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Great, great! Now my question is, where the heck are.

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You gonna post it. Well, that's that's a great question if it on the website it looks like the we should have be able to post minutes there as well as a link to the recordings.

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But I don't think I think we're we're having trouble getting the recordings up their bills.

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It so it looks like so I was looking at that piece, and it doesn't look at the last recording that was posted hilariously enough was when when Amanda was here, and so no no no, not point

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figures, man. Oh, I just say but I know that you know we we can do it.

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It's possible. and you know, posting them to Youtube and having a Youtube link.

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And you know it's it's definitely possible maybe rest of you and I can get together and just makesure that we're I mean I've never i'll be quite asked i've never liked the way.

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That this posts like, you know initially, it was like Oh, you can just put it right in your calendar, and it's perfect.

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But when people like start googling minutes, there's no spot that says minutes, it's like we meeting recap, and if you click on view details, it'll post where the agenda is, and you could put a link to minutes if you

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wanted minutes. But, you know, viewing view me watch me and recap should be where it connects to the Youtube And if you go back to, I think it's the October meeting was the last one that has that meeting Recap connected

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to a Youtube link I posted since. I had the access to the account. there's I've been posting the last couple of meetings or are up there on you, too.

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Yeah. So So I think it's just a matter of you know on the on the website side from the Ocu d dot org side is, you know, and I've never seen the back end of this I know amanda has But

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you know if whoever's posting like there's the last thing is posting the exact committee meeting agenda.

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Whoever's posting that on the flip side of that there's an opportunity to post it where it says watch meeting recap, and i'm not sure where that is on there I don't know who's doing that

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update, I mean, I have access to the back end of wordpress. So I've been doing the meeting agendas and calendar.

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If you look at the meetings, and like so when you're looking at like in March the twentieth 22 talked about in the calendar.

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Right. So if you go on the calendar, yes, if you post it. if you post the Youtube, link there on the you know that there's a button.

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Yeah, or like meeting recap, deal with you. Yeah, Because right now, when you click that it goes back to agenda versus going to like new details goes to agenda.

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And if you click the watching you guys go to jen if we can make that, just go to the Youtube, video that's up.

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That Yeah, I don't I don't know how much God like access.

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Okay, I think, honestly speaking, I think the people who set the up for it, like the Kahneman to say and give me full administrative privileges, so that I have access to everything.

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Oh, so it's not it's not full administrative privileges that's interesting.

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I don't so i'm not a wordpress Guy, I'm just not on it, but I was actually looking for, cause I was a little kicked off there.

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I said, Hey, the zoom meeting change because jackie set up the zoom meeting stuff, and I couldn't find the dam template.

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Change your changes when you do a new calendar thing.

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It has the old zoom meeting like it's like I couldn't beheld to high water find out where you know the template for that was in a backend.

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So now I'm beginning to wonder it's like yeah they might have different roles assigned because I do understand the Cms.

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For my more, you know, for cooperative insurance, and we assign roles to people.

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You can have designer rules, full administrative roles.

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Just, you know, review roles and based on a role.

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You only have access to certain things, so I didn't know what role I was actually sitting in.

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So I I think there's the people who actually set this wordpress site

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We may have to contact now, and to get for information on this, so that we can do stuff like this.

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Also, you know, I think it'd be nice to be able to like do your own pages and stuff.

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So if we have the need of wanting to extend this site, you know I have the skill set.

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And yeah, I can do some start for you that'd be fantastic.

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But Van, Do you want to start an email chain with with Amanda and Chris?

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She left one sign in I suspect it's the one that Chris has.

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No, it is because they created. So then they create an account for me specifically. so.

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I Okay, maybe i'll maybe i'll be able to look use hers.

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And look at what privileges you have possibly Yes, it make you co-administrator, or whatever they're set up rolls. I'll take a look at that. you could check into that that'd be

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awesome. I will do it, thank you. Perfect hello, Jackie, from, said Mary coast, but most but no cigar where i've made it to Sunbury.

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Yeah, nice, ready made it safely. So looking beyond that need an Rfp to supply project management that's great job on that to date Jackie.

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I haven't had a time to review it but it looks great.

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Yeah, I know there's still some stuff that i'm sure I missed going through my notes that will have to go back and just kind of look at and fine tune.

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But I think I got most of the stuff that wrote down from our meeting earlier this morning.

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And I worked on it like on and off all day, with like a 1,000,000.

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But that's all right. I got there it looks great maybe what i'll do is take the copy you sent.

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Accept all the changes. Okay? and then, because I thought it would look real good.

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And then then we can just have one more call and make final little changes.

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Okay, if that makes that I did. I made some notes on with some questions on, you know, like the hours on kind of what we're thinking about.

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There is a couple of words that I wasn't really crazy about Okay, Can you remember what they were So you highlighted some.

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Yeah, there's a couple of things that I highlighted I know we're gonna have to change you know who the Rfp.

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Is going to be emailed to with date and time. So and I highlighted it just to make sure that we went back and fix that yeah perfect.

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There was another word. That I really didn't like and I highlighted, and I made a know of it, and I can't remember now what it was person I don't have it open in front of me I

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don't know it was it was just the way something was worded is very strange, and I wasn't crazy about it was just because it was something that I copied over from from the the Cv Fiber it was their network

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word. so I don't know if we really want to consider ourselves a network.

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Oh, I see! just proper noun we're a municipal entity.

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Now the network right, because they're acting as their own isp Correct? right?

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Well, maybe through the completion of availability of fiber throughout the universal service.

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Yeah, that would be the that would be the end point that's cool to me.

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Okay, yeah, we but it but good progress and get that out.

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And then We'll. you it at the executive midi So 3 3 weeks from now, and then get it off to Primer and piper again.

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Yes, have the lawyers look at it always. Yeah. Still have a bit of that retainer money left for them to do that, too.

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So yeah, every time we think about it. with a 150 bucks. Yeah, we won't even say it thanks those guys, Let's say their name.

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Well great. So so that that's fantastic thank you guys for that update

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Speaking of updates: Vakuda update, Larry, what do I have here?

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So we met March seventh As I mentioned at our last meeting, I got the dues invoice from Vkuda, which noticed it was past 2 for \$9,500.

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As we remember, Will Anderson attended one of our zoom board meetings, and said We didn't have to pay that until we have a reconstruction.

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Grant. So In the meantime I contacted Terry Dorsey, who's the Southern Vermont see ud my counterpart. he's on the governing board of Vkuda representing Southern Vermont

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CD. He also received a past 2 invoice for Pakudous, and then I called he'd had me call Kelly Fishburne of the Bennington County Regional Commission, and she said that Terry hit

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forward her the invoice for the dues and also they were told by Will Anderson that they didn't have to pay until they had a reconstruction.

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Gram. I sent an email to Will Anderson 5 days ago, regarding, you know, getting clarification on this.

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And as of yet I have had no response i'm not happy with that

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So also we on our last meeting we had Holly Gross, Rochner, D. R.

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O. S. C. H. E. or she spoke regarding eva which is equal access broadband incorporated, especially a program for equal access to affordable brad bands.

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So basically people that can't afford it. there is an avenue for them to get by band.

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She said, we're not connected until everyone can afford broadband.

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Also stated that Ips the Ips culture network operation is not a social work.

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So basically, yeah, they're running a business they don't run at that last mile that's our job and the Ips has no obligation to participate in Federal subsidies.

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And we mentioned in one meeting, and it was in our minutes about running fiber optic underground in conduits.

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So I went on to Ec. fibers website and they've got a whole section with great detail, or how to run fiber optic to conduit.

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The size held the depth. the size everything's there So that's dc fiber net and then click on exterior connection, and everything you need to know about going underground.

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M. As I mentioned before, that Ac. fiber has \$64,000,000 in bonds, which you know kind of frightening, but not to them.

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Their revenues stream from subscribers exceeds the payment they have to make for these bonds.

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Plus being all their personnel. Then they also are setting money aside for affordable broadband to subsidize.

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So they have that much money left over so they're doing Well, they're making a profit, so I was.

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We knew it was in the paper I Don't know if everybody received the news at Southern Vermont Cod, which is kind of going the same rule that we are with Cci. I don't know every day I get an email

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from Cci about joining up with broadband and I get one from city and

fiber.

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They're sending both of them out using people like comcast, and if infinity so, anyway, 7 vermont cod did not receive the Ntia.

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That's the Federal Grant national telecommunications and information administration.

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So they're really disappointed on that They're kind of regooping to see what their next steps are one of those, and I contacted again Colleague Fishburn and she also has another Planner

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Jonathan Cooper, who are handling basically what Ban is doing for us. they're handling it for the son of Vermont Cudd.

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I basically called down there asking if they had a copy for project manager, so we could look at it.

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So we weren't reinventing the wheel they she questioned.

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What? Why, we need a project, Manager and I said Well, We're we're getting to that point now, and they basically said that the 2 of them again, Jonathan Cooper. and Carly Fishburn are handling all of

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it basically doing that project manager job or Southern Vermont Cod.

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We also talked about arpa funds and leveraging opera funds for getting their representatives to select boards, and they are not doing that.

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They are not going to solicit after funds from slackboards.

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It's kind of missed opportunity. down there so after they've been working with the Cci, and now that they didn't get the end I a grant they're kind of looking at all options and one of the

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options is looking at Google fiber so the other announcement was North West Fiber works in lam oil fiber net and a press release.

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What they're building is an open access fiber network that can host multiple isps and are in advanced discussions with these networks or isps.

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The first isp they're talking to are already talking to is Google Fiber.

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No, not Everyone's going a different Route and it's very confusing on the Vakuda meeting because we're doing something different something.

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Vermont is so everyone's all doing the same thing and also.

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Last night regional planning commission meeting the commissioner from Shrewsbury was asking about joining.

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You know, she's already contacted Bill about joining out of Creek, CD.

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And so Ed Bulk gave her van's information so that will be hearing from her.

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Bill, smiling. Every he already has very probably so yeah I think that's that's it.

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Everyone's on a different route so so it passed along my name, but she'd been talking to you, and and you copied me.

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So I guess. basically I thought you told her that all she had to do was have the select board initiate motion and asking to join in a plane or rep.

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And she'd be in yep there's no more to it than that right?

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No, not really complicated that way. now. all right. on that same topic this week.

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I, Tony? and I have had to call with rob and in Rob said. You know you you really should be reaching out to those other 4 towns.

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There's money in there that will help you so you should reach out to Clarence and Ira Shrewsbury and Killington, Killington.

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Each of those has a little piece town that's not served by either vital fibered already.

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They're mostly the having they have a chunk of Consolidated Territory, where people are underserved or not. not.

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Technically underserved. they have cable to use, or possibly no service.

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So I don't know if we just reach out to him One more time he went through the list and identified, you know, another 100 5,000 \$200,000 that would add to the to the grant funding Yeah, I I you know

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I Yeah, and it's interesting I mean I know that you know back.

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And you saw so So what surely is that Shirley from Shrewsbury? No, Laura, Laura, Laura, Laura, Laura black from Shrewsbury had reached out about joining in and explained

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to her. Well, we never heard anything, and I was went to the defense of Amanda, because I remember amanda's, barnstorming tours, and, you know, calling select boards and trying to get them to respond and people not

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being interested in, and I know that when we were talking about the business plan we were talking with Finley when they were creating the business plan about the possibility of adding more people or adding more towns to that and what that does to

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our engineering or or the engineering for Consolidated, for that matter, I mean.

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So if we add Shrewsbury on right now, or we we choose that to welcome Shrewsbury and Killington and and we get more money for the you know, from from the that acts 71 or whatever money This chunk is

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coming from, But you know We're also adding more territory that some of these guys have to carry, and I'm not sure I've been looking at Shoesbury I think there was some consolidated

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territory in Shrewsbury think they're with the ilet Great, they call it the the local exchange carrier right?

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You know, and what that looks like for those other towns.

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So I mean it's it's definitely I think a discussion.

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We're gonna need to have and when they decide that they want to send a rep.

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And getting. I would hope that we would get some guidance from the State and be like all right.

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Yeah, we'll welcome them in. But this is gonna change now the way it looks for us.

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We have to read, you know. Do we have to have an open-ended Rfp when we send this out to an Internet service provider?

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Let know. Oh, by the way, You've got to provide for these other 150 addresses in Shrewsbury.

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And suddenly that changes the math for you. And you know, Yeah, you get another \$200,000 from them.

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But will it be enough to cover those extra miles? you know like I I just at some point we decided like we're going with who we have right now.

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Like we got to get an Rp. out. we keep waiting for people to trickle in.

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You know we're not going to Get an opportunity you know so maybe that either becomes a separate thing.

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I don't know like I don't want to transact any business, just food for thought for us to think about, maybe for our next meeting, that we're actually able to have you know is getting more information about what what position that puts us

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But Yeah, Well, thank you again. Thank you for the update, Larry.

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I appreciate you you're serious billy a few beers. Now the getting back to the correspondence when a select board sends a notice of who they have appointed for?

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The rap. who's that go to , email? to Who or how can you be me and Bill?

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Or okay, Yeah, got it? Thank you. And maybe even Tony as well.

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Yeah. Pennsylvania for for era.

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The yeah. So good with this fantastic yeah again. and that sort of moved into our the next piece here for a non meet

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Grant updates. I think Jackie just has one big Grant update.

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Yes. Last week I got our second half of our H.

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315 grant funds, the \$63,000.

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So those are deposited in our checking accounts.

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So we are good to write checks for a while. We can continue to pay our accountants.

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Thank you. yes, yes, our accounting firm. that's not and then also for their services.

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And you know, when we talk about that that other the other the project manager piece those funds would be covered under the pre-construction monies of which we've been allotted out of that like 1 point

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6,000,000. So and So there's definitely money you know you know if and when somebody answers the call, and we get that Rfp.

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Or Rfq. out the proposal out the request for a proposal for a contractor that will have the money to pay them.

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So. no worries that we have to start getting donations.

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New member recruitment. We kind of covered that with the Vikuda update.

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You know I mean we can certainly put it out there.

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That maybe we're looking for more people but you know i'd hate to open, I mean person i'd hate to open back up the idea of redoing this Rfp. or having that be maybe a second part or or or you know

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if we select a partner from the Rfp process that we can talk to them about the You know how that changes things for us.

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If we have more more towns, they were adding, So I like that other business.

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Any other business. Yeah, just one quick. One last night, Ed.

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Ball. the executive Director of the Rpc. was talking about Auto Creek Cod, and that we were seeking and eventually going to hire a project manager, and that the our Pc.

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Would eventually be amazing out that was that was his words yeah yeah

that's that's kind of been the the rains on the wall there, right?

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Man's fading on us yeah love man I don't know.

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But I mean like I mean, how many people now is Rpc.

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Down. Oh, yeah, I want to get into that that's we even lost our chair.

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We don't know. It happened to him he was actually lived in West Haven.

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He was a chair of the select board in West Haven. He was the chair of the Rutland Regional planning commission.

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He was also our wrapped from West Haven on this board, and he moved to Middletown Springs.

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So now regional planning doesn't know the status if he just dropped out of it, because he moved, or if he's still our chair.

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And then, you know, when that bow stepping down Amanda's gone, Sarah Pelki and Eric Eric Hall has taken, and another offer.

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So he's leaving and he was our arpa specialist for all the towns.

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So we're losing him so that's that's 4.

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So so I think Van's gonna become the next executive director and Rockefeller. Yeah, he hung around long enough.

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We couldn't get rid of him you got my fault Dan all right.

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There you go. I just finished my 20 first year there last night.

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Congratulations. Yeah, the long sentence that's a lot of service.

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Yeah. So exciting, exciting in the the Rutland regional planning world. Yeah. No good.

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I don't think it is but that's not at all no, no!

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Well considering, like you know, not the the labor, the point, but the fact that all this Federal money is gonna be showering down upon the State for the next couple 3 years to not having a regional planning.

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You know, not have enough planners to help us spend it is going to be.

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Yeah, that's tough that's not good no so if they happen to move the transportation advisory Council or the transportation planner to executive director.

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And then. now you got that to fill that's a that's a big one to catch up on.

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Yeah, that that that would be I don't know I don't think he could take both jobs on.

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But yeah, a lot of change from the top down that way.

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Well confirming our next meeting. So yeah next meeting is gonna be that April meeting, and it is the reorganizational meeting.

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And again. Not that we're transacting businesses information at this point I know that the current chair is definitely interested in stepping down, and that there's somebody else that might be interested in a possible chairmanship of the board

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So you know Maybe at that meeting you know somebody for Pittsburgh, Tony gets nominated to be a chair.

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He's a retiree who young retiree who's got the time and the energy and effort to to put into what we're gonna need, and especially at this you know this important phase like as we head into the the building phase and

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the project management phase, you know like it's gonna require somebody with you know with more time than than your current chair.

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So just please show for that mean if you can so you can make that transition.

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So it's april twentieth April twentieth.

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It's earth day. right is that earth day. no greatly no actually it's 4, 20 great great. Yes, yeah, we'll leave this one at 5 P.

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M the next one. Yeah, I would think just just about to upset the apple card at this point, because that's kind of what people expecting.

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But at that meeting, you know, we can set a new day in time to to meet, and you know that works best for everybody, and maybe even maybe ahead of that ban.

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If you could send a doodle poll out letting people asking people they might be thinking about.

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So you can think about it before the meeting what's the better day so alright!

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Well, Well, thanks, guys, for hanging out for 49 min to not do any real business but information thank you.

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We'll get this recording up, anyway. so people can just see and for information sake.