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00:00:56.580 --> 00:00:57.180
12033769850: Hello.

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00:00:57.840 --> 00:00:58.800
Guilford Host1: morning everyone.

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00:00:59.880 --> 00:01:00.630
David Egan: Good morning.

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00:01:03.870 --> 00:01:04.320
12033769850: Hello.

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00:01:06.120 --> 00:01:06.630
12033769850: I do.

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00:01:08.790 --> 00:01:10.950
12033769850: We have no service here.

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00:01:16.380 --> 00:01:17.370
Oh worries.

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00:01:26.160 --> 00:01:29.250
Guilford Host1: sorry about the delay getting everybody and I forgot, I had to actually admit people.

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00:01:41.910 --> 00:01:42.330
iPhone: warning.

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00:01:43.860 --> 00:01:45.120
Ted Sands: you've got a quorum.

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00:01:55.290 --> 00:02:05.070
12033769850: hi this is this is Judy I just want to remind you all, since I can't see you if you could just say your name at for attendance and then just send.

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00:02:06.210 --> 00:02:07.410
12033769850: Ashley for emotion.

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00:02:10.830 --> 00:02:11.280
Guilford Host1: Really, our.

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00:02:11.490 --> 00:02:12.600
Ted Sands: journey we got.

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00:02:14.040 --> 00:02:15.390
Ted Sands: This is Ted.

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00:02:15.540 --> 00:02:21.060
Ted Sands: we've got mark we've got David Egan we have.

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00:02:23.700 --> 00:02:28.260
Ted Sands: Mr Sullivan, we have my cell.

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00:02:30.780 --> 00:02:31.890
Ted Sands: Stevens.

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00:02:32.910 --> 00:02:33.930
Ted Sands: and

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00:02:39.570 --> 00:02:44.790
Ted Sands: Also present our Ellen rucci.

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00:02:45.810 --> 00:02:48.270
Ted Sands: From the Chamber and.

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00:02:50.010 --> 00:02:50.910
Ted Sands: Our favorite.

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00:02:51.270 --> 00:02:54.330
Ted Sands: sherry from the economic development.

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00:02:57.690 --> 00:02:57.960
12033769850: Thank.

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00:03:02.490 --> 00:03:03.540
12033769850: least on my screen.

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00:03:04.320 --> 00:03:06.690
Ted Sands: yeah no I thought I acknowledged him.

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00:03:07.410 --> 00:03:07.950

i'm sorry.

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00:03:10.230 --> 00:03:11.520

iPhone: I didn't hear it either so thanks.

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00:03:11.700 --> 00:03:12.450

For saying that's.

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00:03:14.040 --> 00:03:16.380

Ted Sands: My mistake sorry good work.

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00:03:18.000 --> 00:03:19.560

Ted Sands: All right, mark all yours.

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00:03:20.310 --> 00:03:21.870

Guilford Host1: amy is also here.

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00:03:25.320 --> 00:03:25.980

Guilford Host1: amy's here.

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00:03:31.230 --> 00:03:31.860

Ted Sands: there's a me.

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00:03:34.230 --> 00:03:34.920

Amy Earls: I was waiting.

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00:03:35.940 --> 00:03:36.780

Guilford Host1: I apologize.

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00:03:38.760 --> 00:03:39.330

Amy Earls: you're forgiven.

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00:03:41.820 --> 00:03:43.950

Guilford Host1: window keeps moving to the back and I can't.

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00:03:43.950 --> 00:03:44.310

Guilford Host1: say it.

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00:03:47.010 --> 00:03:48.990
12033769850: All right, good morning everyone.

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00:03:49.290 --> 00:03:50.460
Guilford Host1: We will call to what.

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00:03:51.750 --> 00:03:52.230
12033769850: To.

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00:03:53.310 --> 00:03:55.650
Guilford Host1: Think we're going to be pretty quick this morning.

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00:03:57.300 --> 00:03:58.860
12033769850: So we'll jump right into the.

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00:03:58.860 --> 00:03:59.670
Agenda

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00:04:02.250 --> 00:04:15.120
Guilford Host1: communications and public forum I don't have anything for that guest speaker we don't have approval of previous meetings minutes did everybody get the revised minutes from less yesterday.

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00:04:16.560 --> 00:04:16.830
Wendy Dockray: Yes.

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00:04:16.890 --> 00:04:17.340
Yes.

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00:04:18.870 --> 00:04:22.770
Guilford Host1: So any additions or missions or corrections.

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00:04:27.510 --> 00:04:29.100
Guilford Host1: I need a motion to approve.

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00:04:29.640 --> 00:04:33.840
Ted Sands: I move that we approve the Minutes as amended.

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00:04:34.320 --> 00:04:35.100
Guilford Host1: Thank you Ted.

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00:04:35.460 --> 00:04:36.150
I mean a second.

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00:04:39.000 --> 00:04:40.470
Guilford Host1: Wendy Thank you.

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00:04:42.030 --> 00:04:43.980
Guilford Host1: All those in favor Aye.

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00:04:44.160 --> 00:04:45.420
12033769850: Aye Aye.

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00:04:46.980 --> 00:04:49.500
Guilford Host1: That passes any extensions.

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00:04:52.170 --> 00:05:01.410
David Egan: No okay i'm sorry i'm sorry mark I our day because I was not present at the last meeting, so I should abstain.

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00:05:02.130 --> 00:05:04.830
Guilford Host1: Thank you, David David I appreciate that.

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00:05:04.890 --> 00:05:05.400
David Egan: So.

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00:05:05.460 --> 00:05:07.380
Guilford Host1: David is an extension, thank you.

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00:05:12.360 --> 00:05:19.890
Guilford Host1: Economic development coordinators report now I didn't share, you can see a report until late, so I had to get a chance to send it out to.

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00:05:19.890 --> 00:05:21.330
Guilford Host1: Everybody So if you just want to.

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00:05:22.170 --> 00:05:23.670
Guilford Host1: Briefly cover the highlights.

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00:05:24.480 --> 00:05:36.630
Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: or yeah and I, and I did send it to everyone, so please let me know if you have any questions, but I will just go over

a couple of highlights, you know in reading through this it looks like I attend a lot of meetings, and I do.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: And, and so you know, obviously this is a support role, so I support other people's work as well, like you'll note Mike and Wendy's work on the sign project.

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00:05:48.840 --> 00:05:57.570

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: and other things as well you know it, I think, and I don't know how Brian did this, but I think it would be good if the economic development coordinator had you know, a.

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00:05:57.960 --> 00:06:04.500

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: Project something tangible to be working on, you know, while you're not attending so many meetings.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: And so I've been kicking around the idea of starting a business retention and expansion program more of a formal program right now, you know I touch base with businesses to check on them, especially during coven.

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00:06:16.350 --> 00:06:27.090

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: In a very casual you know fluid way I guess flexible way, it might be a good idea to to have something a little bit more formal with.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: You know, a series of questions survey questions that could be asked and keep track of that information as we move forward to sort of compare data from year to year.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: So I'm kicking that around right now there's a training and online training through IE DC, which is the international economic development Council.

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00:06:47.310 --> 00:06:48.810

12033769850: On business retention and again.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: That I'm considering attending in it's not till may, but you know just for some more information and I've been sort of

also quizzing other economic development coordinators on what they do in their communities.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: So you know with that you let me know if you have any questions about the items on this report, I think.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: One of the thing i'll note is we'll actually to on number 12 business marketing nope not that one number 10 business development so i've gotten more inquiries recently on space for for people wanting to move into town so that's.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: I think really good.

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00:07:27.030 --> 00:07:28.980

12033769850: That sort of picked up since i've been there.

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00:07:29.820 --> 00:07:40.680

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: So i'm working on that, and then on number 13 i'll point that out as well, the last item on social media, so we did start our own Facebook page, you know, several months ago, when I first started.

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00:07:42.210 --> 00:07:55.380

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: And as you'll note in my my notes here there's not a lot happening because of coven and so, if you hear of activities and things that we could be promoting on our Facebook page.

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00:07:55.740 --> 00:07:59.040

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: Please let me know because i'd really like to share that with.

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00:07:59.550 --> 00:08:15.720

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: You know the people that are following us when I first started the page I invited a lot of my own contacts and my contacts extend all the way into Eastern Connecticut so we can really use this this platform for tourism to bring people into our Community.

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00:08:16.290 --> 00:08:16.680

12033769850: Not.

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00:08:16.710 --> 00:08:18.180

12033769850: You know, somewhat.

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00:08:18.600 --> 00:08:19.830

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: To talk about.

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00:08:21.750 --> 00:08:31.050

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: Community things that are specific to the citizens of feel for because we do have a lot of citizens that also follow us on that page, but many of them if you.

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00:08:31.440 --> 00:08:41.820

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: have access, you know, to look at that are from outside of Guilford so we really could use this to bring people in and come to our shops and our restaurants and attend our activities.

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00:08:42.450 --> 00:08:45.510

12033769850: My challenges, knowing what those activities.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: Are all the time, so if you hear things can you just shoot me an email, let me know, and I can share that kind of stuff on our Facebook.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: And I'll stop there, see if you have any questions on my report.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: Wendy.

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Wendy Dockray: The I just have a quick question.

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Wendy Dockray: it's not on your report.

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00:09:03.360 --> 00:09:03.630

12033769850: But.

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Wendy Dockray: At some point.

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Wendy Dockray: In the future, maybe August i'm hoping, maybe late July, could we plan the grand reopening of downtown guilford.

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00:09:13.860 --> 00:09:24.180

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: That can be that can be really fun and I think our guilford green merchants and amy I see you're shaking your head would really get on board with that that's a great idea we'll have to keep our you know.

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00:09:24.690 --> 00:09:30.480

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: powder dry for a little while until we know what time frame that could be, but I love that idea.

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Guilford Host1: We expand that a little bit just guilford not just the green.

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Wendy Dockray: yeah We may want to do a.

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Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: couple of different things in different places, what we can talk about that.

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Guilford Host1: All right, thank you, sherry.

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00:09:48.750 --> 00:09:51.810

Guilford Host1: will make sure everybody's on your toes matt just joined us.

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00:09:55.020 --> 00:09:55.560

Guilford Host1: Good morning.

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00:09:56.340 --> 00:09:56.940

morning.

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00:10:01.560 --> 00:10:05.910

Guilford Host1: We will go to the Chamber of Commerce report good morning LM how are you.

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Ellen Carucci: i'm good mark, how you doing good morning everyone i'm so we had our first legislative forum of 2021 last week.

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Ellen Carucci: A lot of you were there we had state Senator Cone and state REP scanlon candle or and call me and we had excellent attendance for that and.

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Ellen Carucci: Also last week was our shoreline Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, which was virtual this year we installed, a new board of directors and our incoming board chair Kim spanier gave a recap, of all the chamber's 2020 activities and wow it was really impressive.

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Ellen Carucci: To see what sherry mobilized to do virtually I mean there were so many town halls and webinars and.

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00:10:45.540 --> 00:10:46.890

Ellen Carucci: gotcha I don't know when you slept.

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Ellen Carucci: But we're working on a virtual women in wine networking event with Steve K and blues that's going to be on march 24 virtual with a twist.

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Ellen Carucci: While the event itself is going to be held on zoom participants will we be able to go to the Chamber offices, the day of the event to pick up.

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Ellen Carucci: tasting pores are four different wines and a small appetizer and Steve K is going to provide his wonderful commentary on the wines and then we'll network and with warmer weather on the way we're going to be relaunching our byob initiative and that's bring your own blanket that goes.

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00:11:20.070 --> 00:11:20.940

12033769850: For restaurants.

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Ellen Carucci: And so we're planning on April 1 relaunch for that, and as the weather gets nicer and as people feel more comfortable gathering, of course, will rely on all guides but.

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Ellen Carucci: we're going to relaunch net 90.

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Ellen Carucci: Hopefully, with an outdoor location and a hybrid so that we can also have a zoom format for people who don't feel comfortable so.

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Ellen Carucci: we're thinking that's going to be late April.

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Ellen Carucci: Oh one less than we've started a tax corner series and our continuing education and the first webinar in the series is tomorrow at.

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Ellen Carucci: 9am given by Camille Murphy Murphy and company CPA and to echo what sherry said, you know we have a pretty large Facebook following so any events you want the Chamber to push out, you know shoot me an email as well, or else I can work with sherry, and she can share things with me.

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Ellen Carucci: Thank you that's it.

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00:12:10.860 --> 00:12:11.910

Guilford Host1: You have any questions.

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Karen Stephens: No okay good.

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00:12:15.360 --> 00:12:16.230

Guilford Host1: Thank you very much.

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Guilford Host1: We will.

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00:12:18.570 --> 00:12:20.850

Guilford Host1: move into the report.

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00:12:21.630 --> 00:12:23.700

Guilford Host1: Not a whole lot going on.

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00:12:26.850 --> 00:12:38.850

Guilford Host1: February is just a very slow month there's nothing have crossed my my path my inbox anything about what's going on, with the exception of the same streets presentation that was done.

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00:12:39.930 --> 00:12:42.390

Guilford Host1: Last Wednesday night.

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Guilford Host1: And it was good presentation, you know.

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Guilford Host1: Making areas in Guilford more accessible by biking walking jogging in those types of things, the biggest concern that was raised is a lot of our streets and marrow and and bringing in those areas is difficult.

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Guilford Host1: But definitely things can be done downtown in the green area to make that accessible.

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Guilford Host1: And there is a presentation that they did record will find that on their website and I will send that out to everybody later this afternoon.

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00:13:24.390 --> 00:13:36.810

Guilford Host1: Also sherry directly to your point earlier last night on the news on WT and a true story about the economic, excuse me, economic development coordinator.

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Guilford Host1: In Berlin, who dreamed up the idea.

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Guilford Host1: of Berlin Bingo.

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Guilford Host1: If anybody saw that last night.

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Guilford Host1: Excuse me.

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00:13:48.390 --> 00:14:03.360

Guilford Host1: The premises, the town had printed a Bingo card in the paper and residents would fill their Bingo card by going to specific businesses and giving some kind of.

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Guilford Host1: stand that and they would submit their card in the businesses were giving away.

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Guilford Host1: gift cards for some of the businesses that you could pay for it seemed like a really neat idea.

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Guilford Host1: And right in the story, he said that he was hoping that other towns would pick this up and could be expanded out into other areas so i'm sure the story is on the wtf niche website, I will find that later and also email that out of the link to that out to everyone, as well.

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Guilford Host1: that's all we really have it's really been a hibernation month for most of my family.

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00:14:47.370 --> 00:14:49.710

Guilford Host1: Not because of covert since we don't like cold.

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00:14:51.780 --> 00:14:54.240

Guilford Host1: Well, actually that's not true, the seven year old was.

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00:14:54.240 --> 00:14:54.750

Guilford Host1: called.

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rest of us.

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00:14:57.930 --> 00:15:02.610

Guilford Host1: So we'll move into subcommittees hi somebody has any questions.

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That.

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00:15:08.850 --> 00:15:09.930

Ted Sands: I sent you that.

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00:15:10.980 --> 00:15:12.690

Ted Sands: picture that link to the.

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Ted Sands: Frontier claimed that they were bringing fiber to to the House.

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00:15:23.760 --> 00:15:24.660

Ted Sands: Did you get any.

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Ted Sands: feedback on what.

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00:15:26.910 --> 00:15:31.950

Ted Sands: what's going on there, and is there, I mean I thought frontier with.

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00:15:31.980 --> 00:15:33.180

12033769850: bankruptcy, but.

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00:15:33.480 --> 00:15:34.650

Ted Sands: I mean, are they actually.

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00:15:34.650 --> 00:15:35.070

Ted Sands: doing it.

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00:15:37.980 --> 00:15:38.460

Guilford Host1: I.

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Guilford Host1: See.

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00:15:43.470 --> 00:15:44.010

David Egan: You.

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00:15:46.710 --> 00:15:48.120

Ted Sands: Was early in the month.

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00:15:52.710 --> 00:15:56.250

Guilford Host1: i'll dig deeper into finding it, I know that we've.

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00:15:58.770 --> 00:16:00.150

Guilford Host1: I worked with.

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00:16:00.540 --> 00:16:01.530

Guilford Host1: Sean scanlon.

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00:16:02.550 --> 00:16:04.740

Guilford Host1: about the comcast data caps.

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00:16:05.550 --> 00:16:07.020

12033769850: And I know other states.

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00:16:07.050 --> 00:16:25.110

Guilford Host1: Pennsylvania, being one of them had gone up against comcast and and and really made a big deal out of it with them, which is what I wanted to do for Connecticut but I seem to be having a hard time getting in touch with mid.

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00:16:26.190 --> 00:16:27.750

Guilford Host1: The Chair of the technology.

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Community.

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Guilford Host1: And that's the person that I want to speak to because that's where I want to find out what the deal was between frontier and.

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Guilford Host1: 18 T.

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12033769850: The last I had heard.

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Guilford Host1: Is that at amp T frontier the copper lines, but not the fiber.

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00:16:45.330 --> 00:16:45.930
12033769850: lines.

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Guilford Host1: And they were keeping control of the fiber.

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and

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00:16:50.400 --> 00:16:51.900
12033769850: 18 T not allowed.

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00:16:51.930 --> 00:17:02.910
Guilford Host1: to sell fiber to the Mississippi Connecticut and frontier didn't own the fiber they would have had to run their own so they weren't they weren't selling it either.

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Guilford Host1: comcast has since back down they've now said.

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00:17:08.310 --> 00:17:09.510
Guilford Host1: That they're going to.

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00:17:09.840 --> 00:17:13.080
Guilford Host1: push their data CAP limit off till 2022.

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00:17:16.530 --> 00:17:17.700
12033769850: I have not.

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00:17:18.210 --> 00:17:29.040
Guilford Host1: followed up on anything further than that, but I still would like to talk to matt middlemen I don't know man, if you know him if you can put us together or not.

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00:17:30.690 --> 00:17:40.560
Guilford Host1: But I think there's a conversation that we need to have there to find out what that deal was and we got to get fiber in the Connecticut we seem to be lagging behind.

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00:17:41.790 --> 00:17:46.710
Guilford Host1: Especially in rural areas where other states are.

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Guilford Host1: they're putting up fiber like crazy aizen is all throughout New York New Jersey.

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Guilford Host1: 18 T is very popular in South Carolina North Carolina in those areas California is very fiber fiber centric and we just don't have any other choice thing comcast for high speed internet and that's something that we need to change in Connecticut.

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00:18:14.970 --> 00:18:16.050

David Egan: But I need to get in touch with.

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00:18:16.410 --> 00:18:19.350

Guilford Host1: People and I need to I need a little help doing that.

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00:18:20.400 --> 00:18:20.550

We.

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00:18:22.410 --> 00:18:25.080

Ted Sands: wouldn't Sean be able to help you on that.

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00:18:25.770 --> 00:18:36.240

Guilford Host1: Yes, and honestly getting in touch with john lately has been it's been tough he's he's been doing a lot of work, but we do talk once in a while and i'll have to reach out.

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00:18:38.250 --> 00:18:39.690

Matthew Hoey: matt you are, you are.

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00:18:39.750 --> 00:18:43.110

Matthew Hoey: i'll be happy to reach out from the norm needleman see if.

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00:18:43.770 --> 00:18:45.330

Matthew Hoey: he'd be willing to take a call with you.

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00:18:45.930 --> 00:18:48.570

Matthew Hoey: I think is you know, the challenge here is.

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Matthew Hoey: Is the regulatory structure nationally relative to broadband.

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Matthew Hoey: And it Connecticut is superseded by the FCC in terms of regulation of broadband curious we can't regulate broadband characters right now so.

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00:19:04.410 --> 00:19:14.490

Matthew Hoey: But there are a couple of initiatives going on which i'm sure norm could probably share with you relative one the governor had a broadband has a broadband bill.

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00:19:15.600 --> 00:19:18.570

Matthew Hoey: In front of the legislature right now to.

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00:19:21.030 --> 00:19:27.660

Matthew Hoey: Create easier access to utility Poles for providers to.

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00:19:28.590 --> 00:19:35.910

Matthew Hoey: To to hang their own as well as what's known as the make ready, which is the you know.

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Matthew Hoey: You will apply.

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00:19:37.230 --> 00:19:37.800

To get.

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00:19:38.820 --> 00:19:41.160

Matthew Hoey: to attach to a Pole.

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David Egan: And the utility costs.

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00:19:43.680 --> 00:20:01.080

Matthew Hoey: Between every source and frontier of bet notorious and delaying decisions holding off on you know, for months, at a time on requests to put fiber up because there are private fiber providers here in the state of Connecticut.

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00:20:02.640 --> 00:20:11.340

Matthew Hoey: You know the old was fiber tech remember those guys crown Castle now I think they are and they changed their names every three or four years when somebody acquires them.

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00:20:11.760 --> 00:20:21.480

Matthew Hoey: Right, but there is there is a significant amount of fiber throughout Connecticut, the question is it's in the backbone network is not traditionally in the.

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00:20:22.440 --> 00:20:35.910

Matthew Hoey: In the distribution network as it relates to consumer and I think is, you know that the cost per mile to put fiber in is is somewhat cost prohibitive unless you're talking about high density areas.

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00:20:36.900 --> 00:20:41.040

Matthew Hoey: For instance, that no offense to those of us who, those of you who live in North Guilford but.

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00:20:41.550 --> 00:20:54.210

Matthew Hoey: You know you go along the stretch of you know, some of the roads in North Guilford in there might be 12 or 14 houses in a you know, half a mile three quarter mile stretch the ROI on that just doesn't exist.

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00:20:55.590 --> 00:21:06.780

Matthew Hoey: So short of having regulatory authority to force them to do it it's a it's a very uphill battle now you know I'd mark, I think you were part of a.

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00:21:07.260 --> 00:21:16.080

Matthew Hoey: of an initiative, a couple of years ago, where some of the Canadian company was looking to do private fiber along the some of the shoreline communities.

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00:21:16.320 --> 00:21:29.790

Matthew Hoey: Yes, obviously, obviously they picked the shoreline communities, because of the socio economic weight of those communities and the likelihood of folks subscribing but they couldn't make those numbers work.

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00:21:31.410 --> 00:21:50.640

Matthew Hoey: And I don't recall mark, whether they had whether they've gone as far down the path as look to look at the municipal game statute, which is the each municipality, has a right to a game on the utility Poles or conduits that are owned by the utilities.

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00:21:52.050 --> 00:21:56.700

Matthew Hoey: The town, the town of Manchester City Manchester autonomy, I think their towns, but.

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00:21:57.840 --> 00:22:04.830

Matthew Hoey: They they were the first in the state to take advantage of the municipal gain statute, and they have their own fiber.

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00:22:05.850 --> 00:22:18.780

Matthew Hoey: But it was largely just to connect their municipal offices, because that fight that that that mystical game statute prohibits the municipality from.

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00:22:19.290 --> 00:22:30.990

Matthew Hoey: utilizing it or reselling it for for business purposes, I believe there's also some legislation pending about changing that largely because Manchester wants to.

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00:22:32.130 --> 00:22:49.170

Matthew Hoey: provide access to their fiber network that they've already built on using this will gain and allow them to provide broadband services off of that network, the pure ruled against that a couple of years ago I think mark how closely you paid attention to it but.

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00:22:50.190 --> 00:22:51.420

Matthew Hoey: So there is a there is a.

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00:22:51.660 --> 00:22:58.740

Matthew Hoey: there's a significant chance, I also happen to sit on the CCM broadband working group and we've.

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00:22:59.790 --> 00:23:14.400

Matthew Hoey: got a couple of initiatives underway, but largely we're supporting some legislation, out of the Northwest part of Connecticut because if you think we have broadband access problems yeah, believe me.

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00:23:15.300 --> 00:23:25.140

Matthew Hoey: it's significantly worse in other areas of the State so there's a long way to say that i'm not optimistic at something is going to happen immediately, but I think there are enough there's enough.

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00:23:26.400 --> 00:23:29.100

Matthew Hoey: chatter about this, particularly given the coven.

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00:23:30.030 --> 00:23:39.480

Matthew Hoey: A situation where you have in many households throughout the state you've got the you know husband and wife were working remotely and one or two or three kids who are trying to access.

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00:23:40.050 --> 00:23:49.770

Matthew Hoey: broadband connectivity to do distance learning and it's just the cost prohibitive plus you've got the yellow as you indicated some of the CAP stuff there they were.

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00:23:50.280 --> 00:23:53.010

Matthew Hoey: They were they were kept their capping stuff by nature, anyway.

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00:23:53.910 --> 00:24:07.320

Matthew Hoey: Because they aggregate traffic in a given area, given distribution area they oversubscribed the bandwidth so you know I asked her Meg us for megan you know 25 other people asked her MIC but they've only got a 10 megapixel pipe coming into that area.

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00:24:08.070 --> 00:24:11.130

Matthew Hoey: So not everybody can get the full bandwidth that this is right.

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00:24:14.250 --> 00:24:18.480

Guilford Host1: I also want to apologize I knew it was norm not net on the way.

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00:24:19.410 --> 00:24:22.440

Matthew Hoey: Well that's the governor not sure I can put you over.

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00:24:23.790 --> 00:24:24.270

Guilford Host1: There was.

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00:24:24.570 --> 00:24:27.660

Guilford Host1: There was there was some combination of the two going on in there.

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00:24:29.280 --> 00:24:38.040

Guilford Host1: But yeah I think the conversation needs to be held, I think it needs to be held publicly, I think we to.

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00:24:40.410 --> 00:24:46.740

Guilford Host1: Honestly comcast is really the only option for high speed, especially in the shoreline area and they know it.

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00:24:47.670 --> 00:25:01.020

Guilford Host1: So we need to you know, one of the thoughts was to deregulate comcast like we did with telephone and with electricity and make those wires that are already up available to other providers.

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00:25:02.850 --> 00:25:03.240

12033769850: That.

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00:25:04.440 --> 00:25:11.700

Guilford Host1: Things like that were done in trumbull they actually have to cable TV systems hanging from the Poles are ready.

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00:25:14.370 --> 00:25:23.550

Guilford Host1: One is Charter, and I think the other was the old a tmt system i'm not sure if it's being used, but they're physically two sets of wires hunger Poles in trumbull.

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00:25:25.920 --> 00:25:35.610

Guilford Host1: So if you could get me in touch with norm, I would love to have that conversation and get a better understanding of of what we're doing and what we can do.

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00:25:36.330 --> 00:25:37.500

Matthew Hoey: And what my lap.

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00:25:37.830 --> 00:25:45.090

Matthew Hoey: I will be happy to do that one last point, I don't know if you've seen some of those little one signs that are out around the Center of town, I think they're coming down.

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00:25:45.420 --> 00:25:55.830

Matthew Hoey: 146 Boston Boston street there's even some in a couple of enables the one of the neighborhoods north of Boston street of graves out up that way.

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00:25:57.510 --> 00:26:13.920

Matthew Hoey: The Internet is frontier is actually putting in fiber into these into these neighborhoods apparently they've they've they've looked for high density areas and i'm not sure how far they've gotten, yet we can certainly I can certainly reach out to.

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00:26:15.330 --> 00:26:35.550

Matthew Hoey: My contact at frontier to see to get some get some maps on that where they've deployed that fiber because it very well may be that downtown area is going to have fiber accessibility for businesses, at least, which may make may give you another option on higher speed conductivity.

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00:26:36.120 --> 00:26:41.460

Guilford Host1: That that would be great and anything that we can do even for businesses is good.

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00:26:42.480 --> 00:26:49.020

Guilford Host1: The focus, at least from what i'm getting in my email is residential that that's really where people are complaining.

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00:26:50.490 --> 00:26:52.530

Guilford Host1: With the lack of options and.

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00:26:53.190 --> 00:26:53.460

You know.

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Guilford Host1: comcast.

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00:26:55.500 --> 00:27:11.610

Guilford Host1: I can get a gigabit of speed down and 35 Meg up, so I can download something in two minutes but it takes me two hours to upload it so but that's the nature of the comcast system we're waiting for docsis four or for them to build out their fiber network.

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00:27:13.290 --> 00:27:15.390

Guilford Host1: I don't want to speak too much peak.

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00:27:16.890 --> 00:27:21.030

Guilford Host1: But those are those are definitely there but that's great input, thank you very much.

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00:27:21.030 --> 00:27:22.740

12033769850: matt for out for that.

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00:27:24.090 --> 00:27:34.380

Guilford Host1: We will I lost my agenda so we'll move into subcommittees or first one being our signage project Mike are you still there.

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00:27:34.800 --> 00:27:36.270
tobie/mike meisel: yeah i'm right here.

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00:27:36.780 --> 00:27:39.240
tobie/mike meisel: It looks like a nasty over my screen but.

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00:27:39.630 --> 00:27:40.290
tobie/mike meisel: i'm here.

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00:27:41.370 --> 00:27:45.750
tobie/mike meisel: We are we just finished our third month of our campaign.

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00:27:46.050 --> 00:27:46.860
tobie/mike meisel: And, as I.

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00:27:46.920 --> 00:27:47.670
12033769850: reported.

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00:27:48.240 --> 00:28:04.560
tobie/mike meisel: At least one or two meetings before our focus initially has been aimed at local family foundations, banks and organizations and we're doing this campaign.

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00:28:05.610 --> 00:28:15.060
tobie/mike meisel: In phases and the last place we want to go is to our small local businesses who are.

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00:28:16.920 --> 00:28:31.140
tobie/mike meisel: You know suffering from the effects of a pandemic, and we want to take it easy on them, hopefully, we will minimize or eliminate the need to ask them to contribute, where one of our major goals.

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00:28:31.200 --> 00:28:33.060
tobie/mike meisel: is to assist the refund.

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00:28:33.060 --> 00:28:37.650
tobie/mike meisel: On from the pandemic we've had a good deal of success.

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00:28:38.190 --> 00:28:40.320
12033769850: With this strategy on.

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00:28:40.350 --> 00:28:53.730

tobie/mike meisel: we've gotten on after three months, we stand at having raised \$17,900 on a lot of that came from a tremendously generous.

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00:28:54.090 --> 00:28:55.200

12033769850: Donation from.

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00:28:55.740 --> 00:29:15.660

tobie/mike meisel: The guilford preservation alliance nice surely Giuliani the balance has come from a local family foundations and from a donation from Western bank on Wendy can report in more detail, we have.

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00:29:16.950 --> 00:29:28.980

tobie/mike meisel: An application for a grant pending with guilford savings bank a beacon is given a hand there so we're waiting for word on that and Wendy has been spending.

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00:29:29.550 --> 00:29:40.080

tobie/mike meisel: vast amounts of time and effort in completing a grant application for the guilford foundation when did you want to comment on that at all.

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00:29:40.350 --> 00:29:40.890

12033769850: yeah well.

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00:29:40.980 --> 00:29:59.100

Wendy Dockray: i'll just bring you up today i'm originally it was thought that this application would compromise shoreline tabor foundation, but the financial requirements on the guilford foundation weren't a good match with this i'm foundation, because the shoreline foundation is very new so.

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00:30:00.180 --> 00:30:03.420

Wendy Dockray: We started all over again and.

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00:30:04.620 --> 00:30:07.770

Wendy Dockray: The application is going to come from the guilford preservation alliance.

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00:30:09.600 --> 00:30:18.750

Wendy Dockray: It was not feasible for it to come from, etc, because it was very clear the guilford foundation does not replace government funds and, if it were to come from from us that.

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00:30:19.440 --> 00:30:27.510

Wendy Dockray: might be something they would be concerned about so my goal is to have this done by tomorrow it's an online application and it's.

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00:30:28.260 --> 00:30:37.860

Wendy Dockray: it's the first time they've used an online application so there have been a few issues i'm hopeful that by tomorrow it will be done we're asking for 60 \$500.

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00:30:38.370 --> 00:30:57.720

Wendy Dockray: And they only have 100,000 to give out so that's a little optimistic and we had asked us to build savings bank another \$10,000 a week so that's kind of where we are and i've been working closely with surely on this so since it's coming from their agency technically.

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00:30:58.740 --> 00:31:02.610

Wendy Dockray: And that's it any questions, I can answer them.

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00:31:04.560 --> 00:31:06.090

tobie/mike meisel: we've also shortlisted that.

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00:31:07.230 --> 00:31:28.530

tobie/mike meisel: In addition to Webster bank that donated \$2,000 in lieu of a grant because we didn't really fit it's grant criteria on i'm still working key bank and we had some hopeful signs, but basically after a lot of back and forth i've been told that.

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00:31:30.030 --> 00:31:30.690

tobie/mike meisel: They.

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00:31:31.200 --> 00:31:32.310

tobie/mike meisel: There isn't a separate.

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00:31:32.310 --> 00:31:34.440

12033769850: Budget, aside from.

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00:31:34.860 --> 00:31:37.590

tobie/mike meisel: A grant application, and we really don't fit the.

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00:31:37.590 --> 00:31:41.850

tobie/mike meisel: criteria so i'm pressing again, but I have to say I feel like.

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00:31:41.850 --> 00:31:42.180
it's.

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00:31:43.230 --> 00:31:46.200
tobie/mike meisel: Two outs of an eye opening and i've got two.

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00:31:46.560 --> 00:31:49.740
tobie/mike meisel: Strikes i'm just following awesome pitches.

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00:31:50.040 --> 00:31:50.280
But.

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00:31:51.510 --> 00:31:52.770
tobie/mike meisel: I have asked them to go.

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00:31:52.770 --> 00:31:55.320
tobie/mike meisel: back and think about it, some more and.

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00:31:56.370 --> 00:32:17.040
tobie/mike meisel: done a little bit of gentle arm twisting on we also are now focus strongly on on on the Community of lawyers CPA is financial consultants there Damien is stepping up and he's going to give us some help in that area.

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00:32:18.060 --> 00:32:34.830
tobie/mike meisel: And, and the area of real estate and mortgage brokers, we have Paul a pair Academy, as a member of our town wide committee and i've been working with her to get solicitation letters out to her contacts, and I think she will be effective.

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00:32:35.880 --> 00:32:48.720
tobie/mike meisel: So i'm hopeful that we're going to start seeing our on our efforts pay off in those communities in addition Ted has stepped up as volunteered to.

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00:32:49.320 --> 00:33:04.470
tobie/mike meisel: Try to work, his contacts at Bank of America and Tracy has stepped up and i've been working with her to on solicitation of Yale new haven hospital if anybody else can help with that um.

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00:33:05.250 --> 00:33:21.150
tobie/mike meisel: it's a good prospect on it's not so far it hasn't been an easy one to track of if you have some contacts there, and you can help

please get in touch with me that you want to record on on bfa or do you want to just.

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00:33:22.530 --> 00:33:25.020

tobie/mike meisel: OK let's continue your efforts there.

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00:33:27.840 --> 00:33:34.710

tobie/mike meisel: I turned to another area that I thought would be productive i've added a suit robbins.

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00:33:35.580 --> 00:33:48.870

tobie/mike meisel: As a new committee Member I don't know how many of you know rob funds I know matt knows you're quite well and she's just a hybrid respected highly effective a Community Member and.

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00:33:49.410 --> 00:33:59.430

tobie/mike meisel: She and I had been talking and she's come up with Oh, I would say, a dozen or two dozen ideas and we have a solicitation letter that.

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00:34:00.000 --> 00:34:18.450

tobie/mike meisel: she's going to have to go after some people who have prospered during the pandemic several of them involved in the water expansion project and we're hoping that they will see their wages some generous donations i'm.

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00:34:19.500 --> 00:34:22.020

tobie/mike meisel: Trying to think of where else we we need help.

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00:34:23.040 --> 00:34:33.600

tobie/mike meisel: We can certainly use some help on our focus on larger businesses who have been largely on affected by the pandemic.

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00:34:35.460 --> 00:34:47.100

tobie/mike meisel: And there you know whether anyone on our committee with the interested and and getting involved there, I should remind you that our solicitations have been.

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00:34:47.700 --> 00:34:59.850

tobie/mike meisel: Mostly, if not exclusively through letter solicitations so it's not like you have to go call on people, although you know, calling on people by telephone.

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00:35:00.930 --> 00:35:01.590

12033769850: question.

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00:35:01.800 --> 00:35:03.960

tobie/mike meisel: would be helpful, so let me know.

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00:35:04.320 --> 00:35:09.390

tobie/mike meisel: And then the last area that I want to mention this morning, as I asked Jerry to put.

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00:35:09.390 --> 00:35:09.900

tobie/mike meisel: together.

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00:35:09.960 --> 00:35:11.250

12033769850: A list of paternal.

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00:35:11.880 --> 00:35:22.920

tobie/mike meisel: and similar organizations and to listen on potential contact people there and what i'd like to do, maybe sure you could circulate that list to members of.

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00:35:24.060 --> 00:35:33.210

tobie/mike meisel: The other Commissioners and see and look at that list carefully take a minute or two we really, really need to help the forefront and move the you know the.

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00:35:33.900 --> 00:35:45.300

tobie/mike meisel: Needle, on this campaign, see if you know anyone whether they're mentioned as a contact, or you know one someone else who would be a lead to those organizations i'm thinking of.

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00:35:45.300 --> 00:35:45.990

12033769850: Rotary and.

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00:35:46.320 --> 00:35:56.550

tobie/mike meisel: and similar organizations that are generous of other Community projects, and let me know or let sherry know, let us both now so that we can.

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00:35:57.600 --> 00:36:00.000

tobie/mike meisel: prepare a solicitation letter.

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00:36:00.120 --> 00:36:00.300

12033769850: That.

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00:36:00.330 --> 00:36:01.710
12033769850: will be well adapted.

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00:36:02.460 --> 00:36:10.200
tobie/mike meisel: For that kind of solicitation So please, please,
please take a look at the list and get back to sherry and or a.

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00:36:12.300 --> 00:36:20.580
Guilford Host1: quick question you have have we done any public
advertising on this have we reached out to shoreline the guilford carrier
to do.

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00:36:20.610 --> 00:36:21.690
tobie/mike meisel: So we have been.

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00:36:22.050 --> 00:36:27.210
tobie/mike meisel: On our committee is is meeting shortly, and what are
the items on the agenda mark is.

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00:36:28.620 --> 00:36:34.140
tobie/mike meisel: I want to plan to do an article for the guilford
courier shoreline news.

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00:36:35.250 --> 00:36:42.480
tobie/mike meisel: But you know the focus, so far as to get those big
chunks and before we go out more broadly and.

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00:36:43.710 --> 00:36:50.760
tobie/mike meisel: So that's that's kind of what we're doing but that's
certainly on our agenda we're going to talk about that in our meeting on.

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00:36:50.820 --> 00:36:51.300
tobie/mike meisel: The.

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00:36:51.600 --> 00:36:52.440
12033769850: 12th is it.

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00:36:52.530 --> 00:36:53.010
Cherry.

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00:36:55.500 --> 00:36:59.370

tobie/mike meisel: We are meeting on the 12th meeting and I saw the agenda.

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00:36:59.940 --> 00:37:01.530

Guilford Host1: yeah okay.

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00:37:02.670 --> 00:37:08.730

Guilford Host1: just wanted to see you know with if we can generate some buzz around this.

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00:37:09.810 --> 00:37:21.090

Guilford Host1: Maybe put a picture of what the signs are going to look up look like I know we have the market for that generate the public interest, I think you'll have some people coming to you, instead of chasing people down.

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00:37:22.440 --> 00:37:22.770

tobie/mike meisel: Right.

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00:37:23.220 --> 00:37:30.060

Guilford Host1: They did day vegan you've been quiet and that's probably mostly because you're on mute I don't know if you have anything to add.

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00:37:34.770 --> 00:37:35.070

Wendy Dockray: You.

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00:37:35.550 --> 00:37:36.060

Guilford Host1: Know i'm you.

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00:37:41.160 --> 00:37:50.670

David Egan: Think Mike is done an excellent job, and you know, bring everybody up to date on just where we are with everything, the only thing that I would see I shouldn't say suggest.

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00:37:51.690 --> 00:38:00.330

David Egan: But Mike alluded to, you know some of the local attorneys CPS and so forth in town that we should approach I would.

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00:38:00.930 --> 00:38:17.460

David Egan: Mike if this is all right with you okay well what I would intend to do, I have a you know, a personal relationship with several attorneys here going back a number of years, and I would it would be my intention, within the next certainly within the next week or so.

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00:38:18.720 --> 00:38:24.270

David Egan: To get in touch with these people just to advise them of the existence of this project.

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00:38:24.300 --> 00:38:25.320

12033769850: Because i'm not sure that.

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00:38:25.710 --> 00:38:27.810

David Egan: Everybody knows if its existence.

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00:38:29.190 --> 00:38:34.590

David Egan: schmooze with them a little bit and then tell them to expect a you know, a letter.

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00:38:36.720 --> 00:38:38.190

12033769850: A letter from when they.

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00:38:39.570 --> 00:38:47.700

David Egan: You know, along the lines that we've discussed, as you say there's you know there's three or four people that immediately come to mind.

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00:38:49.110 --> 00:38:51.900

David Egan: So anyway so that's really all I have that.

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00:38:52.980 --> 00:38:54.540

tobie/mike meisel: They don't don't hesitate to.

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00:38:54.570 --> 00:38:56.160

reach out to them Damien.

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00:38:57.300 --> 00:39:13.440

tobie/mike meisel: Damien is taking a personal responsibility for some listening from law firms there's no reason why you can't reach out make a phone call and, if you would follow it up with a solicitation letter if they get two letters, you know, the more the merrier.

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00:39:14.490 --> 00:39:25.050

David Egan: yeah I do think that Damien Damien and I should coordinate this because I don't know that would be a good idea for you know, for both of us to be contacted say the same.

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00:39:25.470 --> 00:39:26.970
tobie/mike meisel: A lot but.

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00:39:30.150 --> 00:39:33.360
tobie/mike meisel: yeah it's a great idea and any any personal appeal.

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00:39:33.870 --> 00:39:36.150
tobie/mike meisel: Is is far more effective than just.

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David Egan: Receiving oh absolutely absolutely.

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00:39:39.930 --> 00:39:41.340
Wendy Dockray: Right and.

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00:39:41.400 --> 00:39:43.380
Wendy Dockray: And they I think Paul is also.

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00:39:44.400 --> 00:39:48.060
Wendy Dockray: Sending something out to attorney so she should be part of that discussion.

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00:39:49.410 --> 00:39:49.830
David Egan: Okay.

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00:39:50.520 --> 00:39:54.330
Wendy Dockray: So that you have a consolidated list or whatever going to do right.

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00:39:54.990 --> 00:39:56.460
Guilford Host1: excellent progress.

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00:39:56.790 --> 00:40:09.060
Wendy Dockray: And if anyone ever wants to copy of what has gone to the guilford foundation once i'm done, you can you know, a print it out and scan it and give it to you, you want to read the absolute details of what we're doing.

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00:40:11.130 --> 00:40:11.460
tobie/mike meisel: I mean.

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00:40:12.750 --> 00:40:14.130

tobie/mike meisel: I have to say this is.

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00:40:14.130 --> 00:40:22.170

tobie/mike meisel: The effort that Wendy is putting in, especially on the grant applications is monumental.

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00:40:23.460 --> 00:40:31.110

tobie/mike meisel: They require a huge amounts of time, a lot of research and a lot of communication together the materials that are.

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00:40:31.110 --> 00:40:33.450

12033769850: required for these grant applications.

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00:40:33.690 --> 00:40:42.030

tobie/mike meisel: So and she's involved in virtually every other face of a campaign and sherry if you don't mind me throwing a.

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00:40:42.150 --> 00:40:43.680

tobie/mike meisel: bouquet your way I.

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00:40:44.370 --> 00:40:50.100

tobie/mike meisel: I think you never in danger sherry of having your email box empty.

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00:40:51.870 --> 00:40:54.690

tobie/mike meisel: As long as as long as you're working with us.

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00:40:58.320 --> 00:40:59.460

tobie/mike meisel: she's laughing but.

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00:40:59.490 --> 00:41:00.990

tobie/mike meisel: I don't think she I think.

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00:41:00.990 --> 00:41:08.040

tobie/mike meisel: there's probably a few grounds, when she sees a whole list of emails stacked up in her inbox.

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00:41:09.120 --> 00:41:09.870

Sheri Cote, Guilford EDC: i'm happy to help.

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00:41:12.900 --> 00:41:13.710

Guilford Host1: All right, great.

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00:41:13.860 --> 00:41:15.960

Guilford Host1: Thank you all for that I really appreciate.

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00:41:15.990 --> 00:41:17.760

12033769850: All the effort that you put into that.

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Guilford Host1: Now we're going to move to our.

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00:41:22.380 --> 00:41:28.890

Guilford Host1: EDC development develop tax incentives so good amy on that real quick of morning amy how are you today.

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00:41:29.400 --> 00:41:38.670

Amy Earls: Good how are you I don't have anything new to share I don't know if matt has any word from the selectmen board side but yeah we haven't.

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00:41:39.600 --> 00:41:46.710

Matthew Hoey: I do, I mean, I had asked for some input from if we had the presentation i'd asked for some specific input from the board.

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00:41:47.730 --> 00:41:48.960

Matthew Hoey: Sometimes it's like pulling.

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00:41:50.250 --> 00:42:04.140

Matthew Hoey: For you i'll put push me i'm coming kind of thing, so I did get responses from two to the Members, which I have forward along to pete pete has a straw man on a on an ordinance.

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Matthew Hoey: And an outline for the plan based largely on what you put together, as well as.

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Matthew Hoey: A couple of templates from other communities around the around the state, so it is my hope to get the document to the board of selectmen prior to our march 15 meeting.

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00:42:27.120 --> 00:42:30.720

Matthew Hoey: And for for review and hopefully for.

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00:42:32.760 --> 00:42:34.800

Matthew Hoey: Acceptance so at this point.

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00:42:35.880 --> 00:42:45.180

Matthew Hoey: we're looking at the March 15 for the document to be reviewed by the Board of selectmen and then moved more than likely to an order to town meeting to adopt the ordinance.

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00:42:46.530 --> 00:42:51.570

Matthew Hoey: And one of the alternatives is just is to have.

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00:42:52.590 --> 00:43:05.100

Matthew Hoey: A little more discretion, with the board of selectmen relative to each application that comes through so that's that was one of the input points so we're trying we're trying to call us at around a single document.

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00:43:08.520 --> 00:43:09.420

Guilford Host1: I will.

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00:43:10.500 --> 00:43:11.850

Guilford Host1: I will keep this on.

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00:43:13.440 --> 00:43:14.550

Guilford Host1: September subcommittees.

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Guilford Host1: But.

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00:43:16.320 --> 00:43:33.180

Matthew Hoey: Just just a couple of brief points there wasn't a significant amount of support for residential complexes largely on into the fact that, if you take a look at some of the ones that have happened recently, they tend to be higher end.

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Matthew Hoey: You know the.

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Matthew Hoey: 66 high street.

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Matthew Hoey: I don't know whether you guys have seen that the arrow paving has completely moved out there's a pretty good opportunity that they'd be a.

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Matthew Hoey: High end residential development in that area those more than likely would be condos so i'm not sure what the what you folks all contemplated, whether or not you know, a project like that would be.

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Matthew Hoey: eligible to participate in a program where they were building, you know condo complex with individual ownership on each one of those properties.

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00:44:10.620 --> 00:44:24.540

Matthew Hoey: You know i'm not sure we necessarily need incentives for that kind of development, you know kind of share the sentiment with some of the other board members, however, if we start talking about there seems to be a support for affordable housing.

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Matthew Hoey: So that we can become closer to compliance with the state state regulations and laws for those of you have been paying attention what's going on up in hartford relative to this issue there's a huge spotlight.

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Matthew Hoey: On affordable housing around the state, there are some there are some legislative proposals that are being weighed.

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Matthew Hoey: Today, which may have the ability to significantly impact local zoning so we're paying close attention to those issues, so I think, as I said, there was support for affordable housing and.

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Matthew Hoey: But not not so much for condo type developments.

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Matthew Hoey: And I certainly welcome your input on that.

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Wendy Dockray: i'll just answer just a little bit one before I moved to guilford I served on the planning board in ridgewood New Jersey and in

New Jersey, there was a decision, called the Mount Laurel that require that communities zone for.

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Wendy Dockray: affordable housing and as a result, our planning Board was constantly under the threat of being sued when it approved any multifamily housing.

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Wendy Dockray: So one of the things we routinely did was have requires set aside of let's say 10% of units for affordable.

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Wendy Dockray: And then allow a little bit more density or a little bit more lot coverage or whatever it is, to compensate the developer for that 10% or whatever percent we you know decide was appropriate so that i'm just going to throw that out there as an idea relative.

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Matthew Hoey: To have.

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00:46:04.050 --> 00:46:05.010

Wendy Dockray: Housing to do.

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Matthew Hoey: When you, thank you, thank you for that we Those are all all of those things are part or being contemplated currently by the legislature will give you one one specifically.

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Matthew Hoey: transit areas around around transportation centers which our.

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Matthew Hoey: train station would qualify, they are, they are proposing that, as of right people would have the ability to have up to 4444 unit housing on any properties within a half a mile of a transit Center.

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Matthew Hoey: Now that is obviously subject to the some of the other requirements, the health and sanitation requirements.

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Matthew Hoey: If you don't have septic systems, and you know you can't you can't put a four unit House on a quarter acre you just don't have the capacity to do that kind of thing, so there are some inherent challenges, but these are.

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Matthew Hoey: Whether you're absolutely right, these are all the things that they're they're looking at and contemplating and some of this legislation now one of the challenges with.

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Matthew Hoey: affordable housing and the qualification for affordable housing it's, it has to be deed restricted sit deed restricted set aside so, for instance aquatic park hills, which by all.

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00:47:24.150 --> 00:47:25.980

Matthew Hoey: By all accounts would be considered.

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Matthew Hoey: affordable housing and Guilford based on the price of those units.

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Matthew Hoey: Either at sale or for rental is not considered amongst our affordable housing stock, because the Statute is very clear that it has to be deemed restricted for affordable housing, which means it.

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Matthew Hoey: You know, it can you know the the cost can't exceed eight up to 80% of the median household income in the Community, so that that's what I chose to they're actually looking at pulling that deed restriction off in order to allow municipalities to meet there to meet their targeted thresholds.

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Wendy Dockray: Thank you.

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00:48:10.500 --> 00:48:12.930

Guilford Host1: Good Thank you matt I appreciate that.

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00:48:13.650 --> 00:48:14.010

you're welcome.

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00:48:15.210 --> 00:48:18.930

Guilford Host1: Okay we're going to open it up for.

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Guilford Host1: Also.

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00:48:21.030 --> 00:48:21.810

12033769850: Thank you amy.

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Guilford Host1: amy to feel left out there, she did a great workout this.

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00:48:29.340 --> 00:48:31.800

Guilford Host1: will open it up for new business is there any new business.

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Matthew Hoey: If you don't mind, I have one item I just like to run by you, for thought potential input at yesterday's Board of selectmen meeting we had a request for the use of the green by a.

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Matthew Hoey: By a dance a local dance company the spot folks are familiar with spot.

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Matthew Hoey: Now, as I think you're all aware.

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Matthew Hoey: The current guidelines for the use of the green prohibit the use, but well actually restrict the use of agree to.

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Matthew Hoey: preferred nonprofit organizations only So this was a direct appeal related to cove it.

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Matthew Hoey: To to to to relax those.

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Matthew Hoey: requirements.

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Matthew Hoey: Perhaps on a temporary basis.

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Matthew Hoey: And you know as you were talking earlier mark about the you know.

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Matthew Hoey: Someone was mentioned earlier today about a kickoff event, for you know reopening businesses in the town of Guilford.

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Matthew Hoey: Clearly, you know if etc or the Shoreline Chamber where to look to do something on the green for those businesses.

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Matthew Hoey: That would qualify, because that would be well at least etc would probably be able to be represented as a town agency, much like.

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Matthew Hoey: park and REC when they use the green for their events, so I guess the question is, it is any any thoughts on a possibility of board.

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Matthew Hoey: Moving forward with a temporary restriction of those rules related to cove it either to assist businesses in driving you know in in.

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Matthew Hoey: hosting events and putting on events that drive business downtown.

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00:50:13.650 --> 00:50:21.210

Matthew Hoey: And particularly as a, you know as as it relates to what the business community is had to go through through coven and now it's running.

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Matthew Hoey: on the verge of potentially reopening in a much fuller fashion, you know some kind of some kind of event, you know we're allowing businesses to host events on a degree.

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00:50:36.060 --> 00:50:37.860

Guilford Host1: I go why.

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00:50:37.920 --> 00:50:42.480

tobie/mike meisel: Why Why would it be man, what would be the argument against doing that.

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00:50:44.340 --> 00:50:47.280

Matthew Hoey: Well yeah there's some pretty there are some pretty strong feelings in.

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00:50:47.280 --> 00:50:48.150

Matthew Hoey: This Community Mike.

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00:50:48.600 --> 00:50:58.950

Matthew Hoey: You you, you are not in town when an effort was made to put some lights on the green and across that, looking around the camera I.

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00:50:59.670 --> 00:51:03.000

Matthew Hoey: I see Karen Stephen smiling I see amy nodding her head.

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Matthew Hoey: It was.

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Matthew Hoey: It was as if we were trying to put condominiums on the green.

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Matthew Hoey: It was was it was it was the design, it was the place man, it was the potential of putting a plaque acknowledging the donors.

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Matthew Hoey: And there, there is a there are a group of folks in this community who are very, very protective of the green as they should be it's clearly our July.

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Matthew Hoey: One of the things that I think would would be in in our favor realizes this would still be limited to Guilford businesses own.

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00:51:37.050 --> 00:51:54.030

Matthew Hoey: significant concern about you know once once you want to peel back one layer of the onion next thing you know you know the whole long is exposed and and you and you're gonna have to open it up, based on challenges for us, I guess, I think, for on a temporary basis, I think there was.

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Matthew Hoey: There was some support for discussing.

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That.

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Matthew Hoey: We obviously will be going to the to the green committee to get there, which is the Advisory Board for the board of selectmen.

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Matthew Hoey: In terms of the use of the green, but I also suggest that perhaps that you're running by you folks and we don't have to vet the thing fully here, but if you wanted to send me an email or share your sentiments, as I know people have to get the work.

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00:52:19.470 --> 00:52:20.610

Matthew Hoey: i'd be happy to.

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00:52:20.790 --> 00:52:21.840

12033769850: entertain those so.

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00:52:22.950 --> 00:52:32.070

Guilford Host1: matt just for my education was the is the reason why it's only nonprofits allowed is so there's not competition with the fairgrounds.

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00:52:33.270 --> 00:52:36.390

Matthew Hoey: Now this this was all that you know.

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00:52:38.190 --> 00:52:49.080

Matthew Hoey: The original intent was to limit it for nonprofit activities, because the town shouldn't be in the business of supporting for profit businesses on town property.

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00:52:49.560 --> 00:52:52.830

Matthew Hoey: Okay that's my understanding of it that's my understanding.

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00:52:54.660 --> 00:52:59.070

Guilford Host1: I my personal opinion is if it's a.

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00:53:00.150 --> 00:53:04.290

Guilford Host1: Community based event, then it should be allowed.

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00:53:05.370 --> 00:53:08.610

Guilford Host1: If it's a if it's a company that just wants to.

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00:53:09.870 --> 00:53:15.810

Guilford Host1: The like what's going on going on over at anthony's where they're selling snow blowers, no.

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00:53:15.870 --> 00:53:28.470

Guilford Host1: You know, we don't have the Green, you know filled with snow blowers for sale, but if it's a Community event entertainment or something like that that is being put on by a local business I don't see a problem with that.

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00:53:30.810 --> 00:53:31.110

Guilford Host1: But.

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00:53:32.790 --> 00:53:45.210

Karen Stephens: So the taste of the shoreline or taste of Guilford it was put on by nonprofit i've been sponsored by the Chamber, but we were definitely promoting distances there yeah.

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00:53:46.290 --> 00:53:48.060

Karen Stephens: Local restaurants, etc, so.

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00:53:49.290 --> 00:54:00.150

Karen Stephens: I think I think any kind of event that we can have on the green that would promote people coming to the Center of the town, would be a good thing for everybody.

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00:54:02.850 --> 00:54:12.900

Guilford Host1: A sales thing again i'll reference the snow blowers because that's, the only thing I know that's going on, they may have lawn equipment lawn mowers by now, but.

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00:54:14.520 --> 00:54:22.680

Guilford Host1: As a coven restricted allowance for something like that you know if there was just.

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00:54:23.730 --> 00:54:34.320

Guilford Host1: That was based in town that wanted to have I don't know a warehouse sale on the green I guess that would be a case by case basis of whether that's allowed or not.

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00:54:35.160 --> 00:54:37.830

Matthew Hoey: And mark, I think you just hit the nail on the head.

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Matthew Hoey: A case by case.

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basis.

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Matthew Hoey: exposes the board of selectmen in your decision making process to all kinds of potential legal challenges and claims of bias you'd have to have a pretty extensive.

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00:54:53.790 --> 00:55:03.180

Matthew Hoey: delineation of what events, what type of events were were acceptable and which weren't so that's that's one of the challenges.

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00:55:03.750 --> 00:55:04.110

Okay.

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00:55:05.280 --> 00:55:07.260

Matthew Hoey: But doesn't mean it doesn't mean you can't be worked around.

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00:55:11.460 --> 00:55:17.550

Guilford Host1: Yes, we could put together some guidelines that you know may or may not help would be helpful.

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00:55:18.750 --> 00:55:20.010

Matthew Hoey: Why don't we wait to see what.

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Matthew Hoey: I just wanted folks to start to put some thought to it because we are going to go to the green committee and pretty much we take the advice of that Advisory Board.

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00:55:32.670 --> 00:55:49.680

Matthew Hoey: relative to actions on the green so before you guys go to the extent of putting pen to paper and competing more time than need be, you know what why don't we see whether or not it's even going to have a chance, but I appreciate, I appreciate the the offer.

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00:55:50.850 --> 00:55:56.940

Matthew Hoey: Again, if anybody just wants to provide you know their their thoughts, please email me.

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00:55:58.680 --> 00:55:58.980

Great.

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Guilford Host1: Any other new business.

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00:56:04.320 --> 00:56:05.850

Guilford Host1: Is there any old business.

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Guilford Host1: Alright, and we have one bill.

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00:56:13.680 --> 00:56:24.900

Guilford Host1: For February meeting minutes for three hours at \$17 75 cents for a total of \$53 and 25 cents, I need a motion to approve.

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00:56:26.250 --> 00:56:27.090

12033769850: So moved.

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00:56:27.660 --> 00:56:28.530

Thank you Ted.

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00:56:30.210 --> 00:56:32.070

12033769850: i'm going to pick on JP because he's been too.

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00:56:32.070 --> 00:56:33.690

Guilford Host1: Quiet this morning, can I get a second.

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00:56:37.560 --> 00:56:38.490

David Egan: Is he's still there.

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00:56:38.940 --> 00:56:40.200

Guilford Host1: he's he's on mute but.

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00:56:40.560 --> 00:56:43.920

iPhone: You didn't fight fighting with the mute button good morning i'm happy to say.

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00:56:46.560 --> 00:56:48.570

Guilford Host1: That all those say goodbye.

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00:56:52.530 --> 00:56:53.190

Guilford Host1: Okay.

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00:56:54.300 --> 00:56:55.860

Guilford Host1: Who do you get groceries this month.

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00:56:57.180 --> 00:56:57.660

12033769850: Thank you.

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Guilford Host1: I need a motion to adjourn.

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David Egan: domo.

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Guilford Host1: Thank you Dave Egan need a second.

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00:57:11.940 --> 00:57:16.590

Guilford Host1: Nobody wants to go to work Karen seconds, thank you very much, all those in favor.

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Guilford Host1: hi hi okay.

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00:57:20.100 --> 00:57:21.120

Guilford Host1: Thank you, I will see you next.

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00:57:21.120 --> 00:57:27.570

Guilford Host1: Month anything comes up feel free to give me a call sherry if you get a chance to say afternoon, can you give me a call.

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00:57:28.650 --> 00:57:29.820

Guilford Host1: will do great.

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00:57:29.850 --> 00:57:30.960

12033769850: Thank you yeah.

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00:57:31.440 --> 00:57:31.980

Guilford Host1: Alright, everyone.

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00:57:32.970 --> 00:57:33.330

bye.