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All right I'm going to call this meeting to order at 532 Thanks for coming. How's everybody tonight? Awesome. Okay, so our our our minutes are transcribed Greg for you especially because this is the first time you came here couldn't have come here on our website every month. You can get a transcribe of last last month's minutes either audio or you can read it out transcribe so I mean, not is it Yeah, audio or transcribe, we're talking about us doing video once we get really get this dialed in but, but anyway, if you're interested in seeing the minutes, that's where they are and now we'll do the Code of Ethics



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Okay, rise with me, everybody. Yeah. Okay. I will be fair, honest, impartial, respectful and professional and act in good faith in all my business relationships with my clients, trade partners, suppliers, the public and other members of this association. I will I will provide my services and or products as I have advertised or presented them for the prices that I have quoted. I will I will establish goodwill and trust among members and the referrals I received from this association. I will I will follow up with the referrals I received from other members and through this association in general. I will I will maintain a positive and supportive attitude with this association. And its members I will I will uphold the ethical standards of my profession. I thank you




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okay, and now everyone we've already established that everybody signed in and put your business card in the banks will go around the room and take a minute we've there's way less people here in the normal. So take as much time as you want. I want to time it right. There's no need. And we'll we'll start with Eric, tell us a little bit about your business.





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And then we could do photography videos and stuff like that. So get any commercials Nate or weddings done. Come see me. I'll help you out.


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All right, Greg.

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Excellent. Greg from Harbor active started. This winter offering forest products and Kim firewood. This spring we've expanded into some services. We're now offering soil amendments and roto tilling and excited over this summer hopefully move into full service arborist and plant health care business so we are growing and expanding rapidly. also have another small business, do some freelance consulting and Business Operations and Technology Operations as Greg Corso consulting.

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Nice cool. Yeah. So you Greg, these two businesses in the associations right. Can

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I ask a quick Can I we have time right so what's the consulting like? What do you what's that part really do? Yeah. So

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a lot of the companies I work for on that front are looking to bring some sort of new technology into an established business and might be one of their first times bringing in some kind of new technology. You know, an example is, you know, one of my clients right now is a garden and garden design company who wanted to update their website, bring some e commerce to what they're doing, and develop kind of a software product that allows their customers to design a garden online. So we kind of helped to do the product and project management, integrating all that technology into their operation. And that's pretty standard engagement for us. That's cool. All right. Thanks for explaining that. Yeah. Awesome. So you're an arborist. I was an arborist for 10 years and I'm right now in the process of getting recertified and re registered and that's what will be the big milestone for us. Once you take care side of the business this summer.

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That's cool. I have a really good friend that lives in Massachusetts. That is tree and plant health care expert. He's an arborist but he doesn't cut trees at all. He just treats them like he he it's amazing.

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Trying to go down I certainly have an interest in giant bucket trucks in whichever was right now so we're gonna write health care and tree preservation

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but I have to make a connection with you and Joe. I'm sure it'll be it'll be fruitful price all the good. Yeah. He'd be Oh, yeah, yes. Yep. He's with the cancer. Is that what you're talking about? Yeah, he's doing good everything test came back negative now and he's Yeah. Okay, you're up, man.

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Yeah, you're getting ready soon. Tara.

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Tara pen Director of Planning and Development for the town of Thompson. Of course I come here to be a resource for the association not as a member of the association per se but if you have any questions about what's going on in town, particularly with anomic development type projects, always happy to answer what I can give him sites where I don't have the direct answers. I don't know everything but I know a lot of stuff.

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Really good. Answers to make up the best.

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Brian, Hi, Brian. You see no I mean between businesses, if I ever have another one, but still I'm here on the TPA and chair of the Economic Development Commission and I listen to what tier one makes up. Planning and economics. I've done


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I'm Sandy. I'm the owner of Kerrigan Tax Service, which is a third generation tax preparation business. I do bookkeeping in the offseason, I do bookkeeping and accounting and help with like business startup and things like that right now. I'm like just winding down from tax season cleaning up the mess. But yeah, I'm the treasurer of TVA. If you have any questions, I also get involved a lot with the town and all the fun things that happens so if you want or want to get involved in fun stuff, just fast. We're happy to help you.


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All right, and I'm Dan Bennett donor of TBC solutions where we transform the space you live into a place you love to be. We do additions remodeling, outdoor living and we specialize in 3d design and virtual walkthroughs of your new space before you have to actually commit to the project. All right, moving on. You're up man. Move our seats. See this


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plenty of chairs.


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Yeah, we don't really need to take more


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yes, correct yes.


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Later we will just want to

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give as a showing that shouldn't see it though. Anyway, as

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it's coming. Oh, yeah, just need to work.

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So how do we get over to stop playing?

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What's that? I think he's trying to read. Oh, okay. Nice to see

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anybody reading up Sunderban like I cannot play.



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What is that? It should be? Are you looking for source? That's



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gonna be all that's my USB. Oh, that's your DNS. It should be on the pictures. On



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Oh, you're plugging the USB in directly right



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and I get it on your phone as well. Now, do some USB



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C roles. So we got to



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be able to notice switches I don't need to see that there was a mobile patrol



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is it a PowerPoint? No. They just pitch up. It's just pictures. Just pictures



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slideshow button. It'll just play with slideshow because he survived right? On right away. Yeah.



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How do you lower them? You cannot want that.



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Market has to do cartwheels.



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You can't control it. Where's the USP?



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Tell us BB



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sees the USP are mostly sore stairway



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to pledge of 100 like plugging USB into a computer and then plug the computer.



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Computer I



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just work.



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Oh, you don't have HDMI? Oh, it's a map right? I



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have USB to USB C to USB C right. now do you have



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like on your website or anything?



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Well yeah on my Facebook name and on

well yeah, on my facebook page and on



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your computer while people around you can it doesn't help you to set the port for USB to plug into it though. I got the USB, right



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we don't have a way of plugging USB into



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the cortizone yes oh yeah. Oh yeah. We should go.



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Yeah, we can use these presence of



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snow I just stay away because I'll get that sounded good.



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That was a positive sentiment



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system's not always happy so



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it sounds like your





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computer might be set aside. That could be




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oh, maybe okay, maybe


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even be off. This display should maybe just toggle and by just toggling.


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That means if you selected the right


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title I thought


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what's making that move?

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Oh, because it's searching, I guess sometimes


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off off off of


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arrows to select the source


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try to sell one


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maybe




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with the source be the computer the USB is in the computer and


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Eric is your laptop connected to Wi Fi? Yeah. So maybe you just go to Matt's Facebook page and your computer's


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is not showing up. It's just not showing up.


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So doesn't have the same promo sent on my


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help this MPs to help

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Donald driver but where's the USB plug

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in? Which USB minus B is plugged in to his laptop? And

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so you have to select Computer now us

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let's go into File or AAA. I was selected to sit there. Pull it up June 28

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start



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showing some stuff, I guess



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the Ghostbusters that's cool. Yeah you customize



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sneakers



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yeah I'm gonna have to get some more like even when sneakers like what? Some white sneakers at moments meters as the character dies off to get some sneakers



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not so polar. I think it's because they got depressed some of them used to save them on their camp toys.



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I know that guy named Sarah at Rouen or something like that I can pronounce that. I know her to know that guy too



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or whatever that's okay you to check so for real yet diamond Yeah.



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Oh the giant ones not like regular check



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no no regular checks on them that's all laser edge stuff good for



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now the laser edge piece in the woods. Oh, wow. I know David. Have you talked to him lately? Danny? Ah talked to him a couple of weeks ago.



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He's out of work. He's hurt.



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Is that why he's selling this stuff?



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When he told me he's out of business? He hurt his back really bad and you can't do it anymore. Well,



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he was working for the town.



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That's how he heard his back.



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Yeah



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that's cool. You help from history you guys stuff in here. The old logo Oh, is that sides of the edge of this little driveway? Yeah. Yeah. That was called



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Sandy. There's a web. There's a website called my free Bingo cards.com I think it is. And you can make the bingo card whenever you put whatever you want. You know.



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Thank you for telling me to that. was

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parked alongside mr. chairman at bingo tables from

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your stance or call it Rambo? Because it's Ramblers

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Nice. You're pretty talented. Yeah.

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You know, so. So, alright, so I started in this business in 1993. I have a degree in commercial art and graphic design. I have worked for three side companies well, when two of them own this underground that I have right now. I do a lot of obviously vinyl. But I do also a lot of other things. As you can see them here. I just put a piece of acrylic that I did just the other day, his little sample that I needed to piece together a letter that's done on a laser that's very close. I tried to show a little bit more. That's cute, different stuff that I do, because I know a lot of people think I just do vinyl. But I basically run the gambit with everything I do. You'll think I don't do as giant LED lighted signs. Yeah, I mean I've done smaller like signs and dimensional letters that'll let you know like and stuff like that. Most of the bread and butter stuff is going to be your vehicle lettering and stuff like that. I get tons of shirts.

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That's a cool shirt.

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Paul jumpin Dudley. No, that's that. Is there one time Lin?

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Rescue team team I know that guy too

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know that leads me to to



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Nikki's I was just there today



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that it's been a couple years but a couple years for me they're good



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are those vital understood now those those are the two as these business thing ah, probably later how long stand they both of them prefer a church



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So like if I wanted 10 customers 10 You ordered a tender and I know



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I can get it done with all the graphics on it say



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nice. What did you mean by snap that it takes a picture? Is



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that what you mean? Like snap? I'm taking a picture here it goes to my computer and I printed the G back maybe



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that's easy design brochures or



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if I when I drove. So that's stuff like that. I won't say I don't want to do that stuff anymore, but I kind of don't be honest. The short stuff is is one of those weird tricky things where it's really tough to charge people to sit down and design stuff because it can take hours and hours and

ought to charge people to sit down and design stuff because it can take hours and hours and hours and I've walked away from a couple brochure jobs last few months purely because it's just too much of a pain in the ass for the little return again, but

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if we decided like you I've talked about the call, though once you the golfer. If we get it designed, please then pretend

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I can get them printed, or at least I can send you to the right place to do it. Okay, get the handles on there.

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Yeah, so that's what I was thinking about others and ask God to design the next one. And then have you print them? Yeah, that's okay.

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Well, you're setting them up for free. What is that? You send them

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out? Yeah, I will print in house back. So no, go to

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cobra. Well, Karen said it, but I want to get back to business.

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Well, he's gonna send it out. Well, that's fine. Again, there's a million people do this stuff.

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Yeah. So if you can sub it out anyway. i

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If cam graphics good enough for you. They've done

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every other tournament. They've done it. But I was going to save the change and I was okay. I want to take business away because I would say no, no, I listen. I understand. Business One

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is barber so first selectman and Tarleton he she might steal.

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Acting like this isn't all the pitches and morons will be showing certain ones. It's weird.

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Every best thing you've ever

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done was sitting with a lawyer. What's happened to those islands solving where it might have been? Oh, you

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didn't see. I didn't see a couple of I did I missed it too.

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I've had put a lot of effort into you guys on here to see to yourself.

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We love ice.

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I know. It's just like that. Those sides are actually for a small victory up in Maine.



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Yellow really? I was thinking like a food truck. I think they wouldn't size one of the truck. That would be really good. bellies. That could be my next business.



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Vehicle electric like what's the kind of pricing we talked to 1000s



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it just depends on what you're looking to do with Samsung doors on a truck I charged you 25 And then just goes up from there depending on what you're looking for, you know, when you get into scuffling rags and stuff like that, then you're talking about but if you're talking you know any feeling something like no extra and stuff like that, a decently done vehicle, not route. You're you're somewhere around me. 850 Right. I guess what you're supposed to



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believe. I don't remember now. Sounds about right.



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Yeah, it's right around there. And Alex and I tried to attend to the people in Torquay. Yeah, that's that's a dreadnought that's what that's a dreadnought that finical truckers coach. ex military guy wanted to shoot. But I mean, you can get away without wrapping the vehicle and make it look just as badass as and we're happy to meet you. I find that people and yet remember I've been in this business since 93. So I've seen all the trends, all the weird shit, all the things everyone thinks to the next, you know, come on price kind of thing and then they fade off. Yeah, it's just it's just what it is what it is. I feel you can let her track just as well as having a route and just have as much punch to it and save yourself 1000s of dollars in the week. And I've done for apps I've done everything you could think of for scientists,



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but you got I think you got to start with the right color truck for the for what you're trying to accomplish. If you're not going to



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wrap it Yeah, yeah, of course. And that's that's key but Right. And I get customers that buy plain white trucks. No one can wrap it in red and then stick this on there when I need to buy a truck. Well, that





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happened to Shawn just because he couldn't get the trailer



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trailer trailer in red first, and then later



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he needed the trailer like right away. They didn't have red one. So I bought a gray one and had it wrapped red magic bullet Yeah,



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I like to color your teeth in first place. It's cool green, so it makes sense to do that. Again, I tried to show all the different things I can do and stuff like that just purely because again, the name sometimes people get confused and they just do vinyl



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stickers. Howard's concrete is a member of TBA



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What did you do here?



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So that no that picture was tough to see. So one of my good customers does a lot of like car stuff. So what he was originally going to do that so that those were there are backlit letters. Okay. So one of my customers big car fan dealer. So he was originally he wanted to do an Annabelle though. But the real Annabelle is raggedy and it is not it is not an actual the dollars in the movies. So I told him I said listen, we can do it. We can do it and development. Cool. You need to find a Randy and because that's the really so then shut up with that and the locations I said alright so I pulled it up online of what it actually looks like at the museum and I did the exact details and everything that are on the real Annabelle. That's cool. It's sometimes it's just fun to do the neat stuff that's tough to see but that's the same customer in the green stripe for any calls. Oh



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wow



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yeah, it's a tow truck. I said alright, I got something for you



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that's gonna be funny



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get something different in the shop you know it's it's not always just clutter and stuff like that.



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Depends on the day. But I'm glad you showed this because I have no idea. All



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the speakers. Yeah, customer number five if I can make it somewhere like my glasses have my logo. I don't have to see that. Yeah, I



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saw that. I thought they were like, you know the magnetic plate like you've tree change them.



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Yeah, no, this is traditionally printed. Maybe different but you know, the bread and butter stuff is always gonna be the vinyl like this stuff. Right? This is just what it is. I think I missed something I do. That's my bike. We know Larry and Erin. Have them Yeah



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it's awesome that they bought those houses



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yeah



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so I don't know about the top of the minivan like what it was



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was looking at gas. Well, at least if you weren't welcome so that so I did. I used to do a lot of work for a company on Cape but my rent shop okay. And they're one thing they've always wanted to do and we give them every single time is put a helicopter thing on the roof of all their vehicles. Rolling helicopter Pat says funny. Yeah, yeah.



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It's in the shop. Maybe if you live in like a city or working in like a big



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park and that guy does LED lighting for large companies. So you've won something winning in Boston. The big building, take a look down



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and see Yeah. That's really what the purpose of that that does make sense



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that's heard, Kim.



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Yeah



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those are really cute balls. Yeah



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definitely gets the fun project stuff. Yeah, you get. There's so much and there's so much just like normal stuff every single day. And when the fun stuff comes in these words science. Yeah, I

enjoy movies. Because literally the customer drops off a piece of wood and goes, this is what I wanted to say. Just do it. And it just gets me creative. Yeah, and I get to do whatever the heck I want with it. Doesn't matter. Do you want to keep all your business in house? If I'm not doing the cool thing that Joe Schmo down the street may do it, and lose that customer to Joe Schmo. Right? Right. Right. So yeah, kind of I feel we give that offering. I think the

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I got a t shirt. My free Bingo cards.com Yeah, because you put in all the things you want in the month, so every time it's fixed,

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so I can have more. Excellent yeah, I can't think of a million. So then it's gonna jumble

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them up. So that

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would be it wouldn't be all this every card would be different, at least in a different order. Right right. But if you have enough right, you stay would be unique. Some cards would we wouldn't have the same things

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right. He was gonna continue to write them but yes I do do the regular heat press vinyl stuff too. It just depends like this jacket is fun. Right? So you know.

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It sounds like a drafters three years. jacket that the drafters and I liked her burgers. That's what I was thinking today.

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She was pretty funny. And you gotta remember all the charges, right? So screen printing, you always you're gonna pay a setup fee, right? You're gonna pay it for each individual color, blah, blah, blah and so on and so forth. is always a minimum order of like 25 to 50. Most of the guys I'm dealing with are just getting in the business, right? So I set them up basically, in a



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way where they have women and



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only 25 shirts. If you're new to the business on its own. So I have no set up so they can buy their business cards. They can buy the yard signs, they can buy their shirts, and hats. They can buy their vehicle like an all in one location. It makes it quick, easy for everybody. And there's no you know, send this file to this guy for this to get out of the same logo. Yep. When I design logos and make sure it's a workable design for all that stuff. Yeah. See, a lot of times what happens is people get and I'm not going to try to diss graphic designers because again, I have a degree in that but what happens is a lot of times people will get graphic designers or people like that to design oh my god. and they're really not creating a logo that you're creating a background with words. Right? so you can't translate that into an actual sign or an actual thing, right? it'd be like, Well, hey, guys,



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hold on, Matt. Matt, do me a favor. we got to move on. like we'll have to talk about this at dinner again I'm sorry but we got to move on. You shut that off real quick. I think double, you got to double click the power button, which you want. Yeah, thank you. All right, so, Jody is not here tonight. so we're ready willing to Brian advisor.



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Okay, well, what we have.



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on our list right now we have 79 We have a video my friend to text you because we cruisin for Chris just joined. Okay, well, I had cruisin for Chris on I was gonna say that ahead of time last month, because they had promised, I took it off for this month. But it's, I always take it off temporarily for one month, so it's still good. Okay, cool. So that would be the ADF and we do an arbor reactive. We had straighten something out with Greg because we had Fenton there's three listed. It looks like we're losing and chanted your jewelry, and we picked up French river materials. And that's it. So with crystal crystal brings us to 80 Now I have one other one other thing. In the in the mailbox at the town hall, we had this packet from Thompson Rec. So it's a whole bunch of stuff that they have coming up they wanted us to pass it on. So I put it all on one sheet. So anybody who's interested if you just take a picture with the following this one sheet, it's got their 2024 bus trips. The events coming up we have touch a truck on June 6 We have timeline wagon tags said all the times that community day and the winter market and festival that we're working on now. And then they list their summer concerts. So if anyone's interested you just take a picture of this sheet because we don't make too many copies because they don't get taken. So that is what I have.



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Very cool. All right. Thank you, Sandy. You're up.



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Okay, so in our mean account, we have \$3,582.46 And then the weekend warrior account, we have \$570.70



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Haven't 57 And that's it. Any questions? No Best Group ever. Okay, Tara, Europe. Oh, so I'll go backwards from today, Tuesdays and as always, if you have any questions about anything that I don't cover that's going on in town, please, by all means, ask because I can't always anticipate your questions. But this morning I drove down to Weathersfield for a fireside chat with the new commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, his name is Dan O'Keefe. He's been in the position a few months was hosted by Cetus. I can't actually remember what Sita stands for, but it's one of the quasi public agencies working in economic development across the state. Anyway, without belaboring, you know, what was discussed there. I did take some time and the reason that I drive all over the place to do these things is to try to get us our community in front of the state level commissioners and other people sort of working in various fields. So I mentioned previously that they believe in assessors come up and we did a walking tour of the Main Street loop, you know, and I do these things to make people aware Thompson, right. So one of the things that happens, that has happened historically, is even though Windham County in general Thompson has had some of the the lingering effects of disinvestment since the the loss of the mills river it doesn't necessarily pencil out well to the state makes the grant request in terms of their investment. Now, I'm a very aggressive grant writer, and we've still gotten a lot of grants, but depending on the program, that equity isn't always apparent. So when I can get the commissioners out here, and I can demonstrate how that disinvestment is played out over the years, showing is always better than telling. So he seemed inevitable, and I'm hoping to get him out here in particular, one of the one of the horses on flogging as you all know, is the fact that I wrote the first affirmative regulations for adult use recreational cannabis sales in the state and we still have no cannabis licensee that drives me nuts every day that I wake up, but still don't have one. So I've really started getting vocal about that.



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And it's just what sounds like a bunch of the commercial real estate folks from really all across Eastern Connecticut get together they talked about opportunities that are available, both once in terms of who's got these commercial properties that they want to either find tenants for sell for buyers for those properties, and it works out very well. We had a nice robust group yesterday. Among the attendees was the marketing consultant that we've hired through EDC to develop a campaign to market the our development areas. So that's the roots 12 and 131

corridors and this district that we're sitting in, which includes Main Street and then of course, we're still working on the 65 main project. New member I think you and I should talk about that because I think you will have a lot of interest in this project.



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We're all sorts of people mentioned it to me, so definitely there should learn



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more. Excellent. You should join us afterwards for a beer. We'll talk about it at great length. The next meeting for that is Wednesday, the 22nd. It will be in Israel. We're going to be back here because there's a conflict now with town hall but I actually liked the term better anyway. I'm trying to line up some folks to address those curriculum pieces that we were talking about. Eric Francis have trifecta that the school uses when they're up next he was supposed to dial in last time and he couldn't get it for some reason. So I'm gonna see if I can come in. I'm trying to get somebody from Department of Agriculture from their Farm to School programs to talk about what their priorities are. That's all in flux. I need to set these over the next couple of days that someone vacation next week and then the week I come back, we'll have a meeting. But we are in the unit where we're discussing those curricular connections between our plant incubator facility and the public high school. So that I can take whatever we're cleaning out of that into that final report writing process. The June meeting on the 26th We'll have some speakers we've got to confirmed already. The Willimantic Co Op food Co Op is going to send a representative to talk about how they set their program up. And we have a a young farmer coming in Alisa from full heart farm in lead years. So they're going to talk about you know what it was like to set up that agricultural business. So that's going to be a pretty interesting session for the June session. And then we will actually be moving into the specifically small business unit the last three months of the public workshop process. So I am hoping that folks from here will really come out and get involved talk about what your needs are. How that facility once it comes online, you know, however long how could it serve you do you need work share space? Do you need interns to answer phones for you? Do you need business skill education? Like what? What is it that's going to make it useful? Because as I've said all along, it doesn't matter what I ideate for it, I'm not the end user of it. So what we want is for this project to succeed and fulfill its stated purpose, which is to be a small business, support and education center with some focus on agricultural and food system startups but not an exclusive focus, right. It's got to serve the population that we have. So that was the down and dirty. Very quick synopsis of what's been going on as always happy to take



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do we know what's happening? Sorry? Do we know what's happening with Thomson AUTOCARE yet?



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I do not know. I have to Okay, so Brian knows more than I do. Yeah,



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the building is going to be knocked down. The owner doesn't want to rebuild. John didn't know it. Right. He's never going back to business. He doesn't know what wants to do with it. But it is a property that demolished yet.



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But that's an ideal location for a convenience store gas station. You probably have to get rid of the house behind it to make enough room



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but like, I've



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always thought that would be a great place for



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a gas station. Here's



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a couple that I would imagine it looks like



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it yeah. So if it was previously a gas station, it might have the opportunity to be a gas station again as an existing non conforming use or a previously existing non conforming use. Technically, I believe new gas stations can only be located in the Thompson corridor development district that might not actually we get it that might still be in the downtown mill rehabilitation district. I would have to see where that footprint ends. But if it was previously a gas station, that would probably be something that would be essentially grandfathered in.



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But it depends on you know, as I get more or find out I could just go up for sale. Once it's cleared. Yep, another piece of property. I didn't want to say you know a fact that Carolyn at the last commercial real estate I was supposed to get added to the list and I did because I would try



to hit someone besides that we post I keep meaning to vascular about it. It's going to be at triple Raven next month.



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Starting to say that and then I distracted myself yeah, so it's going to be a triple record three ravens brewery. Nine o'clock in the morning. Nobody's going to be serving beer all they're doing is opening it up. But at that. At that meeting, particularly anybody who's interested in looking for or unloading a commercial property. If you want to be added to that list, by all means come in last last year about this time we also met there before it had been leased out to Shelly and then we followed that up with equipment walking up and down Main Street to see some of the projects, notably 65 acres last year had not been stripped down so they can see the progress there. And also before the bakery had been redone to the storage, lots of progress, lots and lots of progress to show and now particularly related to Zach's property. You guys may or may not know what he has there is not just storage per se. He also has a portion of that facility put aside for actual warehousing or journeyman trays, people who want to actually store their work day. Good. So that they can expand their own professional capacity. So if you are in that situation or know someone local who is in that situation, he is very actively trying to fill that space with that if he gets enough sort of commercial use storage in there in other words, warehousing or manufacturing or building, he may be eligible for some tax incentives through the state. So we really want to help him get to that point. We had wanted to extend a different tax incentive to him. Maybe the games, some other another business person in town very strongly objected to us offering that to him. So we took it off the table. I was very disappointed by that. But this is one that we'd like to be able to extend to him. He also has no tenant for or determined use for that house. So that is something that could easily be converted again to office space. Possibly hospitality space so I think he's very approachable there so if you are looking to expand out of a home business for him satellite location or some office space again, you know, that's a connection that through this association because he's a member now, you should be considering.



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That's good to know. I did have a question unrelated to all of this. Well, I'm glad you told us that because we were looking for space for the weekend warrior program to store food like



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our food storage place so he might not have enough food



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Does that mean you're coming down to the mill? Well, it's the spate. we've outgrown the space that we're in and we've been looking and we've been calling the mail people. Oh, you know, it's been months since I, he still never replied and never missed that map. Okay, yeah, me. And you see seeing the owner or the developer at the same time, and still there was nothing the guy showed us around and showed us the space that's available and there was there were

several spaces that would really meet our needs. And then put that number here in the big num, yeah. But never got in touch with us. So we never really made the move because you've never done



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that. Just email me and I'll look everybody back in Okay. All right.



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Yeah, we did see it. We saw what we like. And so we'd like to move but one of the things that you didn't talk about, you know, at the end of Blaine road, they started landscaping a little bit. Are they putting in benches or anything



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like that? laying around the intersection. The town has done its work although we are going to hydroseed before what goes to weeds. The North shoulder. The Eastern Connecticut conservation district has an existing grant that they've had for years to do some work in Thompson and one of the projects is to plant that bowl. That's that's a rate that's to the rain garden. So natural infiltration. We do not have any plans to do the southern



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portion of the intersection. So there's like by building building, okay,



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other than hydroseeding it because it doesn't really make any sense because if that gets developed, it's all gonna get torn up. Now, I will say about that. I have been talking to a couple of potential developers for that site. I'm very hopeful that in a couple of weeks somebody is going to come forward with a proposal. As you know, as you probably know, in December, we brought to town meeting transferring the tax lien from the current owner of the mill to our developers so that our developer would have the legal ability to foreclose and that sailed through without any resistance really, at all. Really good. The same guy owns that. Oh, and we have always hesitated to get really aggressive on that site until some things were wrapped up here. And there's still a lot of things not wrapped up here. But the transfer of that lien was a very important one. We've done it once. not doing it. Oh, he's there's no way he's doing. So it's to everyone's benefit that site get developed. It's highly developable, not without complications way. Sure. But just as a piece of land as brownfields go, not really that bad. No. So I have been talking to at least one developer with with legitimate interest to from Central Massachusetts, and I am hopeful that when I come back from vacation, and then third week of May that he going to have some concept plans for me okay.



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So on the north side, where the where the the leftover grant money they're going to be planting there. What are they doing because a lot of people fish there, that's what it was getting it. So I didn't know if they were gonna leave that open or they could not make it available to the people like are they not going to get closed? Nobody's



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cutting off that access. Okay. The rain garden is a drainage garden especially. And then we know it's gonna get seeded around. We, originally Our plan was to get a little closer to that area, but actually, the fire departments need to draft there. So essentially, that area where people park and fish is just going to stay the way it is, because that's also the best access for the fire vehicle. Okay, cool. And I mean, as you know, I live up there and I yeah, I see guys there all the time. But in the long term, I would love to actually make that a little more formally available for recreational fishing. It's probably not practical in the short term. Benefits are shockingly expensive. If



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you ever if you ever get to the point where you are going to put in two inches, will you please reach out like if you can do like the dedication patch.



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And those are the kinds of strategies



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that for some of the stuff we'd explore now going back to the 65 main project now that we have the site concepts not an engineer design but this like concept designs pretty detailed ones. I'm actively pursuing grant funding for implementation. I have to do three requests. Right now. I different portions of the site work



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on boy like the like the American Pickers Okay, are we good? Anybody else? Questions? More questions here all night kiss. Okay, um,



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Brian, back to you for EDC. If there's anything left, right, yeah. Well, it is easier on me. Right. Yeah. last meeting we did catch up on 65 main project we did talk about our budget cutting in Superior store. Head to new business adoption of trade names. One though located in Missouri Consumer Action Network. The other one is local, the digital digital products and sales in Thompson. Reporting on TVA part of our meeting is dedicated to talking with Todd Callen back he is of DKA the company that's doing this second round of marketing for our 131, a 12 corridor and the main, the main street project. We did, he had a lot of questions for us, like, what are we looking for? What kind of businesses we'd really like to attract? What kind of properties are available, if we did attract businesses, he's trying to get a good handle on what we have here and how we want to be promoted. So we had a lot of back and forth discussion. It's a Zoom meeting. So everyone without the commission was able to talk



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and ask questions coming in this coming Wednesday. And although I am on vacation next week, I will close that meeting so that I can help facilitate Okay.



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As usual Tierra updates us on any grants that she's actively working. And I always do some type of report on what's upcoming in town, which, at the time included the turtle car cruise, which is already gone by the Maker Faire, which is just going by summer concert series, telling yard sale and community day. So next meeting is next Wednesday, it always follows this one the Wednesday after. And that's believe what I have. Right, righty.



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Windy radio report. So this month, it's not next Tuesday, because it's the third Tuesday of the month. And every once in a while it lands like that. So it's the following Tuesday. I'll be on windy radio, we have Gary Braga from past be dead signed up. And Chris Nelson from systems system solutions are drawn a blank, they're signed up. So that next month is spoken for. But after that we don't have anybody signed up. So do you know about the Winnie radio gig. So you can go right on our website under members only and go on and there's weenie radio, you'll see it on there. And you can sign yourself up. Every month we take two businesses on and we spend about 2025 minutes on the air with Gary Oh, talking about our businesses. So might might be a good time of year for you for what you're doing too. So sign up for for



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June. And I always tell everybody, because some people are shy about this. You can see some of the interviews right from our website. Because he's he's so good at drawing out what what you want to say. Yeah,



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Gary's a proud like, it's makes it easy.



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Eric, have you gone?



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No, no one's Yeah,



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I might try next month. But sign up to like, because they get filled up. It's just It's unusual. It's unusual that Debbie? Right.



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So now the correct, okay. And we don't have Jody, or I didn't get anything from Ali or Jodi is not here. So I'm going to skip over social media stats for the month, because I don't know anything about that. And so we'll just go right into special order. So this is interesting, too, because you just signed up with two businesses recently. And you pay \$85 for each business, right? You did it at separate times. You did it online. Because a couple of years ago now we for just because one member was complaining about it. For some reason we decided to when I was I think it was right when I was joint when I became President, we redid the prices and was used to be \$120 a year, we brought it down to \$85 a year for in town businesses 95 For out of town businesses. But we had one member that complained Well, I have two businesses in town, and I think it should be cheaper for the second business. So we did that at the time we made it if you if you're both businesses are in town, you only pay \$50 for the sector. Well, we've been making some changes lately. And I along with a couple other people think that that's really not necessary. And the value that this brings to your business is good for \$85 and it should be you should just pay if you want to businesses, you should just pay like like you did anyway. So I don't know how that slipped through or whatever. But



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you're taking that tonight, right? Well, if everybody unless somebody disagrees? Well,



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let's ask Greg if he disagrees because we should give him that



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I don't have strong feelings. \$35



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Technically, you're right. We should give him back \$35 Regardless, because it didn't change till tonight. So what do



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you think? Personally, I like the option The discount option not that I have two businesses that just my perspective on it



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okay And I think I think like 85 Not a lot of anyway, but no,



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it's true. Yeah, since we lowered the dues, right, so I see Dan's point, I just don't also I don't have a disagreement with offering, because we have people who want to register three businesses, given the incentive to actually register businesses.



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I guess if that happens, then



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we did. We've had it for a while with



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metal. Oh, yeah. Because because the option if some, somebody might just register one, and then we don't even get the \$50 that remind a second the \$5. Right. That's my again, my I don't



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agree with changing it. But I also think we need to give Greg for the fact that Yeah, I agree with that, too, no matter what we do. Not gonna argue we don't have to buy everybody beers with the cheap did so sorry. Oh, he can buy everybody.



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You can't, unless I run home, get the checkbook Perfect.



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Okay. And then there's a couple other things here we've been talking about. So adding a section to the application, and to the bylaws that will require all new members to attend a meeting to be sworn in, which is something I wanted to do when it created the code of ethics. Anyway, I technically have been saying that ever since ever since then, like, if somebody joins, you should come to a meeting, but I've just never really enforced it. But I think that's kind of important. You know, me, I want people to understand that we care about the businesses that are in the organization. And it's not just join in, put your name on the list and move on, you know, I think so.



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Basically, the organization, what's at your faces organizations, right,



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come in, do the code of ethics, meet people. And then if you don't want to come? I mean, you know that the other thing I can add about that is, this is I mean, in right tonight is is a rarity, we've we have been having at least 15 people, if not 20 people on a regular basis show up at the meeting. So you know, whether related was exactly right. If you come and you're meeting people, that's where you're that's where it works. If you just sign up, I mean, yeah, granted, somebody could go on our website, or go on the town website, and find your name and be like, Oh, I could use this and call you it. It might happen. I'm sure it does once in a while. But when it comes to networking, if you're not meeting people that you paid off, I just don't



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think it's very effective. Because it's the other side to it, too. They can go on a website and say, Oh, I found a painter. Right. But they're, they're not coming in and other people aren't finding them.



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Businesses, people here recommend you to someone

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else. Yeah, absolutely.



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I run a couple of car clubs, and I have one, I had this member since 1919 86. I never met the guy. And finally he dropped out. And I really didn't care. Because he contributed nothing. But yeah, he paid dues, but nobody ever met him. That's not what a club a group is about. It's about us supporting each other, I think anyway. So yeah, that one, we should have done that all along. And we never did. So at least come in and meet some people and then



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do what you want. So introduce you, as a new member, do the code of ethics and then right, then you get to make your own decision. If you don't want to come back ever again, whatever, that's up to you. And then the last thing is, because, you know, this year, we finally got around to getting serious about coming up with a secession plan. I've been President for three years. I don't want to be president again next year. And so and I think it's important to get fresh people in here anyway. Shake it up a little bit, give somebody a new opera, give somebody else an opportunity to, to do their thing. And so, in this process, I've realized we've realized that is already in the bylaws that we're supposed to have an annual meeting. And we're supposed to vote on officers at the annual meeting. I mean, I had already read that I just I haven't I haven't had an annual meeting since I've been here. I've honestly never been president of anything before. So I didn't understand really how it works. I am also a member of the W DBA. And I have been to their annual meetings and every year their annual meeting, it's the same officers again and they just go we're we're voting for our officers and everybody goes I and they go, you know, so be it. They're reelected again for another term. So I was like You know, putting the pieces together, it's like, Oh, I get it right, regardless of whether we have somebody to vote for or not, we are supposed to have an annual meeting and established that this is the executive board, whether it's the same executive board or new people regardless. So what's not in the bylaws is any way to like for nominations. So I want to do it. I think October is probably a good time the October meeting, we, the current board has an opportunity to say yes, I want I want to be considered to be on the board again next year, or No, I don't want to be and then anybody else, any member that wants to step up and have a seat on the board can have the opportunity to say I would like to be considered for it. And then once and then we, you know, you get the nomination, if that's what you want to do. And then in January at the annual meeting, we'll vote and have new new officers if it works like that. So those are the those are the three things that I would like to change about the the bylaws. So



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yeah, I guess up. It's kind of hard with small select group. Well, there's





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six of us. You describe



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the quorum quorum? It does. Yeah,



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it's just this majority. Yeah. Right.



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It just says whoever's in the room that night that that meeting is a



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quorum. Yeah, we didn't have we had to do that. For EDC. Yeah.



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So this is our quorum. So you just otherwise, it's just going to show up again and again and again. So let's just vote on it. Okay, that's fine. I make a motion that we vote on these changes. Is there a second? All in favor?



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All right. So well, we have a we didn't actually vote on. Oh,



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you just made a motion to vote. All right. Now. Let's go.



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Oh, I said All in favor? Aye. I guess I didn't say any



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expressed. Yeah. But we didn't vote. Oh, that was the items. We also made an amendment to

opposed. Yeah. But we didn't vote. Oh, that was the items. We she made an amendment to vote. And

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then you said Yeah, so excited to vote on the item.

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Taken individually. We voted on the vote. Oh, that's okay.

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We didn't really need a motion. Okay, so recruit reduce cost options. All in favor? Aye. All posed.

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One eyes habit. Okay. It's all right. I gave my

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perspective. Okay. And the Add a section to the application and the bylaws to require members to attend them for a meeting and be sworn in. All in favor? Aye. All opposed. No, well, yeah. Sorry. It's union. Right. Unanimous. And then add in the section about voting and nominations for new officers in October.

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All in favor? I don't think we should just leave it there. Opposed.

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All right. That's the general consensus. Doing a great job. Yeah, yeah.

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Okay, moving on. I just want to mention triple rave and brewing. We'd had our mixer there are other announcements, please. Oh, I won't. Triple Raven brewing is opening now officially, this weekend on the on Saturday. It's private opening, invite only, I guess. Right. So the official soft opening is the following Saturday, the 18th. At that, and then on the 19th on Sunday is their official grand opening. So I'm just announcing that against help spread the word. It's a it's a

great little place. I mean, you guys know, well, except Eric couldn't make it that night. It was his anniversary. But Tara wasn't there. All the rest of us were there. It's a great location. We really want to see them succeed. And stay in that location for a long time. So let's give him some support. And then real quick about our summer mixer is going to be I'm excited about this. It's going to be at T but now we've joined forces with the W DBA with the Webster Dudley Business Alliance. So they're going to bring in a business and they're going to co host it with Teague. So and I started that communication between T and them this week, and I've asked them to have their theme and their food what they're going to do for food and everything, what? To me by the 21st. So that'll give us two full months to advertise it. And my you know, my hope is that it's going to be a good really good event with a lot of people showing up because we're going to advertise it to both associated groups. So I think their membership is roughly the same as ours. And then I'm, you know, want to try to do some advertising on weenie and maybe QBR and Webster, because that looks like their radio station on July 16.



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Was it all the business members only so if you want a business, you're only you're only allowed to go to that? Business, you just want to go check out what businesses are in the



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area to be sure we've never we've never restricted it. And I also think that you know, in networking, it's not only business owners, sometimes they salespeople that are, you know, join networking groups, because they just want to meet more people and sell stuff. So you don't have to be a business owner per se to be in this group either. So not I would definitely say it's open to whoever wants



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to come and advertise that like, hey, even if you don't want a business come by check those businesses. Yeah,



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that's a good that's a great idea. I like that. Put that on the flyer.



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Totally no one shops. Oh, I need this guy. What he does. Yeah, yeah.



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I was that side. No, but I was at PBA mixer last night at Centerville bank and Putnam and that was great. That was 150 people showed up. Yeah. Okay, so that's that



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was that not only look, it doesn't matter, but All right, any announcements?



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Well, I just thought I'd tell everybody about this. Right. Okay. So the Last Green Valley is a member of TVA, and they invited us to their 2024 annual membership meeting, which is on June, it's Thursday, June 6, at Camp Woodstock. It looks like a really a time. Looks like it starts at four o'clock. They have whole bunch of like, fun, like camp related items, things that we can do. While we're there, there's going to be dinner social time drinks, but you can try archery go for a paddle on the pond. And then there's gonna be long games, you can do the climbing wall, like it's gonna be a fun thing. It's \$25 for if you're gonna have dinner, and there's gonna be a cash bar. But if you want to go just to go to the meeting, it's free. So if you want to come take a pic, I definitely, definitely want to go. So I may go even if nobody else goes. But yeah, do you wanna take a picture of this?



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I'll leave it up here. So we should because, you know, I, I don't know why, as always happens, but we always remind people that they shouldn't be putting this they should have sent this to Jodi. Oh, it should be on our website. Now, I know we I've talked and I know it's not Kyle anymore. And so maybe Carly's new.



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But I, I can email her and I've asked her to send me it to me digitally.



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I'll get it on the website. Get it on the Facebook.



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I'll do that in the second thing. I don't know if anybody will see people know about our weekend warrior Food Program. The Business Association sponsors a food program here in town called the weekend warriors. We every n believe we have a golf tournament. And we are looking for people to join our golf tournament committee. Not that there's a lot of people here to ask, but if anybody would like to join at all at the planning committee for the golf tournament, please email me Call me. Let me know. Cuz we need peeps.



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I know last year you guys asked if I was taking pictures of it, but it was during a working day for me.

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It will be still on the working day. But it's fine. That's scheduled for June. September 20. It's a Friday. There's only so much time we can get on course. So we to do book it a whole year in advance, but we keep it on a Friday. So I don't know if you have a lot of time left because of all this notice you'd be able to take the day but we'd love to have you because we'd love to have pictures taken that day.

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We should we should add a photo contest to the golf tournament so that people will take their own pictures and then there's a prize for the best in Florida. Yeah. Yeah. So I tried to start that at the mixer. You know that I waited way too late. I wanted to say to everybody before because Eric wasn't coming to take photos. I ended up doing a pretty good job of taking the photos but I haven't I haven't done anything with them yet. So I Oh, am I going to

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do it when we get to the we're moving

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on. Okay, cool.

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But video have to watch that video

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have to I'll send you a bunch of photos if you want to, if you can throw something together with them to make a little video, like a little Facebook reel or something, because I've been meaning to do that and just never get the time to do it. So. Okay, any other announcements? anybody anything?

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Yeah, just a reminder, if you want to see what Thompson REC is doing, take a picture of this.



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Now, the other thing about Thompson rec, that is everything is on our website, because I went back and forth with Amanda like two weeks ago, and she was like, boom, boom, boom,



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separate flyers for all of this in a packet. And I'll, I'll email this over to the EDC crew to they asked us you know, commission people to pass it on. So, but a lot of stuff going on in town, you might want to enjoy some or,



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or tell your friends Community Day. Super fun. I kind of went off road flew with the community. Oh, what?



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Oh, that you could what you were planning the other day? Yeah. All



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weekend after this day and going up to optical Foundation, and you want to fly ball rolling and do a free photo shoot within there.



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That's cool. So you know what you could do? You could make have a photo booth have a cutout of Dan with a face? Who wants to be the next president? Yeah, great idea. Just put a hat on it. Right. Um,



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I also think the photo booth wouldn't be it. I think that's for one is a great way for you to get your name out there. And obviously, you want to start selling that to people too. And not just giving it away all the time. But it would be a great thing for the mixer.



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set that up. So yeah, speaking of community days on this list, they did add, we are doing the pizza. Thompson pizza contest again at Community debt. And we raise money for something. Yeah, we're going



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to drafters tonight. Why all right. Oh, you can talk to them about she's still not a member? Yeah. Yeah, they won. Sorry, I



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didn't mean to cut you off. No, no, that's fine. We're gonna get this just pops into my



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head. Right. There's



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a lot of fun details. We up to the



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current with the card. So we are in business at the moment again, to fill you in. Greg, if you don't know this, yet, you won. When you come to a meeting, you get to put your business card in the thing. And then we pick a winner at the end, and you get your business and you I guess you're gonna pick which business you want, but you prefer. But your business will go on the digital side in front of the Town Hall for the month. And you'll be featured on our website as business of the month. And you get to come next month if you want and do a 10 minute presentation to the group.



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And your name is gonna go on the back, but we can worry your bucks.



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Oh, that's right. I forgot about that list of things to do.



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Yeah, we go you you're eligible after you've won the six months. So last month vital underground, and the month before was easy moments



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you want because otherwise they'd be eligible yet if I have a whole list.



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Yeah, I was gonna put my card.



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So would you want to do it as Arbor app? Okay. And you have a car. Okay. Okay. And so then if there's no



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other announcements, do you need the card for it to make the thing for the back of the card?  
No,



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I'm asking math. Yeah, no.



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Okay. Okay, any other announcements? That's it. I will adjourn this meeting at 655. Thank you guys for coming. Please help us get the room back into shape. But the chairs away and all that good stuff



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I needed to give to you