  
They can't do it. Can't you just go to the

**P** Patti Jamele 31:13  
next person then, yeah, I think so. Yes, yeah,

**T** Bram Towbin 31:18  
okay with you. It's fine.

**K** Karl Bissex 31:21  
Can we modify the someone

**S** Speaker 1 31:22  
else can have a motion. Somebody else can make. I'll make a motion to

**F** Frances Rose 31:26  
offer the truck to the person with the highest bid, the plus \$200 bid. They may not know how high it went. If it's too high to offer it to the second in line, \$8,200 for the town truck.

**K** Karl Bissex 31:41  
I think of that. Okay, we've got a motion and second and any further discussion. All those in favor say aye. Aye Opposed? No. Okay, 341, against. All right, you have your direction. Bram grant administrator, Hello, there. Should we lower that? Oh, you got it. Okay.

**K** Karen Hatcher 32:14  
Good evening. Karen Hatcher, uh, grants update, relatively brief, hopefully. So a couple of pieces. And to touch on that, some things, Josh said, I need to get clear. First thing, FEMA, PA, we've scheduled site inspections with our FEMA contacts our federal FEMA folks for next week, so they're coming in on Monday for planning meeting to solidify, but we've got three days of inspections. Our integrity group consultants are also coming in, because they have been

central to the damage inventory and getting everything lined up. So Gary Smith, who's heading up that team will be with them and also Michael Bram our roadman performance. Yeah, so. And as a reminder, FEMA is inspecting those sites that are outside of the brook road right away. So would be Cameron and board Max field and Lee and recreation field, Brook, how to do that? Very

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Karl Bissex 33:23

good. So all those in the moment. So, just so we're clear, the side roads are FEMA and the brook road still is federal highway. So they're two different granting organizations we're working with. Okay? Different processes and two different processes, two different lists of damage, yes, yeah, yes. Okay, so

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Karen Hatcher 33:44

that's really, that's big progress. That's a that's big step, because then that allows us to start to estimate, actually how much money FEMA will give us to get those repairs done, and the scope of all of that. So that's FEMA pa Federal Highway, which Josh reported on, lots of big progress in that area as well, with the identification of the 12 different project areas along Brook road and the paperwork sorting for DD, IRS, just DDI in one, DDI eyes in another, but getting all that paperwork done, Josh has been heading that up. Yes, darling. D, D, yeah. Detailed damage inventory and damage inventory, so damage inventory would be one. Thank you. Detailed damage inventory report or Federal Highway, all of it is just tracking all of the damage, and then all of the what the emergency repairs were. So everything from you know, which equipment was used, how many hours, who brought it in, what was it and what did it cover, from which GPS coordinate to which GPS coordinates. So all of that, lot of work, and Josh has been heading that up, and we've been supporting to get that work finished. Our goal is, by the end of the week, to get all this done. And what that then allows is for the next step, which is the municipal assistance Bureau piece, which is hiring, putting the RFP out through the at the ready list, and hiring an engineering firm, a project manager, to be able to then start the process of hiring the design people and really doing all of the design work to be able to, again, give us a cost of what those repairs and what the options are on those repairs. And then there's a whole process in that system for for public hearings and alternatives and that. And we are to Michael billingsley's question, are coordinating with the grant that we have out for the study of the great Brook, which is the Advanced Systems grant for the study the hydrology. And it's an H and H, I'm not sure what the other h is, but somebody else knows that. But if the study of the brook, we're trying to get the timing to work so that that study is done in a in a timing that allows the engineers to actually use it to be able to make good design choices,

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Patti Jamele 36:13

right for, for the whole room.

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Karen Hatcher 36:16

So that's that's in the works. Okay, um, Carl and I attended a meeting last week where we were supposed to hear about draft of the draft plan for funding for something called. I won't do the

supposed to hear about draft of the draft plan for funding for something called, I won't do the acronym, Community Development Block Grant, disaster recovery. It's a \$68 million pot of money that came to Vermont. 58,050 8 million of it designated for the loyal and Washington counties. We were supposed to hear how they were planning to allocate those funds. What we heard instead was that they're still figuring it out that HUD hasn't decided, but we were encouraged that the Plainfield question has been elevated to the folks in DC at HUD to make sure that we're a part of that funding. Because, sorry, Dr, funding that comes this way usually follows a disaster declaration about 18 months long. So this is for the disaster declaration 4720 which was the 2023, flood. Very Montpelier took hard hits during those floods, right? We did not, however, we did have damage, and we are we had a lot of damage. 2024 everybody knows that, so they are going to bat for us to try to figure out how to get us a good part of the pot. But we're keeping our expectations reasonable at this point, and to say that those funds, when they do come, do not require a match, and they are primarily for affordable housing and infrastructure and some community buildings, but can also be used as federal matching matches, matching money on federal grants, which we may well meet because we are probably going to have somewhere in the vicinity of 20 to \$35 million worth of infrastructure repairs by the time we're all through. So figure we need matching funds for that. Okay, not today, not tomorrow. At some point we will figure it out. Okay?

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Karl Bissex 38:43

And they did say that if things go well, we might expect to see some kind of a word in the fall.

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Karen Hatcher 38:48

It sounded more like by the end of the year. Yeah, end of the year. So, but we're hoping beginning of April to have clarity, and they're bringing some folks in from DC. They may want to tour them through Plainfield, one of yours, which is good for us. So, so that's that just a couple of other things, small grant, working with the recreation and Public Arts Committee, we just submitted a grant for planning, just \$5,000 but it is Jesse Cooper and I worked on it to be able to do some planning around some public art commemorating the flood and the resilience of the community down at the area where the heartbreak is. And so we just submitted that yesterday, and hopefully they'll ask us for a full proposal. Great, yeah, and there's other stuff going on, but there's always stuff. Those are kind of the highlights of where we are.

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Karl Bissex 39:47

Great. Any questions from the board? Thank you. Karen, thank

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Dan Fingas 39:52

you. Michael, Billingsley, Michael,

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Michael Billingsley 39:57

yeah, I'm just going to put a little Coda on the end of that to say that there was, as you recall,

as part of our granting process, a AmeriCorps grant that was eventually withdrawn so that I could hire an assistant, and the funding committee and Karen have decided to fund that position through a grant we've already received From the Vermont Community Foundation and that new employee, if everything goes well and I can work it out with Bram and Carol, will begin on April 7 as well. So for after a year of trying, I might eventually get an assistant with the help of the Vermont Community Foundation.

K Karl Bissex 40:34

Thanks, and Dillon, you still have your hand up. Hey, can

D Dillon Mears 40:39

you hear me? Yes.

K Karl Bissex 40:41

I just

D Dillon Mears 40:41

want to let you guys know that \$200 over max bid was up to \$4,500 so not \$1 more than 4500 so 8201 is the winner.

K Karl Bissex 40:54

Thank you for that clarification. We probably should. Well, I don't know if we have to modify that.

F Frances Rose 40:59

I think, I think we was just saved a phone call. Yeah, yeah.

K Karl Bissex 41:03

Thank you, Dillon. And also, I should mention to the public, based on Karen's report, there could be a lot of money coming into town. We're hoping, but it's also, there's a lot of public discussion about all this, these funds, which are going to replace the damage that we've had. And so I just want people to understand that there's going to be, there's required meetings, public hearings and so forth. So if you're thinking, you're not sure what's going on, we'll be having informational meetings. Yeah, just want people to know that it's a very slow process. Yeah, this will be, this will be years and probably in the works. But Okay,

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Karen Hatcher 41:47

another thing to mention, and that is one of the most really exciting things that that happened this week, is we had a meeting with the folks from the Regional Planning Commission, and they are going to partner with us, and this is not going to cost us a penny at this point. So they're going to partner with us on the Federal Highway process to help manage the process of the process, if you will. So they have expertise. Keith Kevin is a transportation and emergency management specialist, and they are deploying him to us, to help us with all of the wealth projects of paperwork and management, of getting the books on board and getting the projects managed. So that was a huge win this week, and we're really excited about that extra help, and

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Karl Bissex 42:40

that takes a load off the very overworked office. So we're very happy for that and grateful for that. Okay, good, accessibility commission formation and appointments.

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Frances Rose 43:01

I mean, I can say, I can introduce this, yeah, coming out of town meeting, there were, you know, legitimate concerns falls in to make Plainfield public events, Plainfield town official events more accessible to all bodies, to all minds, to all immune systems. The Selectboard at a previous meeting put out a call publicly for anyone who was interested in applying an attuned lens to the question of accessibility, or the problem, the challenge of accessibility, we know there's no panacea solution. Were constrained in many ways. Nevertheless, there's like progress that can be made, and so we have a seed group to form the beginning of this commission. Admittedly, there's some question about whether or not this is a committee or commission. I'm not if you don't know Josh has a feeling, thank you. Yeah, so the accessible committee is here, yeah. I mean, I guess I can pause there for questions comments, and then we can get on to our appointments thereafter.

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Karl Bissex 44:20

Can you tell us what, what their focus, what your what the committee would be focused on, just like you kind of said at the beginning. But

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Frances Rose 44:30

so for for example, our request to you, anyone speaking here tonight, the request to use the microphone, I think it ought be policy effectively, that we support the committee in making policy that anyone who requests the mic to be brought to them for whatever reason, if accessibility is not theirs or yours to like, stand rise, walk across the room, and that's not a casual thing for you, that we want To help all people feel better heard in these meetings, at town meeting, at Select Board hearings, and you know, all town functions, all town official business and events, town buildings, the the lip that makes this building hard to access by wheelchair, that actually that fix is on the way there's going To be like a little ramp to help

wheelchairs get up and over the the threshold to this building. These are little solutions that are within our means to do something about, and this committee is going to yet focus on, what are the solutions that are most available, what are those that are secondarily available, and how we can angle toward and those that are further out, but those we should be thinking about? Anyone? Michael,

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Karl Bissex 45:55

any thoughts from the board? Michael,

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Speaker 5 46:00

hi. I just thought it would be worth noting that the accessibility to town hall has been really considerably high focus for the informal Plainfield arts and myself, and one of the great gifts that we had was to be able to do things like put in air the beginnings of an air cooling system, generator, and things like a defibrillator and things that are still on the way, but including getting and specifying the sill that Francis rose just described. But we only had 40,000 or a little less than that to work from. So we're hoping also that with the recommendations of this accessibility group, that and Plainfield arts can work in partnerships, so that when the and I'm certainly going to be available to advise and assist as well, but that it would become a collaborative project between all of the stakeholders at town hall and in the other municipal building as well, because that also has some accessibility issues. And so I'm really glad to hear that this is happening, and I support it completely.

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Karl Bissex 47:12

Thanks. I would just like to point out that Francis rose and some volunteers created some air cleaning boxes. You want to describe what those are.

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Frances Rose 47:23

Sure these are corsi Rosenthal boxes. They're the shadow here. The reason they're not on right now is because the noise created by them make it more difficult to hear, especially for those hard of hearing and those sensitive to mechanical noise, and so this gets into the nuance of why this is challenging. Nevertheless, this is also an emergency shelter. This building is this town's emergency shelter. We are we, we ought, in my opinion, be prepared to be able to reduce the spread of contagion in an emergency situation here, and use these employees boxes at times when it's okay to do that, and this is all all of us getting together up to a greater speed about contending with these complex issues. Great.

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Karl Bissex 48:21

Do you need to? Is this going to require any kind of action right now? Are you looking

F Frances Rose 48:25  
for volunteers? We make, we're making, I saw a hand

D Dan Fingas 48:27  
in the back. I just want to make sure that, oh, I just didn't still have a hand up. And if he does, he has to come up to the microphone, sorry. And then, yeah, we do need to make a motion to create the committee. And then motions to a point, yeah, you can just push it out properly.

S Speaker 4 48:42  
I'm not volunteering. Sorry. I just wanted to say thank you, because we're a small town with a lot of big problems right now, and it's just deeply appreciated, like you guys are still focusing on kind of fun ways to make sure everyone's voice is carried. Thank you. Thanks. Thank you

D Dan Fingas 49:02  
so I think, and France was happy to have you do the motion I think a motion would be just a form of Plainfield town accessibility committee. Shall we do the appointments at the same time? Well, I think we should probably create the committee and then do appointments. And we have to probably figure out and is the term a year? What's the Oh, typically you're supposed to have a term to go with an appointment.

F Frances Rose 49:20  
Perhaps we hear from any of you, invite any of those who wish to be appointed to the committee to speak at all, including if you would like, no pressure to speak, speak if you'd like, and also your thoughts on appointment turn.

K Karl Bissex 49:38  
Thank you. Well, could we or the other choice would be to get together and then create the rules that you'd like to follow, and then when we bring it back to Select Board, we could, we could have a, you know, form it officially, unless we think we can, I think


F Frances Rose 49:55  
we in a form of official committee, I make A motion to to convene, to invite was it? Is it convening? Is it a to form formation? Yeah, sure. Of an accessibility committee for the

K Karl Bissex 50:11  
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town of Plainfield, okay? And the the rules of that committee are developed by the committee, I think, yeah,

**F** Frances Rose 50:17  
with the rules of that committee and purpose and scope developed by said committee. Okay,

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we have a second I did. Yeah, so

**K** Karl Bissex 50:26  
thank you all those in favor of forming this committee say, I, I. Thank you very much. So you'll keep, you'll keep us informed of what's going on with that committee.

**F** Frances Rose 50:39  
True. I mean appointments to come, like, right now, yeah. So I guess, I guess

**D** Dan Fingas 50:45  
Francis rose, unless there's a reason to do longer. I mean, one year appointments, pretty standard, yeah. So we, I mean, people can also, people can also just step down if they've decided that they don't want to serve longer than whatever. So just so we have a term, sure. All

**K** Karl Bissex 51:00  
right, okay.

**D** Dan Fingas 51:03  
Do you have a list of appointees? I do

**F** Frances Rose 51:04  
three. Okay. Motion to appoint Don Fancher, Mary lane and Alicia whites to the Plainfield accessibility committee. Second.



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Karl Bissex 51:21

All right. Thank you for that. All those in favor say, aye, aye. Thank you, Michael. Michael, is this on this point? Absolutely.

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Speaker 5 51:31

I wanted to also make the first public appointment announcement of the fact that we are hosting the hazard mitigation committee is hosting a disabilities forum in the Town Hall on the first of June. This is something we've been planning for a year and a half about disasters and disabilities and the use of a public building like the town hall for people with disabilities. So it's really also extremely helpful that this committee is being formed so that we can collaborate with them in terms of making that event as 100% as accessible as it can be for all of the various households that might want to participate.

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Frances Rose 52:09

Thank you. And then I would invite Dawn Mary and your Alicia to say any words that are coming to you, if, if any. Right now,

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Dawn Fancher 52:21

this is Dawn Fancher. I'll go first. I just want to thank everyone for thinking of me. I missed I try to listen into select Word wings, but I missed the one where they put that call out. So I'm glad that people came and found me. This is something I've been interested in for a long time. I've sometimes been a bit of a gadfly. Look forward to the opportunity to doing constructive work on this. Yeah,

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Alicia Weiss 52:49

great. Okay, I'll talk next on Alicia Weiss. You probably heard about me talking about accessibility at one meeting or another. Certainly Michael's heard more than he probably even wants to. But I've been working in the disability and accessibility field for 20 years, the on the physical disability, physical and the technology and the educational and the advocacy and and I really am grateful for the chance to bring that work to this town. I'd been out of state for work for a number of years, came back, started attending meetings, and thought, how can I most meaningfully contribute? Because, hey, this town ain't going to run itself, which was something I've really learned from all the wonderful work that all the people here have done. So I'm very happy to be working with Mary and Dawn. Great Alicia, thank you.

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Mary Lane 53:55

Yes, it's my turns. Mary lane. I came to this because I went to I didn't want to go to town. Well, I couldn't go to town meeting technically. And because I have a seriously broken ankle, and I found out that the floor votes, you couldn't vote. You couldn't do that in abstentia. You had to be at the town meeting. So I got there and I said I could only be there an hour, turned into

three, and it was really a hardship. So that was my kind of impetus for thinking that. And there's many other, I'm sure, issues that we can come up with, with many various kinds of disabilities, so I'm excited too to get it going and to work with Alicia and Dawn.

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Karl Bissex 54:51

Thank you for stepping in. That'll be very interesting to see how we can proceed. Thanks all. Okay, I'm going to move on to the letter to Public Safety Commissioner.

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Bram Towbin 55:06

Yeah, the nature of this letter comes from in Vermont State Government, the Public Safety Commissioner oversees the Vermont State Police and i i, i this. I requested this Selectboard write a letter to the Public Safety Commissioner regarding the outcome of the incident in which our town employee was grievously injured by a reckless driver. A cursory look at the facts of the case would suggest that something went terribly wrong in the outcome. And we I put together a draft of a letter which one of the Select Board members greatly improved. And I would like, unfortunately, in my rushing to the meeting, I printed out the letter, but I did not put it in the envelope. Would be 65,000 other things, so I don't know if Dan might have a copy if you want to read it or not. Yeah, essentially, well, go ahead.

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Dan Fingas 56:20

Yeah, I'm happy, happy to read it. Thanks, and I only edited very little compared to what Bram wrote. But Commissioner Morrison this summer, an incident occurred which has had a lasting impact on our community. Unfortunately, the state police response was woefully inadequate. The result of law enforcement investigation speaks for itself. The perpetrator most likely committed several serious offenses, fleeing the scene of an accident, driving without a license, driving under the influence, obstructing an investigation, lying to police and hiding evidence, despite being immediately identified by the victim and directed to an address, no action was taken for a week, the perpetrator ended up being sanctioned with \$100 fine and a one month suspension on his driver's license. This outcome for our town employee was very the outcome for our town employee was very different. He suffered life changing injuries which have permanently impacted his ability to work and provide for his young family. He recently lost his vehicle as as the injury made it impossible to make his payments. This strategy is compounded by a huge cost to Plainfield taxpayers, 10s of 1000s of dollars in equipment damage a valuable employee sidelined indefinitely and hours of town employees filling paperwork. We understand filing paperwork. We understand police officers face an extremely difficult job, and it is known there are many staffing challenges in law enforcement and the State Police particularly. However, we also believe that, given the gravity of the work, catastrophic errors need to be addressed appropriately. We want your office to conduct an investigation of this incident. If the review shows grievous errors, sanction those responsible and publish the results of the inquiry. It is corrosive to the community's trust in the rule of law when a valued member of the town of Plainfield does not get justice for the harm that has been done to him. We look forward to hearing updates on the investigation of this case. Please let us know if there's additional information you need from the town staff to assist you the Plainfield Selectboard

K Karl Bissex 58:13  
that was well put both of you.

F Frances Rose 58:15  
Yeah. Thank you, Bram for continuing to champion this forward.

K Karl Bissex 58:21  
Do we need a DO want me to get authorized to sign this, or one of us authorized to sign this?  
Since we Yeah, it is from the Select

D Dan Fingas 58:31  
Board, yeah, so we need to, yeah, authorized to sign and send


F Frances Rose 58:34  
motion to authorize Carl bissch to sign this letter to the state police on behalf of the Select  
Board,


T Bram Towbin 58:45  
state, public


S Speaker 2 58:47  
Public Safety Commission, Public Safety Commissioner overseas, yeah, yeah, right.


K Karl Bissex 58:56  
Is there a second motion? Second all those in favor say, aye, aye. Okay, I'll sign that tomorrow  
when I come in.


D Dan Fingas 59:09  
Will you Bram when you send it? Also, either maybe electronically send copies to our state rep  
and Senators, absolutely sure. Thank you.


 Karl Bissex 59:23  
All right, 79 bean Road, status of that? Do you want to talk to that?


 Kim Nolan 59:39  
Oh, he was here. He was here. Was the Ryan on.


 Karl Bissex 59:42  
Ryan is on, I believe he was. You're trying


 Arion Timbourmery 59:44  
to see if Peter Young,


 Frances Rose 59:47  
I don't see him. Peter, yes. Was here. Oh, Peter, yes, but I don't see Peter. Yes. Is Now

 Kim Nolan 59:56  
Ryan you want to see? Are

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you talking to me? Yes,

 Ryan Christiansen 1:00:05  
yeah, I'm happy to speak. I think you were all just asking the same question I was asking, which is the dog Warden here,


 Frances Rose 1:00:16  
it would appear not anymore.

 Dan Fingas 1:00:19  
He was on the zoom at one point, is

**R** Ryan Christiansen 1:00:22  
there any way to get a hold of

**K** Karl Bissex 1:00:26  
it? I don't know. Do you have a I can check do,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:00:32  
do we want to move to just flip the order of these two items? Yeah, we can do that while we try to get a hold of I see multiple people trying

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to get is

**K** Karl Bissex 1:00:44  
that okay? Ken, yeah, okay, we're trying to reach him. We're gonna, we're gonna jump ahead to the East Village expansion committee formation, and then come back to that and just

**T** Bram Towbin 1:01:00  
tell people their copies of the post committee, hard copies here in the room that people want to look At

**K** Karl Bissex 1:01:07  
it there are hard copies in The room. Yes,

**K** Kim Nolan 1:01:27  
thank you.

**F** Frances Rose 1:01:41  
You're welcome. Peter is coming in now, okay, shall we be right?

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Karl Bissex 1:01:52

Okay, okay, I guess we didn't really get started, but I don't want to take too much time waiting. No, he's been here. Oh, he's right there. Good Peter, thank you for coming back. Alright, yeah. Can you give us an update on what you know and what's going on at Peen Road?

P

Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:02:13

Alright, right now, I've been dealing with that guy, Devin. He's been constantly texting me about things and saying that everything is a lie and that there's no proof about whatever's going on with all the accusations. I told him to get on this meeting to answer some things, and what he had sent me earlier, I guess about a week or so ago, was a picture in the text message of a crumpled form of a rabies vaccination sheet. From the picture, I couldn't tell too many specifics, but now he tells me he doesn't have the paperwork and he can't bring it to the town clerk's office tomorrow or Wednesday or Friday. And now he's telling me, I didn't tell him that he needed the paperwork. And I'm like, you know, I think you're playing games. And he said to me, you know, this whole thing is ridiculous. And I said, you sound like you never had a dog before, and you never went and got a dog officially registered in the town of Plainfield before, and he's now texting me about something else. So I walked away and figured I'd join the meeting here and tell you this. So this guy is starting to become a problem for me personally.

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Karl Bissex 1:03:50

Sounds sounds fairly typical. Go ahead, speak.

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Dan Fingas 1:04:01

Speak speak closer. We gotta go into the microphone.

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Kim Nolan 1:04:05

I don't wanna know. Have you made any effort to get that dog?

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Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:04:10

I cannot retrieve the dog and impound the dog. Why? Two reasons. The sheriff had told me I cannot go on his property without a warrant. Second, I would have to get the dog in the street if it's loose. And third, I have no place to bring it, because the places that I talk to, they will not accept this dog.

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Kim Nolan 1:04:37

Hey, I looked over the special dog meeting video, and it was not said that you have to have a warrant to go on that property, because the dog is inflicting fear and and harm. You have every

warrant to go on that property, because the dog is inflicting fear and and harm. You have every right, and the dog does not have to be in the street. And then, even when the dog is home, I have called you and He does not return my call for me, telling me, I I

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Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:05:03

work all day and I cannot appear on the street. Within 10 seconds, I got a life. I got a life out here, besides Plainfield. I

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Kim Nolan 1:05:14

understand that, but I was told that when I saw that dog and I was to call you and well,

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Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:05:20

my last email to everybody in the chains was to get pictures of this dog on your property walking around loose. He tells me that, no, those are lies. The dog is tethered. The dog is chained. The dog is secure. And I said to him, Well, I'm getting complaints from everybody on the block there, and he's telling me another story, and he's accusing me now of telling him lies and trying to get him in trouble. So I do not need problems like this.

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Kim Nolan 1:05:53

When the dog went over to Ryan's because I went by, the dog was standing in the middle of the road. This was after the attack at Ryan's House. Devin car was not there in less than five minutes. I got home and walked in my house and turned around. Devin pulled in, he went and saw it standing in the middle of the road and got him because he was tangled around a car in a tree, and then hitched him back up.

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Karl Bissex 1:06:18

Tim, can you direct it this way? Well, if you want Carl to hear you, you gotta do it this way. Yeah, and also, and also, we don't. We're just trying to get information. Have you been keeping track of the dates, the dates and time? Any pictures? No,

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Kim Nolan 1:06:34

because we were told we cannot take pictures, because that would be as if we are spying on

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Dan Fingas 1:06:39

it. No pictures in the road, if



**K** Karl Bissex 1:06:40  
he's in the road, if you can take pictures, if he's in your yard, if he's in the road,

**P** Paula Emery 1:06:44  
had said, we were

**K** Kim Nolan 1:06:46  
told before we'd be spying on him, and they could get us for privacy.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:06:51  
If he's in the road, you have every right. And I do remember that the that the sheriff said that that Peter can't go on the property without a warrant. Now that was, he was sitting right there, and he said it was, I went

**K** Kim Nolan 1:07:05  
through the video. Okay. He said, Yeah, it was nothing. Said there had to be a warrant from that march 1 meeting. I don't know

**K** Karl Bissex 1:07:13  
anyone else. Hey, Carl,

**R** Ryan Christiansen 1:07:14  
can, can I weigh in on this? I also went back and watched the video. And yeah, Kim is Kim. Kim is right the Chris keast, the town constable said, according to it wasn't clear what he was reading. I think it was town ordinance. He said the dog Warden or the town constable can go on the property and retrieve an animal in the interest of public safety. The sheriff then weighed in and said, you'll want to make sure that that's that's in compliance with state law. But the statement that I the only statement I heard, was that we actually can. So I would recommend the Selectboard do whatever research they want. But you know, according to town Constable, you absolutely can go on the property. You just can't go in the house. You want to go in the

**J** Josh Pitts 1:08:00  
house. I

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Karl Bissex 1:08:01

remember he. I remember not being able to go behind the house for some reason. I'll check back on it. I'll check with I think

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Ryan Christiansen 1:08:08

it was a bit unclear. But you know, regardless, I think we're now into a point of a little bit of liability risk to the town, because ultimately you're going against the town ordinance, which says you can do this, choosing to not do this, and we've already had somebody get seriously injured. So I would actually just hope there's other neighbors on here that probably don't know what's happening here. So I think we should sort of start from the beginning. There was a meeting on February 24 where the select where this was reported to the Select Board the dog attack with the bite of the jogger, and then there was a town hearing on three one, and decisions are made in that meeting, and actions haven't been followed up on since that meeting. So I think it'd be in the interest of the community if the Select Board can just sort of review what's happened, just so all the other neighbors understand. So can we just start with that?

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Karl Bissex 1:09:05

That makes sense everybody. We can talk about this. This has been going on for four years. This the, not the

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Dan Fingas 1:09:15

dog part, but I think this is about the dog part, right, right now, yeah, okay, the dog part. So what, I guess, what did this Selectboard decide on? So neither, for instance, Rose, nor I were there. What did the Select Board decide, and what was your your your motion or ruling at the hearing on March 1, we

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Karl Bissex 1:09:31

asked the we asked Peter to get the dog, yeah, and pound the dog.

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Frances Rose 1:09:39

Here's your notes, final decisions and next steps. Great.

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Karl Bissex 1:09:44

Thank you. Yeah, go ahead. Bram, let me elicit this.

**T** Bram Towbin 1:09:48

So just to be very clear, the Select board authorized the animal control officer to impound the dog for failure to register and prove the dog has ratings right. That was the context. In other words, it didn't directly relate to the bite incident because of some reporting. But I would note that this individual has promised on numerous occasions to register the dog, and nothing has come of it. Thank you. So at present, I think that this the message to the community is the Select Board has authorized the animal control officer to empower the dog.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:10:43

Okay, Patty, you want to say something?

**P** Patti Jamele 1:10:48

He said they don't have Uber this dog. He said they don't have a space for this dog.

**T** Bram Towbin 1:10:55

Peter, anywhere.

**P** Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:10:57

I couldn't hear what she said.

**D** Dan Fingas 1:10:58

Peter, she's she's asking. When you said they don't, they won't take this dog, like places we would take it for impoundment this stop. Why this? Is it? Because will they take no dogs, or they won't take this specific dog?

**P** Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:11:10

The contract that supposedly we have is with Central Vermont Humane Society. I spoke to the lady there, our main contact, I think it's Kimberly, and she said we could not take this dog that had no rabies shots are not registered, and being a pit bull, too, She said they couldn't take something like that. And plus, at the time of this incident in February and first week of March, she could not take in a dog. They were full. So then I started calling other AOCs, a friend of mine and callous recommended this place, the random rescue, which is run by a relative, and that lady had not gotten back to us when Chris case and myself went to the neighborhood There, we spoke with Devin. We spoke with Ryan and we were going to try and find a place that would take in this dog. I then got the sheriff involved, saying, How am I going to get this dog if it's attacking me? He made a comment about pepper spray, and I said, Do you have a stun

gun? Will you be there to back me up? Would you be able to help me if I had the constable and myself there? And he says, No. So I said, Great. Now, what are we going to do? I do not have the equipment. The only thing I got from the town was a pen crate and a rusted old lasso hoop that doesn't work. So what kind of protection will I have against the dog like this that's going to try to bite us? I mean, if it's loose in the road, yeah, I could throw a sandwich in the crate and see if the dog goes in the crate. Now, the other question that really was bothering me was, where am I going to bring the dog? I have no place to bring the dog. I can't hold the dog. I've got kids in this area, you know, and so I know it was proposed that we should go out of state, perhaps find another service that will come from out of state and do this. But I was also told by the sheriff that we should have a contract set up to make it all official, because otherwise they'll take the dog, maybe they'll kill them, maybe they'll give them away. Who knows? Um, so Peter, I don't have the time to officially look into every aspect of who is going to be available to take in this dog.

R

Ryan Christiansen 1:14:09

Peter, just, just with all the respect, I understand the safety concern there, but you've signed up to be the dog Warden, you know, whereas, well, I'm just, I'm just making a fair point here. The neighborhood children did not, right? They just want to go outdoors. And you know, we've had more safety concerns. It's not that, you know, I have sympathy for I mean, I've, I've been trapped in my blueberry patch. I've been trapped at my mailbox. The Nolans have been trapped in their their garage. I mean, the list goes on and on, and just to be clear, I have provided photographs, which is not a great idea. You know, when you're in a face off with a pit bull, pulling out your phone is probably the last thing you want to do. But I'd rather get, you know, myself bidden, and get a photo of it than, you know, have have a neighborhood kid, you know. So

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Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:14:57

we're just saying, I'm just Peter.

R

Ryan Christiansen 1:15:00

I'm just just, if I could just finish here, Peter, I did provide you with those photographs. So and you have those no and where your email box we re forwarded them to you in the Select Board two weeks ago as well. These are from July of last

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Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:15:18

year. I've looked at all my mails. I didn't see it. So I can look again.

R

Ryan Christiansen 1:15:23

Can the Selectboard confirm that they got those emails?

**F** Frances Rose 1:15:26  
I if you sent it to me, I did not get those emails. Ryan,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:15:30  
yeah, Ryan, I don't you never. I never got any pictures from you, either. Like, if you send it to all of us,

**R** Ryan Christiansen 1:15:36  
I've sent them. Sarah sent them. I can. I'll read forward from that trail, so you can see the trail, if you'd like,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:15:42  
and we'll just check the spam. I mean, maybe if there's a bunch of attachments, maybe our spam filter is catching it, since we're all on the same kind of account. So but now, I definitely not seen any pictures from you, Ryan.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:15:55  
I haven't either

**P** Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:15:58  
point of point of information, Ryan. Ryan did bring up a good point, though, and one of his emails to me, he mentioned game warden. Now, if we can get the sheriff in a game warden to go with Chris and myself, then I'm sure we could do something in a reasonably safe fashion and get this dog impounded to us. But my next question would be to who, I guess the town clerk, which is Bram. Where are we going to bring the dog?

**M** Michael Billingsley 1:16:33  
Point of information.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:16:36  
Go ahead, Michael, I wonder

**M** Michael Billingsley 1:16:33

**M** Michael Billingsley 1:16:39

if anybody else remembers i When the sheriff was here discussing this, I asked the sheriff point blank if there was a staff on his Sheriff staff that would accompany our constable or our dog officer, animal officer. And he said, Yes. So can we hold him to that? Is that something that can be found in record, and we can hold him to to help. Peter, I think in

**K** Karl Bissex 1:17:05

the video, he said, No double check. We can check. I gotta check with him anyway.

**D** Dan Fingas 1:17:10

So you're so just so we know actions you're going to call the sheriff, just check in what our rights are to be there. Maybe have some from some assistance. Yep,

**K** Karl Bissex 1:17:19

and, and if there's any space that they or any way they deal with animals that have to be boarded, we do have a I think Sean Fowler is still our game warden. No,

**T** Bram Towbin 1:17:32

okay. He's really high

**D** Dan Caddy 1:17:35

up. He's a younger guy, last name Cersei.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:17:37

Okay, I don't know who it is. Okay. I'll have to see if I can find out. But

**D** Dan Fingas 1:17:40

again, we still have the problem of where to where to take the dog, yeah. And so since I know our town staff is pretty overloaded, I'm happy to do a little research and see if we can find I can check in with some other selectboards and other folks to see who they use, including city of Montpelier, City of Barrie, Waterbury, and just see if we can find somewhere else to, yeah, to send the dog. That's okay, that'd

**K** Karl Bissex 1:18:01

be great. Thank you. Adam,

**T** Bram Towbin 1:18:08  
yes, yes.

**A** Adam Hochschild 1:18:10  
I'm just chiming in as as a concerned citizen and concerned neighbor. My wife and I, we have six kids, and we are neighbors to this property, and this is a very important issue to us, and and we're very concerned about it with, I think, the town, for, for for doing, what, what, what it can going forward. And just at I reiterate, reiterate what Ryan said too, about the liability. Concern for the town. I'm concerned for my kids. I'm concerned for the town there. The town certainly can't say at this point that it has no notice of this. So if there's another dog bite incident, we're not just this isn't just speculative. There's already been a dog bite. And so this is a serious, serious thing. I know you know that, and thank you for for prioritizing it among many other big issues in the town.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:19:03  
We'll be following up with the sheriff, and Dan's going to follow up with other select boards to see what available it is that is

**D** Dan Fingas 1:19:12  
that the that's the town there are things in? Yep,

**K** Kim Nolan 1:19:16  
p, i, o, man. First name is Darren. It's had the same situation, and people take the dog right into his house.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:19:27  
All right, I guess we'll have to report back next to next time. But with that, we'll take action on it well. And I I can't imagine how many 1000s of dollars does this

**D** Dan Fingas 1:19:39  
cost we but with the order, we already have to impound the dog and everything. Yes, when we figure it out, we can just act.

K Karl Bissex 1:19:45

We can act, yeah, but I need to check with the sheriff, yeah, I heard something a little different. I just want to be sure I'm clear on what the law is and and that we have to find out where it can go, right? Yeah. Okay. I guess we'll leave it there. Next item is the East Village expansion committee formation. I do want

D Dan Fingas 1:20:13

to note that during that last item, select board member Peter young bear joined us on

K Karl Bissex 1:20:17

Zoom. Oh, great. Hi, Peter. Welcome Peter, and

M Michael Billingsley 1:20:21

I want to thank Peter. Yasus,

K Karl Bissex 1:20:24

yeah, not an easy job,

P Peter Yasus A.C.O. 1:20:27

all right. I'm trying, but now, like I said, I'm running into difficulties with this person, Devin. He's starting to get a little wise ass with me, and I really now I feel like he did not get the rabies shot. And I think he sent me a bogus picture of this receipt, because now he says to me he does not have the paperwork. And I said, How can you get the dog register if you don't have the paperwork, you can't just show up to the town clerk and show him a metal tag that says, Yeah, this is the tag number. So I got the feeling he's trying to pull a fast one on me. Yep,

K Karl Bissex 1:21:07

sounds like it.

D Dan Fingas 1:21:13

Young bear has his hand. Oh, Peter.

K Karl Bissex 1:21:16



Young bear, I would just point out that we have the zoning violation court order with the order to vacate the premises by the 28th which is just a few days from now, and that I spoke to our attorney About this, the follow up to that, and if he complies, then he will be gone, and the dog will be gone. If he does not comply, then we have the continuation of the violation on the dog. But then we also have to begin proceedings, contempt proceedings in court on the you know, RV still being on site, but I would hope that Devin will comply with the court order, and he and dog will be gone on the 28th but we shall see. Thank you. Alright, I'd like to move on to the East Village expansion committee formation. We asked, because of the vote at the town meeting, we asked for folks who are willing to join a committee that's a public and board sanction committee. Dan made a great questionnaire for people. We had how many? 4032 32 responses, several have pulled back, but we're thinking that we want to try to create a committee of 11, possibly a little more, depending on where we find we are, we are going to, we have, we have the group Francis rose night developed a list of people which we want to talk to. We haven't done that yet. We're going to have a special meeting next Monday to have the people that are still agreeing to be on the committee and who we feel would be good matches for this committee. It's important for us to be have all sides represented. It's also important for us to not let the amazing amount of work that's been done go and start over, that would be ridiculous. So we are going to have some folks from the committee that have been working all this time on developing this plan. We're also having some neighbors and some other people with special expertise on this committee to give us the best and quickest result that will allow us to decide how to move the next step. So I would our expectation on our plan is to talk to all these, these individuals this week, essentially interview them, and we'd hope to have one or two board members in that discussion and with each person individually, and then come up with a list that we can announce next Monday and have them have their first meeting with us here. But the we would need them to organize their committee and develop the basic format of the committee and the plan the did you have a thought?

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Dan Fingas 1:24:52

Well, I just we're appointing next week. We're appointing. They're not having their first meeting next week.

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Karl Bissex 1:24:57

Well, there was some discussion about perhaps letting them have it. But what if

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Dan Fingas 1:25:01

we disagree about who to appoint, who we know, who invite? Yeah,


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Karl Bissex 1:25:06


we're that's when the interviews this week.

 Dan Fingas 1:25:08


Well, no, I just, I, I imagine, okay, no, doing them both on the same night seems okay, alright, I don't know. I mean, I did not hear that part of the plan. Yeah, it's

 Karl Bissex 1:25:18


not an official part. It was just sort of a discussion. Yeah,

 Patti Jamele 1:25:22

for clarification, yeah. Are you seeing you're going to interview people and invite the people you just decide here then on Monday, yeah? Okay, not the whole list, okay, yeah,

 Karl Bissex 1:25:31

yeah, not the whole

 Patti Jamele 1:25:33

list. So they're going to know before they they're going to know who's

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Yes, yes,

 Karl Bissex 1:25:38

and we would look for help if you'd like to talk to folks, the mission is still, as far as we're concerned, is the same. Thank you. We're going to develop a financially feasible plan for the Select Board to implement that will create infrastructure and and sellable lots for a new neighborhood east of the current lower village, on the 23.9 acres of land currently owned by springs investments LLC and pigeon pond LLC, with the following goals. And here's here are the goals, and I better it's dark enough in here. So I gotta do this. Re house those affected by the flood of July, 23 and 24 provide additional affordable housing amidst Vermont's housing crisis. Include a mix of single family homes, multi multi Plex is tiny homes and apartments revitalize the town, prioritizing flood displaced and other Plainfield residents, restore lost tax base, expand the water and wastewater user base, determine a timeline according to what makes the most sense, logically, ecologically and financially, place infrastructure as early as possible, so that buyers can design and con construct homes As early as possible, because neutral to the town, create public and common and open space and paths that enrich the lives of Plainfield residents. The expansion Advisory Committee aims not to reassess but continue with the trajectory of the working groups work to welcome displaced neighbors back to plain Plainfield. The EVA Eve AC shall build upon the work of the village expansion steering committee using the most recent evolution of the draft neighborhood designs created but in the February 8

Community Design Workshop as a foundation and to be further refined through significant public input, the E V, E, A, C shall respond to any significant issues or obstacles identified through the local, regional and state review process by ensuring public input into any necessary revisions. That's that's the basic goal. Do we want to keep reading? Or

**F** Frances Rose 1:28:35

so? I think these are circulating physically in this room. Yes, these are now also digitally in the chat of the Zoom if it's not zoom land, let us know.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:28:46

I think this is the this is the guiding mission, and I hope that feels reasonable to everybody. Bram, you have a question?

**T** Bram Towbin 1:29:00

Bram, time, I think that one addition to the overall thing that you've read was that when it said town residents, I think that we need to include there are people who have given a lot to this town, who happen to fall over the town line by, you know, quarter mile, half a mile. So I think that perhaps you should add in that description something about people who've made significant contributions to the town. In

**D** Dan Fingas 1:29:44

which part you went

**T** Bram Towbin 1:29:46

after? It said town residents and maybe say and others.

**D** Dan Fingas 1:29:52

But which section are we talking about? Number four, goal number four,

**K** Karl Bissex 1:29:56

yeah, especially the town prioritizing. Well, we built

**T** Bram Towbin 1:30:03

residents, yes, residents and those who have made significant contributions to the town, okay?

K Karl Bissex 1:30:13

That's beyond even Marshfield, because we had talked about Marshfield residents, yep, okay, yep. I Okay, this is a long task to do, but I think talking to individuals who are interested, who have offered to join this group. They recognize it's going to be work and but that's the mission that the Select Board would like to see achieved. Anything else to add? We've got

D Dan Fingas 1:30:50

a couple pounds. I don't know if you want to see if anyone has public input,

K Karl Bissex 1:30:56

yeah, does anyone on the board first have any thoughts here?

F Frances Rose 1:31:00

I'll say that this is a working copy. This. There is no etched in stone here. This is where we're beginning. It exists. And so from here, you know, this document probably will evolve. This is a charter for the committee, and, yeah, each time it needs to evolve, it will.

K Karl Bissex 1:31:26

Karen, yeah, there is


K Karen Hatcher 1:31:30

Aaron Hatcher, my question is between now and the time this committee gets formulated and is on its feet, there's work being done. So is it your intention that the current steering, the steering committee, as it is formed, in the members of that group that are currently working on aspects of this plan should continue? Um, while this formation happens,

F Frances Rose 1:31:56

I can speak to that go ahead. Um, so while the the number of committee members right now is at 11 in this document, it is written as 11. Nevertheless, there are kind of tiers of participation. Committee members are those who are effectively most obligated to show up to make decisions on behalf of this project. Meanwhile, there are liaisons and there are working groups. The working group the working group members don't need to be on the committee. There is an unlimited number of working group members allowed, so long as it is at the behest and consent of the committee, recognizing the committee does not yet exist. Nevertheless, there is


momentum, as you say, still, and so I am, this is my personal opinion. I am considering the working groups still and continuing so that the threads are not simply dropped during this transition phase to the formalized committee through the town

 Karl Bissex 1:33:01


that that's our intention. Paula, way back. You. Yes, brave your dog.

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Thank you.

 Paula Emery 1:33:24


Paula Marie, two things. One is you talked about pause, and the other was a question about working groups, so you started I'm curious about they might be just things to flush out. I don't want you to get into it now, but you do say that people can be terminated from the group for cause, but it's not really clear what causes, although later on, it says that you have to show up to meetings. So you know, like, how many meetings in a row can miss, because we could do some serious damage by not following through on something you said you'd do.

 Karl Bissex 1:34:03

That was the intention of that discussion. I'd like to leave it to the committee, yeah, to develop that. But that would be, if somebody's taking a slot, but they're not coming to meetings and not contributing, then I'm not sure they have value to the group. So that that's the basis

 Paula Emery 1:34:21

of that could be a charge to the committee chair to develop what exactly cause I

 Karl Bissex 1:34:26

would prefer that person, yeah. And, I guess

 Paula Emery 1:34:28

the same goes for working group, because, yeah, yeah, yeah, okay.

 Dan Fingas 1:34:32

Well, and, and the proposal calls for for three co chairs, so that there'd be a group that can

work together on agendas and these kinds of issues and not just one person. Yes,

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Paula Emery 1:34:42

thank you. It's really well written. It's great.

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Karl Bissex 1:34:46

Yeah, thank you, yeah for that. Okay, I guess that's Oh, I'm sorry. Lauren, Charlie is in the Okay,

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Sandra Vitzthum 1:35:01

just and when you're meeting with the potential members of the advisory committee, would it be possible to assess whether they might be available for a specific date to get started so that we don't have to wait until after they're all appointed to set up a meeting? So just to say, like April 1, or something like that, would you be available? Or, you know, when would you be available in the next week or 10 days? Just because there's so much work to do? Yeah, just want to keep it going and not have big gaps.

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Karl Bissex 1:35:32

My thought is we're going to try to talk to all these folks who are candidates, and probably some extras, and have them come to that Monday meeting.

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Frances Rose 1:35:45

Yeah. So I think, I think it's a yes, and I think there is an opportunity, and maybe a lost opportunity, to, if you have been interviewed in the next week, to come to next week's meeting, the special meeting, the appointment meeting. So there is an opportunity there that perhaps it would make sense to jump on that. Said, If you want an additional meeting on April 1 or whatever the date is, I feel amenable to including that date in our information sharing to all those in the interview process.

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Karl Bissex 1:36:20

And I'm thinking that the on that date, next Monday, that the first kickoff meeting can be established by the group that's collected here, who we've interviewed. Yes, yeah, I

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Dan Fingas 1:36:32

would just say, once we've decided the 11 we should, they should figure out when they meeting, because, like, as we know, like, some of us can't meet certain days of the week, other

things Monday's not that might not be good for everybody who's on it. I just think being too prescriptive feels like we're we're just setting up for problems like someone saying, Well, I can't do Monday, so I won't do the committee where they should figure out what day of the week they're actually meeting, and then what

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Speaker 1 1:36:53

times? Yeah, okay, maybe just the expectation that there's going to be a

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Dan Fingas 1:36:57

meeting quickly, yes, yeah. And maybe asking what nights are better, or what times? Yeah, that might be better to help whoever the co chairs end up. It's

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Karl Bissex 1:37:05

going to be an effort like this steering committee has been putting in. It's going to continue that effort, maybe even more so, because as we've come along and we get more information, people are going to need to commit. So we want to make sure this group does? Sandy, did you have your hand up? Well, Charlie did too. I think you Oh, okay, okay. Charlie Cogbill,

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Charlie Cogbill 1:37:27

yeah, I'm very interested in the process by which people become members of this committee. Apparently, they're going to have to be appointed by the Select Board, but I hear that they're going to be interviews of potential people. I wonder if those interviews will be public. I wonder if those interviews will be a meeting of the Select Board, or will there be a committee, a hiring committee, to a screen people that then make recommendations to the Select Board, where the Select Board can act upon it.

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Dan Fingas 1:38:05

We I believe the five of us on the Select Board will be each trying to take some people to interview, given our schedules and the quick timeline, and so each of us will be interviewing folks, gathering information to bring back to the whole and then making appointments based on that information.

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Charlie Cogbill 1:38:24

Excuse me, that sounds like the Select Board as a group is doing interviews. The Select Board cannot act that way.



**D** Dan Fingas 1:38:33

We are. We are not, as a group doing interviews. We will not, we will not be having a quorum in any interview.

**C** Charlie Cogbill 1:38:42

Will you be having any discussion about the interviews? Will the interviews be public?

**K** Karl Bissex 1:38:49

No, no. It's too, too, too hard to do that. We just want to make sure that people are aware of how much time commitment they have. They've already said they're willing to do it. We would like to get a sense of their what they bring to the table, technical expertise, financial information, experience with housing so forth. And I look

**C** Charlie Cogbill 1:39:12

forward to the discussion next Monday. Okay,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:39:20

are we? Are we going to move the actual document next Monday to are we doing that today? I think

**F** Frances Rose 1:39:24

we moved today. Also the tracking comes in the room. Yes. Sandy, did you want to speak still? Sandy, yes, if you

**K** Karl Bissex 1:39:34

and then Kara, Sandy, that's two,

**S** Sandra Vitzthum 1:39:42

four. Forward to continuing helping with this project through completion. I do not want to be pushy. I just want to remind this left board that this season tends to be light for excavating companies, and there is a very good chance that they could do work this fall and finish. I want to keep that possibility open without pushing it to in order to do that the the required things that have to happen before August really do require that this committee get going, and I really do hope that this Selectboard could at least fix it time and day for the first meeting, hopefully also a second meeting, that after that the committee could do whatever they want to do. But



I'm concerned that if they find out who they are next Monday, that will be two, possibly three weeks before they actually get going. And can't be that long. I don't feel like i i managing state permit deadlines, the local zoning process and even a federal permit deadline, and then it process that I'm not again, I do not want to push the just wanted you to be able to keep in mind that there's a big stack of sequential things to happen, and if you want to keep that as an option, then the committee does need to meet Pretty soon.

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Karl Bissex 1:41:20

Well, that's why we're having Monday's meeting, special meeting, and so we're aware.

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Arion Timbourmery 1:41:24

We are aware of that, and it's

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Sandra Vitzthum 1:41:26

actually wanted to suggest that that maybe the first meeting could be April 2, Wednesday, at six o'clock. And if people knew that is a possibility now that they could put that on there, just make sure that.

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Karl Bissex 1:41:38

Okay. Thank you so much. Okay, thanks, Karen, you had a hand up.

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Karen Hatcher 1:41:45

I think I understood what Charlie was getting at, and I just want to see what he's thinking is what I'm hearing, and that is you. Each are interviewing people individually. You're not going to have a chance to speak with one another about what you learned, right? You're just going to come to a meeting and make appointments based on your own input, without talking to each other. And I think there's a step that's missing. Not like I want to add more time in here, but I think what Charlie's getting to is that, you know, if you each interview three or four people, or whatever that number is, or if you gotta whatever it is, how will you be able to make your recommendations to each other such that the formulation of the group covers all the bases that you're trying to cover? You know what I mean? So it's not just like you show up and you have a list of names, but what if you have three people who have the same background, and you're missing a whole bunch of other things, right? So it's, I think I hear where Charlie's going, and it's like, you need to do this in public, but it's, it's not just that, it's that, how will you be able to help each other and share the information so that we get the right mix of folks on this group?

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Karl Bissex 1:43:01

We're open to suggestions, because this is brand new to us too, but I think we are going to be

talking about it in next Monday's meeting. What we've identified, what we've learned from these discussions with people. So if

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Karen Hatcher 1:43:16

I, if I could recommend, yes, that instead of coming in with a list of appointments, you come in with a list of nominees and and that you each to each other in the meeting, publicly make the case for the people you would like to see appointed, right? And then as a group, come up with it together and in the public view, so and then it's done. But then there is still a meeting dates that set. So if people accept that the appointments that night, like you've come up with the list together, the appointments have been invited, if you will, people have a chance to accept them or not, and there's a meeting date to Sandy's point, so things keep moving. But I think there's a there's just that one piece that has to happen.

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Karl Bissex 1:44:01

I think you're I think your word of nominee is better than a pointer appointee. Yeah, for that reason, yes, it will be discussed. Thank you. Okay. Any other questions? Peter, I would make the motion that you read and that we established this committee. We haven't done that yet. I

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Frances Rose 1:44:32

know we have not actually read the motion. Oh, we have to read it. Carl, started with the purpose, yeah, yeah, if I may, a motion that we establish an advisory committee to the Plainfield Select Board to develop the various components of financially feasible plan to design fund and create the infrastructure and sellable lots for a new neighborhood east of the current lower village on the 23 acre lot known as 68 East Hill Road, based upon the work of the ad hoc Plainfield village expansion steering committee, with the intention of bringing a vote to the town on or before July 11. Name of the committee, East Village expansion Advisory Committee, e, v, E, A,



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C, talk.

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Karl Bissex 1:45:18

Do we have a second? Okay, we have motion second any I just

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Speaker 1 1:45:24

need some time to get that into the do you want to announce you have now we have it here. It just can take me one. Go ahead. Jeff, go ahead. I copied and pasted, but then added as well. So

**F** Frances Rose 1:45:36

I noticed the bomb is no longer on the agenda. We want to, like, publicly acknowledge the question, yeah, yeah, I don't know. I don't know either

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I want to publicly

**P** Patti Jamele 1:45:53

do it. Okay,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:45:57

all right, and the second is probably

**K** Karl Bissex 1:45:59

seconds, Patty, okay, we're establishing a committee formally all those in favor say, aye, aye. 545005,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:46:12

yeah, not five, four, yeah, 500500,

**K** Karl Bissex 1:46:16

sorry, yeah. Okay, so we will, okay. We have you had something to bring up.

**F** Frances Rose 1:46:41

There's like a I thought we had on the agenda, the bond piece. I don't, I don't see the bond piece on the agenda. I thought we had the dawn piece on the agenda. Dillon,

**T** Bram Towbin 1:46:51

yeah, loan. This was the \$150,000



**F** Frances Rose 1:46:54  
unsecured loan.

**T** Bram Towbin 1:46:59  
I'm not sure

**F** Frances Rose 1:47:01  
about this right now. I guess this is a public acknowledgement of that this question exists. It's quite all right. Things happen. I fell off somehow. I thought it was on there. Major is my fault. Maybe I never put it on. I thought I did. We are this is a transparent moment. We just received a message from the town attorney today that there is

**D** Dan Fingas 1:47:26  
not the town attorney Vermont league of cities or bond.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:47:30  
Council bond. Council

**i** 1:47:32  
bond Council Eli

**K** Karl Bissex 1:47:33  
Emerson,

**F** Frances Rose 1:47:33  
thank you. Bond Council. Eli Emerson is questioning the town's ability to receive this loan without a public vote. And this is not the two and a half million, this is even the 150,000 and so that was something that landed in our inboxes today, leading us to need, at the very least a second opinion and or to solicit Council beyond that, perhaps as well. But this is public acknowledgement of that. Sandy,

**S** Sandra Vitzthum 1:48:19  
sorry, I've been writing the RFP for phase two engineering services, so the idea that it would go out after that was approved and the engineers supposed to start work somewhere in the

out after that was approved, and the engineers supposed to start work somewhere in the middle of April, when the new community is ready to direct that company. So that, just letting know that's another

**K** Karl Bissex 1:48:48

we're going to need, yeah, we're probably going to need to get resolution on this. Yes, go ahead, yeah,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:48:52

just so, and we're trying to figure out the information. So there DLC, Vermont, legal citizen town has a document saying, What can towns vote on, and what can cannot down vote on and so we thought there were two different provisions. I mean, what? We didn't have to vote on it, number three and number nine, one about it's before a bond, and the other about infrastructure, specifically, some water wastewater. And our bond Council thinks that both those provisions don't apply in this situation. And so we have to get some more information about that.

**A** Arion Timbourmery 1:49:22

Aaron glory, I just would welcome as somebody who's been the primary contact of with the Bram Community Foundation related to this, I'd be more than happy to perhaps forward that on to them, because I know that we are not the only town that they ever lend money

**K** Karl Bissex 1:49:41

to consider that'd be great feedback to get, if you would have some

**A** Arion Timbourmery 1:49:45

ideas about this that

**F** Frances Rose 1:49:48

thank you, yes, please and thank you.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:49:54

We want to, we this whole project. We want to do right, and we want to do legally, and we want to have it ethically, done properly. I mean, all these things we're weighing so thank you for that. We look forward to hearing from you. Carl

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Frances Rose 1:50:10

Peter, and then said, Peter just and

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Karl Bissex 1:50:15

I couldn't hear everything that Sandy VT was saying at the microphone. That's not just her. It's anytime anyone uses that microphone. It's hard for me to hear on Zoom. But did was she talking about having someone, an engineering firm, lined up and Mike? The reason I asked that question is because this is now becoming a public project. Do we not have to put that out to bid? She said, standing right by the microphone, and maybe you can get really close to it. Can you hear me? Peter,

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Dan Fingas 1:50:55

come stand over here and just speak loud for the room. Yeah, this is the, this is you don't just, you don't have to crouch at it.

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Sandra Vitzthum 1:51:06

So I am drafting the RFP, and it's been determined that the RFP needs to follow plainfield's procurement rules, and there are no further requirements from the state or the federal government at this time. So it is not a sealed bid, because Plainfield suggests requests for proposals for engineers and professional services. My other I am not an expert on town processes. But I wonder if you could make a motion up, like a pro active motion tonight, that if it is decided that you do have to have a vote for this loan, if you could start the process, just in case you do need to do it, could you start the process tonight.

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Karl Bissex 1:52:04

Go ahead, Peter, I just wanted to comment this to Sandy, thank you. I didn't mean bidding in a formal process, but the town procurement such, for example, as we've done recently with the RF seeking RFPs for the municipal project manager on Mill Street Bridge and the other Brook road projects that are coming up. So I would think that's the same. Okay, thank you. I don't know. Did you hear her thought about creating a situation where we have, if we have to go to a vote, a town vote, that we should prepare for it. Now, did you hear that point? I did. I'm not sure what I what it means. I think she's, she's trying to save time by her suggestion is we save time by, I guess having a motion?

J

Josh Pitts 1:53:01

Well, I don't I



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Karl Bissex 1:53:05

appreciate, I appreciate the effort to save, to save time. I just don't know that we know what we need to know in order to start that process.

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Patti Jamele 1:53:15

Yeah,

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Dan Fingas 1:53:16

I think it's similar to the articles we had to create for for the election in the town meeting election, we would have to create our an article, have it vetted and and then vote on that specific article. I don't know that there's like, a pre vote that can happen, because we need to have a specific article in front of us, and it can't be provisional. It has to be an actual article. We'd have to figure out the warning periods and times for a vote and do and do those kinds of things. So and we, we any bond or loan vote, we would also want to go to our bond Council and make sure that we're wording things in a way that we can actually take the loan once we voted on it.

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Arion Timbourmery 1:53:56

Sure. And Boomer, I would suggest that maybe we put that on the agenda for the special meeting next week

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Karl Bissex 1:54:01

to try I was going to say, we can, we can have, we can address that then, and you're going to get some information for

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Frances Rose 1:54:08

us. May we recognize Carol?

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Carol Smith 1:54:12

Carol, me, I'm right here. Oh, I'm just going to talk. I just want to say that the water sewer has a big problem. Oh, so that would be very helpful to have one vote. So that's, yeah, sure, we coordinate the water and sewer. Thank

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Karl Bissex 1:54:27

you. Very important. Thank you that that makes a lot of sense. Do we

**D** Dan Fingas 1:54:31

have any slaughter? We have any sense on the the timeline? Timeline for that right now, but it's in the process.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:54:37

Okay? Thank you. We'll, we'll pay attention to that. Okay, I want to move on. We still have constable candidates introduce themselves. Pam, you're here. I don't know if Chris is here, but can we get you up to the microphone if, in case we have questions, doesn't seem to be working very well. But yeah, you have to really get close. I think that's the trick. I hate microphone. We want people to hear you on the Zoom, though, which means you have to talk into it.

**D** Dan Fingas 1:55:14

It can be fine for loud.

**T** Bram Towbin 1:55:18

Yeah, good.

**K** Karl Bissex 1:55:21

Yeah. So quick, just like two minutes, but found it background.

**D** Dan Caddy 1:55:26

I won't take up too much everybody's time. It's been great discussion. Nice to see a lot of my neighbors here. Just wanted to thank the five you on the Select Board for all the time you put into this. It cannot be a thankless job, but I do appreciate the service. I've been a Plainfield resident for over a decade. I'm married. I have three kids. Daughter goes to twin field. I had a 20 year back over 20 year background in the military service circuit and managing diverse populations with different cultures, different backgrounds, different personalities, and I'm trained in conflict resolution mediation. I'm certified Equal Opportunity leader, Master Resilience trainer, and obviously have that background of service and discipline with love. Loving this town, I've always just trying to find a way to to give back more. Anytime we've had issues floods, somebody needs help, needs a driveway created, try to be there to help. So when I was asked if I'd be interested in throwing my hat in rain for this, I said, okay, like my skill sets very well matched to it. I'm the kind of guy that you can send into a room full of 20 people that are all ready to fight each other, and I'll have him having a dance party in about two minutes. So





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Karl Bissex 1:56:55

I have a couple of questions. Is that? Questions? I like the conflict resolution part. I think it's really important that there's a calming effect. But what a forceful, common effect? Do you have the time to be able to respond relatively quickly? Are you around or I mean, what's your status? Live

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Dan Caddy 1:57:20

on a lower road. My schedule is fairly open. Okay, that's that was one of the considerations before sending my letter of intent. Okay, I think that, like you mentioned, you always want to resolve the conflict, but the best way to do that is coming from a position of strength. Yep, and go from there also, I think there's, I know there's a lot of my neighbors, our neighbors here, that in town, that having a version of law enforcement. So I think having somebody trusted within the community that if they have an issue they can reach out to it's not coming with an official law enforcement presence, be a really great resource. And it's something I hope to be able to save. Okay,

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Karl Bissex 1:58:02

question, we've got a great letter from you so we're able to see a lot of this. Yeah, okay, before we get to Michael, do you have a question? Any questions? Or Patty, do you have any questions? I think you have a really good first background. I really okay. Yeah, Michael, quick thing.

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Speaker 5 1:58:28

I don't know why you say that every time when I speak, but anyway, I don't speak. I don't take up a lot of extra room. I wanted to say that on two occasions over the winter, I was faced with situations for doing invent intervention with emergency management, both of which could have involved people who were hostile or potentially hostile. One was an animal rescue, and Dan made himself available to accompany me and provide safety for myself and for our individual assistance coordinator, and very collaborative, very helpful and very on point. So I feel very strongly that I would like to support his application. Great. Thank you.

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Karl Bissex 1:59:15

Any other questions? Can we just word

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Dan Fingas 1:59:19

the current constable also sent us a letter right interested in continuing. Didn't show up this evening.



**K** Karl Bissex 1:59:25  
He's not here, all right, so we just

**F** Frances Rose 1:59:30  
family. What follows this? An Executive Session, Executive Session,

**K** Karl Bissex 1:59:34  
yes, yes, yes. So we're going to be followed. Following this, I think, I think you've got all our questions answered with your letter and what you just stated, I appreciate your being here. I mean, I think

**F** Frances Rose 1:59:47  
I want to make a public acknowledgement. I mean, I appreciate your Thank you, Dan, your your application, and your awareness, your state and public awareness that there are people in this town who are wary of law enforcement for all the good reasons. So yeah, I mean, it's meaningful to me that you acknowledge that also, yeah, there are moments times when we need someone in a role such as yours to not wantonly endanger many more. So, yeah, it's like with it's a great responsibility to undertake the task.

**D** Dan Caddy 2:00:29  
I look forward to it selected. Thank

**K** Karl Bissex 2:00:31  
you. Thank you. I still hesitate to make a decision tonight without having the other candidate here,

**F** Frances Rose 2:00:42  
we have the letter. We can we do have the letter? I mean, should we? Should we read the letter Bram publicly to allow the

**T** Bram Towbin 2:00:52  
other candidate about this meeting? Oh, and it's been publicly posted. And I really don't think that that should delay the decision at all. Okay, okay,



**P** Patti Jamele 2:01:10  
would you like

**F** Frances Rose 2:01:14  
to recognize? I don't know if this person I want

**K** Karl Bissex 2:01:21  
to record. Does somebody have a hand up? Yeah, I

**i** 2:01:24  
got something to just add. You gotta come up here,

**D** Dan Fingas 2:01:27  
say your name because you didn't say it when we didn't.

**S** Speaker 3 2:01:33  
Thank you. I had wanted to talk to you later about something. But as far as this dog issues go, you got to take into account, when you send a gentleman out like Dan here, who could definitely do the job, you've got to have the law behind you first. To get the law behind you first, you got to change the system. You got to contact your representative and say, this situation exists. It's been existing for a long time. How do we go about changing it? You're talking about these people been there for four years and nothing's been done. That's the system. Same thing with the dog. It's permitting it. This is a predator friendly state. Do you want change? You're going to be responsible for change. You got to contact your representative and say, hey, look, this is a problem that hasn't been addressed for years. What do we do to correct it?

**K** Karl Bissex 2:02:19  
Okay, but we're working on that right now. But thank you. So do we want to have a have a motion for

**F** Frances Rose 2:02:28  
I think the question is, the next question that I see is, do we want to read the present constables statement to offer parity to what Dan just provided.

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Karl Bissex 2:02:43

It's been it has been read. Yeah,

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Dan Fingas 2:02:45

well, we if you want to read it, I can, I found it. I was trying to find time to actually have it. So, okay, this is from Christopher keys, the current town constable Bram. I would like to apply to be reappointed. It's constable the 2023. Log has been submitted. I can resend that if you need me to the 2024 log is not ready yet. I will send that once. I haven't prepared. I have been slowly trying to organize this office, focusing on the ability to actually have enforcement. I look forward to continuing this effort. I have been working with the animal control officer often, and we seem to work well together. The animal control officer would also like to try to make the office work better for the community as well with the municipal ticket system, Plainfield town might actually have some sort of consequences for folks who fail to follow the rules. To date, that has not been the case. This is a difficult, interesting job, with most not having a solid idea of how it functions, it can be very dangerous at a moment's notice, with no training, offered no equipment and no backup, it has been challenging to provide the service the town seems to want, I hope, to change this for the better. Thank you for the privilege to serve the town of Plainfield. Best regards to Christopher M keyst,

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Bram Towbin 2:03:53

okay.

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Karl Bissex 2:03:58

Any more thoughts on that? I Yes, Peter, I appreciate the fact that Chris mentioned the municipal ticket system here. I think what we've learned from the bean road incident is that we as the town have come up short and are lacking because we don't have that system in place. And I know Bram was looking into that, and I'm not sure, no matter who we appoint here, unless we change that system and get into that, I think we will make it more difficult for whichever candidate to be successful. I mean, before we get

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Dan Fingas 2:04:46


into the municipal ticketing system, since it's not the agenda item for tonight, I we are already at 804, and we haven't done the executive session we still have, can we just stick to the constable issues specifically?


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Karl Bissex 2:04:57


And I would, I would entertain a motion. If somebody has one,


 Dan Fingas 2:05:03  
I'm Yes, I moved to a point Dan caddy as Plainfield town Constable, second,


 Frances Rose 2:05:08  
okay,


 Karl Bissex 2:05:10  
there's a motion. And second, all those in favor say, aye, aye. Five to zero. Okay, welcome. Yeah, I think your background is very strong. Yes, thank you. Okay, we're going into, well, I need a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion

 Frances Rose 2:05:30  
to go into Executive Session, sessions to discuss personnel

 Karl Bissex 2:05:34  
and the second and we have a vote of all those in favor say aye, aye, and we're going to invite Harold to stay, and anyone else we invite you to stage.

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Josh.

 Frances Rose 2:05:54  
Oh, Josh, we'll take care. Yeah. So this is the moment for all those online, unless you really want to hang out after the executive session to see the minutes approved, this is a good time to say good night. Thank you for coming. Were

 Dan Fingas 2:06:10  
they over there? Not over there anymore? Alright, it's online. It is on this website. I can just, I can send you the language person. Now.

 Frances Rose 2:06:33  
Excuse Bram note taker In the Waiting Room. I Room.

