

# Selectboard Meeting

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## SPEAKERS

Speaker 2, Jared Birchmore, Liz Perrault, bram towbin, Patti Jamele, Speaker 1, Dan Fingas, Karen Hatcher, Frances Rose, josh pitts, Alicia Weiss. VT, Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD, Peter Younbaer, Speaker 3

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**P** Patti Jamele 00:08  
Hey, Bram,

**F** Frances Rose 00:14  
there was the issue of the mic for we never got it out, and I was just, we'll just project, yeah,

**D** Dan Fingas 00:21  
I don't have it. I Okay. I'm not sure if I know where to plug it in to set it up.

**P** Patti Jamele 00:26  
Thank you. All right. Well, then

**P** Peter Younbaer 00:34  
we're recording, we are recording Good evening


**F** Frances Rose 00:36  
and everyone. It is six o'clock. We're calling this meeting of the Plainfield Select Board, Monday, April 14 to order. Present here is myself acting chair of the night. Frances Rose Subbiondo, Peter Young, bear Patti, Jamale, Dan Fingas, welcome. Thank you for coming, everyone. Changes to the agenda. We have a few changes to the agenda. Some is just about sequence, which maybe you all don't have to hear about. We're changing the order of the the weekly report, so the bi weekly reports, and then, yeah, I think that's, that's what's being added. Yes, okay, ah, we have to return. Excuse me, we are returning to the CDBG planning grant application for the village expansion. This is more of a technicality. We did not vote for it in the fullest language that was required. So we're going to backtrack two weeks to vote for it again and approve it again, with the with a document behind it of carefully worded language that was not presented last time.

**P** Peter Younbaer 02:05  
There we go. This is the 60k planning

**F** Frances Rose 02:08  
60k planning grant announcements. Does anyone have any announcements?

**P** Patti Jamele 02:19  
Job this year road crew. Good job. That's my announcement is that you guys did an awesome job this year, and I feel like it was a winter it was never going to stop. Thank you so much.

**F** Frances Rose 02:37  
Any other announcements? Okay? Public Comment.

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All right,

**F** Frances Rose 02:55  
first up is town clerk's report. I

**B** bram towbin 03:08  
A Bram to top third. Couple of things to go over. I thought, since it's an agenda item 19, expand

on the in this particular ticket. Any that's people are okay to hear that or so in municipal government, we have a challenge in terms of enforcing statutes, municipal statutes. So one of the recommendations from law enforcement would be to empower certain town officers with the ability to write municipal tickets, we've applied to the judiciary bureau. They issue each individual a number the the officers that I think would fit nicely, nicely for this would be the constable, the zoning administrator, the health officer and the animal control officer. I'll get more into this, but essentially, what the Select Board needs to do is empower each one of these officers to enforce specific statutes that the town has already passed. I want to get the numbers first before having you act on stuff. I want to get their ability to write the tickets in place before we present that. But I will, but I just wanted to give you the view from 50,000 feet of the process and how it works. Why do this? I think it'll give us more leverage. We've had a number of different situations where it would give us more standing in court to enforce people who willfully ignore our rules. On another front, just some housekeeping stuff, we upgraded the town office, we replaced the keys to the front part of the town office, and we also have changed the security lot on the Vault, which hadn't been done for decades. We just felt these measures ensured the safety of the of the town office, trying to think any I think there's anything else I think that's I think that's about it. I sent everyone the response from the State Public Safety Commissioner regarding the incident that happened early in the summer. My personal feelings are this was a horrible whitewash of events that I will speak about this more, but I'm incredibly disappointed that essentially, the top state officer who was in charge of supervising state police thought that the investigation was appropriate. It's really unfortunate. I think any reasonable person who came to circumstances would say that when somebody commits grievous acts, they shouldn't walk away with \$100 fine and their license suspended for 30 days. And I'll have more on that. Any questions or anything.

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Patti Jamele 06:58

Dan has a question. You

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Peter Younbaer 07:00

both. Peter first, okay. Regarding the municipal ticket. Is there training required for anyone who has given these

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bram towbin 07:08

hours? There isn't specific training, per se, but I would turn to the Sheriff's Department. I've asked Brett to give an overview for everyone. There isn't specific training per se, but obviously that's in order in terms of just how to write out a ticket and so forth. So yeah, we will. We'll get some training before we have some people writing tickets.

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Peter Younbaer 07:42

My other question is, do you want my old key to get a new key?

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bram towbin 07:47

No, no. Actually, just an explanation on that the old key still rolls board second floor and the back blisters area. This just changed the keys to the front area rather than change all the keys in the whole setup. So just need to get a new key. Yeah, you'll need to get a new key Correct. I have them too. Dan, well,

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Dan Fingas 08:11

I was just gonna say the letter from the Public Safety Commissioner. So you had sent a letter to the state prosecutor right, and she had cited the poor investigation for the outcome, and this letter cites the prosecutor's unwillingness to push hard as the reason for the outcome. They're pointing their fingers at each other, basically

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bram towbin 08:34

Correct. Not only are they pointing fingers at each other, but there doesn't seem to be any criticism of the investigation itself. This person from the state who the letter was written to supervises the state police. Well, did I

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Dan Fingas 08:52

when the state prosecutor sent us a return letter, it said that they referred this investigation to the barracks and there was further training of the state trooper. That's what it says in the letter, right? It

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bram towbin 09:07

made mention. It made mention of that. But the state, as I recall, I don't think the State Public Safety Commissioner mentioned it.

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Dan Fingas 09:19

No, that's what I'm saying. It's like, yeah, so we're just getting a few different versions. Once again,

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bram towbin 09:23

I want everybody in this town to understand we spent decades being terrorized by the likes of Harley Breer, who gained the system, and I really hoped that we turned corner, but seems pretty self evident to me that the public safety department, the prosecutor and the State Police point fingers at each other. Meanwhile, we had someone who committed, I think generously, at least one or two felonies, walking away with \$100 fine and his license suspended for 30 days. May I note that he was not driving me the valid license or insurance when this incident

happened? And people think that's okay, okay, well, I don't I think it's outrageous, and I hope that people take a good hard look at the circumstances of this case and what happened. And you know, it's it doesn't it puts us in danger when you when you let people you know Run Run rough child, it's really upsetting. We have an employee who has a life long injury. Young family missed payments on his truck, which was repossessed because he couldn't work. And meanwhile, the person who perpetrated this gets away with not even a slap on the wrist, as far as I can see and officials back the police investigation and the prosecution and so forth. I think it's just

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Patti Jamele 11:11

grace. We'll be with you. Thank you. Bram, you

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Frances Rose 11:22

Yeah, let me take a deep

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Patti Jamele 11:29

breath. Was he under the influence as well? Is he under the influence as well?

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bram towbin 11:36

Not provable.

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Frances Rose 11:40

We're going to get on to the road commissioners report. Josh Pitts,

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josh pitts 11:55

so this is a good that's a good lead up to what I'm about to talk about little bit lighter the piece of equipment that was damaged in that accident, we'll be getting insurance return of approximately \$51,000 and we're currently moving Some of the older equipment out using the auction process that we contracted for so those those items have been posted, and what we're looking for now is to purchase a piece of equipment to fulfill the functions of the piece of equipment that was damaged in that accident and and then, and the these equipment that Michaels selected would be a an excavator, the cost of which is approximately 2000 and with a trailer that would carry it, which would be a cost of practically \$25,000 now, between the sale of current assets that we're holding, plus that insurance, plus the what is present in the equipment fund. Currently we could, we could make that purchase with with what we have available to the highway department. So what I'd like is the approval to purchase those items. My understanding is that it's been at the town garage, so the crew has had an opportunity to test it out, you know, like kick the tracks, I guess, and, you know, and, and you're, you're

pleased with it, I think the the trailer has pretty long lead time, and we did get multiple estimates. This was the best value, I think, that we defined. And the one of the things where we're going to be able to utilize this is, you know, in many of these, these projects that we have coming up, we'll be able to we can use our own labor to apply to that in force count. You know that we can get reimbursed through but the the backhoe that was damaged is actually not particularly useful when we're kind of looking at these bigger projects. And so being able to bring that in in house, having that piece of equipment, you know, in the in the Fleetwood, would allow us to do much more significant repairs to the road relative to what we currently have the capability to do in house and and the the amount of projects, you know there's, there is the work on Maxfield road, the work on Cameron Road, potentially needing to create another exit for Cameron road, One way or another. So all of these things having, having this excavator would allow us to to take those things on and perform some of the work much more quickly than what we need to do to go through like it process, you know, and then in the in the event of some other further calamity involving the roads, we would be able to respond much more quickly to the situation. And then, you know, because of the the abilities of an excavator versus what we hold currently. Michael, did you want to say anything else about that? Or,

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Speaker 1 16:04

I think you did it pretty good questions. The

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Dan Fingas 16:09

you said, so the 51 from the insurance, and then so the trailer together, they're 117 or something like that. Yeah, and how much is in our highway equipment fund. So

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josh pitts 16:23

the equipment fund currently has 47,000 and that there is 21,000 that's owed to the equipment fund by the town that's never placed there in 20 in fiscal year, 2020, we 80 so there's a outstanding debt to the equipment fund That was never resolved and and then approximately the 40,000

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Peter Younbaer 17:00

these 40,000

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josh pitts 17:04

definitely hoping to get for the 2005 truck that's in good condition that we're selling, and then the other equipment that we have posted, probably and or sold recently will come to approximately uh, 10 to 12 times. So I think that

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Dan Fingas 17:28

D Dan Fingas 17:20

so those, when we sell the stuff at auction, the money that comes from that goes into the equipment fund. Yes, we

J josh pitts 17:34

would apply that to the equipment to we would apply that to the purchase of the equipment. Yes,

D Dan Fingas 17:39

but, but when we sell, when we auction off these things, does the money, all the money from that, go into the equipment fund, or does it go to the highway budget, or does it go just to the town and we figure out what we do with

J josh pitts 17:50

it? So those would be assets that are held by the highway department. And I think the typically you want to keep your asset kind of value together, sometimes you have to kind of move things. But in this case, we're selling assets to get new assets. So we don't necessarily have to put it into the fund, per se, like because we're just going to need to take it out again, and they don't think we're going to generate any interest by turning that around really quickly. Like the reason put it in the fund would be to generate the interest income. But it is like it is in the highway department's assets. What

D Dan Fingas 18:35

I just I'm just trying to figure out when this is over, all of the sales and buying things, it seems like, based on the math, we would likely have the same, approximately the same amount, the 40 Well, I guess the 47 we have in the equipment fund right now, something near there would be back in the equipment funds. Yeah, any surplus

J josh pitts 18:56

from, you know, the sales of this equipment would return to the to the equipment,

D Dan Fingas 19:08

okay? And, and the 21,000 with owed from 2023 that's just coming out of the general

J josh pitts 19:15

Yeah, the the general fund never, just in the general fund that was never, that's the sale of that

truck was never transferred into the correct fund. And so we essentially like the general fund is essentially like, erroneously not applied the asset back to what the town holds in reserve and, and I think, like that was an error that I'd like to correct, but, you know, it's a given that we would need that. And, you know, in terms of timing, you know, maybe the maybe the truck will come in as much. So these are sort of the things that are in motion. The money that is moving is bigger than what we need. But, you know, things may not sell for as much, or we might have to wait for that tech to come back. So, you know, we have to kind of move things around a bit, but ultimately, like, I think it's a good purchase. Yeah, I just want

**D** Dan Fingas 20:23

to make sure the accounting, since we've had not the best accounting processes, that, like, money, is like, if, if that 21,000 is from general fund that it, it makes the stop and the equipment fund, and then goes up, so that way it's shown, and we don't just use it to pay for something, and then it's like, Well, where did that? Yeah, you know, I just want to make sure that, like, we're properly accounting for these phones, okay,

**J** josh pitts 20:44

yeah, it was actually applied to the line municipal building rental income, which is something that we didn't have at all in that entire fiscal year, the year before the after. So it was easy to find as an area, but it just kept kind of rolling through the general fund, and then, like otherwise, for the road report, we did?

**F** Frances Rose 21:16

You have a question? I did, yeah, just put

**P** Peter Younbaer 21:19

the you mentioned two things, the trailer, maybe there's a supply chain, and we may have to issue, we may have to wait a while for that, you right? There's

**B** bram towbin 21:28

about an eight to 10 week wait period. Oh,

**P** Peter Younbaer 21:31

eight to 10 weeks. Okay, yeah. And this is a new excavator, not used,

**S** Speaker 1 21:38



slightly used,

**J** josh pitts 21:41  
I believe it's like technically used, but it has very low hours.

**P** Peter Younbaer 21:46  
What's it's like,

**J** josh pitts 21:49  
I would say maybe 15 years.

**S** Speaker 1 21:56  
And also in the activator price that also includes a five year, 5000 hour extended warranty, whether the machine put that price so still under the new car one, right? Yes,

**J** josh pitts 22:09  
yeah, thank you. I think that's all I have

**F** Frances Rose 22:17  
right now for we need a motion. Well, do you need a motion? Is one question, and I also have something for you. Yes, do you need a motion? Yeah, go for it. There. Motion at the table,

**P** Peter Younbaer 22:32  
I would move that we approve the plan to use the insurance auction items and Reserve Fund monies to purchase the excavator and trailer

**P** Patti Jamele 22:44  
second that motion,

**F** Frances Rose 22:48  
any discussion. Just

D Dan Fingas 22:50

sorry you said, the you said, the you gave specifics in that motion that I did not get.

P Peter Younbaer 22:56

Sorry, the the insurance money. This is the funding sources, the auction items and the reserve fund equipment. Reserve Fund monies to purchase the new excavator, slightly used excavator and trailer. Do we need to put a number up to a number in this? You said 92 and 25 I mean, if we did,

J josh pitts 23:24

folks, and I think I've submitted them to Karl, so, like, I'm pretty sure that's accurate. I don't expect any other

B bram towbin 23:34

things to pop up.

P Peter Younbaer 23:36

I'm fine with that motion.

F Frances Rose 23:38

So Peter motioned. Patti seconded any final discussion. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Motion passes with four votes unanimous here tonight. What I wanted to bring up with the road crew department is again the Middle Street Bridge safety concerns. You know, there are 10 children between the ages of three and five or six that Take That bridge with bikes, scooters, things with pedals, things without pedals. I've seen a couple kind of closer than I would like to see calls about like, there's danger there. There was last time I brought this up with preceded, like, a couple of months of snow cover. So, like, I acknowledge the difficulty there, and the spring is here, the trips to the Rec Park are coming and want to come. And if there, we spoke of what was it like, snow fencing, snow fencing lining both sides of that bridge, and snow fencing would go a long way toward allaying the actual concerns for the safety of the village youth and anybody else who is walking across that bridge without a sidewalk, contending with fast moving traffic coming off the hill and coming to town. Do you all need any support from us to move on math? Thank you. Much appreciated. All right, we have Karen Hatcher Grant's report.

K Karen Hatcher 25:18

Good evening, everybody, everybody. Good seal. So this is the April report. First thing, just

want to get a date on everyone's calendar. Monday, May 5, we will be hosting a flood recovery community information update. So the grants group has made a lot of progress, and we know that there are a lot of questions

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Frances Rose 25:44

that's in the evening, 6pm Yeah? Here, here, the week is Monday, yeah? So

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Karen Hatcher 25:53

you won't have a Select Board meeting. Well,



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yeah, I was just

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Dan Fingas 26:02

going to say, Yeah, we do have to figure out if more than two of us are going, then it might have to be an official Select Board meeting.

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Karen Hatcher 26:07

Yeah, we've conversation with Karl about this, and it's not a meeting where any action will be taken. And I think you guys, if you don't sit near each other and don't talk to each other, you probably okay, but it's up to you. If you want to warrant it.

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Dan Fingas 26:21

Yeah, we'll just have to find out. I think if we're all in the room and we're all hearing the same information, then we would have to warn it,

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Karen Hatcher 26:29

let us know. But yeah, we haven't. We posted a calendar item on the front board, forum, but not the agenda. Haven't done that, or the zoom link, or any of that pending meeting tomorrow where we're planning the meeting. So, um, yeah, coordinate with you guys. Yeah,

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Dan Fingas 26:46

I think you can do what you were going to do, if we have to warn it, if we think there's going to be a majority of Select Board members we can just warn it on top of the work that you're

be a majority of select board members, we can just wait it on top of the work that you're doing. So don't, don't wait for us.

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Frances Rose 26:56

Sounds good. We promise not to hijack the meeting.

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Patti Jamele 27:01

Let's see here.

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Karen Hatcher 27:03

Fine, great. So just some updates. We've had a lot of progress. The week of March 31 the FEMA site inspectors were here. It was a full week. We were full team out in the field. I was not, but I but lots of people were. And just really want to give props to Gary Smith and Josh and Michael Bingham and our team from the integrity group, who came up from Florida to work with the FEMA inspectors. It was a lot of work. We did more than 30 site visits. And as you recall, it's not Brook road for FEMA, it's all of the area outside of Brook road. So it's Cameron and Lee and Gore and Max field and recreation field road, and some other roads as well that have damage, as well as water wastewater lines and areas outside of Brook so that work happened despite a really snowy nest today, on Thursday, which we took as an office day and got caught up on paperwork. But, but all of that's moving along. And you know, we think that the the number there permanent projects will come in somewhere between five and ten million by the time all the estimates are done. It's pretty significant. So, you know, Josh, just mentioning our having our own equipment and our own labor to do some of that work. That means, you know, that we get paid for that, right? That's so that's 22 to 10. We're also in the course of the work with FEMA right now in getting the final estimates for emergency repair reimbursement. Those numbers are being worked on by our consultants right now that FEMA application is extremely complicated, and we've been experiencing a fair amount of pressure from FEMA because the local office we heard is closing in July, so we're trying to work as quickly as we can, but also we don't want to submit an incomplete application, and we want it to be correct. So we're really grateful to have the support of the integrity group on this project, because they do know all of what has to be done. And I'm really grateful we're not doing it ourselves, because it it would be a lot. Okay, federal highway. I think I mentioned last time that we were talking with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission about offering some labor and support to the process. And so Keith COVID has been working with Josh on the detailed damage inspection reports. And I think we mentioned that, I think best last time we spoke about it was 12 individual projects along Brook road that, I think is now 11, right, Josh, because something got combined. Are we back to 12?

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josh pitts 29:54

The first one is actually, well,

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Karen Hatcher 30:50

**K** Karen Hatcher 29:56

we know that, yeah, but that's part of the collective so 11 on Brook road, but and Mill Street bridges also. So top to bottom, bottom to top, right, it's bottom to top. One through 12 from Mill Street up Mill

**J** josh pitts 30:11

Street is one, and the number 12 is on the

**K** Karen Hatcher 30:14

board of Porter orange. Yeah. So emergency. So what, what that work does is it generates, um, basically, reports and invoices to the Federal Highway Administration for emergency repair reimbursement. And that number comes in at over \$800,000 so that's money we have already spent that will be coming back to the town, and we understand that that money will come back faster than the FEMA money, which we're grateful for so but we do think that's probably three months, Josh, three to six months on by the time they do their processing.

**F** Frances Rose 30:58

Yeah, that is, is that coming out of the million dollar bond that

**K** Karen Hatcher 31:02

did come out of, right?

**J** josh pitts 31:04

We've already paid, it's paid. You've already paid out.

**K** Karen Hatcher 31:09

I'll be getting, he's going to, that's, I'm the setup, and he's going to give you the details. So I give you the bigger picture. He's going to tell you the detail on that, okay, but because we have real numbers to talk about now, like it? We did it before. Okay, so Mill Street bridges, the first project you did report on that, and then VCB is the engineering firm. Is that right to VCP, VHB, HP, I'm sorry, there are way too many acronyms, VHB, so more on that. So that's that the the study of the raybrook, the grant for that was going to be an advanced system grant. But that is changed. It's better for us actually, because it speeds the timing up as it was, if we went for this grant, it was going to be a much longer timeline. And if we would line up with the information that we need for making good decisions on Brook Road, about repair, rebuild, moving, whatever. So the state, actually, State of Vermont and Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission are now putting that grant together. It's also off our plates, and it's a three Town grant now, so it's very I think it's Marshfield, Marshfield, Plainfield, Orange. It's orange, and it's

a regional Bram now, so it's not ours to do, but we will benefit by it. Okay, does that mean you're getting more help with it? We're not having to write it. It's being done for us and for the other towns. What's brick standing for? It's one. I don't know it's but that's the new and the funds were found in. It's part of what Vermont Emergency Management manages the funds, and the brick funds were left over funds from 2022 so they found these funds and and decided to apply them

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bram towbin 33:30

in this way.

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Karen Hatcher 33:32

We didn't. Every month, we have what we call funders, round table with a host of funders at the state and federal level and other partners. We have one tomorrow morning. And at the last meeting, we discussed the challenge we were having, trying to line up the work that was going to need to be done on Brook road and the study it wasn't lining up. And so following that meeting, the folks at the state met and found a way to speed it up. So that's one of the really beautiful things that happens as a result of these kinds of meetings that we're having. It is found

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Peter Younbaer 34:12

building resilient infrastructure and community. Thank you.

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Karen Hatcher 34:17

Thank you. I always appreciate Okay. Other things still on hold. With the emergency watershed protection grant that's still under moratorium, the back shelter dam Study Grant is being coordinated through the France of the manooski, and that's going to be submitted by the end of this month, and there'll be some documents that Karl needs to sign before then, CDBG, dr, which is the big one, still waiting on information. We thought we would have that at the beginning of April. We still have not heard, and we haven't heard on what the criteria will be, and we haven't heard if Plainfield is eligible, so both those questions are still unanswered, and we'll keep you informed as we get more information. Okay, the I'm just going to go through this finish, and then we'll go to the action that we need. Okay, great. Thank you. So we're still waiting to hear on the animating infrastructure grant for the planning grant to do the art at the site of the the art installation at the site of the heartbreak. And that was a pitch. So if we get selected, we'll make a full application to the Arts Council that we are also pursuing an arts sorry, calling it arts facilities, but basically, it's a grant to replace the lift or to repair to put a new lift in here at the Opera House, I'm working on with Keith and with the new committee that was formed on accessibility. So those came on. So I think that's mostly at the so the action we need tonight has to do with the the \$60,000 grant for planning for the East Village expansion engineering, dcdp, there is a resolution that is part of that grant that needs to be adopted by the Board officially, and then grant that the resolution needs to be sound signed by the town clerk, and then that could be uploaded into the portal tomorrow. So last meeting, the Board

approved the grant, but we need this resolution. We didn't have it with us. We apologize. So if we could have that option tonight, I'll take that to Bram to sign, and then we'll put it in the portal tomorrow. Okay, I think that's full report. And open any questions.

**F** Frances Rose 37:12  
You also open to gratitude. Thank you also open to

**K** Karen Hatcher 37:15  
gratitude, for sure. Yes, I am. Thank you.

**P** Patti Jamele 37:21  
You've been amazing

**P** Peter Younbaer 37:24  
question on the as I recall from the information I seen on that grant. Oh, decision timetable on that, that correct? I

**K** Karen Hatcher 37:33  
think that's right. Peter, yeah,

**D** Dan Fingas 37:36  
yes. Christy Farnham, who works with state, said that the CBD, gbdr grants, the big one details, will be in by the end of the month. She said those details by the end of the month, end of month now, okay, that's what we've

**K** Karen Hatcher 37:53  
been sharing. That's the

**D** Dan Fingas 37:54  
biggest that's great. Any other

**K** Karen Hatcher 37:59

questions? Any other

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Frances Rose 38:05

thing Dan has offered to read the resolution? Yeah,

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Dan Fingas 38:08

I'll read this resolution and also motion that we we we approve it and allow the town clerk to sign it, whereas the town of Plainfield is in applying for a grant under the Vermont Community Development Program, Community Development Block Grant, planning grant. And whereas it is necessary that the application be made and agreements be entered into the state of Vermont, now therefore be it resolved as follows, the applicant, which us, possesses the legal authority as defined by the state act to apply for the grant and to administer the program. The applicant apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of said program, and hereby agree hereby to enter into certifications and assurances thereof. The application is duly adopted in current municipal plan 412, excuse me, the applicant has a duly adopted and current municipal plan, which we adopted on April 12, 2021, and that the project is consistent with said plan, the applicant has received documentation from the Regional Planning Commission that the project is consistent with the regional plan that Arian to boomery is hereby authorized to be contact person as such, to provide on behalf of applicant all documents and information necessary for completion of said application and to provide such coordination as may be necessary for set applications. And that Dan Fingas Select Board member who is hereby designated to serve as the municipal authorizing official for the grants management online system, which in telegrams, which just means I get to do the stupid computer system that doesn't work very well, that is understood that if the application is funded, the receipt of CDBG funds, as federal funds passed through the state of Vermont may require that an audit of the applicant be conducted under the provisions of the Single Audit Act as amended, and that CDBG funds may be used to fund only a limited portion of the Audit cost, and we would pass this on the 14th day of April 2025, and then Bram is here watching us do this, and he can then sign the document. So I make that motion. Is

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Frances Rose 40:11

there a second? Thank you. Any discussion? I think it's funny that the shady dig at the computer system is part of another resolution. That's right, well, it's not official and like that. Wait, but don't start signs. We vote all those in favor, all those in favor, say aye, for you venomous. There we

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Peter Younbaer 40:38

go. Okay, Bram Thank you.

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Patti Jamele 40:42



I don't think that can look great.

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Frances Rose 40:48

Time for your report.



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What's seen as

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Frances Rose 40:54

maybe give them 30 seconds. Okay?

J

josh pitts 41:09

So I passed out a bit of a kind of a rough estimate of, like our the kind of expectation of when funds will be coming back and when, and kind of like the where they're coming from. So if you start in the upper left, you have 2023 tax received from Federal Highway at FEMA, 23 flood. So those amounts total to \$240,781.20 \$240,781.24 now these are, this is the the compensation we've received back from FEMA and federal highway for that event. And so we've received those in this fiscal year. And then we have the 2024, flood. And so I, I believe that we'll receive probably some of these will probably come in this fiscal year, and someone will receive in the in the upcoming fiscal year. And so the first round that was submitted, I would expect that we'd be getting back approximately those first five submissions, which total to \$638,470.80 now the in the fiscal year 25 which we're in, the FEMA, 24 category A, Category B, which is the cleanup and response to the the emergency repairs. That's an estimated number. We don't have, like the full number just yet, but I'm but I think that is quite accurate. It might be slightly more, because this doesn't include the force account labor for those locations. So, but this is, this is what we've paid out in invoices that were not associated with the submissions to the Federal Highway. And then during the process of trying to get our cash flow, and we, we've sort of, we've used some of our funds from their welding loan and ARPA to to help bridge some of that. And so I would we will be paying those back with the funds that we received out of the the first submissions and and then all of the return on these items from federal highway 24 and even 24 50% of those, those payouts we're obligated to use to pay back the bond bank. So and the bond bank being at borrowing of a million dollars, we have, we will have, like the net funds coming back to cover that 50% without any issue and pay back some of these obligations, which we've which we've used, is an internal funds that we've used, and we can return those back to their state prior to the flood, and then The the the rest of the Federal Highway from that I would expect for the emergency phase coming next fiscal year, the about \$247,249.43 now, at the bottom of the black box, you have the total FEMA cost estimate. So this is kind of what FEMA has estimated. The cost could be based on the damage inventory. Now that's not the actual like this would be the cost to rebuild all of those locations that are not federal highway. This is not like a particularly hard number, because we don't know the actual what we're going to actually spend, but, but, like Karen said, it would be between five and ten million and I think the I think it's probably going to be a little closer to the 10 and but, you know, we, I

believe we are, our share for that is 7.25% 7.5 7.5 so d so being able to reduce the cost through purchase sub excavator, you can see it's going to help reduce our overall expenditures. We need to to rebuild these locations. So that's that's something to consider there, the the federal highway project cost estimates we don't have. We're not quite there yet. With that process, the difference between the Federal Highway process in terms of estimating and the project cost is Fingas very like front heavy with their estimates, and so they do a lot of the work up front to kind of bust things out. And this is why the site inspections are so arduous with the Federal Highway process, because it's broken up by specific location. We'll have a better idea, probably in a few weeks, what the cost for the permanent projects can be. And I believe that

**B** bram towbin 46:54

at least

**J** josh pitts 46:57

there's only three locations which would not involve a permanent project. The reason I'm a little bit fuzzy on that is because maybe a little bit of back and forth with the Roscoe from municipal assistance, like whether or not the damage to the bridge 22 which is on Brook road, at the bottom of cannon Road, would qualify. You see that Dawn is on the call. Thanks Don for the photos. I think they're going to be hugely impactful to the US getting that approved as a permanent hopefully, and the and then we don't have the CDB, CDBG, Dr here, and so this will be kind of the document that I'm going to use to as we get more information. Track the our expected income back to the town of what we've expended. And then we'll build this out as we go the I was hoping to have work that from Bonnie Batchelder around the to give you a complete Treasurer's Report. The that work got a little bit delayed because we're having some difficulties getting bad children associates approved with statements on the bank. So I'll have, hopefully, I'll have that for you at the next regular Select Board meeting the and then there are some things that have come back. In terms of revenues. We got back a a brand clear just, I believe this morning, that was a highly grant for reimbursement for \$10,000 that was associated with the work that was done on catch basins and the and so that just goes into the general fund we've paid out. And so that is just part of our upcoming cash on hand. Any questions about the flood, revenues, expenditures.

**D** Dan Fingas 49:29

So the number, I don't know if you purposely didn't give the total FEMA cost estimate, the 9 million, basically \$9 million number. Did you say we are on the hook for seven and a half percent,

**J** josh pitts 49:42

if we so, like, in the projects. So the projects are not defined, right? Like, and when they're estimating, you know, they're taking, you know, they're kind of, like, going

**B** bram towbin 49:55  
want to take this, yeah, I just want to, yeah.

**K** Karen Hatcher 49:58  
There's something called ERAP at the end, at the very end of FEMA, when, when they close out. So there are a number of offsets that happen on that seven and a half percent, including all of the volunteer hours that were put in, which we entered into FEMA this week. And that looks like it's \$220,000 worth of value. So there are a number of things that are going to offset the seven and a half at close out. And we don't know all of that yet. So I think, and it's not something we have to come up with as the projects are happening, but rather, at the very, very end of the FEMA process. And this

**D** Dan Fingas 50:39  
is just for FEMA. This is Jessica. And so if slightly over \$9 million is what it ends up costing, we have to hopefully show in kind, for about \$680,000


**K** Karen Hatcher 50:53  
in kind and lots of other pieces there.

**P** Peter Younbaer 50:56  
Yeah, yeah, I rounded. I used 10,000,007 10,000,700


**D** Dan Fingas 51:01  
I rounded, I ran into the closer that million number


**K** Karen Hatcher 51:05  
cash out to come up with the cash. Lot of other ways that we're offsetting that. And we have, you know, we had a lot of emergency pieces, like, like setting up the emergency shelter, for example, there's, there's a whole bunch of offset right there, there. So there are a lot of pieces we're learning about through with our consultants that are going to come into play with this. So I wouldn't at this point and the thing about the FEMA app is, like, we're years away from close out. So this isn't something we have to worry about in this calendar year, this fiscal year, and the next one, it's because this is going to go on for a while. So Well, I'm glad,


**D** Dan Fingas 51:46


 **Sanjiv Das** 51:56  
I'm glad to hear that the painstaking detail we did for the volunteer hours, mostly Mary Teresa and Maureen Lynch, did to make sure that we had all those documents. Yeah,


 **Karen Hatcher** 51:58  
absolutely.


 **Frances Rose** 52:01  
Um, one question. I realized I had perhaps more for you, Karen than Josh, but the closure of the local FEMA office, is that because of national shenanigans? Or is that? Yes? Okay, thank you.


 **Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD** 52:14  
Thank you for asking that. We got that too.

 **josh pitts** 52:18  
I've heard about any shenanigans with Federal Interest,

 **Karen Hatcher** 52:21  
yeah, federal housing, sometimes

 **bram towbin** 52:23  
I can tell you what the data the IRS.

 **josh pitts** 52:30  
Any other questions about the process for bodies with the legacy work? Great.

 **Frances Rose** 52:43  
Great. Thank you, Josh, thank you, sir. All right, moving on. We have the, I guess, first regular heavy act report East Village, extend expansion Advisory Committee. Great. Thank you. Applause.

 **Jared Birchmore** 53:04

So Garrett birch more here,

**L** Liz Perrault 53:07  
and Liz qualt And

**J** Jared Birchmore 53:09  
we just wanted to introduce ourselves to the board as the liaison for the East Village expansion advisory committee to the Select Board will be kind of alternating who attends and provides updates to you all, and also letting you know ahead of time if we don't have any significant updates, so that you guys can remove This from the agenda we've held our first two meetings the last two Thursdays, and we have two upcoming meetings in April, also on Thursdays, starting at 5pm here in the Opera House, And then also via zoom, just in terms of process, our meeting minutes we are approving at the next meeting, so those will be uploaded to the town website after the following Thursday meetings, as Well as the videos for those meetings are actually able to get uploaded to the town website quicker. And in terms of major highlights, we have spent the last two meetings creating group expectations and our process. The last meeting, we talked about forming work groups and giving those up amongst ourselves. We'll be reaching out to other individuals who weren't appointed to the committee that are interested in potentially working on those work groups to get involved. And we also had Karen present at the last meeting, just kind of a general overview of the grants that they're working through and how that might come into play for our our committee. Can you


**D** Dan Fingas 55:20  
just name the four work groups in case people watching are interested in those areas, I did send an email today to the 21 people that didn't get appointed that I'd applied, letting them know about the work groups and how they can get involved with those Thank you. So

**J** Jared Birchmore 55:35  
the work groups that we're starting with our communications, construction, which deals with costs, schedule, permitting, budget and financing, terms of revenue and grants. And then also the last work group around land, lottery, lot sales, buyer, education and housing development. And again, those are our kind of initial work groups. The last two subheadings for the land lottery, lot sales, what? What buyer, education and housing development.


**F** Frances Rose 56:11  
Talk about housing development. What does that mean in this context? So I believe at


**J** Jared Birchmore 56:19  
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least at the initial stage. That's just talking about being able to research different components of what potential buyers might be able to use, as you know, but their own foundation for moving forward


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after lot

 Jared Birchmore 56:38  
sales


 Frances Rose 56:40  
are there pathways to housing, yeah, pathways to physical accommodation. Yeah, thank you.

 Jared Birchmore 56:49  
Yeah. And anyone is welcome to show up to the meetings, also to like to reach out to any of us on the committee if you have questions or comments, Danny Osman, Lauren Geiger and Aaron Tobu Marie are the three co chairs. Yeah. There's any other questions on the board,

 Frances Rose 57:13  
the rollout of more working groups, is that, like week by week? Is that the what were to be expecting, or

 Jared Birchmore 57:21  
so? Yeah. So the work groups, they they will be meeting outside of the, you know, the scheduled committee meetings, and providing regular updates to to the full committee. And also those updates will be provided here as well.

 Speaker 2 57:39  
Rose, are you asking if there are more because there are more work groups suggested in our I

 Frances Rose 57:45  
know there's more groups possible, yes. And so I guess, yeah, I guess

**S** Speaker 2 57:50

coming as needed, but right now, we feel we prioritized and working from there. But yes, there will be more to come, and as certain things wrap up, or certain things are needed, then we'll discuss forming another work group. Yeah,

**F** Frances Rose 58:06

and I guess toward Dan's point, about reached out to those who were not selected for the committee. You know that was reached out with Dan's words. I guess I'm wondering, is there? It's no, it's

**D** Dan Fingas 58:18

actually the committee's words. Okay? It asked me to if I would reach out to them, and I asked them to send me what they wanted. And so Lauren, Lauren Geiger, one of the co chairs, gave what what they wanted, and it includes that in the future, there will be a work group that will address design and management plans for common and community spaces, but they're going to wait until plans are more firmed up before they do that.

**F** Frances Rose 58:39

Cool, that's great

**P** Peter Younbaer 58:42

question about, I know that there are RFPs out at the moment for engineering. What is the date that those would be back? You know, we may have it in an email from Sammy. Well,

**D** Dan Fingas 59:03

we because we talked about it. So we're having a special meeting next Monday. I believe they're due either today or tomorrow, and then she would be getting them to us. Originally, it was going to be due at like, 10am this morning, and then we were going to get them for this meeting. Right, right. Remember that? Yeah, so it should be very soon, soon.

**P** Peter Younbaer 59:19

Okay? And are those then, would that be something that, like your construction and permitting group would look at yes first before bringing it to the whole group?

**P** Patti Jamele 59:29

Yes. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you guys.

F Frances Rose 59:39

All right, this is a need for a transparent moment. The agenda that was printed was not the most recent agenda, so it's missing a line that was on the agenda, which was an invitation to the Select Board from Will Colgan to speak to the town's commitment to sidewalks.

L Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:00:04

The Colgan is here.

J Jared Birchmore 1:00:07

Yeah, I'm here. I can speak to that the town is applying for a neighborhood development area and which will expedite and help housing development in the town, among other things, and one of the requirements of the to get the designation is to have a policy on sidewalk connectivity. And I asked Alice Merrill, who was in who ran a lot of the earlier sidewalk work and Karl about any current policy on how the town wants to move forward with more sidewalks. And just a brief history, the sidewalks you see in town are a result of a long term planning and grant and execution around Main Street and Mill Street, and also the up on Route two, but it came to a sort of a halt around the brook Road Bridge, which was going to be rebuilt, and then that not only got rebuilt, but it needs to be rebuilt and redesigned, and all kinds of extra work. So I wasn't sure where the town stood on its expansion policy for sidewalks. And if there isn't one, I sent the Select Board a suggestion, a model sample of what Morrisville has as a policy for sidewalk expansion, and it might be good to update that to have a statement about connecting the sidewalks to the Goddard campus, which was part of the original program, but really wasn't a substantial enough design, and also the East Village expansion, that we want to have pedestrian connectivity to those new areas in town which are also part of the neighborhood development area. So I wasn't sure what existed in town. I asked around. It didn't get a lot. So maybe the Select Board may want to either consider a resolution, but would be one thing, but a policy statement on sidewalk expansion, if there isn't one, is something you could consider,

F Frances Rose 1:02:26

thank you will, yeah, in terms of what's existing, what's what's already policy, or, I guess, actions on us from the Select Board in town government, there is the fact that we have established now a reserve fund for sidewalks. That just happened, that is, yeah, so that we have money in the bank to support sidewalk building. I think the creation of the accessibility committee is like another piece that is like, shows any town resolve toward making this place more accessible. As the parent of a four year old, yeah, I want more sidewalks. Yeah, I want my child in the street less.

J Jared Birchmore 1:03:18



Oh, yeah, I didn't think there was anything about not having sidewalks. It's just a question of what's the formal piece of data that I can submit for the for the application? And unfortunately, I didn't hear back specifically what that could be. And I could probably piece together what the town currently has, but the Selectboard could maybe do a resolution or saying that it wants in light of the the Goddard Goddard campus being privately developed in the East Village, expansion project underway. We wanted to incorporate those into the sidewalk projects.

**P** Peter Younbaer 1:03:57

Peter, not aware that there's a sidewalk policy. And I did look at what you sent from Morrisville, which looked like overkill for us. More like, if there's a developer who comes in town, the developers responsible for building the sidewalk, you know, that type of thing that, what does the town plan say? Mean, if there's even about a policy, Shouldn't that be in the town plan? It? It

**J** Jared Birchmore 1:04:25

is, and we submitted that, but they the it wasn't quite enough. What they would really like to see is a is a is a capital budget. But we do have that town meeting article that was passed that I can submit and basically we can ask to see what they really need to see in Yeah,

**P** Peter Younbaer 1:04:48

yeah. I mean, just to follow up, you know, Josh used the term asset management when we were talking about the five reserve funds that were created at town meeting. Because we, don't have a capital budget, if you will. So these reserve funds are a step towards a capital budget. So maybe those are sweet words for the people reading your language at the other end, that we are moving in that direction. And here's proof of it. Yeah, I think

**J** Jared Birchmore 1:05:17

so. I think that might be enough. Dan,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:05:19

well, what is, when does this do? Like, when is the grant do?

**J** Jared Birchmore 1:05:23

Well, we got to put the next they may have a special it gets submitted to a special advisory board, and they may do a special meeting in June. So we're not like, under a lot of pressure, but

**D** Dan Fingas 1:05:37

**D** Dan Higgins 1:05:57

it'd be nice. What I'm seeing on this Morristown document that you sent us as an example is that the the the Planning Council, planning commission, created something and then the Select Board approved it, and actually they then they revised it, 12345, times. I wonder if you all at the planning commission could use this as a basis and create something that we could then approve at a future meeting.

**J** Jared Birchmore 1:06:01

Okay, yeah, I will. I'll look into that like I say I need, I like, some clarity from the department about what specifically we need, because there's no sense chasing down something that won't meet the requirements. So I should have that this week. And I think we have enough pieces, and I know there's enough desire in town to get it done. That's, I don't think we have an issue there. We

**F** Frances Rose 1:06:24

have another comment, will from Jeff Pitts.

**J** josh pitts 1:06:29

So will there? There's been quite a bit of study about sidewalks in the in the past. I believe there was a scoping study by Dufresne and the refrain group,

**J** Jared Birchmore 1:06:41

yes, I've got a copy of that. Yeah. And,

**J** josh pitts 1:06:45

and there, there is some more kind of historical, like work that we, the town, has done in the past in the interest of sidewalks, you know. And we've, we've invested in infrastructure, more infrastructure to maintain the sidewalks this year, including purchasing a tractor, sidewalk, sidewalk sander. So if any of that is helpful, let me know. I can pass some of that along too. Yeah,

**J** Jared Birchmore 1:07:16

I've got that information, and the the agency is really looking at stuff, it future plans versus past plans. So they know we've done a lot of work. They just want to see something that we're committed to keep doing it. And I think maybe that article with town meeting day and the reserve funds and the asset management, it will be enough, but if, but I'll find out more information.

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Frances Rose 1:07:41

Yeah. I think, you know, it'd be my delight to pass a resolution that says we want to sidewalks everywhere. And I think that might feel a little hollow, yeah, something with a little more traction teeth about it would be, as Dan suggested, like coming up with a Plainfield appropriate policy that we may approve, and would be happy to Yes,

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Jared Birchmore 1:08:03

I think so. And I'll do some more research, and I'll add that the neighborhood development area is really crafted around bigger towns. They're not used to dealing with a town the size of Plainfield, and it's a newer program, so they want to see things that we're not going to see in Plainfield in terms of, you know, green spaces and street lights and, you know, a whole lot of infrastructure that doesn't quite fit in our village.

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Frances Rose 1:08:30

Understood. Did you still have a comment? Peter, no, no, okay. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Yep. This segues beautifully into our next topic, which is to discuss the offer of a facilitated community conversation with the Vermont Council on rural development. To offer any preface here I see Laura Kevin Bailey is here with us from vcrd. Vcrd came before the board, I think, in the fall, after the flood, to offer their services to host community conversations toward kind of imagining any kind of design specificity around this town's future. At that time, we kind of weren't ready to engage with them. And then flash forward, a few weeks back, I brought up the possibility of a Plainfield Housing Committee, in addition to the village expansion committee, to look at all the many possibilities that people are brainstorming, there are many possibilities for housing opportunities here in Plainfield to bring more housing online of all kinds that, yeah, that are simply different projects from the village expansion and they have their hands full. And so I proposed, how about a housing committee to look at all the many other options to apply the same kind of rigor that the village expansion committee or have been about that idea, and there was a lot of enthusiasm about the concept, but no one actually stepped forward to person that even imagined committee. And so we all remembered, oh, vcrd offered to host this community conversation in which we might imagine, yeah, housing possibilities for this town going forward. We think there's wide agreement that this place needs more housing. The state at large, Plainfield, absolutely. And then we'd also introduce the question of community spaces, I don't know, is this, is it appropriate, Laura that I share about this, or do you want to speak? Yeah,

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Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:10:49

no, I think the context that you're providing is great, and I can give some additional great context after you sort of wrap up where, where things are. Now, sure,

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Frances Rose 1:10:56

yeah, thank you. Community spaces like are another something that are bubbling in the

imaginings of the town right now. There is the wonder, of course, of what happens with the old Co Op space, the Grange and the community space above the right now, on the site plan of the village expansion project, there is a space, a community space that is, you know, vaguely programmed right now. Meanwhile, I have some words here from Jay of the the United grace, United Methodist Church, which is also looking at its future with like you know, glasses on about what it might look like. So I'm going to read these words from Jay Grace United Methodist Church has been a presence in Plainfield since 1801 and the existing building became the hub of Plainfield village when it was built in 1852 with the old church building becoming the town's current municipal offices. We believe that the church building serves as a visual symbol of plainfield's history. During last year's flood, the grace building and property became a hub of services to our neighbors seeking assistance. Grace also hosts the summer farmers market, the bi weekly community meal and the community's only 12 step recovery group. We also served as the central location for last year's old home days. As the congregation has struggled both in participation and financially, we recognize that the church must better connect with community needs. Thus, we are open for discussions with community leaders about how our property can best serve the community. You know, wrapping up this, we're talking about three community spaces, potentially, you know, in a third of a mile strip in what in this town, and so in my, in my thinking, that wants thoughtful coordination, just enough redundancy to be resilient, and not so much that it saps its own vitality from the system. So these are like the this is the context pieces that kind of brings us to Laura and the potential role of VCRD to help Plainfield with these imagine its own future really

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Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:13:26

well, yeah, if I may just add a little bit, and I apologize for not being in person today, but you don't want my body coming from a house full of respiratory and stomach bugs, So I appreciate the space to come by zoom, but yeah, to sort of set the stage for this conversation here, for the next little bit of time together. VCRD, the Vermont Council on rural development, provides capacity to small towns, but we're working with and for rural town, so we're not coming in with the any any set process or agenda it's really wants to be pulled from, from the community, community driven process of what, what the town needs. One of the things that in the programs that I help facilitate, it's called resilient communities, and it's an adaptable service. So we really are able to craft what, what could a forum on housing look like for Plainfield? What are the needs bringing people together who are already involved within that process, and then co creating what that looks like together with those grassroots efforts that are well underway, and there's so much happening within Plainfield, and so it's sort of seeing and asking you all if there are processes or spaces that would be beneficial to the conversation, that would be helpful to have VCRD help facilitate and convene folks into that space. And also really like timing. What does that look like? Are there enough questions out there that feel resolved to kind of are you ready for that type of conversation, or is it waiting to see how some of the existing pieces are bubbling and emerging, say Goddard College and the new village expansion Advisory Committee. Kind of as that work gets underway, are there pieces and processes that would be more beneficial to maybe starting a full community conversation later in the year, but really wanted to bring it back to the Plainfield Selectboard around timing, we never really know exactly what's in store ahead. But as we look at capacity for VCRD, there's a little bit of time end of July and then really the fall, has a lot of space to create either a multi step process or a space for conversation around one topic, such as housing or community spaces. So that was sort of one, that one big question is sort of on timing, and the second question for you all to consider is really bringing folks together, sharing conversation around what could be done or

what wants to be done. It feels like there's also the prioritization and action planning piece of it that would be highly beneficial, versus collecting all the ideas. There are a lot of ideas, it seems like already out there and already in play. And so the question is, is it a multi step process of bringing people together to get to more of a prioritization that the collective community stands behind and moves together on moves forward, moves forward together?



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Yeah. Yeah.



Peter Younbaer 1:17:03

I think back to a couple couple of comments. A number of people have written to me, and I'm sure to other members of the Select Board about, you know, other housing opportunities, other than the East Village expansion. And we now have this new committee. They're going full board, etc, but at a recent meeting, it was Michael Birnbaum stood up here and said, What happens if that doesn't happen? You know, are we just going to sit by and wait? This goes to your timing question. Are we just going to sit by and wait and see, and then, if it doesn't, then try and start up something new. When there are people who have said, you know, like our Plainfield Area Community Trust, what's happening with the Plainfield in? Can we turn that into apartments? What's happening with, you know, infill spaces in in the in the current village. What's happening with, you know, derelict homes that aren't being taken care of by the landlords when they could be made into housing? What's happening with Goddard College? There are some parcels of land that the town owns that could be developed, that have been identified, you know, and it would seem to me that the timing, you know, I think we, we'd be foolish not to be looking at those at the same time that we're doing that. And so I think, you know, when we were kicking around, what's the possibility for VCRD gears and you guys facilitate pulling those pieces together. I think it would not take too long to get the ideas on the table, and you would move fairly quickly to a prioritization or investigation, and then prioritization process with that,



Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:18:58

yeah, and you point out that there are these different entities that are that are grappling with the piece? And sort of a follow up question to that, is housing right? Is this huge topic in the state and in your community? There will be links, I think, to other pieces right, to the infrastructure, to the green space and the buyouts, what does that start to look like? And so just sort of a question of how, how many bounds you want to keep within the conversation versus a larger community visioning process. I do want to share an example from Johnson, where we worked, this fall, the community and economic development director saw that the community was very divided and really not having, not coming together collectively. And I would not say that's the same thing in Plainfield happening, but in Johnson, people who were really involved were getting burnt out and kind of stepping aside and very, very divided community. And he asked VCRD to think about how to bring the community together in a long term recovery plan process to get the voices heard. And we, when we start and are asked to work within the community, we try to talk to different folks in different sectors and get a pulse of, is this a right time for the community to come together around broader topics or specific

topics? And we kept hearing from different avenues of like, yes, we do need to come together to hold this space and hold this conversation. And yet there was still skepticism of the process being like, well, no one's going to show up. We're not going to actually get anywhere, get any further than we are currently. But through the support of this sort of planning group that is folks from that community, they did their outreach and and VCR with VCRD support of sort of that engagement and outreach process and getting people to show up to these full community conversations that had much broader lenses to it. People were really surprised at who who came out and who was has not been a part of the conversations that was able to be there and to share their voice in the process, and that was with a much broader, broader topic, base of resilience in general, across the community. And what that did is it spurred ideas and connections and priorities, and there are some fantastic and unfortunately still leaning on like volunteer led efforts, but that energy that develops within the community to progress the ideas moving forward. And one example is access to food group that has been standing up different efforts and starting a community meal, looking into farmers markets, and starting a general store, supporting a general store coming into town. And so there's been a lot of energy that was created by creating that space for the collective larger conversation. So just wanting to put that out there in that even communities that felt like they it was divided and folks weren't going to come to the table, it did provide that platform in a space to hold that larger conversation of what does the community need in general, and I think with housing, a lot of those other threads are going to come through in the conversation around infrastructure, around communication, around affordability and basic needs, infrastructure like that, within the community center or laundry mat, some of the pieces that have come up and so just kind of prepping that The conversation around housing may feel like it have some bounds, but there are likely other threads that are going to emerge through that process, and would want to be able to hold space for those ideas and those themes to also kind of emerge and bubble up and be a part of the of the process And the prioritization that may come from it. So just giving in context like that was a in Johnson. It was a four month process. Maybe Plainfield wants to start with a smaller, more bound conversation, but you may also miss some of the threads and opportunities that are happening in town and or could be connected together by keeping it a little bit smaller, and that's really a conversation as to what, what you all feel is the need for the community conversations right now, being much more immersed in it than I am, and knowing and feeling where, where that benefit could could support the community In identifying other opportunities, like you said, for housing or for other projects. Yeah. Thank

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Frances Rose 1:23:45

you, Laura, I think some members of the board and members of the audience here have comments. Laura, one brief

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Peter Younbaer 1:23:51

question, have you read ramp, the study that was done here in Plainfield, in Marshfield at VCR VCRD facilitated a couple years ago?

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Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:23:59

Yes, and I was not with VCRD at that time, but we have read through it, and it's an interesting example of the Oh, go ahead, you

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Peter Younbaer 1:24:10

talk about all these sort of bigger picture things as context for something more focused, like housing. So we've done that here. And when VCRD came last fall, I guess, and kind of presented itself as a resource. I think there was a lot of feedback from the community that we've done this. We've now been traumatized by these floods. We're not interested in a philosophical thought process. We want tangible things, focus things. And that was repeated by a number of people who testified. And I would say I am in that I would say I'm in that group. My specific question to you is, is VCRD willing to facilitate a housing focused group for us?

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Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:25:01

And I think we are open to, yeah, providing that facilitated service for Plainfield. I think you'll be in conversation with groups and entities that are already working in that way within your community, being key partners and key providing key input to what that process would look like and what the outcomes could be.

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Frances Rose 1:25:26

I see Karen Hatcher

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Karen Hatcher 1:25:27

at the mic. Karen Hatcher, just a couple of thoughts to share. You know, Laura mentioned long term recovery, and I think, you know, I also am aware of the comments that folks made about the ramp study and all that work that was done, and then how nothing came of it, how it was kind of, know, all that could work, and then no action. And I think, you know, there are a couple of pieces to this to consider. One is, we're not living in the same world pre flood, right? We have a much different set of circumstances to consider as a town, and different expenses and different priorities that have to be measured as part of it. And so you know, this bigger context of long term recovery, I think can be a big enough context to work in, to look at what are all the elements that we need to be thinking about spending time on making plans for and dedicating funds to so that's, that's one thought, the other thought, and this is something that's just really keep coming back to, and that is where small town, right? We have small staff, we don't have Community Development Office, we don't have a place where these bigger ideas and these bigger needs live. And so what happens is we have volunteers which are wonderful and great and do good work. But, you know, to Laura's point, too, folks burn out. And so if we have, you know right now, we've got 11 people on the East Village committee. We've got, you know, seven people on the grants group. We've got this illustrious body that is doing amazing work, and all these other committees that are happening in town and and my concern is that we're going to go through a process again of good work and good ideas, and there isn't going to be a place for it to live, or for some place where it's owned. So that, you know, if we said, okay, these are the top three priorities, who's going to make sure that those actually happen, and that those, even if they are volunteer committees, who's going to make sure that time you

know as time goes by that these are long term projects? How do they how do they find their way into reality? And we're not alone in this process. This is like all communities that have limited resources are going to have to struggle with this, but

**P** Peter Younbaer 1:28:17

and they're all going to lose the funding under the current state budget that is provided to municipalities who don't have those grand offices. That's today's news from the league city lieutenant, yeah. So,

**K** Karen Hatcher 1:28:27

so, so there we are, right. And so I think it's, it's a bigger, it's a bigger frame, you know? And I think, yes, housing we can certainly do a lot with, but I think we have big, a much bigger issue, which is, how are we going to revitalize after all this loss, how are we going to bring things back and really forward? So I'm one voice, you know, whatever the board wants to do here. Thanks, Karen,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:28:55

a question. Yeah, please. Karen. So just, I just want to make sure that i Are you saying that you think we should go through this process of VCRD with a long term recovery lens, which would also think about how we actually follow through with this, not that you're saying that you shouldn't go through the process, because all we would have is volunteers on the other but

**K** Karen Hatcher 1:29:16

I think we need the longer lens, and I think And within that lens, we need to build infrastructure into our government, you know, to be able to make sure that we can do it, you know, yeah, yeah, because it's big. This is not, this isn't. These aren't going to be small projects, you know, if you rehab a hotel, right, even if it's a volunteer group that takes it on, it's this is a big, multi year, yeah, project, right. So

**F** Frances Rose 1:29:48

I think I'm hearing, oh no. I'm just going to read some comments from the thank you so.

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

Christy Farnam, can it be recovery and revitalization, including housing and Don Fancher says Not everyone agreed that we didn't need something broader. Our town has changed considerably last year.



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Frances Rose 1:30:04

Yeah. I mean, I want to affirm and second that, yeah, a holistic lens here on what are the needs of Plainfield right now, I want to be held by someone VCR Dean is in a good position to be holding that like high elevation view of town. Yeah. I mean, there's so much to revitalization. There's so much to recovery, housing essential, but there's also so much undergirding that, in terms of timing and pace, you know, I I'm thinking, I don't know how many events like, represent, for example, your four month commitment in was it? Johnson, yeah, so, but, you know, like, early, middle and late season is all feels appropriate, you know, it's like, I think what we're seeing, what I'm seeing is people coming out of their houses for the first time over winter. You know, this is like, this is a moment where we are kind of showing up to one another. There's lots of ideas around there's lots of people still feeling unheard, and they're good ideas about these alternate solutions that aren't getting enough air time, play or exploration, and so providing an early outlet to like, start syncing ideas to like, be focusing on, I guess, to be drawn focused toward the broad view of what are the many like, avenues, strategies, pathways toward recovery and revitalization that then get built upon and built upon and built upon, and that we can track toward, like a fall time of, you know, laying in some bureaucratic infrastructure, some government infrastructure. I don't know if there's like space in the town office that can become like a base for like this work, but, you know, yeah, that's part of the holistic lens of how this town holds the work going forward, and holds and also channels the energy that is here right now, and if, through this work, we get even a committed volunteer group doesn't have to be a formal committee who is Exploring any one of these many options that's progress. I see, I see her hand raised. Alicia Weiss,

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Alicia Weiss. VT 1:32:33

one second, okay, thank you. I'm going to reveal my ignorance about the extent of what VCRD does. I was looking at your website. I know you. There was a section says, policy work. But do does your organization coordinate with different towns in the legislature to advocate for particular initiatives, bills and amendments that would affect housing.

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Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:33:11

Thanks for that question. And yeah, it's an interesting arm of VCRD. So when we say policy, what we do is convene community voices around Vermont and pull themes from what we hear and present those themes so we don't take advocacy stances as an organization and try to remain non partisan within the state house, but we do try to bring rural voices To the state house, so that they can be heard and a part of the process, given the different communities that we are working, working in around the state, so we don't, hopefully that answers your question. We don't,

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Alicia Weiss. VT 1:33:54

yeah, yeah, maybe not what I wanted to hear, but maybe I'm not understanding you as foliar and maybe you can act as a fulcrum for coordination between towns. There's been some discussion lately on Plainfield people, the Facebook group, about a number of houses that are neglected. Landlord doesn't want to sell them, possibly landlords, one of which just sort of fell

in recently and meanwhile, they're not available for housing. They are, you know, they're rotting on our soil, which isn't great for the town. They're not bringing in, you know, they're not bringing in people who are going to shop, who are going to pay taxes, etc, and I'm aware that there's a bill in the House that's just sitting in committee. I don't I have no idea if there is will in the committee to bring it up. H 109, that talks about developing ordinances that would require maintenance of neglected, uh, empty properties from landlords, even, I suppose, if they were occupied. Um. And the one thing I was a little disappointed by when I read the language is that bill as currently drafted, only applies within downtown the downtown designations and a cluster of houses that People have lived in were nostalgically reminiscing about that could be used that have long history in in our town, are right outside of the designated downtown. So I was wondering if other towns had issues like those I see. I'm not sure we have any any teeth to promote some kind of movement on these properties of other towns had the will to pursue a bill that was more expansive. I mean, was that, is that something you could help with and support? This is just my voice. I don't know if the town's interested, but yeah, it's

**L** Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:36:18

an interesting I think you know you're speaking to some of the conversations that would come up in a housing conversation in the town. The other thing that we're able VCRD is able to support is connections with other towns that may have a housing committee or have come up against similar experiences in their communities and how they're working through it. So there's also that potential to link out of the municipal boundaries of your town with efforts that are underway around the state that are similarly driven by small towns have a lot of similar restrictions on capacity or staff to actually implement. But what are some of those creative ways that either housing committees or groups of people within a community that has identified housing as a key priority? How are they tackling some of those entities? So I think that's that's one opportunity that VCRD can bring to the table of making some of those connections across other other towns in Vermont, but yeah, again, we don't. We may be able to connect you to some of those other entities and create a platform for advocacy that's not what our organization takes on.

**A** Alicia Weiss. VT 1:37:34

We appreciate your response.

**F** Frances Rose 1:37:37

Thank you. I'm curious, Laura, what are the next steps here. How do we or is it the VCRD makes a proposal to town in Plainfield? Or what comes next?

**L** Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:37:48

Well, if Plainfield wants VCRD to support a community conversation, we would welcome a letter requesting those services and laying out whether it is just a housing focused more near term, or if it's something that you want to have a broader lens, more of a resilience vision or strategy for the community that includes a number of different topics, areas, and We would work the

first step really in the process would then be pulling after the support of the municipality for that then it becomes a community led process where VCRD would pull in different voices and start to create that planning group that would help to formulate what the community conversation would look like. So when I say two community meetings, if it's a housing focus, within a prioritization pace, there would be a set step before that that actually brings community members together to help plan, plan the event and make it a part of what the fabric that already exists within Plainfield and entities and organizations that are working towards that. So it would be gathering those folks together and then setting dates moving forward for those broader community gatherings and community forums. So I guess needing clarity on if it's specific, just wanting a housing conversation and wanting it this summer, or a longer, more inclusive process that could happen in the fall, more of a multi step process, looking at revitalization or long term recovery plan from

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Frances Rose 1:39:36

the Select Board, A Plainfield kind of a design, a vision for a season of events, if, if that's what it looks like, describe to y'all so that you can begin that work and know that we wish to enlist your support,

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Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:39:55

yeah, but I don't think the Select Board needs to design the process that would be we. We would, through our experiences in other communities, be able to provide, like, a menu of options of here's how we pulled it together in Johnson for this long term recovery process. These were the steps that were included, if it is just a housing forum. Another question to the broader planning group, which I think extends beyond the Selectboard. Is what do you want to see out of it? Is it a list of project ideas, or is it also a prioritization of what those ideas are and starting to build action plans towards pursuing those other avenues? So I think there's what the outcome desire is for it, but not necessarily the design A to Z in the middle of it, VCRD, with the planning group from the community, would then put that in place based on what the outcome, the desired outcome is,

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Frances Rose 1:40:55

and then by when would you like this note?

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Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:40:58

Well, I would say that this summer schedule is starting to get very full for commitments in other communities. So if we know in the next few weeks that Plainfield does want to hold a community conversation, we may be able to fit in one over the summer. I would say, if it takes, if you want more time to talk amongst yourselves, there would be space in the fall to have those conversations. And that schedule is really won't be built out for a month or so. And so could have a little more space if you want to see how things emerge the May 5 rant conversation, as well as some of the other pieces, moving pieces within town, see how the village expansion group is moving forward. We would need to know to hold that space and time

in the fall, as soon as soon as realistically possible, from the group. And I know I had given you sort of that mid April timeline for if Plainfield wants support from VCRD, we would just want to be able to continue to hold that space in our schedules to provide capacity.

F Frances Rose 1:42:14

Okay, thank you. Laura Dan,

D Dan Fingas 1:42:20

I so the letter just needs to say, like, we would like you to come into our town to hold a conversation around this is just an example Long, long term recovery, with a with with a ensuring there's a focus on housing. And we'd like for that to happen in the fall of 2025 like, something like that. Like, that's you don't need, like a thesis. You just need, like, a pretty simple, yeah, as long kind of know what direction you're going in, Yep,

L Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:42:50

yeah. Sort of, what, what topics and sort of, what is the goal to have a sort of long term recovery, revitalization conversation and plan for the town is it to hold community conversations. So I think there could be, especially if it's fall, that you're looking towards, it can be somewhat adaptable, once we get there, as to like what's happening, the context that it exists within at that time, and then gathering those ideas prioritizing and starting to generate action, action steps forward.

F Frances Rose 1:43:27

Kristie Farnham had a message. Kristie farmers message was to seize the day. Sorry, everyone

P Patti Jamele 1:43:33

can figure

S Speaker 3 1:43:34

out how to raise my hand on Zoom. I'm a teams person, but yeah, this is Kristie Farnham wearing my resident hat, but knowing the good work of VCRD, because I work at the agency of commerce and community development, and they have worked on many of our Northern Border Regional Commission projects, and actually a grantee that received funding to prioritize flood ravaged communities, Plainfield being one of them, and recognizing that Johnson, too climbed out of a similar hole from the 2023 event. So I really encourage this collaboration with VCRD, and I also discourage a narrowed focus going in prioritizing one need when the needs of Plainfield, as Don referenced, are much greater and much broader than they were before this flood event. So and I would discourage to waiting, because we know we're going to get some

funding, and we know these projects are going to be moving forward, and if we're not ready to mobilize on what those priorities are, because we're waiting to, you know, sit down as a group and make those decisions, it could be a real lost opportunity.

**P** Patti Jamele 1:44:54

Thanks. Thank you, Kristie. I wanted to ask Kristie, Kristie, are you suggesting that we try to get a slot for this summer. Get that. Do we get it that soon? Yes,

**F** Frances Rose 1:45:05

thank you. And I guess I'm wondering transparently for this board, is there need for a motion to like submit a memorandum here? Well, I think that's what. No, I guess do we need a motion now to like send this to is my intention to get you a note soon. Laura VCRD, do we need to? Do we need to motion that now? Well, maybe

**D** Dan Fingas 1:45:25

it's a motion that at some point they need to be invited.

**P** Peter Younbaer 1:45:29

Yeah, I'm not ready to do that tonight without further discussion. And we have other items on the agenda. So okay, so we

**P** Patti Jamele 1:45:39

put on the agenda for next, our next our next meeting, but

**F** Frances Rose 1:45:42

I think it is on the agenda for next week. Yeah, yeah, and we will have this week to perhaps create that memo. Okay. Thank you very much, Laura for joining us. Yeah,

**L** Laura Cavin Bailey (she/her) VCRD 1:45:55

absolutely. If other questions come up, please reach out.

**F** Frances Rose 1:45:59

Will do you? Hi, moving on discussing the unsecured loan documents arrival from the Vermont Community Foundation. This is for the \$150,000 in toward phase two engineering services for

the village expansion project. We thought there would be a more robust conversation about this tonight, potentially involving our legal counsel on the matter. The short message this, maybe there will be more to say than this, but essentially, it's a draft document. It's yet to be reviewed by legal counsel. It is not yet in its final form. We Meanwhile, there are a number of conditions that it explicitly states are required for us to move forward into this agreement, a bunch of which have not yet been achieved. So we're in kind of a holding pattern. We're going to try again to get our attorney here next week for Executive Session. We shall see. There may not be much more to say about this than that right now, but I will offer the board chance to say more, if desired.

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Patti Jamele 1:47:22

I think we need all the information that we decide anything to see what it's there, yes,

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Frances Rose 1:47:29

yeah, and I think we're also being careful to not say too much about it, because it is a draft. Yeah. Okay, moving on, we have the approval of liquor licenses. We're just Well, I guess no liquor licenses for BAS LLC, varieties being first class, outside consumption, and third class. Carol at the town office advised us that she handles this through the online portal. She accomplishes this. She's, like, vetted this group. Um, it's simply for us to kind of say yes to Carol's good work and approve it.

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Peter Younbaer 1:48:17

I believe this is the country club. Yeah, the golf course,

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the golf course. Gator in Yeah.

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Frances Rose 1:48:22

Is there a motion at the table to approve the liquor license for bas? So move Second. Any discussion? All those in favor say, Aye. Aye. Unanimous. Four votes for approval of bas liquor licenses. Next agenda, approval of draft minutes from April 7, 2025 I have a comment on these minutes that I guess I am wanting to involve the board to discuss in the in the minutes as written, it's it details that Karl Bissex explains the process and the need for a two thirds majority for the reconsideration vote to pass. That was how it was written in the minutes. That was not my understanding of what Karl said. And I looked at the Near as I could tell, the spot in the state law that talking about reconsideration votes, that seems to say something different. But I have to admit that I don't actually know what it means. I'm like, I struggle to interpret this. And so from the law, a majority vote in favor of reconsideration or rescission of a question voted on by paper or Australian ballot shall not be effective unless the number of votes passed

in favor of reconsideration or rescission exceeds two thirds of the number of votes cast for the prevailing side at the original Meeting, unless the voters of the municipality approve a different percentage, etc, I'm gonna like, Pam, this is someone

D Dan Fingas 1:50:08

who's it? I think what it's saying is that for reconsideration to happen, they need so that what was the vote? It was 100 and I think was 187 to something at least two they would need two thirds of that 187 the the yeas,

F Frances Rose 1:50:24

the number of voters that would have to return to the polls would have to be two thirds of 187

D Dan Fingas 1:50:30

No, the number of people voting for reconsideration would have to be two thirds of the 187

P Peter Younbaer 1:50:35

would have to exceed the two thirds of 187 because that it's setting up a Standard

D Dan Fingas 1:50:39

number of the failing side. If you, if you, we already passed the zoning. So if we have an election on May 20 and only 10 people show up, anything they do is not valid. No, it has to be. It has to be two, at least two thirds of the, I believe the yeas, based on what you just read the yeas from the last election, and that was, I'm saying 187 the number might be slightly different than that. So it would be two thirds of the yeases.

F Frances Rose 1:51:04

Bram is the minimum number of nays on the reconsideration vote of the I

D Dan Fingas 1:51:09

believe the yeas No. Well, the reconsideration vote is going to be a should we reconsider so there'll be yeases as well when you vote next time. I think the reason

P Peter Younbaer 1:51:19

we have to be careful on the word, I'm not sure how careful on the wording. Article, yes. We

don't want Yes to mean No, yeah, confuse people even more. So

- D** Dan Fingas 1:51:27  
yeah, the No, so yes, the no's on May 20 have to be at least two thirds of the yeses from March
- F** Frances Rose 1:51:33  
4 and also be the majority. And
- D** Dan Fingas 1:51:37  
also be the majority. Okay, so it's just a bit broader. The reconsideration vote has a broader, like a bigger standard than just a regular majority vote. So
- F** Frances Rose 1:51:48  
I guess coming back to the approval of the minutes this Karl Bissex explained the process and the need for a two thirds majority for the reconsideration vote to pass. Is that sufficient information here? Do we need to clarify that to be more accurate.
- P** Peter Younbaer 1:52:03  
I think it could use clarification.
- D** Dan Fingas 1:52:05  
Yeah, I guess what I don't know, and this is just from a minute's perspective, is what Karl actually said, like, we'd have to look at the recording because, yeah, we can't use minutes to change the record of what like just to provide correct information. The minutes are supposed to be a retelling of what happened in the meeting. Yes, even if he gave incorrect information in the meeting,
- F** Frances Rose 1:52:28  
I understood Karl, what I thought was this. This did not sound like what Karl said,
- D** Dan Fingas 1:52:33  
Yeah, did you look at the transcript version of I didn't, yeah. I mean, that's the only way. I mean, okay, we can, you know, try to change, I just don't know how we would change it easily without taking it completely out of context of what Karl might have said unless we look at the



without taking it completely out of context of what Dan might have said, unless we look at the transcript.

P Peter Younbaer 1:52:52

All right, the original vote was 165 yes to 87 No. So you would need

D Dan Fingas 1:53:21

so we can try to look at the and we can just not approve these minutes this week and approve them next week.

P Patti Jamele 1:53:28

I hope that we have to do we have to

K Karen Hatcher 1:53:29

and you can also just have tonight's record correct. Yeah, the specifics around that in the context in the minutes of this meeting

F Frances Rose 1:53:42

I see. So prove the minutes, approve the minutes as

K Karen Hatcher 1:53:47

as written, because said. But can you clarify? But clarify this?

D Dan Fingas 1:53:54

This is the No, is this the page, the actual thing you but the what

F Frances Rose 1:53:59

I read from the law prayer, yeah, that's it.

P Peter Younbaer 1:54:04

So if he quotes the law in tonight's minutes, then that verbatim. Okay, no,

**F** Frances Rose 1:54:10  
argue that. That. That works for me. That works for me. Thank you all for your problem solving.


**K** Karen Hatcher 1:54:18  
It's been so minutes,

**D** Dan Fingas 1:54:22  
so I motion that we approve the April 7, 2025, minutes

**F** Frances Rose 1:54:28  
Second. Any discussion further? All those in favor say aye. Aye for unanimous. Okay, we are on to the approval of warrants, accounts payable, 331, 411, and payroll, four, 325, and 410 25

**P** Peter Younbaer 1:54:55  
we have we added 410 we added 410 Karl added 410 she

**F** Frances Rose 1:55:03  
That's right. So is there a motion at the table? So move second. All right, any discussion, all those in favor say, Aye. Aye.

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Dan, yeah.

**F** Frances Rose 1:55:21  
Four votes. Four votes to approve the approval of warrants, unanimous for tonight, announcing the date for the next select board meeting. The next date is a week from today. 421, 25

**P** Peter Younbaer 1:55:34  
is that a special? Or is that a regular



J josh pitts 1:55:39  
special? Peter, got you, well, the special

D Dan Fingas 1:55:44  
that we request because of the timeline for this RFP that we talked about earlier?

F Frances Rose 1:55:48  
Yeah, where's the

D Dan Fingas 1:55:50  
RFP? Where you talked about earlier? We gave ourselves an extra week to consider that. That's why we're having a special by

F Frances Rose 1:55:56  
the end of this week, we should be receiving the proposals themselves, so that we have the weekend at least to look

P Peter Younbaer 1:56:03  
at them like maybe tomorrow, may it be said or 10 o'clock this morning originally.

F Frances Rose 1:56:11  
Yeah, all right. Can we have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

P Peter Younbaer 1:56:17  
Yeah, please. Are we trying to get our attorney for next week. We are

F Frances Rose 1:56:22  
okay. We are we

D Dan Fingas 1:56:24  
just know that he's out of the office until Wednesday this week, so we won't be able to even

check in with him until Wednesday. Okay.

**P** Peter Younbaer 1:56:31

I mean, one of one of the reasons is the loan documents that we got. There are some conditions in there we need that. We need to discuss with him,

**F** Frances Rose 1:56:45

right? We get a motion to adjourn. So moved any second, although discussion, all those in favor say, aye, aye. At 757, we adjourn this meeting of the Plainfield Select Board Monday April, 14 2025. Thank you. Great job. So what were you saying about the IRS. Let's stop.