

Town of Clayton Regular Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting at 5:00 PM, remotely due to restrictions of COVID-19. The meeting may be viewed online at:
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The following persons present:

Lance Peterson
Mary Zovistoski
Pam McDowell
Kimberli Johnston
Robert Company

Donna Patchen
Kenneth Knapp
Allen Heberling
Justin Taylor
Candy Duswalt

James Jones
Alicia Dewey
Megan Badour
Steve Dorr, Sr.
James Duswalt

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Supervisor opening the meeting at 5:00 PM and led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Guests: N/A
3. Town Clerk:
Correspondence:
 - Letter from Charter Communications (see attached)
 - Notice of Complete Application Re: Ripic St. Lawrence River Property (see attached)
 - Notice of Complete Application Re: Clayton Yacht Club (see attached)

Minutes from 4/22/2020 Workshop Meeting to be approved. Motion made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen. **Motion carried.**

4. Public: No comment on Agenda Items
5. General Discussion Items:
 - A. Bills and Transfers
 - i. Abstract #5 of 2020
Motion was made by Kenneth Knapp, seconded by Donna Patchen to approve Abstract #3, in the amount of \$156,983.56. **Motion carried.**
 - ii. Transfers: N/A
 - iii. Budget Amendment: N/A
 - iv. New Accounts/Special Entries: N/A
 - B. Supervisor's Report & Bank Reconciliations: None at this time.
 - C. Balance Sheets: None at this time.
 - D. Resignations and Appointments
 - i. Resignations: N/A

ii. Positions/Appointments: N/A

E. Rate Changes:

- a. Carnegie: step to \$18.98 4/15/2020
- b. Wagoner: step to \$20.31 6/1/2020
- c. Mitchell: step to \$21.31 6/3/2020
- d. Black: step to \$19.98 6/11/2020
- e. Natalie: step to \$19.48 6/14/2020
- f. Brown: step to \$19.48 7/15/2020

Motion made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Allen Heberling to approve the step increases as shown. Motion carried.

F. Training: N/A

G. Grievance/BAR: The Assessor provided an update on Grievance in her report which is attached.

H. Operations Update:

Buildings and Grounds- James Jones informed the Town Board that windowed podiums had been built for the office staff at the Opera House location as a barrier to be used for interaction with the public once the staff returns to work at the location. Buildings and Grounds staff are completing Spring clean-ups as necessary at locations. At this time, it was discussed as whether or not it would be prudent to open the pool for the year. It was decided that the pool will not open for the 2020 season as the timing would not allow for it to be efficient. Docks will be opened and run by supplementing current staff as opposed to hiring additional seasonal staff. The pavilion will open when we are provided with the approval. All events at the Cerow Recreation Park Arena are cancelled through July. Recreation Park, Opera House and Libraries are all considered part of Phase 4, thus the reasoning behind these decisions. (Projected re-openings for these is not until July 1-15, if all remains positive.)

Highway Department- Steve Dorr, Sr. informed the Town Board that following June 1, 2020, clean-ups will begin, as this is when staff will be allowed to return to work. New York State will deliver sandbags to the Bald Rock Rd. location. At this time, County Route 5, is still on the roster to be paved.

Town Clerk: Three candidates are in the process of being interviewed for the Deputy Town Clerk position, the goal will be to have interviews completed this week and a Deputy in place as of June 1, 2020.

6. Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Peterson will reach out to the Town Historian to work out a plan with the Thousand Islands Museum being closed at this time.

7. Department Head Reports:

- A. Highway Superintendent: See Operations Report above.
- B. Building and Grounds: See Operations Report above.
- C. Assessor: Kimberli Johnston- see attached.
- D. Codes/Zoning: Richard Ingerson- N/A

8. Guests:

Robert Campany, Fourth Coast Inc.: Mr. Campany indicated the contractor for the arena project, Upstate Construction has plans to move forward the week of May 18, 2020. On Monday morning, May 18, 2020 there will be a site meeting to discuss a plan for moving forward. Equipment for the project will begin to be delivered starting May 14, 2020. It is proposed that

there will be a meeting with USDA in early June. This project will move forward ensuring enforcement of OSHA and CDC COVID-19 plans. There is a one-year time limit placed on the project, a change order would need to be completed in the Fall to modify this timeline if necessary.

Mr. Company also discussed the status of the three REDI Projects. All projects were submitted in February and were received back with comments which will be addressed by the end of the month. There will be a meeting with the DEC to cover any concerns as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. Additional work will include design documents and survey work (underwater surveyor). Part two of the project will look at the significant impact on the area. Part three will be completing a resolution with regards to the impact. Timeline is looking to represent Summer: Design and Permitting; Fall/Winter/Spring: Construction and Completion.

9. A Resolution to establish SEQRA determination for the Town of Clayton, Hamlet of Depauville, Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Study.

Introduced by Kenneth Knapp seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to adopt the resolution. **Motion carried.** Peterson-aye; Zovistoski-aye; Patchen-aye; Knapp-aye. Heberling- aye. **Passed.**

10. Council Reports

A. Councilwoman Zovistoski: Buildings and Grounds; Paynter Center-N/A

Councilwoman Patchen: Purchasing, Personnel, Youth Commission, Cemeteries: Youth Commission has determined at this time there will be no Spring sports scheduled.

Councilman Knapp: Libraries; Chamber of Commerce; Arena Project- N/A

Councilman Heberling: TIERS; Joint Boards- TIERS has applied for a Cares Act grant. Staff is participating in remote trainings. Due to the current crisis, calls are down as well as fundraising efforts.

11. Adjournment:

Motion was made by May Zovistoski, seconded by Kenneth Knapp to adjourn at 5:52PM. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 5:00PM.

- **Lancepeterson**
00:01 - 00:08
I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for, which it stands one, nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.
- **Lancepeterson**
00:15 - 00:16
Alright, Very good. It's good seeing you all literally, it really as good seeing you all. So I guess, we have, Bobby isn't with us, Legislator Cantwell, isn't with us? I take it.
- **Lancepeterson**
00:29 - 00:33
Ok, very good, Megan, Correspondence, that needs recording, please.
- **MEGAN BADOUR**
00:34 - 00:53
Yes, we've received an update from charter communications, indicating that on June first, Charter Communications, locally known as Spectrum will launch ITV, Gold HDExcuse me, HD and subscription services, which will be on channel 1939. Additionally, there will be several other channels added throughout the month of June and July. And the complete lineup can be viewed at spectrum.com/channel.
- **MEGAN BADOUR**
01:10 - 01:13
We also received, any questions on that.
- **Lancepeterson**
01:14 - 01:15
No.
- **MEGAN BADOUR**
01:15 - 01:25
We also received two documents from New York State, DEC, in regards to notices of complete applications. The first one being Clayton Yacht Club. I believe that was attached to your documentation. Did everybody receive that?
- **Mary Zovistoski**
01:36 - 01:37
Yes.
- **MEGAN BADOUR**
01:37 - 01:38
Ok.
- **MEGAN BADOUR**
01:38 - 01:43

And the second one being for, RIPIC, saint Lawrence River Property.

- MEGAN BADOUR
01:46 - 01:48
Does everyone receive that?
- Lancepeterson
01:49 - 01:51
I don't know that I received either one of those tonight.
- Mary Zovistoski
01:53 - 01:54
We got them today.
- Lancepeterson
01:55 - 01:58
Oh, OK, I may have just missed, and Megan my bad.
- Lancepeterson
02:00 - 02:05
Ok, tried to keep up, but apparently not OK.
- MEGAN BADOUR
02:08 - 02:11
And that is the correspondence that I have that needs recording.
- MEGAN BADOUR
02:13 - 02:20
And then the next item on my agenda would be the minutes from the April 22nd workshop meeting.
- Mary Zovistoski
02:23 - 02:26
I thought they're good, so I'll make a motion to accept them as written.
- Lancepeterson
02:33 - 02:33
Very good.
- Lancepeterson
02:33 - 02:35
Mary made the motion and Donna seconded.
- Lancepeterson
02:37 - 02:38
All in favor.

- **Mary Zovistoski**
02:38 - 02:39
Aye.
- **Lancepeterson**
02:40 - 02:41
Motion carried. Motion carried. Very good.
- **Lancepeterson**
02:46 - 02:55
Do we have, has anybody logged in to do the comment on agenda items probably not, and I'm sure.
- **MEGAN BADOOR**
02:55 - 02:55
I have nothing.
- **Lancepeterson**
02:56 - 02:58
Ok, very good. Let's go down to bills and transfers abstract number five, obviously I got through that didn't have any concerns. Did anyone else get through it, and if they did, could I get a motion for that, please?
- **Ken**
03:11 - 03:14
I'll give you a motion for that, Thank.
- **Lancepeterson**
03:14 - 03:15
You Ken, Can I get a second?
- **Donna**
03:16 - 03:17
I'll second.
- **Lance Peterson**
03:17 - 03:17
All in favor?
- **Ken**
03:23 - 03:23
Aye.
- **Lancepeterson**
03:25 - 03:26

Motion carried. Thank you for that. Bills and abstracts are all gone. All done. Sailing down through here. Yeah. Alicia, do you want to bring them up to speed as to why there's no balance sheets at this time? I think there was a question on that, somebody answered earlier?

- **Alicia Dewey**
03:46 - 03:46

Sure. Yeah, we won't release those, just like we don't release the reports for December. Until they've been verified by the CPA and obviously, he's not come into town right now. So, I mean, if you have any questions about balances or anything like that, we can definitely give you the numbers. They're available they just haven't been verified. So to have a report that is not verified, and then have to go back and verify it. Another version doesn't make sense, but there was still be a budget document that will go out that usually goes out to the department heads. So that will be sent to the Town Board this time around too. So you can see the balances in the budget accounts and the revenue accounts, and hopefully that'll be helpful, But just with the understanding that does just haven't been basically audited by the CPA, which is our process. So, as soon as I can get him back in, to come and look at those, I assume it won't be until we're back. And financial entities are allowed to be working, again, but I'll get them here, and I'll get those caught up.

- **Lancepeterson**
05:00 - 05:00

Very good. Very good. Just to bring everybody up to speed on that. Wasn't lack of effort on our part or anybody's part. Just, just another, just another effect of the COVID-19. On to rate changes, I believe. We're going to do these all at one time. And these are basically, these are just steps. These are just steps because of their seniority, after so many months or so much time. They just step up with that. Certainly, you can see the Carnegie, Wagoner, Mitchell, Black, and Brown. There, they're just all been increased. Like I say, just the steps for the time that they've been there. So with that being said, could I get it, and we're going to just do them all at one time. Can I get a motion to accept the steps?

- **Mary Zovistoski**
05:51 - 05:51

I'll make that motion. Take your pick.

- **Lancepeterson**
05:54 - 05:56

I think we got a motion and we got a second, Megan. Are you good with that? Did you get it?

- **Allen D Heberling**
06:01 - 06:02
You're muted.

- **Lancepeterson**
06:03 - 06:04

You're muted, Magan.

- **MEGAN BADOUR**
06:05 - 06:07
Geez, I do this all day long. I know, Mary, I got you down as first and Ken as second.
- **Ken**
06:12 - 06:12
It'd be Alan.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
06:13 - 06:13
Alan.
- **MEGAN BADOUR**
06:15 - 06:15
Ok.
- **Lancepeterson**
06:15 - 06:16
Very good. All in favor.
- **Ken**
06:17 - 06:18
Aye.
- **Lancepeterson**
06:19 - 06:20
Motion carried, thank you for that.
- **Lancepeterson**
06:22 - 06:35
Going down through here quickly, just bring you up to speed on a couple of the sewer districts here: Heritage Heights Sewer, all the work has been done there, completed and we should be in good shape for quite some time. It was, finally got that wrapped up there, and and also we got an estimate from Docteur Environmental to do some work under the Depauville Sewer. Now, with that being said, I have about the estimates I did to the estimate. Bill and I talked about a little bit, but I'd like to let the Sewer Board weight in on that and see what their thoughts are. Clearly, something that, you know, it's a board decision. But just out of a courtesy, they do a lot of work and have an interest in that sewer. So I'd just like them. They've got it. Jasper has got it. Clearly, you know, it's a little harder for them, I think, to do, just this type of meeting. So, I think Jasper is just gonna call around, just get a consensus, which I'm sure they're going to move forward with. That budget is very healthy, and I think, at the end of that, we'll have two very healthy sewer systems, so that's, that's good to get behind us. Is, is Kim? Is Kim on the line?

- Kimberli johnston
07:39 - 07:40
I'm here, Lance.
- Lancepeterson
07:40 - 07:43
Ok, very good, everybody. Everybody got a chance to look at Kim's report there. And you have number one. Do you have anything to add to that? And, and afterwards, if anybody has any questions for Kim, please feel free to do just ask her. Kim, do you have anything anything to add to that?
- Kimberli johnston
07:59 - 08:00
No, I do not.
- Lancepeterson
08:02 - 08:03
Very good at it seemed pretty clear to me. Anybody have any questions for Kim?
- Ken
08:07 - 08:07
Nope?
- Mary Zovistoski
08:08 - 08:08
I'm.
- Lancepeterson
08:10 - 08:10
Sorry.
- Mary Zovistoski
08:11 - 08:13
I just say it's a really good report.
- Kimberli johnston
08:14 - 08:14
Thank you, Mary.
- Lancepeterson
08:17 - 08:17
Yup. Very good, yeah, well, well done, Kim. Thank you for that. Thank you.
- Kimberli johnston
08:22 - 08:25
I'm here at the office tonight if anybody needs anything too.

- Lancepeterson
 08:27 - 08:29
 Ok, thank you.
- Ken
 08:29 - 08:29
 Thank you.
- Mary Zovistoski
 08:33 - 08:33
 Ok.
- Kimberli johnston
 08:34 - 08:36
 So, a little quieter tonight, No pounding.
- Alicia Dewey
 08:39 - 08:42
 That construction is a little rough outside the office.
- Lancepeterson
 08:46 - 08:51
 Yeah, Yeah, very good, very good, folks, operations update. You know, clearly, clearly, once we, it looks like we're going to be going back sooner or later on this stuff. So Jimmy, let's start with, let's start with you. You know, how you plan to move forward with us, and, oh, how you're operating now and how you plan to move forward with this. A little conversation on this.
- Jimmy
 09:19 - 09:20
 Ok, as far as buildings and grounds goes, I don't know. All right, As far as the ground, it goes um what we've done so far, and what we're doing is we've completed a podiums there at the opera house so that they, that they can have a little bit of protection there. Um, we've done some spring cleaning at the cemetery, replaced the flags, and started mowing over their, um upcoming jobs that we're looking at we'll be turning the water on at the docks, draining and cleaning the pool. Um, and from what I understand, every one is in agreement, that the pool is not going to open this year, Is that correct?
- Lancepeterson
 10:12 - 10:26
 Well, I don't know that we've got, We've talked to the board directly on that, but I think that it appears that it's going to be, it appears that that's going to be the consensus, and we can actually add about that a little bit right now, quite frankly. And there's quite a bit, it's quite a bit to get the, get the poll. That you have to have certified people on board right now, And we really can't have people on board, and correct me if I misspeak here, Alicia, simply because we can't guarantee him a job, We have no Idea what What the, what the distance is

going to be going forward. And, quite frankly, tools falls under arts and recreation. And we're looking at probably mid July, and clearly we're just that we have to also get a permit for that pool, I believe, or license, or something like that. Alicia knows more about that than I do, but clearly, it just doesn't, It just isn't feasible for us to put all that money into the pool, hire all of the people and put them on payroll before They're even working because we have to guarantee him a job. And then for \$2 a day in the pool, as much as we would like to offer that to our constituents, it just is not, it's just not feasible. Nor are we even guaranteed that we're Going to be allowed To do that this summer And if it is going to be so short served that it just, it just doesn't seem prudent to do that. Anybody would like to add to that, please?

- **Alicia Dewey**

11:39 - 11:51

I would just say with reference to the permit, there's a at least 20 day minimum period between when we put the application in, and when we can open, or when we can anticipate. I can't remember the last time we actually got the permit to open within 20 days of sending it, and everything was perfect. In order to turn that permanent, we have to turn in and provide the Appropriate number Of lifeguard licenses that are active, our number is seven. So we would have to ensure seven people, employment Now in order to put that permit in, the application in, and then wait another month and hope that, the State is to allow us to open and we don't even know that the discussion With Camps and pools and things is still being, is still happening. So It's a Pretty big financial obligation to take on without any level of certainty.

- **Jimmy**

12:48 - 12:51

And we can't promise lifeguards a job right now. And I think that's the big thing.

- **Ken**

12:54 - 13:05

Doesn't, doesn't seem to me to be practical to even think about trying to set a date or even thinking that it's going to open up because it's a moving target and you've got certain, the timelines just aren't going to work after a certain point. Especially with a totally bathing, and et cetera, et cetera. Boy, it gets awfully difficult to make it work, and I don't know how you could possibly distance yourself in a pool like that. It's it's not workable, I don't think, unless somebody comes up with a really bright idea.

- **Mary Zovistoski**

13:24 - 13:29

I think the social distancing thing will be impossible, and the lifeguards will have a Terrible, summer just trying to police that. I mean, their kids are going to want to play, they're going to want to be close to each other. It's impossible.

- **Allen D Heberling**

13:41 - 13:46

Same problem that my sister who manages the Holiday Inn express in Watertown. They just finally drained the pool, said, It wasn't worth the effort of policing people in the pool to maintain distance. They finally just said drain it, close it. So I think it's the right idea.

- **Donna**
14:01 - 14:04
Yeah, I agree too.
- **Lancepeterson**
14:06 - 14:14
Very good, well, I'm glad we got more consensus on that and, and I think, you know, unfortunately, it's just the right direction to go. And I think going forward, even even with the docks, since, we don't have to have a lot of people. And, Jimmy, I don't want to put words in your mouth, OK, to correct me. Or, Mary, I don't wanna get in your, in your thing, either as a liaison there, but my understanding is, and you guys correct me if I'm wrong, You Know, going Forward without any really any shows running at Rec Park this year. If They are, they're going to be late. There'll be in August if if at all without the pool being open. And we really with The manpower That Jimmy has I think he feels that He can run the transient docks, and that's without without any, without Any added Employees.
- **Jimmy**
15:04 - 15:04
That's correct. That's correct, Lance. As long as I have my two part-time people and the entirety of my workforce, I think it, it's better for the town not to hire any part-time seasonal workers to supplement that. It will save the Town money, and without any shows, we can definitely do it.
- **Lancepeterson**
15:25 - 15:29
Right, and without any shows, without, any responsibilities at the pool. I'm assuming Jimmy, with chemicals, and all the other stuff there. Right.
- **Jimmy**
15:32 - 15:32
Exactly. Right.
- **Lancepeterson**
15:33 - 15:45
And again, and again, I just and you know, talk to Jimmy about that, we've asked Jimmy to make sure, and clearly, you know, nobody has a crystal ball in front of them but it just appears going forward. That, that's where we're at, now, I think we do have every intention at least myself have every intention of June First, kidney. Getting the transient docks up. You know that the you know feasible Jimmy that can that can happen right?
- **Jimmy**
16:02 - 16:03

Yeah, That can definitely happen. June first, as long as we bring everybody else back, then we'll be able to have the docks open June first. I plan on going over there next week and turning on the water, and getting that up and running.

- **Mary Zovistoski**

16:20 - 16:26

Just because they don't have the pool up and running, we do have some expenses, because we have to have a half full. They do have to have to add chemicals to it, So we do have some expenses just maintaining the pool and some time, even though we're not just so everybody knows, when they see numbers come in and there are numbers for the pool.

16:52 - 16:54

I was just going to make a smart comment. Was just going to say, our water bill should be way down from the village, we should say.

- **Mary Zovistoski**

17:02 - 17:05

I was going to say that, too, but I wasn't sure who is online, So.

- **Alicia Dewey**

17:09 - 17:10

We should send the Village a notice, and let them know.

- **Lancepeterson**

17:12 - 17:13

Lost revenue.

- **Alicia Dewey**

17:14 - 17:15

On that subject, though. Does the Board want me to put together, a brief snippet, put out to the public about the pool Not, opening here, it's probably better to get out in front of it.

- **Mary Zovistoski**

17:27 - 17:28

Absolutely.

- **Lancepeterson**

17:29 - 17:34

Yeah, because clearly, we can't wait. I'm asking, I'm not telling. I'm asking this question. We couldn't wait till June first to make that decision and I think we have to make it now.

- **Mary Zovistoski**

17:44 - 17:45

We know, now. So we should let it be public now?

- **Ken**

17:47 - 17:48

Yep. I agree with it.

- **Lancepeterson**
17:49 - 17:53
Ok, OK, then then then it's done. The pool won't be open will still continue to hopefully near the end of the season, of course Try to get an event at Rec Park and whenever We feel it's prudent We can open the pavilion back up for rental when when we feel it's prudent. I guess we'll make that decision. A moving Target as we move forward in.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
18:15 - 18:15
Every event at the Arena in July has been canceled at the arena. The August events have not cancel yet. They're holding out with hope on. They have cancelled on their own, we haven't told you yet.
- **Jimmy**
18:34 - 18:38
In addition to what Mary said, that food and wine show is still holding out hope. Oh, um, I told him that it very likely that food and wine show will not happen in June.
- **Lancepeterson**
18:51 - 18:52
Parks and Recreation isn't going To be considered until probably mid July.
- **Jimmy**
18:58 - 19:05
Ok, so then I'll, I'll talk to Trish tomorrow and let her know that it's definitely out for June.
- **Lancepeterson**
19:07 - 19:09
Yeah, I think, yeah. I think, I think, Jimmy, I think that's considered, you know, it's considered an event like arts and recreation as long as we're on that subject real quick and then we'll get to Steve here is, you know, clearly phase four is arts and recreation, which clearly is any event whatsoever at Rec Park and also our Opera House and including in that is our library. And we're just gonna, we're just going to entertain them. You know, they're part of Phase four, and we're not going to jump the gun and we're gonna wait till, we get to We get the phase four and that gets addressed, and then, we'll know that, you know, either the county or the governor will let us know how we're supposed to proceed from there. So, clearly, we have to wait till we get to phase four. In, and, again, I don't want to belabor this point, but A phase one goes well, good for us, You know, two weeks, we hit June first, and. Then, we hit phase Two, and phase two goes perfect. You know, good for us. June 15th, we hit phase three, phase three, it doesn't go well, well, we might be in phase 3, 4 weeks or six weeks, because we have no idea. Phase four, we just can't assume it's going to be every two weeks, we would like to think so. So, we don't want to get the horse in front of the cart here, and just exercise the amount of patients we can. But, but, absolutely, there will not be any events whatsoever. Whatsoever. In rec Park, the opera house, or the library until we get to

phase four, which appears to be sometime. You know, you know, at first, the middle of July, there will be. Will be no events taking place there, and I think we're all clear on that.

- **Allen D Heberling**
20:52 - 20:53
Yes?
- **Mary Zovistoski**
20:55 - 20:55
We are now.
- **Lancepeterson**
20:56 - 20:59
That's, that's, that's where. It's Mandated. It's kinda mandated, we're not making our own rules here. So I don't want, you know, I know, I've been asked quite a bit about, you know, the Opera House and and I know everybody's anxious, but we need to exercise patience here, and I just want to make sure we're clear of, that this is not going to happen until it, until they we hit that phase. Saying, thanks for that, Jimmy. Thanks for the update.
- **Lancepeterson**
21:28 - 21:30
Steve, Steve, going forward.
- **steve dorr**
21:33 - 21:34
Am I there.
- **Lancepeterson**
21:35 - 21:35
You are.
- **steve dorr**
21:37 - 21:39
I'm pretty lonely at the barn, not much going on. Other than last Saturday, we had to call the guys in the do some plowing and sanding. Who knew? There has been some calls about people liked or their yards cleaned up. I just tell them, we'll get to it. June first, Everybody's pretty much understanding. Um, other now they drive around checked roads. Periodically, check in with Jones in the morning, to check my emails, return calls. Other than that, not much going on. On the sandbag detail. We are going to take two tractor trailer, loads up to Bald Rock. The state's going to bring them, so all we have to do is unload them. They'll be there if we need them. We don't wanna get too many down to the lions field, because people aren't using them you, know.
- **Lance Peterson**
22:26 - 22:27
Right.

- **steve dorr**
22:30 - 22:31
Other than that, That's about it. I mean, we'd like to go back to work.
- **Lancepeterson**
22:36 - 22:37
No, no. Certainly understood. And in. And we'll continue to chew on that a little bit, Steve. Now, with that being said, when you do go back, you still have some plow equipment to put away and then inside. So You've got your schedule pretty much ready to go for when you go back and then.
- **steve dorr**
22:57 - 23:01
For, for trucks with the equipment, not only a street, trucks are mobile ready to haul. I talk to Andy from Bachs. They haven't really dialed in the sand yet. But they're working on it. But there's lots to do.
- **Lancepeterson**
23:11 - 23:11
Ok. Good, good, good, good. And again, we in, Alicia knows better than I on this, but is there still is aim money and the chips money. Still up in the air, are we gonna get that, Or is it kind of still in there air?
- **steve dorr**
23:25 - 23:26
You got a Crystal ball.
- **Alicia Dewey**
23:27 - 23:28
It's in the air throughout the year. About Every three months, they have the right to come back and evaluate it through the end of the year.
- **Lancepeterson**
23:37 - 23:37
That's right. And when reading this stuff and in reading this stuff, and they make it very clear that they can do that. Basically. You know, it's not exactly worded this way, But they will cut whatever they, they have the ability to cut Whatever they have to cut, to, balance their budget. You know, the county in, the in the towns fall fall After that, you know, obviously, it's a, it's a trickle down effect. They will, the state will take the money that they need. The county will take the money they need, and we wind up with what's left, if any. So you know, which has got to be very prudent and be very careful of what we're doing. Hope we get some chips, money Steve, And the AIM money, And it's kind of out of our hands, But I'm pretty confident that they'll come Through with that. I'm hoping.
- **steve dorr**
24:22 - 24:25

The last I talked with Jimmy Lawrence, he still was planning on paving County Route 5. County Route five. They were going to regrind that and repave that. That was on his number-one list to do.

- Lancepeterson
24:35 - 24:37
Was that them patching the other day?
- steve dorr
24:38 - 24:39
Over on Route 12 over to Mathers Hill. Things could change.
- Lancepeterson
24:46 - 24:46
Gotcha. Gotcha. Megan, Megan, how are, how are, you having any luck with the, with the deputy clerk?
- MEGAN BADOOR
24:59 - 25:03
I am, I've completed one interview, and I have two more lined up for this week. All of the candidates have asked that they remain confidential at this time. And so, by the end of this week, my hope is to have made a decision, so that starting June first, they will be able to slide into that role. I also will be planning to be in the office that week as well, to assist them.
- Lancepeterson
25:24 - 25:25
Very good, very good. Well, thanks for that, Megan. Just keep us up to speed, and that'll be great, and good luck with that.
- MEGAN BADOOR
25:30 - 25:31
Thank you.
- Lancepeterson
25:32 - 25:32
You're welcome. Does anyone else have anything to add at this point before we get into Rob and the arena, project update, so on and so forth.
- Lancepeterson
25:45 - 25:47
Ok, Rob, are you there?
- Robert Campany
25:49 - 25:50
I am here.

- **Lancepeterson**

25:52 - 25:53

A good Rob. You're you're on as far as he arena project update.

- **Robert Campany**

26:00 - 26:06

Ok, so a quick update the a, I spoke with the contractor this week. The general contractor upstate construction and they would like to begin work next week, given the governor's release of the north North country. So we're going to have an informal meeting on site on Monday morning. I expect that they'll begin to lay the project out. I think they will bring some equipment on site as early as tomorrow. I think they're gonna drop an excavator off. At The site. I've let Jimmy know about that earlier today, and there may be some other equipment are going to bring. So, I expect we'll come up with a game plan on Monday, exactly what they're going to be trying to accomplish over the next few weeks. So, we are finally breaking ground, which is a good thing. We've been reviewing submittals, as I know that Nichole has been working with Mary and Kenny and providing some submittals that require decisions. I think she's got a whole other stack for you guys. So, I saw an e-mail. Today. That I think you're going to be getting. I think that we'll probably have a project meeting with USDA. Early in June. I just sent out a memo to compete, and Eric Johnson will start our regular project meetings. I'm not sure if there'll be remote. We've been conducting job meetings with USDA remotely. Obviously so, I think that'll probably be the case for at least the first 1 or 2 meetings. Other than that, we're moving forward, which is good, we will be reviewing. Obviously, the contractor will have a COVID-19 plan that we'll talk about, make, making sure they practice, you know, all the recommendations that OSHA and the CDC has provided for construction projects. So that's it on the arena. Any questions?

- **Lancepeterson**

28:15 - 28:15

No. I don't think so. Rob, I don't want to cut anybody off either. So I just want to go back to some that I missed, but anyways. So with that being said, Rob, I just do have one question, is probably too early to tell. At this point, I probably just getting a little bit later, later start, and we'll probably go over this on Monday, but in your mind, is this something that's still going to get completed this year? Or, no?

Robert Campany

28:44 - 28:53

Well, I think the original project schedule actually went into next spring anyway for final restoration. I think, I think you're right. I think we're going to have that conversation with, with the contractor. To see where we're going to expect to be in the fall as far as if we can utilize the arena. Or What the possibilities are, I think if there ever was a good time to do construction at the arena, it's now going to interrupt any any operations, certainly, in the next few months. But, well, I can't speak for the contractor and what they're anticipating progress. I have I have not heard of any issues in getting materials, OK. In fact, I think they've already ordered their structural steel and things like that. So, I don't see any delays, and, yes, we're probably what a month later than we want to be, or maybe even two months. But, I think that I think they should be able to make good progress.

- Mary Zovistoski
29:52 - 29:54
They had a time a one-year time limit. Anyway, didn't, I? Wasn't there? Oh, a One Year Frame Timeframe?
- Robert Campany
29:58 - 30:02
So what we'll do, because it is later, later start date. We'll issue a change order to modify that. I think it's, I think we gave him 365 days, Mary.
- Mary Zovistoski
30:09 - 30:09
I think so, Too. I'd like to come to that meeting if I didn't get the time, and all that from you at some point.
- Robert Campany
30:17 - 30:17
Sure. Yeah, on Monday, Mary. Yes, that's going to be at 10 o'clock.
- Mary Zovistoski
30:26 - 30:27
Ok, thank you.
- Robert Campany
30:27 - 30:28
On Monday morning.
- Lancepeterson
30:31 - 30:36
Rob, before we move on to the, to the, you know, bring us up to speed and ready projects. Let's, uh, one of the things that come in kind of late was all built sewer study. Alicia? I think we need, We need to just explain that a little bit, and then we have to, do, we have to do a resolution? Or just a motion on that, Correct?
- Alicia Dewey
30:51 - 30:52
It's a Resolution. It was sent out an e-mail and on the drive, and Megan has it, but basically a long story short and Rob can fill in the blanks, but it just says that the project is a study. So, it's a type two action. There's no SEQR necessary. And basically that's because we're not physically doing anything or passing anything, we're just doing a study.
- Mary Zovistoski
31:16 - 31:16
Ok.
- Lancepeterson

31:17 - 31:18

Very good. So I need a motion, I need a motion to openly entertain that resolution, right?

- Ken
31:24 - 31:25
I'll make that motion.
- Mary Zovistoski
31:26 - 31:27
It's an introduction. Yes. I'll second it.
- Lancepeterson
31:31 - 31:33
Ok, very good. Donna?
- Donna
31:34 - 31:35
Yes.
- Lancepeterson
31:36 - 31:36
Mary?
- Mary Zovistoski
31:37 - 31:37
Yes.
- Lancepeterson
31:38 - 31:39
Allen?
- Allen D Heberling
31:39 - 31:40
Yes.
- Lancepeterson
31:41 - 31:44
Ken?
- Ken
31:44 - 31:45
Yes.
- Lancepeterson
31:45 - 31:46
Lance, yes.

- Lancepeterson

31:47 - 31:48

Motion carried. We needed to do anything else formerly for that? That's it, OK, very good. All right, Alicia, thank you for that, Rob, thank you for that. And board, so we can get that, we can get that behind us to move forward and move forward on this other stuff. Rob, do you want to bring us up to speed? You want to bring us up to speed on where we are with the REDI projects?

- Robert Campany

32:14 - 32:14

Sure. I'll just refresh everybody's memory. We have three REDI projects on stabilizing the shoreline in front of the hotel adjacent to the riverwalk. That's The first project, we have another project entails, raising some of the utilities at the Harbor, Marina, and also putting in some additional floating day docks. Then the third project is improvements to the grindstone, upper town landing. Ok, so we submitted our report to the REDI Commission in February, and I think everybody should have, or at least, have access to, those reports, we receive comments back on those reports, of which we're working to address here. And we should be done with those by the end of the month. They'll then set up a pre permitting meeting with the DEC, of which I expect. We'll have some time, probably early June, where we will go over any concerns with the Army Corps of Engineers. And the DEC on any permitting issues they they see. And then, Will, at the same time, we will be proceeding with design documents. So what that entails starting out with survey work, which we did do some survey work last fall, but we didn't weren't able to do any underwater or so we've contracted with an underwater surveyor through Associates who actually is in in the village today. They started over at Grindstone. They did the underwater surveying in front of the boat ramp today. And then there'll be doing the underwater work along in front of the hotel tomorrow. And basically, what that entails, is just a boat. They have a side scanning radar, and they go back and forth in front of the hotel, and it collects all the data and the shoreline data as well. There will be some activity on site by way of actual surveyors. You know, a survey crew will be on land in front of the hotel, probably late tomorrow and Friday, I expect, because they have to do some ground control, work, some survey control work. So that's progressing. And then when we get that data back, by way of an underwater map, we'll be able to start with the actual design details for that shoreline stabilization work and also the Grindstone work. So that's kinda where we are. We do have to go through SEQR. For those three projects as well, and today I forwarded to everybody on the part 2 and 3. So if you recall, we said we provided part one and we established lead agency as as the Town of Clayton. So the next step is to go through part two. And you make a determination whether there's any significant environmental impacts. And then if you don't believe there's any significant impacts, you can pass that resolution. That's in part three, resolution of that insignificant. So that's a step that the REDI commission is looking to have completed. And we can do that at your next meeting. Other than that, I don't know if there's any other comments on the REDI projects.

- Lancepeterson

35:51 - 35:56

I don't think so too much, Rob, I just, You know the permitting, Hopefully, the permitting isn't a big deal. I mean, they assured us, they assured us that they were they were going to, they're going to expedite that stuff, and weather permitting, that wasn't going to be a big deal. So hopefully, hopefully, hopefully they follow through with that. Rob, you know, that's kinda what they told us. So hopefully, that's going to be the issue.

- **Robert Campany**

36:15 - 36:15

Yeah. Our project is pretty benign. It's not it doesn't include a lot of dredging. It doesn't include you know, any. Disruption other than stabilizing the shoreline, and of course, the work at the Grindstone is really just redoing the existing rap and bulkheads and adding, floating dock, so I don't see any permitting issues. I did have some preliminary conversation with DEC, you know months ago and where they didn't, they didn't express any concerns. So I really don't think it's going to be an issue.

- **Lancepeterson**

36:53 - 36:53

Did we? Rob, I know it's pretty hard to tell right now but just out of curiosity because I know you still have a lot of design work to do. A lot of a lot of stuff. When will these go up the bid? Do you think?

- **Robert Campany**

37:04 - 37:18

Well, I'd like to think we know we could do the design and permitting through the summer and be ready to construct during low water in the fall, I mean, I think that's best case. And depending on how things go, it would be construction in the in winter and early spring. I think. This is a. Possibility it could happen this Fall. I think, also, it certainly would be preferable this Fall as opposed to in the spring. Because in the spring, of course, we're going to have the limitation doing and water work until sometime after July 15th. So, tell if it doesn't happen this fall or winter, it's going to get pushed to next Summer, I do think water levels are going to be low. I mean, our projections that we're getting just this week is that we're going to be reaching potentially average water levels by mid summer or late summer, Which is also a good thing as far as waterfront construction.

- **Lancepeterson**

38:21 - 38:22

Very good. We took care of Depauville, got brought up to speed on the arena, and in the REDI money. Alicia, did we have anything else we wanted to address?

- **Alicia Dewey**

38:33 - 38:34

I don't believe so. I just wanna make sure that the board and the department heads all take a look at their e-mail. I did send out that plan, return to work, plan for everybody to digest. So I'll be looking for some input on that soon, so that we can firm it up and get it ready for hopefully everybody to come back by June first.

- **Lancepeterson**
38:55 - 38:57
Yeah, I want to thank Alicia for that. When you guys go through this. I ran all 57 pages this morning, and it was no small task. It took me two cups of coffee and a scone in order to get through that.
- **Alicia Dewey**
39:07 - 39:08
Don't let him kid you, It's just a bunch of posters.
- **Lancepeterson**
39:11 - 39:12
Posters? It was, it was well one, it was well done, of course. We have, now let's go down here. Steve, we've pretty much got, do you have anything else to add on a highway superintendent? Jimmy, you have anything to add?
- **Jimmy**
39:32 - 39:33
No, I do not, Lance.
- **Lancepeterson**
39:34 - 39:42
Oh, by the way, I just wanted to I don't know if you guys got to look at this Jimmy, Jimmy's crew there made a couple of.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
39:44 - 39:45
Podiums.
- **Lancepeterson**
39:45 - 39:47
Well, there. What's that?
- **Mary Zovistoski**
39:49 - 39:50
Like a podium almost.
- **Lancepeterson**
39:51 - 39:53
Like a Podium, protected podium, for the. End of the. Hallways. Or down in the for down in the town of us is there. So quite frankly, you know, we can have people in the Opera House, with Plexiglas on the bottom, middle shelf. So people can come to the hallway, they don't have to access the offices, and so on, and so forth. And it was very well done, quite clever, actually, and it'll be very helpful, I believe. And, you know, obviously, Megan has the window there that are protected. Now we have our own staff protected and they can either call our staff or whatever they can come out. Whoever needs to whoever needs to address

that person. So, Jimmy well done on that, well, done with your staff on that and, um, yeah, so, thank you for that. Kim, do you have anything to add?

- **Kimberli Johnston**
40:41 - 40:42
No, thank you Lance. Not at this time.
- **Lance Peterson**
40:44 - 40:45
Ok, Richard, are you? Are you on? Is Richard with us?
- **Alicia Dewey**
40:51 - 40:51
No. He is not.
- **Lance Peterson**
40:54 - 40:54
He is not, OK? Very good! I just talked to Richard today briefly. He called me and he was today was his workday and he said he was quite busy. He said he was quite busy running around pretty hard and that's good to hear, and I'm sure he's going to get busier. That's something else we're gonna take a look at just consider that board know that construction is open. We're going to have to, we're going to have to take a look at that right now. He's just doing essential permits, but quite frankly, and I haven't, I haven't seen the governor's stuff yet and to see just how wide open this construction is. But if it is, we're going to have to consider getting Richard back later for permitting. I'm taking possibly which suddenly have that conversation with Richard and see what the demand is and I'll bring the Board up to speed on that and we'll go from there, OK. Ok, Very good. Mary.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
41:48 - 41:52
I think we covered just about everything when Jimmy and I were talking earlier.
- **Lance Peterson**
41:55 - 41:57
Ok, very good, Donna?
- **Donna**
41:58 - 42:00
I have nothing to report Lance.
- **Lance Peterson**
42:01 - 42:04
Ok, thank you, Donna.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
42:08 - 42:10

I have a question, Donna. Have you heard anything from Youth Commission? Are they going to do any sports? Because there's a little activity at the battlefield? Do, you know, if they plan on doing sports or anything? I haven't heard nothing. I mean, I can check with Scott and see what he's got going on, Mary.

- **Mary Zovistoski**
42:23 - 42:27
Yeah, there were there were prepping the baseball fields or something like that the other day.
- **Donna**
42:28 - 42:28
I'll shoot Scott an email and see what he says.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
42:30 - 42:31
Ok.
- **Donna**
42:31 - 42:32
I'll let you guys know tomorrow, OK.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
42:33 - 42:34
Perfect.
- **Kimberli johnston**
42:35 - 42:41
I can add, I know that they sent an e-mail or something out saying that the kids wouldn't have softball and stuff this year.
- **Mary Zovistoski**
42:43 - 42:45
Ok, OK, maybe they.
- **Jimmy**
42:49 - 43:00
I talk to Scott earlier today, and softball, just like Kim said, it seems like it, it, gone, for the year, but, As far as, any other, like, fall activities. They are still looking at that. It looks like They're trying to get kids to sign up, but but they hadn't made a decision can No-go yet.
- **Lancepeterson**
43:17 - 43:20
Yeah, yeah, it's a sad state of affairs folks, I'm sorry.
- **Donna**

43:22 - 43:22

Sorry, Lance. So, are you do you want me to e-mail Scott to have a definitive answer Or are you good with that Mary?

- **Mary Zovistoski**
43:31 - 43:31
I'm good with that.
- **Donna**
43:32 - 43:32
Ok.
- **Alicia Dewey**
43:37 - 43:41
Lance, just before we get off the line for Megan benefit, I think we need To have visitors, the public on the phone identify themselves, so she has asked for the minutes.
- **Lancepeterson**
43:49 - 43:50
Very good, very good, Alicia? Do we have any public, please give us your name, and so we can, we can put a log that, Megan, log that into our meetings. Please? Any public at all?
- **MEGAN BADOOR**
44:08 - 44:22
Let me say that if you are not part of the board or staffing, let me know I see Pam McDowell I see James and Candy Duswalt, and I see Justin.
- **Alicia Dewey**
44:24 - 44:25
Justin, who?
- **MEGAN BADOOR**
44:28 - 44:31
There is no last name listed, I feel like I'm on romper room.
- **Alicia Dewey**
44:43 - 44:50
Alright, We're going to have to try to remember to do that at the beginning of the meeting, because those, the public who interact at the meetings are supposed to be listed in the minutes.
- **Lancepeterson**
44:51 - 44:54
And maybe you don't feel that there's still time.
- **Alicia Dewey**

44:56 - 44:59

If they are, they don't want us to know they are, I guess, I don't know. We gave an opportunity, and I'm not sure. So I think just at the beginning of the next meeting, if we do it this way, which we probably will, we should just ask before we do the. After the pledge, before we do anything else, was to ask the public to identify themselves. So we have it for the record.

- **Lancepeterson**

45:16 - 45:17

Very good. I think that's a good idea, Alicia, and I'll make a note of that. So with that being said, you know, obviously, we'll move on. Thank you, Donna, for that. Ok, Ken what have you got?

- **Ken**

45:29 - 45:37

Um, I have been communicated with Kate and pretty much the library system, as a whole, are working together. And they're going to do any kind of opening at the same time, so to speak, in all of the North country library systems. And so, they're working up a plan, to, to get to the North Country library system, and to get to us is what they're going to do, et cetera. But, yeah, they're under no, they are aware of that. She was telling me that they don't plan on, trying to do anything with public, really, until they hit the phase four, which is not going to be for some time. So, she also mentioned that they were going to, depending on the school systems, are going to offer use of the downstairs in the library, if they needed, because if the schools need to social distance, et cetera, and they need an extra space for whatever, that they would be able to utilize that space down there. So that's kind of what they're thinking there, but they're well aware that you gotta sit tight for now, but their work, and a plan for us. So we should we hear something. That's about it.

- **Lancepeterson**

46:44 - 46:45

Thanks for that Ken. Well, that's good to hear. They're staying positive and trying to be productive. That's good to hear and up, at least, they're going to be prepared when we hit Phase four, and they can get back at it. Allen, What have you got for us this evening.?

- **Allen D Heberling**

46:59 - 47:02

Just, the tiers are met. On April 19th, they went over their financials for the first quarter. They reported that they had received the Cares Act grant. Well, that would cover 2.5 months of salaries and mortgage. They're also continuing to do training on view remote training, so that the people can stay certified. And they also said that there are statistics for, oh, patient deliveries is down from all this time last year. So there watching their pennies making sure that they're not spending any unnecessary money. And we're also looking at how to, ah, get some more, since it's where the money's is more transports. So that's, that's basically what the report was in April.

- **Lancepeterson**

48:05 - 48:07

I recall just a little bit of that Allen. At the time I asked the question if they were gonna cut staff at all since transports were down so much, and they felt they were a little uncomfortable doing that. Simply because they thought they were gonna get it, there's gonna be a spike in this Virus. And, they would be, clearly. Demand is certainly couldn't disagree with that reasoning there, but, know that things have settled down a little bit. And so, on and so forth. Are they going to consider that, Or No? Or, they just going to try and maintain the staff that they ever because things are down. So, so, slow that much, going on where they still take a look at the Manpower or no Allen and didn't know that.

- **Allen D Heberling**

48:48 - 48:54

I think, the at the next meeting this month, which should be the fourth Thursday. I'll see what they have decided at the time. The other thing too is to also mentioned, they've had to delay there or defer their fundraising events too. At Foxy's and also to the Clipper. But they were looking to do the mailing fundraisers that they typically do but they were planning on doing that later than they typically do. So, you're still looking at, you, know, their money flow and all that, and then I'll find out more later this month as to whether or not they're going to follow through the suggestion that you have, which is they may have to reduce staff.

- **Lancepeterson**

49:45 - 49:46

Hopefully, they don't. And I, you know, I really don't want it to be making a suggestion, but clearly, clearly, we've all recognized whether it be the private sector And, you know, as as, as a municipality, we had to make some hard decisions. Clearly, there's no work out there, and if there's clearly, we never want to be caught short handed. As far as TIERS is concerned, or the fire department, We never want to get caught short, ended in that regard. But, you know, again, this is the second time I've heard is how much they're you know their calls, and then way down. And it, and so on and so forth that just, you know, you, they may have to take a look at that again, but they know better than I. And. I'm sure they'll make the right decision there, We clearly we don't want to deplete our handle with the survey, any stretch of the imagination. But, you know. Clearly, we both had to make that. We've all had to make that decision. But just keep us up to speed on that Allen, and I appreciate your report. Thank you for that.

- **Allen D Heberling**

50:42 - 50:43

Ok.

- **Lancepeterson**

50:44 - 50:44

Thank you. Anyone else?

- **Alicia Dewey**

50:49 - 50:51

I do have one quick thing, Lance. I forgot when we were talking earlier today I don't know. A few people may have already seen this but I think it's important that the board is aware that a historian had posted on his Facebook page and TI Museum is closed and that he's not permitted in there. Obviously. That makes sense. I just would suggest that I don't know if we have a liaison to the historian. But we probably should have been notified since we rent. That Facility For the historian. They probably should have, let us know that. But I don't know if anybody wants to touch base with them just to or the historian to make sure he's fine, I know he's still plugging away at everything. I'm doing quite a bit of outreach with schools and education facilities right now, I've seen some of that come through, but he doesn't have a home at the moment, I. Don't know, technology wise, if he needs anything or anything like that. I don't know if someone just wants to touch base and make sure he's good.

- Lancepeterson
51:53 - 51:55
Know, if you know, if no one else. If no one else is able to, I know Tommy pretty well, I know pretty well I can reach out. And see if when he has any needs, if we can help them out in any way, I hope you'll continue to work on above his ability. And you know, pretty much do anything to help anybody out, but I will. Reach out to Tom and See if he needs help. Do we have any requests to address the board?
- MEGAN BADOUR
52:25 - 52:26
No, we do not.
- Lancepeterson
52:27 - 52:28
Ok, very good. If no one has anything else, I'll entertain a motion to close the meeting.
- Mary Zovistoski
52:35 - 52:36
I'll make that motion.
- Ken
52:37 - 52:38
I will second.
- Lancepeterson
52:39 - 52:40
All in favor?
- Allen D Heberling
52:41 - 52:41
Aye.
- Lancepeterson

52:42 - 52:43

Very good. Thank you very much. It was good seeing everybody. Thank you for your input and your help and we'll, you know, we'll just continue to persevere. Thank you very much.