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Okay, I can go back to sharing

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Guilford Host1: And we're off to the races. Oh, that's

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Okay.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, so we'll call the order is six communications public forum. Think we can skip that. Think we have anybody from the public in here.

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Guilford Host1: We have our meeting minutes from March.

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Guilford Host1: I did look through them. But does anybody have any errors or omissions or corrections to the march minutes

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Guilford Host1: 39 I need emotion.

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helenamullett: So,

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Guilford Host1: Okay that's David Egan made the motion be the second

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Guilford Host1: I'll take Wednesday on that one. All those in favor,

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Guilford Host1: All right, moving in number three. I want to thank Matt for being with us today. I know he's been super busy and as I said in the email. We just want to get a basic idea.

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Guilford Host1: What our plans for opening reopening Guilford are going to be. I know there's a

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Guilford Host1: news conference on Thursday, where the governor is going to

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Guilford Host1: Announce his plans for reopening but we just wanted to get your thoughts, your thoughts. Matt on what you think and what you're feeling on with the rest of the board of selectmen is thinking

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Matthew Hoey: Thank you. Um, I think largely as you probably understand fully well we are taking all of our cues related to reopening of facilities and businesses.

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Matthew Hoey: From the governor with the respective executive orders for us to do anything other than that would be foolish. We see signs that Apple all over the country and we're starting to see signs of premature openings having an impact on additional cases.

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Matthew Hoey: There are, however, some things that we are starting to look at

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Matthew Hoey: From a town government perspective, we're still not sure whether the governor is going to be continuing to classify

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Matthew Hoey: The government workers as a central all government work is as essential or public safety, public responders first responders.

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Matthew Hoey: We currently have staff Brian's working remotely as is a good portion of our staff at this point.

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Matthew Hoey: We have folks rotating to come in and cover the various departments at Town Hall town hall south. So while the building so locked in Access is by appointment or phone call. When you get here.

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Matthew Hoey: We are fully open for business. So any transactions with any of our departments are still able to be completed.

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Matthew Hoey: As I said, the question here is,

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Matthew Hoey: Whether or not.

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Matthew Hoey: We're going to still be required to do as much social distancing and only bringing in essential workers, ie those needed to keep things running while allowing others to continue to work from home.

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Matthew Hoey: As you can well imagine that seemed Brian McGlone smiling face in the hallway around here is somewhat troubling and problematic.

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Matthew Hoey: There is no replacement for the personal interactions that typically take place in in in in our town offices.

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Matthew Hoey: Again from the, from the business side which is society. I know all of you folks are interested in

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Matthew Hoey: The governor is really calling the shots here. And I think we've seen as he wants to do, he lets out little bits of snippets about what he's going to be doing. I think you can

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Matthew Hoey: Be fairly comfortable that there will be some form of relaxation of the rules and regulations on the 20th of May.

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Matthew Hoey: However, I think you're probably going to see which which speaks volumes is at some point today, the governor is most likely going to say schools are closed for the balance of this school calendar.

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Matthew Hoey: So to me what that says is large gatherings are still going to be problematic from the potential spread of the virus.

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Matthew Hoey: So I don't know that he is going to significantly ease the current rule on no more than five in a social and recreational gathering

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Matthew Hoey: Despite the fact that he has said.

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Matthew Hoey: That he intends to allow restaurants outdoor restaurants to open

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Matthew Hoey: POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS THE 20th of May.

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Matthew Hoey: To that effect as you can well imagine we've had a couple of restaurants looking to either

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Matthew Hoey: Implement or expand on outside dining

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Matthew Hoey: Those conversations started towards the end of last week and I have engaged my legal and land use organizations for Planning and Zoning folks to look at how we can streamline the processes and or hurdles that are currently in place that allow for restaurants to to open up

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Matthew Hoey: In outdoor fashion as you can well imagine there are some challenges South weighing the pros one that's looking to do something.

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Matthew Hoey: Good of putting tables and they're all

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Matthew Hoey: In it in the pathway between their facility and some say, and it's talking about the sidewalk behind the building and even some parking spaces.

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Matthew Hoey: But there are some. There are some rules and restrictions around that. If you are out there in adjacent to parking, you have to create some kind of barrier that provides protection from cars inadvertently rolling through those barriers into those tables that would be set up outside

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Matthew Hoey: We're having some similar conversations with the folks over at the morning expanding alongside the, I guess it would be the eastern side of their building where the walkway is where well mostly it's lobster pot storage.

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Matthew Hoey: They own about eight feet.

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Matthew Hoey: From their building out into that walkway. The town owns the balance of that.

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Matthew Hoey: As I said, there are currently lobster plots. I think Bart manzi stores is lobster plots there with an arrangement with the folks at the morning

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Matthew Hoey: You know, one of the things that would be easy for us to do is say okay bar, you can move all of your laughter pots over onto the town property which will allow

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Matthew Hoey: The morning to put tables alongside that in addition to what they have at their outside patio bar and seating arrangements.

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Matthew Hoey: Again, I'm not sure outdoor dining is going to is going to do it, to the extent that some folks think you still with a distancing. And I think it's going to be in place, there are still going to be significant restrictions. So to bring a full staff and when you can only

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Matthew Hoey: Basically serve a quarter of what you would normally be serving I think every individual business, business owners gonna have to make that that kind of call

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Matthew Hoey: As to the balance of the shops, I saw Tracy's on the call. I i'm not sure what the governor is going to do there. I think those retail shops will probably be given an opportunity to open up

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Matthew Hoey: With the individuals wearing masks of requirement that the shoppers and and storekeepers and and clerks are all wearing masks.

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Matthew Hoey: There may be some limp from on here and and maybe some limits to the number of customers based on the square footage. But again, that guidance in that in those decisions. I think we'll all come out with on on Thursday. At least that's what we're, what we're being told.

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Matthew Hoey: I'm not sure that I covered everything that you guys were looking to hear from me.

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Matthew Hoey: Well, there's a couple of them, one or two other things. At this point, we are still continuing to pay all town staff members.

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Matthew Hoey: It is in my mind's eye, it is essential that government provide stabilizing and and stabilizing influence and a sense of continuity that in the community. And by the way, we have folks that are still providing services, you take a look at our emergency responders are police

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Matthew Hoey: Fire EMT paramedics

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Matthew Hoey: They're theoretically putting their line lives on the line every time to have an interaction with the public every shift every day.

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Matthew Hoey: So we financially. I think we're in pretty good shape. From this standpoint.

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Matthew Hoey: through March we had 100% of our estimated tax collection.

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Matthew Hoey: Already

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Matthew Hoey: In the bank.

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Matthew Hoey: We typically received over the last couple of months and additional several hundred thousand that some of that may be in jeopardy, we're seeing some declines in local revenues building revenues Angeles revenues.

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Matthew Hoey: A lot less accidents on the road. So the ambulances aren't out there, transporting people to the emergency room into hospitals. So we're starting to see Parks and Recreation obviously with programs being cancelled.

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Matthew Hoey: The even things like youth and family services because of the challenges with the original challenges with Medicare

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Matthew Hoey: Not allowing telemedicine. We had to cease operations with many of our clients and not many. But a portion of our clients. We are still doing tell medicine for

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Matthew Hoey: The private payers that are allowing it. And recently I think it was two weeks ago, we can HALF AGO. THE GOVERNOR authorized telemedicine for

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Matthew Hoey: For the Medicare patients as well.

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Matthew Hoey: There are obviously continued pressures on some certain organizations.

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Matthew Hoey: Youth and Family Services. I said, it's still doing a good portion of their their their work via telemedicine.

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Matthew Hoey: Social Services Tammy T Francisco's organization has never been busier as you can well imagine food bank and and assistance programs. Typically this is not a real busy time of the year for social services because we're coming out of the the heating season.

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Matthew Hoey: And

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Matthew Hoey: In the wintertime seems to be the highest demand, but we're seeing significantly increase loads.

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Matthew Hoey: On the demands for social services.

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Brian: As a

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Matthew Hoey: Public Works and park and rec outside staff is

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Matthew Hoey: going full bore. We have not for load or gone to reduce shifts there.

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Matthew Hoey: Obviously, are the programs at the Community Center have all been ceased. The

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Matthew Hoey: Meal the meals that we serve to seniors obviously stopped in early, early

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Matthew Hoey: For those that don't know, on any given day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, that would be 60 to 120 seniors in having lunch that program stuff but Meals on Wheels saw significant increase in their caseload.

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Matthew Hoey: And so the park and rec folks are largely to convert it into sort of take take shopping takeout and delivery service.

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Matthew Hoey: We have the staff as well as volunteers. The comfort keepers organization is providing a shopping services where she is can call in in the morning into the community center.

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Matthew Hoey: Staff will go over with them. It can also send an email, but there are some challenges with the with the demographic in terms of technology so

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Matthew Hoey: It's largely over the phone, a shopping list is put together. We have arrangements with for the, the major markets here in town where it volunteers actually go shop and then deliver the meals back to the to the seniors, we're up to. I think we're doing

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Matthew Hoey: Particular around 98 a week is the average right now. So, and that has continued to grow. It started off this is we've been doing it five weeks.

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Matthew Hoey: First week I think we had 60 to 65 and now we're closing in on 100 so that service also provides a pickup and shopping at at CVS and Walgreens for health, the health products. Well,

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Matthew Hoey: I think I've gone on long enough, probably more than you wanted and be certainly willing to answer any questions.

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Guilford Host1: Man with regards to the, the restaurants is there. Do we have access to, like, a Rails or Jersey barriers that we could possibly put in that. Yeah.

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Matthew Hoey: I've already talked to public works. We've got for, for lack of a better term mafia blocks is what they call them in the works trade.

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Matthew Hoey: And we do have some of those. So the one of the one of the delicate balances. Here is the provision of municipal services.

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Matthew Hoey: For a select few. How do we, how do we ration those resources. And who is it first come first serve. I am perfectly willing to make that those available.

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Matthew Hoey: while supplies last. So I think that will turn out to be a first come first serve. But yes, mark it will be my intention to make those types of materials available if we need them.

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Guilford Host1: In the

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Guilford Host1: In the Whitfield parking lot behind the South lane where blues is could we

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Guilford Host1: block off that back portion of the parking lot.

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Guilford Host1: And set up kind of a combined seating area where Centro could have some space, Sam. Sam South lane lose the marketplace and you know

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Matthew Hoey: So it's sort of like creating a food. The food court at a

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Matthew Hoey: Time.

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Matthew Hoey: Yeah, yeah. I had a conversation. I've already started conversations with Todd Taylor, who owns that parking lot. So that would be a decision largely

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Matthew Hoey: Made by him in consultation with the health department and our zoning folks but without, without going into great detail detail on a conversation I had with Todd.

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Matthew Hoey: He is working with a couple of his tenants. The South lane Central's sounds. I am the most attractive piece of property is obviously that alleyway that they all but

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Matthew Hoey: So he's, he has a challenge in terms of trying to figure out how to allocate that space. He's got some planters in there that may need to come out. But I think Todd, as he has demonstrated and Brian will back me up on this Todd is

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Matthew Hoey: All in in terms of supporting his, his tenants in doing whatever he can do to make them successful. So if that is something that collectively, it would be a good idea. I don't think Todd would have much of a problem there.

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Matthew Hoey: And I would suspect that we would possibly challenge. Ted, and Brian to reopen discussions with St. George Church about using

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Matthew Hoey: Some that the parking lot arrangement that we have with them for possibly more than just

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Matthew Hoey: The merchants employees because if you do coordinate for that area back there, you're going to lose a significant number of spaces for those patrons who would be coming there to frequent those establishments. Hi.

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Guilford Host1: I'm just going to suggest that as well.

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Theodore Sands: I mean, I think it that based on our previous discussions with St George's

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Theodore Sands: And a few of the

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Theodore Sands: situation we're in. I would be very surprised if they weren't willing to make some sort of a temporary accommodation on that one.

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tracy: Yeah, and it's going to be very important that we remember that we still need parking spaces and I'm always surprised when I go downtown. If I try to park in front of the store.

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tracy: To run it and get something even now without many businesses being open those spots are still filled. So in my case, we're never going to have so many people unless we have an event which won't happen.

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tracy: In the store that we can't be open and have people spaced well far enough apart and I'm making some provisions to accommodate in different ways than we even had before.

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tracy: But you know we taking up the entire back parking lot or large portion of it. Each is segmented by different owners based on which buildings, they're associated with so

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tracy: We do still need the parking spaces and if people are coming to dine, they'll be filling in those spaces as well. So I think St George's is a good alternative

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tracy: And I agree. I think you guys have done such a great job forming that relationship that they should

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tracy: I would imagine they would be pretty cooperative

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Guilford Host1: I would agree, and I think it's a great

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Guilford Host1: An additional great way for the community to come together.

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Guilford Host1: I don't think they'll have any problem with that. But I agree that we should Ted and Brian can reach out to them and just kind of say, Hey, you know, we'd like to

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Guilford Host1: Open up the parking lot.

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Guilford Host1: You know, for when the church is not not in your swing. We have to understand that they want to get back into business as well and they want to get back to their regular services.

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Guilford Host1: And I don't know what the restrictions are going to be from the governor going forward in regards to funerals weddings baptisms, that type of stuff that's going on. I think we'll find out a little more information on that on Thursday.

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Guilford Host1: But not completely sure what that's going to be

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Guilford Host1: Matt other hurdles in the streamlining process for allowing outdoor seating. Is this something

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Matthew Hoey: I

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Guilford Host1: Can do by executive order until, say, I don't know, end of July and August.

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Matthew Hoey: There are obviously zoning requirements in place. So one of those being those barriers. Right. The other our timelines related to approval. There are also some conditions about distance from residences, you can have

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Matthew Hoey: Certain you can have tables within. I think it's 100 feet of residences, which is not much of a problem for downtown, a great

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Matthew Hoey: However, would be possibly for the morning if they want to extend all the way on there on the east side of their property because there are two houses right across the street.

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Matthew Hoey: So what we're trying to understand and I was tasked the, the, our respective organizations with is to identify the processes the hurdles, the timelines and

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Matthew Hoey: What which, which of those, we need to address using executive order is an opportunity lawyers are looking at seeing whether or not we can supersede that there is also

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Matthew Hoey: I know for fact there was a discussion going on yesterday afternoon between CCM and the governor staff about him issuing an executive order on loosening zoning regulations for exactly this type of purpose. So it'll come together over the next next week to 10 days.

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tracy: To

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Guilford Host1: shift gears a little bit. Now I'd like to

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Guilford Host1: Address kind of the construction trade. This has come up with a couple of people that I've talked to

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Guilford Host1: And there's some rationale behind the idea of waving permit fees.

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Guilford Host1: For a period of time 60 or 90 days waving fees on permits. This would allow contractors to pull their permits. Get back to work, which would

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Guilford Host1: Allow for a lot of the supporting stores to also, you know, like the the tile of marble place provides flooring pages provides everything under the sun.

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Guilford Host1: Those types of businesses get the contractors to be able to pull their permits and put their people to work not waving any regulations just waving fees.

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Matthew Hoey: Quite honestly, there's been no consideration of that mark and I'm

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Matthew Hoey: Not inclined to do so please remember that most building permit fees are passed along to the to the

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Matthew Hoey: Customers. Those are not absorbed by the contractors

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Matthew Hoey: Understand. Are they are they are a

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Matthew Hoey: Pass through

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Matthew Hoey: So,

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Theodore Sands: They're not very big.

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Matthew Hoey: Now, but there were bigger than they used to be here because they're based now on value of the project. So if you're hearing that that is a impediment from the contractors, I'd be cautious as to the validity of those those connections.

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Guilford Host1: No, not hearing as an impediment. The, the idea was to jumpstart any projects that are currently waiting because homeowners who

are waiting to pull permits that, you know, they would say, well, now would be a good time where I can

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Guilford Host1: Get that permit.

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Guilford Host1: Because I don't have to pay the fee and get their contractors going or get their home projects going

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Matthew Hoey: As to touch point. I don't think the permit fees are the determinant in whether or not you move forward with the project.

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Matthew Hoey: I would I would suspect that that is the least of the concerns relative to someone pulling the trigger on a home improvement or any any construction project.

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iPhone: If I may interject. The I thought the town building department is actually adapted well to set up, drop boxes and be accommodating communicating via emails.

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iPhone: But it certainly does remind us that the town could benefit from moving a lot of those services online and in comparison to somebody a Jason towns still have improvements to be made for being able to remove the access and information and kind of streamline the process via

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iPhone: The online process. But I, again, I think they've done well to adapt in the short term, and it's not so much the fear, the expenses. It is just the accessibility and the process to be done remotely.

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Matthew Hoey: I agree, we, we are in the process of. We're in the process. It's really going to objective of mine, since I got here the investment in technology and

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Matthew Hoey: part of town government has been woefully inadequate.

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Matthew Hoey: We had secured I had secured some funding from through the board of finance out of some of our unfun designated fund balances to implement many of the technologies that you're just referring to

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Matthew Hoey: One of the challenges is, we have got a relatively older legacy system that we're working working through to start to provide those types of remote access capabilities.

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Matthew Hoey: Well, it's a well we'll take them point

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Guilford Host1: Sharing Sherry. Are you hearing any, anything from the businesses, what would they may be missing or what issues that they may want to address in real quick.

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Sheri Cote: Um, so I think everybody's already well aware that they're just chomping at the bit to get back open and making some money they're struggling a lot and you know we do our weekly zoom calls with our legislators.

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Sheri Cote: And so hopefully you know some of you have been. I know some of you have been able to be on that listening to the

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Sheri Cote: Questions that the business owners are posing but yesterday, specifically our restaurants are commenting that just opening with outdoor seating is not good enough.

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Sheri Cote: They just can't do it. And there's a lot of businesses, as you know, in Guilford that don't have the ability to do that. Obviously, that's what we've been talking about so they they really are struggling and our retailers, I have to say.

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Sheri Cote: You know, before everyone joined this call. I was commenting. A little bit about what I've seen in Guilford compared to other towns and how

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Sheri Cote: The businesses, the retailers and merchants have really pivoted to be able to sell online and to do the curbside pickup. They've done a really, really nice job.

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Sheri Cote: Especially compared to other towns, but I think that they're all struggling, you know, we don't know how long this is going to last. We don't know where it's going to go. We don't know really much of anything except that businesses are out of business.

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Sheri Cote: Or, you know, operating in a very small way. And so they're they're challenged

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Sheri Cote: Brian will be aware that he and I received an email this morning from Casey's pub referencing being asked by DC p, which I'm assuming is the Department of Consumer Protection.

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Sheri Cote: For a plan for reopening and so she's asking for some assistance with that and I'll let BRIAN, WHEN HE digest that email, sort of, you know, do whatever it needs to be done to help her out with that situation.

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Sheri Cote: But I think that they're all looking for guidance. We're from wherever they can get it.

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Guilford Host1: How about the. Can you give us a quick update on PPP program he ideal and unemployment, do you have any

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Guilford Host1: And you can add for that.

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Sheri Cote: Well, yep. So unemployment, you know, it has been slowly cooking along right there. They're reducing or they have reduced their wait period from six weeks to one.

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Sheri Cote: This last week they opened up the self employed portal to be able to apply. So there was a lot of questions around that turns out there's a two step process to be able to do that so

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Sheri Cote: Some of the questions that we received from people who have done. Step one. And now are on to step two which was waiting for a letter to come in your physical mail and then going back onto the website to apply for p you a they the Department of Labor.

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Sheri Cote: told people that that link would be available this week it was not available as of yesterday, we asked our legislators on our call yesterday and Sean Scanlon mentioned that he expected it to be. Maybe Wednesday. So tomorrow, hopefully, but it looks like they have

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Sheri Cote: jammed their backlog a bit to be able to

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Sheri Cote: To get those unemployment claims processed PPP, as I think everybody knows was reopened. I have not heard that they have run out of money yet. I'm sure I would have heard that if they had

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Sheri Cote: The idol loans they did not reopen they wanted to process the ones that were already

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Sheri Cote: In their system. But I did here today, this morning that idol is back open, but only for agricultural businesses.

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Sheri Cote: And that's all I know.

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tracy: Have you heard of anybody actually getting the I alone ship.

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tracy: Because I'm

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Sheri Cote: Not idle put PPP

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tracy: Right PPP, yes.

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Sheri Cote: Yeah, not the idol owns no

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Brian: I mean, I've had a few people that have

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Brian: Gotten the idol loans, you know, the idol alone included that originally the \$10,000 grant or or forgivable portion, but those that have gotten it found out later that it wasn't a straight 10,000 it was

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Brian: \$1,000 per person.

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tracy: Right.

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Brian: But that that was I say it was all promoted or that's what everybody's feeling was you apply for this, you're going to get the 10 and as they started getting it. It was again based on the number of people. So I'm aware of several businesses that have

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Brian: Gotten that

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Brian: I'm aware of multiple that have gotten the PPP and and multiple in the second phase that have gotten the he did seem to process them quicker.

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Brian: I mean I, excuse me.

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Brian: Our Guilford Savings Bank, you know, being a smaller bank more local bank seem to be able to process things faster in fairness, I mean, they didn't have the quantity that you know the national banks.

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Brian: And but it's it's all relative to the number of people that are there. But, I mean, I talked to somebody the other day, I mean they apply for 20 \$500

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Brian: And got it. And then I've talked to others that you know 4050 \$60,000 and they've gotten it. So at this point I'm not aware of people who are still waiting for either PPP or idle.

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Theodore Sands: Well, no, wait, I

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Theodore Sands: I do have some experience in this area.

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Theodore Sands: Basically what's happened this week is that our last week is that everybody who had a bank prepared to submit a application, the application was accepted.

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Theodore Sands: Problems problem was local problem locally, is that the Guilford Savings Bank as of the middle of last month refused to take any more applications.

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Theodore Sands: And they referred people to a website that didn't get anybody anything. And so some people went to other banks and did get approval, but the mind, the standing is the Savings Bank is still refusing to take applications.

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Theodore Sands: The applications that they had were accepted but they, you know, they, they were very few and they turned away real large number of people.

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Theodore Sands: Matter what Webster, and some of the other

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Theodore Sands: Smaller commercial banks.

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Theodore Sands: It was spotted. Some of them still had capacity and some said that they were cool

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tracy: I know in my experience was that the banks that were accepting applications were only accepting applications if you had a business relationship with them already or specifically a business checking account with them.

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tracy: Oh, for sure.

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tracy: You know, so I know mine came through citizens and they initially had a delay of a few days and then all of a sudden it opened up and they by the time it opened up. They were it went very quickly with great ease. So I think everybody's experiences are different.

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tracy: I noticed the key to all of this was be ready and put it in as quickly as possible. But that being said, the systems weren't ready and I applied for seven different grants and loans and the only one that came through is PPP

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tracy: And the bridge loan. The first one, Connecticut bridge loan. I thought I didn't make it. And then all of a sudden I got another application that said okay finished filling this out.

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tracy: And then heard nothing. And that's a lot of the problem that everyone's having is you fill out forms and you get no response from the SBA or from anyone about you know the the legislators were trying to help with this, but there's a lot of

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tracy: Backlog and delay.

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tracy: In all the systems of unemployment loans, grants, etc.

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Guilford Host1: But will

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Guilford Host1: There was a lot of confusion in the beginning to about the ideal loan or grant which people thought if you applied for the ideal that you could not apply for PPP so a lot of people were applying for PPP instead of the ideal.

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Guilford Host1: Because they thought they weren't going to get both. And it turns out that yes, you were able to get both.

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Guilford Host1: Also to excuse me to defend Guilford saving thanks a little bit is they got a couple of thousand applications.

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Guilford Host1: For PPP loans and they have, I think, three or four Brian people in their loan department to process all these so they were overwhelmed pretty quickly.

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Guilford Host1: And they, the reason why they didn't take new applications in the second round of funding was because they wanted to be able to finish and process the applications that they could not get to in the first round of funding they made that their priority.

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Guilford Host1: Their ties to the website platform, which was called len do was a disaster.

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Guilford Host1: But I don't think that was necessarily yeah it was not a good way of doing it.

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Guilford Host1: But unfortunately it was. I mean, the Guilford Savings Bank reacted pretty quickly. They had everybody

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Guilford Host1: All the tellers. They kept everybody on staff and processing PPP loans and it was just an overwhelming experience for a small community bank, who has a lot of business depositors.

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Guilford Host1: Okay.

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Brian: Not to belabor the restaurant sector, but I just wanted to comment to

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Brian: Over the last few weeks, sharing. I have been meeting or, you know, same way with some of the restaurant people in particular, in fact, we were going to have another

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Brian: Call this morning and we decided to postpone it after having the meeting with the legislators and recognizing the guidelines were doing this Thursday.

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Brian: Um, you know, we felt we should delay wait and see what they say. But, I mean, I was reading some of the documentation you know that the states kind of looking at

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Brian: Four different levels, you know, things happening. They're making an assumption for May 20 for things to open and then there's another level.

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Brian: 30 days later 30 days later 30 days later, that kind of gives you a feel that we're probably at least three to four months.

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Brian: Before we would see at least, it sounds like a traditional restaurant being open, if you will, to almost there, Max. The other thing I mean, while the outdoor seating has come up

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Brian: It was coming up in our other meetings. There are some things within the state Liquor Control Board to dictate how they can have outdoor seating.

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Brian: You know they they were commenting and legislators were commenting.

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Brian: That that piece needs to come down from the top state down so the mattes comments earlier, you know, they're

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Brian: It. I mean, it's a zoning issue to a degree, but it's really state Liquor Control Board. So if they don't get a little less than there.

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Brian: That might impact their ability to have some of the outdoor seating and maybe these Jersey barriers will meet that qualification, so. So the bottom line is, you know, we need to wait and see what happens this Thursday how things come out.

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Brian: There's been a decent set of guidelines, Amy. I saw that you had shared for retailers. I mean, that was even going back a few weeks ago.

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Brian: That we've seen implemented in those retailers and could open, whether it's the distancing the plexiglass taping keeping the six foot distance and all those things. I mean, there

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Brian: And I think a lot of those guidelines that were part of the retail sector are going to be reinforced on on the Sabbath.

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Brian: So, I mean, I think we have to kind of wait and see. But I think we should try to do as the Commission is take a look. No April 7 and then maybe we need to have another meeting next week.

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Brian: To try to help sort out what can be done, what can't be done.

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Robert Trobe: You know, I'm a little bit out of the loop. And one of the things I would suggest is, I know you have the mass notification system. But if you could use those emails on a weekly basis to let the residents of Guilford know

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Robert Trobe: How hard you all are working and what is open. What is not open went when announcements will be made. I get an email every day from center to Murphy and I read every line.

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Robert Trobe: And around here long Hill Farm people just don't know. They don't know. So just a suggestion, I'm

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Robert Trobe: That, you know, to help help residence. Now what is in the in the works anyway.

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tracy: 20 point, I have to say it's interesting to me when I have conversations with people who don't have businesses they seem clearly unaware of this truly what the struggles are and

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tracy: There seems to be a lot of confusion on from a health perspective how this is going to be handled. I know personally, no offense to anyone.

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tracy: I'm not comfortable with going into a restaurant and having somebody serve me. We feel like we're taking our lives in our hands.

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tracy: Going into the grocery store and you know I've got the pill compromised has been so I'm particularly cautious, which makes me particularly cautious about opening my business as well.

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tracy: Sure, I want to get back to work. But I've also heard from a lot of clients. They're not really willing to come in and quite frankly in my situation.

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tracy: People don't have a lot of places to go that they need to buy clothing for us. There's not a particular rush. People are working from home. They don't need clothes for business.

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tracy: People are not able to go to events so they don't need new outfits.

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tracy: You know the clubs are an open. You're not socializing in groups, you don't have a lot of motivation to buy new. That being said, we do. I am selling things online I you know I do have a little bit of business happening but I

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tracy: You know this. There's a little bit of a fallacy going on that everything's going to jumpstart and, you know, we're going to have business as usual. It's

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tracy: Going to come slowly and trickle in. And I think we also have to be cognizant of what's going on the states that have opened and

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tracy: How those health issues of what's the trickle down says once they're opening or you're going to be an increase in cases happening and

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tracy: You know how cautious. Are you know how much risk are we willing to take by reopening and in what manner. It's definitely a concern on my part in a number of other businesses, obviously we want our income, we want to try to save our businesses.

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tracy: Personally, I have multiple plans on how to handle it. I've been working endlessly, day and night ever since this happened, it's not been a day off, if you will.

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tracy: I think another thing that we need to convey to businesses is where they can get help.

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tracy: I think it'd be a nice gesture coming from the EDC to say that these are some of the resources you would think people would know but they don't necessarily have all the connections. I run into people in

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tracy: The businesses or have conversations with them constantly to let them know that you have score mentors that are free. They have they're incredibly supportive

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tracy: They can reference you to new resources that you may not have had relationships with a lot of people have been giving out marketing companies, for example, in my case, I needed to get deeper into the online sector.

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tracy: And I was surprised at how many marketing companies were giving hours of free advice, understanding that were in a dilemma.

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tracy: There's a Women's Business Development Council, that is also a great resource. Obviously the chamber. But we, I think we all think that first little more familiar with it, but I don't think it's wrong to tout all of these entities and as advisory Commission's that are free and are available.

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tracy: And I think it'd be nice to come from etc to remind people that those exist and perhaps others.

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tracy: You know the merchants Green Group has Amy's been great at

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tracy: Taking the time to spearhead that and keep everyone informed and trying to do with event this week.

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tracy: An online cooperative event. So if we as a

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tracy: Council can

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tracy: Try to help boost those

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tracy: Suggestions and give a little bit of guidance. I think it looks good for the down and it looks, it would be helpful to everybody in the different businesses because not everybody is as well connected as other people

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Guilford Host1: I'm sorry, Brian, do we have a spot on our website where we can post businesses that are open and and what retail businesses and restaurants that we can post on the website to say

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Guilford Host1: If they're open how they're open. Is that something we have, can we do

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Brian: That we we have we have that currently. It was probably one of the first things we put up on the website.

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Brian: I gotta be honest I have. I haven't looked at it myself, probably in two weeks. So I have to go back and see how current it is, but we did. We did post that and we did ask for the businesses to let us know. They were open. And then we would put that on that document.

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Brian: On the on the website. Again, the town website is many of these when we've gotten the updates about regulations and the loans and everything that information is is listed there.

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Brian: I guess the question is

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Brian: You know, and I mean I've been using my a blast to go out when we get a new update about PPP or idol or unemployment, I've been using the

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Brian: The website or my, you know, the constant contact blast that I have and I know you know sherry can comment the chamber has a listing as well about businesses that are open Kim has been very aggressive on social media talking about businesses that are open.

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Brian: So, I mean,

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Brian: Trace when you started talking. I thought at first, you were talking more about the overall I'm saying residents and consumers and then you seem to lean more towards the businesses so

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Brian: Clarity.

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tracy: I think both are necessary. I think the community needs to to I think it'd be helpful.

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tracy: To reiterate, as many places as possible and as many times as possible, that our local community needs the support. I mean, I know for me.

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tracy: And other clothing businesses and retail businesses, rather than shop online with Amazon or some somewhere else in

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tracy: Remember that your local business won't be here if you're not supporting them online. They don't think here. First I delivered to people's homes. I'm curbside PICKUP WE DO ANYTHING WE SHIP, whatever works for them but

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tracy: I don't think everybody understands how important it is to be supportive in that manner and not look to outside resources. So yes, that is know that is one priority.

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tracy: And also to have an understanding that just because the businesses look close

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tracy: That many of them are open. I mean, I got the painted sign on my Windows horrifying but

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tracy: At least they know you shop local online, not just for me. I did it for everybody.

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tracy: And then the other side of it is also the business side because there are people that sort of are just not as in tune. You know how small businesses can be, they can be

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tracy: You know, you know, I've heard from a couple of might score mentors that that some of the businesses just

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tracy: Feel like they're drowning and they're not doing anything proactive to try to get out of it. So there they get

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tracy: sort of stuck in the spiral and then I know a lot of them aren't even contacting people to try to get out of it. So if there's some way we can reach out

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tracy: And I'm not. I'm sorry, but a volunteering much time other than trying to survive myself but if any way that I can. I will help. But if we can get that information out to them.

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tracy: Just to even in that email format that you typically have just more resources I think would be helpful to the businesses so they know that there are other people available tip to help them.

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tracy: See a hand raised.

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mmeisel: Crazy calm. There's still birthdays. There's still anniversaries. There's graduations, and I think we should be finding as many ways as possible secure that visits to our local shops, definitely.

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ampearl: I, I wanted to ask what the appetite is for the town for event. I mean, obviously not the same as what we used to have, but the the merchants around the green have talked about can we do a sidewalk sale. Can we do something like what Madison is doing, where people shop from the doorways.

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ampearl: Can we have picnic tables on the green and they're all these ideas that have come up and I don't know what the appetite is

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ampearl: At the town level to try and organize, something like that, should we stay away from it.

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Matthew Hoey: You have the appetite from the task perspective is always hardy bring ideas bring theories bring projects to us and we will absolutely consider them, provided they meet the guidelines established relative to the social distancing and so forth.

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Matthew Hoey: I had a conversation

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Matthew Hoey: With the, the Arthur Murray dance studio about whether or not they could conduct classes on the green with, you know, two or three different couples.

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Matthew Hoey: Anybody can use the green for pretty much anything putting picnic tables obviously will need to get the

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Matthew Hoey: The green committee to to approve something like that. But certainly there is an appetite.

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Matthew Hoey: To do whatever whatever is reasonable to start to drive the drive success back into our business community, I want to take. I want to take a moment, though.

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Matthew Hoey: Tracy on your point about communicating to the public about the need to continue to support our local businesses. I apologize to all because early on those, those who get the mass notification. I think for the first two weeks.

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Matthew Hoey: That was a sign off on almost every one of my mass notifications was please remember to support your local businesses by gift certificates.

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Matthew Hoey: And for those shops that are open, please consider online shopping. I've gotten away from that because my closing message has traditionally been more about staying safe in the social distancing the close of each of those messages.

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Matthew Hoey: Someone be willing to provide a couple of taglines one or two. Taglines for me, I will be happy to incorporate it in the mass notifications that will be continuing to send out we're in the process of putting one together today in the leader well today or tomorrow.

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Matthew Hoey: So I'd be happy to go back to that that messaging.

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tracy: And be great and I know it sounds sounds ridiculous but it were then remember to shop local it needs to just be sort of a reminder to people that the

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tracy: Hat why it's important to shop local that we're trying to keep these businesses alive. It sounds so kind of trite to say shop local support local

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tracy: Because we've been saying it even when the stores were open. But now, more than ever, more than ever, it's important to support these businesses so they'll be there for you when you need them and

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00:51:12.900 --> 00:51:13.440

tracy: Anyway,

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00:51:13.710 --> 00:51:19.710

Matthew Hoey: So someone wants to provide some language some copy that we can take a look at the use of those notifications. I'll be happy to consider it.

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tracy: That's great. And by the way, those town messages are fantastic.

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tracy: Well, thank you for that. Everybody gets them and which is disappointing. I tried to explain to them that they need to sign on the website, they don't already get them but

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00:51:34.530 --> 00:51:43.320

tracy: They are not reaching everybody, and I wish there was a way that we could automatically do that but they are extremely helpful.

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Matthew Hoey: Yeah.

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00:51:44.430 --> 00:51:47.790

tracy: It's great to hear your communication. I think you've been doing a great job.

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tracy: Out there and communicate with

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Matthew Hoey: Us. Thank you, you're kind

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00:51:51.960 --> 00:51:52.590

tracy: You're sincere.

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00:51:53.340 --> 00:51:54.420

Matthew Hoey: I could filter.

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tracy: Love that idea about picnic tables on the green

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Guilford Host1: Matt, would it be possible to if we had our website straightened out with the businesses that are open and how would it be prudent or possible to do one of the mass notification is strictly when the time is right, of course.

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Guilford Host1: What businesses are open and give them that information to go to that website to see what businesses are open and what restrictions. They may have in place, we think of that.

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00:52:38.190 --> 00:52:55.020

Matthew Hoey: Let me, let me check with the legal folks that the use of that system through the state has some guidelines relative to the appropriateness and the messaging. Let me. I can't commit to it. I'd be happy to do it if it's allowed

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Okay.

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Guilford Host1: Okay. Do we have

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Robert Trobe: Have one other question mark. Do we have any understanding of how many residents of Guilford are unemployed at this point.

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Guilford Host1: I do not matter, Brian.

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Matthew Hoey: Yeah, we had, we had some numbers that came out last week, Brian. Do you recall what

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Matthew Hoey: It was, it wasn't a percentage. It was just a

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Matthew Hoey: Straight number of the unemployment claims that had been filed

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Brian: Yeah, and I don't. It was it was in the hundreds. You know, I mean, new, new claims over the last three weeks I'm shooting from the lip and memory.

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Brian: They probably saw

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Brian: I'm looking over there was a three or four week trend, but probably 300 new claims, but that's new claims, you know, and it kind of compounds.

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Brian: We had looked at it.

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Brian: Back at the end of March, our unemployment when it's up to

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Brian: Again, I'm shooting from memory are our 2019 average was 2.3% at the end of March, they say it only went up to about 2.6% but then the April data was in weekly

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Brian: Weekly numbers, what I've said to Matt to is the unemployment, you know, is based on residences and not your business. So when you walk around the green, in particular, and you see so many stores that are closed. I mean, literally, there are hundreds of people that are unemployed.

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Brian: But their, their unemployment record gets captured in the town or towns, they live in. But I had done a survey asking people about part time work and

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Brian: full time employees pre covidien where they were as of a couple weeks ago and I mean it was like 60% unemployment in those shops. If I just looked at.

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Brian: A bodies, if you will, that we're working there, regardless of their locations where they live. So I mean Guilford as a town. I think it's fair to a little bit better.

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Brian: Only I mean the good news, bad news of how many people are associated with Yale New Haven Hospital and the, the medical fields, and even the university. I mean, so

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Brian: You know intuitively right now the unemployment is not as significant as maybe in some of the other areas that we're seeing her

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Robert Trobe: Well, that's really good things. If

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Robert Trobe: The restaurants.

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Robert Trobe: Able to expand there'll be people who can afford to go to them.

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Robert Trobe: For not looking at 20% unemployment or something here and Guilford

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Brian: Well, I mean to Tracy's earlier comment and we've heard this, too, that, you know, it's such an unknown unknown how many people are going to be comfortable going to the restaurants.

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Brian: As part of the guidelines right now. For example, the rest of the bars aren't going to be able to open

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Brian: And even the bar portion of the restaurants aren't going to be able to gather people, you know, so that I mean some of the restaurants that I've talked to her.

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Brian: Questioning, can they really afford to open under those conditions and they may just continue with the takeout service that

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Brian: They've been doing. And maybe, you know, a couple of months down the road. So again, we have to wait and see what these guidelines suggest, and then figure out how they can implement those guidelines.

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Theodore Sands: I was reviewing some

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Theodore Sands: Service surveys from Europe through the Financial Times and condoms and fortunately the experience of opening up to restaurants and businesses like that in Europe over the last two or three weeks has been very, very disappointing.

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Theodore Sands: In several countries they they pretty much allowed the restaurants so full, you know, go back to where you were before. And the occupancy rates have been in single digits.

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Theodore Sands: The people are just so afraid that they're not willing to go to a restaurant and so the ones that opened up are starting to close it.

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Theodore Sands: It's this this this this opening up process may be harder than we imagined.

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Guilford Host1: Well, I think it's important to understand that it's it's not going to be flip a switch and get back to work. And I think that's a message that is is getting is going to get lost, very quickly.

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Guilford Host1: And like I said, without knowing what the government is going to say, on Thursday. It's hard to quantify.

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Guilford Host1: What what is going to happen over the next couple of months. I know the push seems to be on restaurants and retail

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Guilford Host1: But in in. I don't know. Sherry has anything she can add to this.

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Guilford Host1: But I think restaurants and retail, which is the largest visible portion of the business community is not the largest portion of the business community, there are a lot of office workers, things like that. And getting those back to back to working and getting those back in businesses.

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Well,

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Sheri Cote: Well, and I'll just, I'll just comment on that they are already working right, they're doing what we're all doing. They're just working from home, which is so much easier for people that are in insurance or other industries.

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Sheri Cote: Than it is for retailers or restaurants, I share the same concerns that I'm hearing today about opening too early.

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Sheri Cote: You know Brian talked about restaurants, being able to offer outside seating, but people can't be in the bar, tell me that people are not going to walk up to the bar to get a cocktail.

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Sheri Cote: You know, they're going to do it. We can't even get people all people to wear masks. You know when they're going out to store. So how are we going to control this. I just

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Sheri Cote: It it worries me a lot that we're going to start to reopen and we're going to have such a setback. I really am.

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Sheri Cote: And I'm saying this very, very bluntly very frankly as the representative for, you know, as a representative for the business community who I know is struggling so very much but it frightens me to think of

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Sheri Cote: The potential hazards that we faced by reopening and and you know I talked to my husband about this all the time. He's probably sick of hearing me talk about it, but

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Sheri Cote: The warmer weather. If it ever does warm up is is just going to accelerate people wanting to be out and Brinkley disobeying the rules. I'm sorry. You know, it's just, it's such a frustration for me to, to think about the, you know,

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Sheri Cote: The possibilities.

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tracy: You know, Sherry. I agree with you, 100%. This is a gross concern of mine. I literally in a house that we have

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tracy: Two kids who came in from New York before the issue started. I always taught them.

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tracy: In New York run away from the crowds and get out early if there's a problem. And they got out early. And so we've got a house full of remote

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tracy: office spaces. It's a matter of fact, they took over my husband space in my space. I'm in. I got jilted here, but that's okay.

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tracy: They're safe and it's great. Who knows when they're going to go back to work, but they are in finance and they're working remotely. There are a lot of people working remotely. It's not a bad thing, and some of them are thinking it's more successful for their businesses.

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tracy: My personal concern is, as I said earlier that bringing people back in the store and bringing employees back in the store too soon is going to cause some different health

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tracy: Concerns, we were we stayed open until the minute that they we had to close so longer than a lot of people did. And we were wiping everything down every door handle every pen every thing that we could, and this was pre masks. Unfortunately, nobody got sick.

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tracy: I'm I'm planning on opening probably very cautiously with my mind I'm going in first and seeing if we're even getting a response and seeing if you know how many hours, we should actually be open.

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01:02:06.570 --> 01:02:12.720

tracy: But it's going to be very cautious and very slow and conversely,

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tracy: I will tell you that there are a lot of people who just can't wait till the restaurants open and I

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tracy: You know, I'm sure our clubs can open and spread the tables out and you know they want to get back to socializing. So I think we're going to see two factions of the public the cautious and the less cautious.

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tracy: And those who are less cautious.

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01:02:31.920 --> 01:02:46.230

tracy: Are already breaking the rules, they're already doing things a little differently. And I think this is going to give them the impetus to just do exactly what you said, walk up to the bars and get to clothes.

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tracy: That's probably my biggest concern is that, you know, you see it already and by opening things up. It gives a false impression that everything is safe.

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ampearl: Is there new local testing or contact racing coming down the line, or is that all just at the state level.

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Matthew Hoey: Because it is we do contact racing on the cases that have been identified here in town and we're at about 80 right now. So that's a manageable process, the state is looking to invest. I think you may have seen in contact racing.

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Matthew Hoey: Teams. They've gone to the medical schools to try to identify resources to do that. So locally that it is not that challenging at this point.

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Matthew Hoey: As and quite honestly over the past three weeks the preponderance of cases in Guilford, I would say are 75% related to Apple rehab.

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mmeisel: Now,

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ampearl: Do you know if that's also happening in Branford Madison, the surrounding towns where people would be coming into to go to the restaurants and shops.

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Matthew Hoey: I don't know, other than in terms of the, the number of cases or you

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ampearl: Know I'm talking about the the figuring out who has them and and where it came from.

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Matthew Hoey: Because that's

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ampearl: The public safer than

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A lot. Yeah.

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Matthew Hoey: Branford is served by the health district.

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Matthew Hoey: And

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Matthew Hoey: I know that they understand because the that that district represents East haven Branford maybe North Branford so each East haven each sure health district.

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Matthew Hoey: And as you can imagine, the reason for cooperative health districts is to reduce the expense and so they're they're being challenged with their capacity to manage that.

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Matthew Hoey: I just wanted a

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Matthew Hoey: While while we're

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Matthew Hoey: While we're you guys were talking, I went back and I found the data on the unemployment data.

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Matthew Hoey: It was only through the last update I had was through April 12 just like frame this in some context for you.

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Matthew Hoey: Between January and March one, there were 70 new claims on by Guilford residents and I think you could probably effectively say that that pre that that is the period prior to the the crisis actually taking root and actions being taken.

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Matthew Hoey: From the period of March one through April 12 there were 1100 21 new applications file and that data may be incomplete because I'm looking at the April 12 day

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Matthew Hoey: And they were only 30 for the week of April 12 and there were only 35 new applications that week down from 115 the previous week and to 75 prior to that and more 319 march 15 was 353 so

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Matthew Hoey: My suspicion is and I see a similar tailing with other municipalities.

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Matthew Hoey: Which suggests that most people got unemployment applications in is particularly in a community like Guilford, they got them in relatively quickly.

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ampearl: You know that includes the self employment applications that

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Matthew Hoey: Do not

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Matthew Hoey: I do not know.

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Brian: I don't think that would be included. Yet, Amy, because

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Brian: You know, I mean, the

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Brian: The self employment, we're being discouraged to even apply before April 30 you know some did but because they weren't approved. I think that's probably a small small portion of them, so that will go up.

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Brian: I just wanted to take a moment to maybe to reiterate and Tracy, to your point, um,

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Brian: And maybe all of you are aware, you know, Guilford has been one of the things they've been doing is talking about gift card project. And that's an opportunity to buy

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Brian: Gift cards or gift certificates from any of any of our businesses, whether it be a retail or a service business or restaurant.

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Brian: On a few of our, you know, leaders in the in the community have been doing that many of those cards were getting donated to

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Brian: Either the women and family life center and or the first responders. I mean, actually, the majority of the gift card was going to first responders. The first accumulation and cards actually went to bio med located right here in Guilford making ventilators and working hard and so

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Brian: Nine employees were received a gift card from this group.

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Brian: But those are all local you know business gift cards.

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Brian: And so I and they're still collecting them and care to buy locally, you can do that and whether you buy it to keep yourself or you decide to donate it that's, you know, really your choice.

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Brian: We haven't talked about it. But I mean, Thursday night this week from six to eight. There is an online.

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Brian: Program that the retailers are hosting and maybe a few restaurants.

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Brian: That are encouraging you to go

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Brian: Online to respective stores. There are going to be zoom workshops set up with some of the retailers. Some are using Facebook Live. But the idea is

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Brian: That the owner of the store will walk around and host their store showing you their store and their wares. So there's an opportunity for you to see it and or

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Brian: You know purchase things there. Or maybe the next day. Try to purchase. So that's another initiative to try to reinforce you know can keep in the business and that that is headlined about, you know, keeping businesses in business.

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Brian: So that's that's happening Thursday night. We'll see how it goes. I mean, first of all, I think it's a great initiative, people are trying to use the zoom technology as a way to, you know, be a little more closer and personal

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Brian: One of the things that we've heard from some of the retailers you know that they have tried to figure out ways to be more innovative.

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Brian: online stores, for example, several didn't have it. But now they do have online stores. So, I mean, I appreciate everybody is fighting for survival right now.

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Brian: And whatever we can do to encourage and spread the word. You know, if every one of us kind of our friend, Hey, to get involved Thursday night from six to eight. You can view any of your stores and try to help support them.

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Guilford Host1: Okay.

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tracy: I apologize, I need to leave.

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tracy: To go to the doctor.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, that's, that's fine.

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Guilford Host1: I'm going to start wrapping things up. Anyways, is unless anybody has anything

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Guilford Host1: Else will mark. Are we going to

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Brian: talk at all about the masks mass distribution for tomorrow. We're going to mention that

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, that's a good idea. So tomorrow. Tomorrow from 124 PM at the community center.

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Guilford Host1: Brian and I and we'd like to have two additional volunteers to hand out mass to businesses.

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Guilford Host1: There's currently 75 or so businesses on the list.

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Guilford Host1: And we're going to have them come to the community center between one and four tomorrow and pick up mass, they're being

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Guilford Host1: Package today.

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Guilford Host1: Is a dentist that's doing that at Community Center, Brian.

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Brian: Yeah, he's late Dennis callington is leading that

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Brian: That the CBI which is the Connecticut business industry association and Dennis's to our local regional group.

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Brian: Offered these masks and businesses. I sent out an e blast. And again, people could sign up online, asking for masks.

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Brian: So to Mark's point. We got about 75 different businesses requesting a little over 2000 masks.

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Brian: That we are going to be distributing those tomorrow, you know, some of you may be aware, the town did one last week at the high school where any of the residents could come by and that one was much larger. I went from 10 in the morning to six at night.

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Brian: And have thousands of mad. I forget it was close to 8080 500 masks were distributed last Thursday to all of our residents and now this was a business focus so

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Brian: Mark and I are going to be there. And if anybody else could volunteer some time or the whole window from one to four or some period of it.

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Brian: You know what I say, with only 70 different businesses, we're not expecting to get flooded, but

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Brian: You know, we're telling the people to drive into the community center to the back door, and we'll have tables out there and all other mass or pre packed and we'll be able to get them quickly into their vehicles without them having to get out of the cars.

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Robert Trobe: A question. Is there any progress being made in terms of getting a testing center in Guilford, um,

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Robert Trobe: You know, I understand you go to New Haven with a prescription, but I have friends in New Jersey, go to city med and they get tested. No problem. Um,

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Robert Trobe: Because I think part of it. Also, in terms of the businesses are people are afraid they're just afraid. Afraid to God at the restaurants trying to go shopping.

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Matthew Hoey: At this point, those are conversations that we're having with the state and DP. Ah, they are the ones that are authorizing testing centers, a larger testing centers.

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Matthew Hoey: Now some of the pharmacies may eventually, the plan is that the understanding is some of the pharmacies like CVS, who was running the big

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Matthew Hoey: Testing Center in New Haven will be looking to roll that out into the various

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Matthew Hoey: communities where there is

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Matthew Hoey: A need now clearly we have 80 cases confirmed cases in in Guilford is that number larger, more than likely

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Matthew Hoey: And it's probably based on the fact that the tests are not available. This is a national issue, not just a local issue.

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Matthew Hoey: And the taking test at this point, taking a test just to find out if you have it.

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Matthew Hoey: Is not in the best interest of the country, or any of our communities. At this point it is still restricted to those exhibiting

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Matthew Hoey: Symptoms. You want to start talking about reagents and testing for anybody's that's a, that's a completely different set of criteria, which I think we're probably all going to get some level of guidance from the feds is a mistake, but it is not. It is not a local initiative at this point.

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Guilford Host1: So I'll send them an email after we're done here to everybody. Real quick, like I said, Brian and I would only need two additional people for tomorrow from one to four.

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Guilford Host1: To help us out. If you can do one to two or two to four.

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Guilford Host1: That that would be fine as well. My plan is to be there for the entire time.

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Guilford Host1: I don't think it'll be, you know, we're not going to have a line of cars going out on to Church Street. I think it's going to be fairly quick. We have a list. People come up, tell us what business there in We hand them their package and away they go.

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Sheri Cote: Up mark.

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Sheri Cote: I would like to help

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mmeisel: Great mark if you have a second round. Next week we're coming up at the end of the week we're driving back on starting Wednesday, so it will be up on Friday. But if you have a repeat of them next week. I'd be happy to participate.

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01:15:40.170 --> 01:15:43.230

Guilford Host1: We appreciate the warning, Michael. If the State Police noticed

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mmeisel: You won't be the first will be stopped in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, you know, absolutely.

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mmeisel: I can tell you, reporting from down here. We've, we've been lucky on one boat key which is a barrier island to Sarasota, we haven't had a new case in over a month and

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mmeisel: The cases that we did have, I don't know all of the detail, but there were just a handful and they were probably coming down from New York or New Jersey.

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mmeisel: It hasn't been as fear of a problem yet people here are taking it very seriously in the community and you know we're ahead in terms of the season. So we have people at the beach regular life.

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mmeisel: And the breakdown is of the older people who are vulnerable are frightened and are being cautious and are observing social distancing. So the young kids who are, you know, tossing a football or a ball on the beach are probably

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mmeisel: You know, less cautious not probably they are less cautious, but no one is for us to be in contact with anyone you kind of make your own decisions in that regard. And I can tell you that in this community people

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mmeisel: Are really scrupulous about maintaining social efficiency for agriculture similar community.

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Guilford Host1: Good.

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Guilford Host1: I just want to also take a moment to thank sherry and Matt for everything that they've been doing their communication with us as a community, and as both residential and a business community has been outstanding.

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Guilford Host1: It has been better than most of the other towns from people that I have talked to who have gotten little to no communication, other than from the news. So you two are way ahead of the curve.

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Guilford Host1: And we, you know, collectively, I think I can speak for the group and thanking you both.

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Guilford Host1: For all the communication and everything that you've done. I know it's a lot of hours, and I know

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Guilford Host1: Especially sherry is in a much tougher spot with limited funding opportunities for the Chamber.

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Guilford Host1: And if there's something that we can do for the chamber, or something that we should be looking to do for the chamber, please let us know and we'll put whatever resources we have to helping you out.

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Sheri Cote: Thank you.

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Matthew Hoey: Thank you.

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Matthew Hoey: Okay.

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Guilford Host1: So now I'm going to go back to our agenda for fear of shared screen again and we'll get those things wrapped up

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Guilford Host1: I'm the new guy here. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: All right. So do we have any new business.

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Guilford Host1: Now, okay, any old business I cleared our agenda off of all the old items. So I'm I don't think we have any old business to address at this point.

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Guilford Host1: I do have

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Guilford Host1: Find it again here, I have one bill.

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Guilford Host1: We've been keeping Judy waiting since March.

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Guilford Host1: For because we haven't had a meeting to approve it. So we have one bill for \$70 75 cents for March meeting minutes agenda posting and filing

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Theodore Sands: Need to move. Move approval of the

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Guilford Host1: Bill new second

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Guilford Host1: Second. All those in favor of

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Guilford Host1: God

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Guilford Host1: That passes will get that paid anything else before we adjourn.

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Guilford Host1: Okay then. I want to thank everybody for being here with us today and just hopefully everybody stay safe.

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Guilford Host1: And, you know, be careful. Get out. Enjoy the sunshine. That's a little cool right now but

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Guilford Host1: It's, it's a great time to go for a walk and and get close to your family or go out by yourself and get away from your family, which

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Guilford Host1: Might be more appealing to a lot of us.

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Theodore Sands: Motion to adjourn.

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helenamullett: Second,

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Guilford Host1: All those in favor,

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Robert Trobe: Night, I

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Guilford Host1: Thank you all, be safe.

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Sheri Cote: Thank you.

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Bye.