Boothbay Harbor Selectmen - Oct 11, 2016

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52:36 long

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the tuesday october $YEAR 11 selectmen's

0:02

meeting i will apologize apologize for

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my voice i can hardly speak i woke up

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Saturday with a terrible cold so if you

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can't hear me just speak up and i'll try

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to speak louder and you may want to stay

0:14

in the back yeah you guys today in the

0:17

background is yeah I'm like have our

0:20

full board with us tonight and we have

0:24

our recording secretary Kelly the ghost

0:26

town manager Tom women and selected

0:30

Trish Warren wendy wolf myself Denise

0:33

ribbon mic taco and rust Hoffman so Tom

0:39

I think you're next on the agenda have

0:42

quite a few this evening

0:44

first up in each one of you should have

0:47

a copy of the audit in your mailbox red

0:51

brewer is going to be at the next

0:52

weapons being to present the audit

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results

0:56

you added came out very well that's

0:58

coming up in a couple of weeks second

1:02

bit of information is just all the

1:03

Christmas lights for the festival of

1:05

lights have arrived at public works for

1:07

both boothbay harbor and whose baby is

1:10

going to pick up there is this week

1:11

later on this week we're going to go

1:13

over the public start sorting it out and

1:14

setting it up as per how it's going to

1:17

be laid out through the town so that's

1:19

that's gonna be quite a task as 23,000

1:21

light so that will keep you busy

1:25

the other night at the opera house when

1:29

we had the meeting with green tree I

1:31

brought up the fact that we still have

1:33

one position open on the boothbay side

1:35

of the Joint Economic Development

1:36

Committee that membership and i have one

1:41

application in hand from john dunn

1:43

searched you may know from the board of

1:45

appeals and planning board at four

1:48

o'clock this afternoon Jeff teal come in

1:50

and got an application as well so I'm

1:51

expecting another one to come in and I

1:54

know when you mentioned maybe advertised

1:56

it for another week and see I don't know

1:57

if that's still something you want to

1:59

move or

2:00

uh honey c c11 rockstar retreats not to

2:05

your second

2:07

yeah so yes we could that be great

2:10

little bit that if we don't have any

2:11

morning and just look at those two all

2:13

right thank you

2:14

yeah sure as you know we have been down

2:18

one shellfish warden for a month month

2:21

and a half we ran the ad for a full

2:23

month and got no applications Nick up

2:26

who was our previous shellfish warden

2:29

has stepped up and volunteered to resume

2:32

my position would like so I would ask

2:35

the board to the point Nick up and

2:38

shellfish water

2:39

ok i'll look for a motion so moved and a

2:42

second second on paper

2:48

thank you should also have from Bob

2:52

fonts a memorandum regarding the flood

2:57

project oversight committee bob has made

3:01

some recommendations for people if you

3:03

would like to have pointed to that

3:04

committee and those are myself

3:09

Jeff Curtis a local property owner

3:11

Ramsey lafayette property owner Chris

3:14

Leaman from public works

3:16

jeff smith the code enforcement officer

3:17

scott campbell with the ma build Hamlin

3:21

of the Planning Board Mike tomko

3:23

selectmen and grandchildren local

3:26

businessman Bob fonts himself obviously

3:28

because he's the project manager and a

3:30

gentleman named Pete slovensky those are

3:33

the main geological survey so I told Bob

3:36

that I would ask the board to appoint

3:39

those people to those positions this

3:41

evening

3:42

ok so all the promotion to a point

3:45

though i move that we . this list of

3:48

people to the boothbay order flood

3:52

project committee a second okay

3:55

any discussion No seeing none all paper

3:59

ok motion carries

4:01

penis I'm on the list and last but not

4:06

least how you should also have a scope

4:09

of work from favorite solvents regarding

4:13

the footbridge as you know last Tuesday

4:16

as Public Works was expecting it

4:18

frequently discovered a rotten joists

4:21

underneath the swing span of the bridge

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it was not visibly saying you had to

4:27

crawl underneath the deck of the swing

4:29

span to to see it but there's a 6 x 12 x

4:33

23 foot beam that's completely

4:36

compromised at this point and so at that

4:41

point I asked public works to get

4:43

someone down here from marine building

4:45

companies are representative from proc

4:47

marine came down as you know and the

4:50

recommendation that day was to shut the

4:52

footbridge down which we did do

4:53

unfortunately before columbus day

4:56

weekend we also had the next day we

5:01

asked for an engineering company to come

5:03

down to take a look at it give us their

5:05

opinions on that and i'll go over some

5:07

of what they have provided here for that

5:09

the same day we also had represented

5:12

from Maine Municipal Association here

5:14

which is our insurance carrier so

5:15

they're aware of the issue and what what

5:21

transpired last week was Nick up from

5:24

Christian myself and the two

5:27

representatives from Baker consultants

5:29

and went out to the swing portion of the

5:32

superstructure and the professional

5:37

opinion given the condition of what's

5:38

underneath the swing span is that that

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entire swing span section should be

5:43

replaced

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you can tell in previous years that some

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of the strangers have been done because

5:48

you can tell the creosote level that

5:50

those had more more more modern but the

5:52

stringers right at the what was the

5:55

former gears underneath it look like

5:58

those are much older and that's what

6:00

failed so in order to get the process

6:04

going

6:05

I suggested to them that they proposed

6:09

it that this new structure

6:11

virtually the same as what we have there

6:14

now I don't think anybody wants to have

6:16

the look of the footbridge change the

6:20

the span would retain the appearance of

6:21

the existing structure through use of

6:24

timber elements and in a frame to

6:25

support steel tension rods remain

6:29

stationary without the ability to be

6:30

open now that's just a starting point if

6:34

public opinion is that they wanted to

6:36

swing again they can certainly change

6:39

the scope of the project to do that

6:40

that's TVD at this point I'm what's most

6:44

important for them is to and do some

6:48

structural analysis of the of the span

6:51

will be doing structural analysis of the

6:57

bridge determine the weight of the

6:58

existing bridge allowable design loading

7:00

and likely vertical loads on the pile

7:02

foundation the pilings and that area all

7:05

seem to be in good condition

7:07

let's get just so you know their next

7:11

step after that would be repaired design

7:14

and development they would complete a

7:16

preliminary and final design and

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recommended bridge repairs and prepare

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plans to prepare a suitable for public

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good solicitation all plans must be

7:25

prepared to stand by a licensed

7:27

professional engineer as you know this

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capacity up to a public good at some

7:31

point so they will be recommending the

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design so that all the contractors will

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get on have the exact same

7:37

specifications they would also be

7:41

working with code enforcement officer

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and taking a lead role with all the

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permitting that might be necessary

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that would include the dep Army Corps of

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Engineers even the US Coast Guard and

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and possibly a short lanzone permit

7:56

after that they will assist with the

8:00

with the big phase they will meet with

8:02

the contractors were bidding on the

8:05

project answer any questions so that

8:07

again everyone is still bidding on the

8:08

same thing as you can see the project

8:11

timeline here is not as quick as anybody

8:14

would like it to be but this

8:16

the project's bigger than just replacing

8:18

a few boards here in there and the

8:22

regulatory review they expect to have

8:24

done in November the final design ready

8:28

to go out to bid would be in december

8:30

and they anticipated construction target

8:32

date somewhere in january-february

8:34

that's the end of the week choose for

8:36

someone to do the work so that's the the

8:43

basics of where we are at the moment

8:44

they're having some questions about the

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bridge get inspected

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yes the footbridge gets inspected every

8:51

year and we also budget five thousand

8:54

dollars a year for repairs this

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particular scope of work is something

8:58

outside what Public Works could do so

9:01

that's that's it for that answer any

9:04

questions people might have to do they

9:07

give us a quote for this effort for the

9:10

engineering part yeah yeah they said

9:13

nobilis as they go but it could go up as

9:16

high as nineteen thousand dollars and

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that would get us the bid package that

9:20

would get us everything through the big

9:22

package together okay

9:23

is there an estimate of what they think

9:25

the administration of the project would

9:29

cost under the project costs included it

9:31

says that the construction services and

9:37

i'm assuming the management is going to

9:39

be covered so do we know what that would

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be beyond we won't know that until we

9:42

get bids and yeah because they won't be

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they won't be managing that will be

9:46

providing maybe technical assistance but

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other than that it's going to be done by

9:49

shaper contractor gets the bid so it

9:52

will be significantly more expensive

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than this

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the good news is that you'll hear in the

9:56

evening the audit couple weeks is that

9:59

we're in a very good position

10:01

financially or undesignated fund

10:03

balances two million dollars so the

10:07

financing part of that don't think it

10:08

was particularly the challenge

10:10

it's the process of going through the

10:12

public bidding process of selecting

10:14

winners and so forth that slows it down

10:16

so Tom in the background report it says

10:22

the swing span has remained closed for

10:26

20 years so if it's remained closed for

10:31

20 years my assumption would be that

10:33

there wouldn't be much human cry or at

10:37

least necessity to plan to reconstruct

10:41

this with the capacity of swinging

10:44

that's why I at least have them start

10:46

with a fixed structure we have to get

10:48

the ball rolling I didn't want to wait

10:49

till the next elections meeting give him

10:51

one way or the other but again that's

10:52

kind of lacking that can change that the

10:55

cost would go up obviously to put a

10:57

gearing mechanism underrated opened

10:59

again in our discussions with Barney

11:03

Baker we've pointed out that the spans

11:07

underneath the bridge have to remain as

11:09

they are you can't put pilings in there

11:11

now because everyone who has floats on

11:13

the inside wouldn't be able to get them

11:14

out for those get taken out the winner

11:16

and brought back in so we're proposing

11:18

to leave it just as it is now with the

11:20

same amount of space so that you can get

11:22

your docs and small boats in and out of

11:24

there

11:24

ok thanks

11:27

is there discussion at all about what

11:31

can be done in the meantime to open up

11:33

the the bridge for pedestrian traffic

11:35

can some type of decking be laid on you

11:39

know something to be able to short

11:40

things up and be able to take the load

11:41

so that the bridge can be opened their

11:44

number was

11:45

yeah there was a discussion that and you

11:47

could if you wanted to and have someone

11:50

build some sort of aluminum or something

11:52

to that effect span that goes to 63 feet

11:55

from one part of the footbridge that is

11:58

permanent to the other side is permanent

12:00

I don't know how much more expensive you

12:03

want this project to be given the fact

12:05

that we're going into the winter if this

12:07

was june i woulda jumped at that but it

12:10

wasn't it wasn't at the top of the

12:11

priority of the conversation since we're

12:14

going into the winter season i'm

12:16

thinking of the as as you mentioned that

12:18

the Opera House the festival of lights

12:22

it's going to be bringing hopefully

12:24

hundreds and thousands of people to

12:27

boothbay harbor the footbridge is iconic

12:30

people love to go out on there and and

12:32

view the town of the three kings use it

12:36

to walk across every Christmas to go

12:38

over the Catholic Church I'm just

12:41

wanting an aluminum certainly is a one

12:43

way to go but that seems rather

12:44

expensive we can't can we get a price on

12:46

maybe doing something with timber and

12:48

framing and you know conventional wood

12:50

materials you could keep in mind you're

12:53

going to be working in working building

12:56

one project while you're taking the

12:57

other one part so I mean they're kind of

12:59

working at cross-purposes that's good

13:02

see the general consensus that entire

13:06

section will have to be lifted out and

13:08

taken out of there so putting a

13:10

temporary structure in there would have

13:13

to be removed for the next two months

13:15

even even if it could somehow be

13:17

bolstered I i realized that things are

13:20

deteriorated and that's why we're doing

13:22

this but i agree with Mike if there was

13:26

some way we could we could support

13:29

what's there so that it was usable will

13:33

have to throw Christmas will have to

13:34

build something completely that doesn't

13:36

touch it because what's there is already

13:37

starting to to fail

13:39

yeah so we can't build on it I mean that

13:42

structure itself is not sound but you're

13:45

talking about building something I'm not

13:48

thinking about anything as it dropped

13:49

supporting it from underneath somehow

13:52

well that's where all the rod is yeah I

13:53

get that yeah we we have we have done

13:56

that to some degree but you're

13:59

supporting unstable beams on an unstable

14:02

deck beneath it you have to go back down

14:04

to the pilots pilings are in good shape

14:07

it looks to me and I don't know because

14:09

I'm not a bridge engineer but it looks

14:10

to me that over the years we know that

14:13

much of the footbridge has been replaced

14:15

but it looks like that particular

14:17

section has been there longer than the

14:21

rest of the stuff there because just the

14:23

treatment the the way the wood has aged

14:25

and its treated

14:26

it doesn't look nearly as the modern

14:29

construction on each side of it so I

14:32

mean I'm willing to you know throw that

14:35

idea out there and see what that would

14:36

cost and in the meantime I'm going to do

14:38

hopefully keep this going for inside we

14:41

know I think we showed yeah i think we

14:43

should and i think we probably need a

14:44

motion to do that but yeah i guess i

14:47

would ask you to do that

14:49

sure see if you could explore the this

14:53

construction is not slated to start

14:56

until every January behind frame so ya

14:59

tebe between that one man there is

15:01

something we could do to please use it

15:03

i'll look into it

15:05

trip thanks yeah and at least give us an

15:08

idea of order of magnitude of price

15:10

Yeah right sure so given that i move

15:15

that we have authorized Tom to authorize

15:22

Baker design consultants to go forward

15:27

with this effort to a not to exceed

15:34

$MONEY value of nineteen thousand

15:36

dollars and try that that was their

15:38

worst case scenario might not even be as

15:40

high giving some government might not

15:42

need him

15:43

yeah I'll second that motion right good

15:46

good

15:48

any more discussion does that with that

15:50

then mean that there is only a design to

15:55

be a non-moving portion of the other

15:58

bridge it's up to you i mean that's

16:01

that's what they've been charged with at

16:02

this point of if there's an outcry to do

16:04

it differently they said they can do it

16:06

differently as well so i might it can't

16:09

be for the rest of the board but I can

16:10

say that I've been approached by number

16:12

of town members that have said they

16:16

would like to explore the cost of what

16:18

it would take to retain the historic

16:21

nature of the bridge that things have

16:24

been

16:24

over the years events have been

16:26

postponed or put off because it wasn't

16:31

be able to be open i think it was three

16:33

years ago the Windjammer committee

16:35

approached the town to see about

16:37

bringing the antique boat parade through

16:39

and that was the bridge was unable to be

16:43

open at that point but i know that there

16:45

that there is a desire so I i would

16:49

support an effort at least to hear what

16:50

those costs would be like so before we

16:55

vote on this motion

16:58

I saw number pants from the public go up

17:00

so and i suspect that is why many of you

17:03

are here tonight so are mr. Englert i

17:07

see that you at your hand behind it

17:09

da roads and I understand the costs that

17:14

you're concerned live but i would remind

17:17

you that this is been going on for at

17:20

least 10 years at least as long as tom

17:22

has been the town manager we look at

17:25

this footage during that period might

17:28

and you're on the board and it was in

17:31

disrepair at the time and actually it

17:37

was decided not to do anything to create

17:40

some kind of a fund so that this type of

17:43

situation could be taken care understand

17:46

that we have plenty of money

17:48

I then would move quickly to one other

17:51

item that I don't think that you have

17:53

taken into consideration for too long

17:56

we've got about 36 property owners on

18:01

the back cold

18:03

some of them were commercial

18:05

establishments that have the borders and

18:08

coming and spend their money in the

18:10

summertime some of them have kayak some

18:13

of them at sailboats um

18:15

you have small motor boats some of them

18:17

do use although it has not been opened

18:21

for that purpose the navigable water and

18:26

that brings me into the next issue which

18:28

is the fish Powell and navigation

18:30

statute that goes back to the sixteen

18:33

hundreds and I don't believe there's any

18:35

way in the world that you can we build

18:38

that bridge and shut off the right to

18:41

fish file and navigate that's been on

18:44

the books forever so maybe you'd like to

18:47

take a look at a legal issue before you

18:49

start getting all I think a lot of

18:51

feedback from those that do go a little

18:54

more about that statute and about the

18:57

history of the fishing and following a

18:59

navigation again i don't believe you

19:02

have the right to shut off and find

19:05

taking the swing bridge out of the

19:08

fridge that's exactly what you're doing

19:10

ok thank you for that information will

19:16

be something probably useful to look

19:18

into that standards of any regulation

19:22

useful purpose there is a brand new

19:24

booklet on that topic I provided 122

19:31

like he probably could share that with

19:33

you or get your color up for to have

19:37

some copies for you it's pretty it's

19:40

pretty clear

19:41

ok thanks ok I thought I saw some other

19:45

hands in the audience is Jewish friends

19:47

are

19:48

hi Charla yeah are they remember they

19:52

opened the original ladies i will know

19:54

as part of that we don't end up swinging

19:56

open by and

19:58

the party goes all party together

20:01

created up through there won't even be a

20:03

big risk in those days they probably

20:04

take theirs today but besides that was

20:08

part of a bridge opening there on the

20:09

number of occasions in the boneyard

20:11

Northern Neck bridge and personally I

20:14

will bridge with jelly rebels fighting

20:16

experience early as a kid but it's bruce

20:19

it i don't think we have the right to

20:21

shut that off and to consider that i

20:24

think is quite foolish and short sight

20:27

so hopefully your consideration and put

20:32

back exactly what was there perhaps

20:34

better that's easy to operate and can

20:37

only open communication that any of

20:40

these Property Virgins or anybody else

20:41

want to steam up to that can block it

20:43

off and then she recited in foolish my

20:47

opinion and anybody else and i would say

20:53

that everybody here is in favor of that

20:55

bridge open

20:56

yeah the world

21:00

ok yes come out of miller and I all the

21:03

bridge shells can't they just take that

21:06

this to Spain that needs to be repaired

21:09

can't they just get that over Larry

21:11

called card and have been fix it in his

21:13

garage making no one and put it back

21:17

the ironwork is better the new one I

21:20

mean they take it apart if they take it

21:22

to put on a barge take it off replace it

21:24

and bring it back it seems doesn't seem

21:28

really complicated to me but it's big

21:30

all great but it's it's also a landmark

21:32

I think it should be preserved but it is

21:35

the plan to build just duplicated what's

21:39

there now it's not changing our even use

21:41

the existing span that the supports and

21:43

so forth so you know that is what we

21:45

want to do is make it is also iron

21:47

everything again right

21:49

yeah we can have a bit maybe not all of

21:51

it explored I mean all the work in this

21:54

underneath it have to be completely

21:55

redone as our body will see stuff I'm

22:00

it's a landmark once the landmarks or

22:02

compromise

22:03

they're gone you know so i would have to

22:05

be very much for haven't put back to

22:09

rights but this that's good feedback

22:10

because I didn't know what you really

22:12

wanted to go so it's obvious that people

22:13

wanted to swing this one

22:17

good that's great very thank you for all

22:20

your input that that's great that's

22:21

helpful

22:23

anybody else anybody else want to add

22:27

any additional comments

22:29

yes ma'am i would like to add I'm

22:31

Jeffrey yelled from the West Bay over

22:33

and I would like to add that I think it

22:36

i agree with people to live on the

22:38

eastside and with everything that's

22:40

going on with ESPO lights all the way

22:42

into town

22:43

we're trying to promote you no comments

22:46

here it would shut down a very important

22:49

part of town boothbay harbor and to see

22:52

the people over the weekend coming from

22:55

hotels to cross into town to eat dinner

22:59

to go on tour boat and had to stop and

23:04

just figure out how we're going to get

23:05

to town a lot of people elderly your

23:08

older things cannot walk around the cold

23:10

so there was some way that the bridge

23:13

could be short of temporarily just get

23:16

through this holiday season

23:19

I really feel that the towel should look

23:20

into them

23:23

ok thank you for your input I think um I

23:28

think that on the town manager already

23:31

earned her duck everybody's comments on

23:35

I and it certainly was unfortunate that

23:37

that this was discovered but i think

23:41

personally am very grateful that it

23:43

wasn't on that nothing no accidents

23:49

occurred during the summertime that it

23:51

was discovered last week and not at the

23:55

height of the season self and I think it

23:57

was unfortunately it's not what we all

24:00

want to see but it was the prudent

24:02

decision to close the the footbridge for

24:05

the time being while we figure out

24:08

what can be done so we need it is

24:12

important that no accidents occur i mean

24:16

safety is number one here

24:18

sounds good thanks Tom for moving

24:21

quickly on this

24:22

yeah you walk down this very appropriate

24:24

that's a great part of my job by the way

24:26

closing the footbridge guess we all have

24:33

hearts of our jobs that we don't like

24:35

good I'm give anything else to trip for

24:39

two people out

24:40

no devote I know what have we got

24:42

carried away there with that comment so

24:44

I'm all in favor of the motion

24:48

what is it with which was to support the

24:52

Baker design there was to proceed with

24:54

the next step and let go before was

24:56

outlined by baker design and include the

24:59

provisions that were outlined in the

25:01

discussion both to look at alternatives

25:07

that retain the swing section vs not

25:10

retaining the since wing section in

25:11

terms of price and also investigating

25:14

the installation of a temporary shoring

25:17

up and present information on the cost

25:19

for that is alright man my motion to

25:23

report . okay all in favor of the

25:27

amended motion

25:29

yeah thank you ok that's all that's all

25:33

you have time okay great so financials

25:38

Julia

25:40

are you ready Spencer Shay 223 boring

25:53

volunteer exam we have just selective

25:59

Duty six percent of our taxes

26:01

year-to-date you have your audit report

26:04

and after download always but you'll be

26:08

contractually didn't want to get the

26:13

first so we'll have to graph we actually

26:17

named anyone have any questions on the

26:20

revenue expenses

26:23

hi i have one question julia is being

26:26

this my first year here and looking at

26:27

the angle report

26:29

do you have any recommendations are the

26:31

best way to go through this trying to

26:35

you feel like the order to have wanted

26:41

my dad to pay to have an answer great

26:44

summary that's after he shot an

26:46

easy-to-read way to look at it as well

26:49

and I did include an extra sheet and

26:52

where

26:52

you can see things back together did see

26:56

the breakdown

26:57

thank you for the lifesaver there and he

27:03

and giving anyone ecology and balance 3

27:07

millions everything about enforcement so

27:13

this does not include our investment

27:17

account right it's not that's a balance

27:19

sheet do we and we see your report on

27:23

how that quarterly yeah correct

27:27

okay okay good thanks Julian

27:32

ok so next order of business is to

27:37

approve the minutes of the last meeting

27:39

which I think that occurred on sep

27:41

tember coming six is on approval and all

27:44

of her second surgery

27:45

ok any amendments no seeing on all in

27:50

favor okay and I was not there so all of

27:53

stain

27:53

thanks Kelly alright moving on to our

27:59

picture liquor licensees so we have one

28:07

picture license tonight for the mid

28:10

coast gateway LLC doing business as the

28:13

russell house B&B and I have a motion to

28:16

approve

28:17

I'll so move everything ok

28:21

and any discussion from the selectmen

28:23

know any discussion from the public

28:26

being not all in favor okay

28:30

motion passes and then we have

28:36

one renewal liquor license for china by

28:39

the sea and two new liquor license one

28:43

for the russell house and one for the

28:46

missile in because we have you

28:49

management there so um can I have a

28:53

motion to approve the one renewal and

28:55

two new liquor licensees i will so move

28:59

and second second okay

29:01

any discussion any questions comments

29:06

from the public know

29:09

all in favor motion carries

29:14

alright so i don't see that we have

29:21

anything under old business tom

29:23

so shall we move on to new business sure

29:26

you know what i think i missed actually

29:32

let me back up a little bit here i miss

29:34

selectmen's reports it

29:36

do we have any selectmen's reports

29:37

tonight

29:39

jdc or leaving the only thing that I

29:42

wanted to make quick note of from the

29:45

ambulance service was the we all heard

29:48

about the fire stay over the weekend

29:54

sunday night and it's a rare occurrence

29:58

that we have all four ambulances out at

30:01

one time but it does happen and sunday

30:04

night was was such an occasion so I just

30:09

wanted to recognize all those folks that

30:11

came out that night and responded to

30:14

that emergency

30:18

tragedy thanks Russ the Joint Economic

30:24

Development Committee did have a meeting

30:27

last week the focus of our meeting was a

30:32

really preparing for our retreat that

30:35

we're going to have sort of a mini

30:36

retreat to talk about sort of strategy

30:39

and longer-term goals for the JDC the

30:45

big event i think is what Tom alluded to

30:47

which was the meeting that green tree

30:50

events had with the local businesses and

30:54

members of the public that attended to

30:56

really talk about the boothbay festival

30:58

of lights and how that's going to unfold

31:02

what were the sort of the resources that

31:04

were available to businesses and what

31:06

the plans were to really have this sort

31:10

of interaction with the garden during

31:11

the Garden of glow i was unable to

31:14

attend that meeting because of the

31:16

conflict and Tommy Mike if either of you

31:21

were there did you want to just fill in

31:22

some details I assume there was a good

31:24

crowd and I've had preliminary feedback

31:26

that people felt very energized and

31:29

excited by the planning and all the

31:33

activities that are going to occur with

31:36

the tempering caution that this is a

31:40

long-term strategy that's going to roll

31:42

out sort of year after year building on

31:45

the substance or first-years activities

31:49

so that we shouldn't expect that it's

31:51

going to be in instant you know success

31:55

with the town flooded with people but

31:57

this is the first year of really

31:59

improving the interaction and try to get

32:02

people from the garden to come into the

32:04

businesses and populate the downtown eat

32:08

and shop etc stay overnight and each

32:11

year as awareness of this event grows we

32:14

expect that they'll be more and more

32:16

visitors that know that we are open for

32:18

business during this time and that

32:21

there's a lot to do in the Harper beside

32:23

just come see the garden of glow so that

32:26

would I don't know microwave they're

32:28

also either

32:30

yeah and it's gonna throw and like you

32:31

can add on to this i was very impressive

32:34

to turn out there must be at least a

32:35

hundred people there i mean it was a

32:36

great was a full full room channel seven

32:39

was there the registers era step up from

32:42

Greentree events gave a very good

32:44

overview of what they've done so far

32:46

what things they are planning going

32:48

forward as far as their marketing

32:49

efforts and things like that and maybe

32:52

might can come into that more than then

32:54

i can and i was asked just like I said

32:57

just to talk about the membership part

33:00

of it the mission of the economic

33:01

development committee and then just to

33:03

describe what the town said setup for

33:05

lighting it up with the lighting plans

33:07

were alerted to earlier but it but

33:11

roughly an hour i think and had a good

33:13

open question and answers session after

33:17

it was a lot of materials handed out for

33:19

people this shop owners put their their

33:21

windows and so forth and stickers to

33:23

advertise the event and so forth there

33:27

there was a lot of enthusiasm i stopped

33:29

counting after 80 it was well attended

33:32

and I think the things that came across

33:34

very importantly was what Tom mentioned

33:37

about some of the parking concerns that

33:40

they're going to be coming to carpool

33:43

lots at the edge of town hall at

33:45

boothbay town hall and over at

33:47

the park I thought it was delivered back

33:51

to the park and then that there's going

33:52

to be a shuttle service out of the town

33:55

hall parking lot and the whole idea is

33:57

to have people come down shop dine

34:00

enjoyed with the harbor the water the

34:02

the season and then be able to take a

34:05

shuttle up to the gardens and then come

34:08

back and maybe finish off the evening

34:09

here tom was a date on the booth Bay

34:15

Peninsula day wasn't it descends our

34:17

december seven right and that imagine

34:19

that

34:20

yeah there's a fire going out I haven't

34:21

received a person myself but we have all

34:23

the materials to hand up when people do

34:25

receivable is a fire going out to the

34:28

residence of all four towns instructed

34:30

to go to their town offices and they can

34:32

pick up a card is three different times

34:35

for on the residence the peninsula to go

34:39

see the gardens ago for free and

34:42

depending on what time you want is a

34:45

different color coupon and so forth for

34:48

that it's also a handout that describes

34:50

the bus bus routes

34:52

there's a lighting contest as well

34:53

that's that's going on with the first

34:55

prize is twenty-five hundred dollars and

34:57

I think 13 tickets two guards to go over

35:01

the garden is very generous and so in

35:07

that answer

35:07

yeah exactly notice that was one of

35:09

these take boys there seemed to be a lot

35:12

of enthusiasm and a lot of social media

35:15

that's going to be taking over there is

35:17

a website that individuals go to for

35:19

town for information and then you can

35:21

also get the the show on DRC TV as well

35:24

they talked about it so if everyone

35:27

comes down it spends their remember

35:29

December with us can be great i also

35:32

addressed them the charming topic of

35:34

that we will have additional restroom

35:36

facilities available and these these

35:39

restrooms i disobey open during the

35:40

event but we're going to bring in some

35:41

temporary ones here at the at the

35:44

location of the shuttle bus stops

35:46

because the other

35:47

to get close because they're not heated

35:49

so but we'll plan on having some

35:52

additional space

35:54

great okay happy to answer questions so

36:00

good

36:03

yep good alright good report so we'll

36:08

move on to new business now you want to

36:13

propose a yeah i'll take that as you

36:16

know Atlantic edges lease is up at the

36:20

end of this year so it's time to

36:22

renegotiate for the third and final

36:23

extension which is part of the original

36:26

rental agreement

36:28

any tips would like to extend his least

36:31

for one more year and the reason it's

36:33

one rather than five is that want to

36:37

have us and i completely agree

36:40

look into the condition of the building

36:42

that's there and over the last few years

36:46

we pumped a fair amount of money into

36:47

that Atlanta gets building new roof new

36:49

doors we just put a new floor and

36:52

because the concrete floor was cracked

36:54

and so forth and repaint it is picking

36:57

room is and done quite a bit of work on

36:59

their butt and the more you look at it

37:02

the more you realize you're probably

37:03

throwing good money after bad because

37:05

the design of that building with the

37:07

with the would collaborate and so forth

37:09

it its it's on post concrete deck comes

37:14

up to it rain water comes down splashes

37:16

on that and rots the whole bar in the

37:18

building so i think we're looking at

37:21

something more significant than just a

37:22

band-aid down there and i think by my

37:25

recommendation would be that we look

37:26

into the option of replacing that

37:29

building just as we did the harbor bait

37:32

building

37:33

Eddie is going to get me a concept of

37:37

what the space might look like for him

37:39

to work we've also talked about how with

37:43

how this would happen as far as

37:46

then arranging where his lobster tanks

37:49

and things like that go well this is all

37:50

being done

37:51

I know he's worked his talk to chuck

37:53

fuller about possibly using some of that

37:54

garage spaces a temporary location and

37:57

so he knows were very willing to work

37:59

with him work around his this business

38:01

schedule he also knows that with

38:04

everything municipal government takes

38:06

longer than you think and that this

38:08

would have to go with that town meeting

38:10

to get a vote to approve doing that so

38:12

we're talking 2017-18 at this point but

38:18

at this point what he's looking for is

38:20

to do one more calendar year and just

38:26

see where we're going with the the

38:28

renovation or replacement of that

38:30

building before he commits to the longer

38:32

term he would like to stay there but you

38:36

also like to see what we're doing with

38:37

it before you commit so I would ask the

38:40

board permission to go ahead and sign

38:43

the lease for one more year and we'll be

38:46

talking quite a bit about getting quotes

38:49

and replacing that building and so is it

38:53

in fact the calendar year Jersey where

38:55

the calendar year December yeah

39:01

I'll make the motion to approve the year

39:05

lease renewal segment ok

39:10

any discussion I understand the least

39:14

and granola is for one year and no

39:17

increasing in price and it sounds to me

39:21

like there's maybe not necessarily

39:23

substandard building but it's it's not

39:27

meeting is you know it is meeting its

39:30

goals but it's not it's not the pits not

39:33

the best does that justify leaving the

39:36

price at the same for lease has there

39:39

been increases in the past

39:41

oh yeah he gets he gets a your mobile

39:43

CPI increase you know for for this one

39:48

year I wasn't going to quibble over that

39:50

coming the fish . self-sufficient so

39:53

he's also thinking and wisely so that if

39:57

we do replace that building his lease

39:59

terms are going to change and he's going

40:00

to happen additional rent that will be

40:02

do so i looked at that as sort of a

40:06

concession going on call for them for

40:07

the next year what we figure out what

40:09

we're doing before we invest large

40:11

amount of money into that and probably

40:13

adjust your rent up I thought it was

40:16

fair to leave it alone but ok i'm

40:19

usually not talking much money even if

40:20

you do get the Consumer Price Index the

40:23

two-percent one-and-a-half percent not a

40:25

lot of money

40:28

doing that do we think we're gonna have

40:31

the plan for the redesign before march

40:36

first large first of southern accent

40:40

yeah i'm gonna try yeah well we'll need

40:44

to finish building your it

40:45

yeah I know what I'm asking me obviously

40:47

yeah there's some expediency yeah yeah

40:51

well I don't have anything else to do

40:53

sure about that

40:57

I hope that is the plan yeah alright

40:59

well i hope you understand it is also

41:01

flexible to he understands the timing of

41:03

municipal government and if it doesn't

41:04

work he always not waiting another year

41:06

yeah he's not adverse to saying right

41:09

let's extend it another year so all

41:10

right

41:11

this flexibility there are there any

41:12

safety concerns or issues with the

41:14

existing structure now when it gets

41:17

inspected regularly by MMA and the fire

41:19

department so forth but there are

41:22

significant deterioration of some of the

41:25

the joists underneath the floor that's

41:27

it on the the pilings that you can't get

41:29

too unless you tear the concrete

41:31

flooring off i mean you're talking about

41:33

if you want to do any kind of

41:34

renovations it would probably cost less

41:36

to replace the building that what to do

41:38

all these renovations and just like it

41:42

did with the other building were

41:43

replaced

41:45

ok ok

41:48

ah so all in favor of extending the

41:51

lease

41:52

alright so for and can and Kelly

41:55

out-of-state thank you

41:57

next okay good um so we'll move on i

42:01

don't see any other new business so that

42:04

takes us to public forum so anybody in

42:07

the audience have anything else you'd

42:10

like to discuss tonight

42:11

yes sir oh yeah long room

42:15

Sally 20 grand way to Harvard last fall

42:20

we spent a significant amount or regards

42:24

to getting the implant well getting see

42:28

well built around footbridge horrible

42:31

told Phil but I everyone seemed to be

42:35

pretty excited about doing it

42:37

things with one of physical don't let

42:38

him know what I was ashamed because it

42:41

kept the fires going

42:42

it's fall again was rekindling that fire

42:45

anyone's going to give us an idea of

42:49

which way we go

42:50

what we do you see on the docket town

42:56

meeting March be super get some feedback

43:00

on that we have people who are

43:01

interested in private funding as well as

43:03

hopefully some town funding and that's

43:07

basically why we're here

43:08

you want to keep the ball rolling it it

43:10

looks horrible and it always has that

43:12

whole area tie that into the same

43:15

project just been rebuilt do this in the

43:19

spring and in the fall whatever it's

43:21

another year gone by and we're going to

43:23

break ground fault but no one seemed to

43:25

keep the ball rolling on that so here i

43:27

am again and like to know what you guys

43:30

feel about this still we losing suction

43:33

here or we're gonna go with it

43:35

okay thanks for reminding us about that

43:39

and I guess I'm gonna have to i actually

43:42

got there was an issue with DP or what

43:46

do I didn't get much traction got a lot

43:47

of traction with you but it didn't get a

43:49

lot of traction with anyone else so

43:50

that's my guy is going to be

43:52

contractually time

43:53

casket drops to 40 or 50 people in all

43:59

you have to do is take a walk down here

44:01

to look at it and to be given sizing I

44:06

know that this is one thing and this

44:08

kind of rolls into I just had a couple

44:10

items to preparing up which was about

44:12

our selections goals and it was one of

44:14

the things that I was hoping to focus on

44:17

my time here is to look at areas for

44:19

capital improvements and I think Bob

44:24

raises a good point do we need to look

44:25

at even a larger picture are we just

44:30

replacing something that's broken on the

44:32

footbridge do we need to get what we

44:34

want to consider upgrades and improving

44:38

the look and appearance

44:39

we're inviting these hundreds and

44:41

thousands of people to our town for the

44:45

festival of lights were working with

44:49

john economic development between

44:50

boothbay and boothbay harbor

44:52

how are we what what what is our plan

44:55

for improving the look and feel of the

44:58

town and with the footage being as

45:00

iconic and the the the parking area next

45:04

to that I know that there are some great

45:06

ideas that we come up with that can meet

45:09

the town's needs of having a place to be

45:11

able to store snow in the winter and yet

45:15

are on our visitors of being able to

45:17

approach the water the Planning Board

45:20

had a presentation at a special meeting

45:23

last week a week before by a potential

45:27

developer for the bowling alley and part

45:30

of that plan included a softening a

45:33

greening of the shore area basically

45:37

along the bowling alley parking lot and

45:40

do any type of improvements along that

45:43

buffered edge by the footbridge parking

45:45

lot would carry on that theme

45:47

and go with our ideas of walkability

45:49

accessibility turn that we've talked

45:51

about so I I i continued support Bob's

45:56

thoughts and the others about their and

45:59

now as we come forward a budget season

46:02

maybe we can add that as our selectmen's

46:05

goals and and see what areas we can work

46:08

on and try and get established

46:11

yeah I think that's a good idea i would

46:13

agree with ok we did look at a couple of

46:17

concepts we yeah yeah we did

46:20

if I remember predator is the dep that

46:23

we ran into a problem with that's what

46:25

my collection Sinai my notes from there

46:27

and did we ever get a price now we never

46:32

went to that point

46:34

could we revisit that of our next

46:38

meeting and just go back and figure out

46:40

where we were in the process with DP and

46:43

everything else I didn't get cancer

46:45

yeah yes sir i'm still here they were

46:53

talking about getting permits and so

46:56

forth getting the building permits

46:58

getting that part of it started and

47:00

there's a private fund set up that will

47:02

pay for that

47:03

laters forward dollars for the people to

47:06

look at and see see what can be done

47:09

that sort of has to happen i think

47:11

before you put bits out have to know

47:13

what you're allowed to do and private

47:17

funding is still available for that and

47:20

I don't see any reason why I can't go

47:22

forward

47:23

I don't you apply to so many people

47:26

growing but there is a permitting

47:30

process it costs a certain amount to get

47:32

started as items

47:34

right there right

47:39

well I am i well the issue is is that i

47:44

don't think it's the cost of the

47:45

permitting process that's holding it up

47:47

i think that we just need to revisit

47:49

where we were in the assessment process

47:51

revisit what it was with the EDP

47:56

conversation and you all have

47:58

articulated I think oh well founded

48:01

rekindling or get the fire lit once

48:04

again to try and get this project moving

48:06

forward so I I'll speak for myself I'm

48:09

not sure it's the four hundred dollars

48:11

say the permitting process that would be

48:14

the issue is just for us to revisit

48:16

figure out was everything in a road it

48:19

lined up so that we can move forward

48:22

with the permitting process and relook

48:25

at the design phase so I think it's

48:28

great to bring this up again we need to

48:30

do our homework to circle back and

48:33

figure out where we were in the

48:34

assessment process because i agree with

48:36

you i remember everyone was very

48:37

enthusiastic we felt like this was a

48:40

very important part of sort of the

48:43

presentation of the harbor to try and

48:45

beautify it make the rock skipping a

48:48

better-looking place with the stairs

48:50

down to have the rock skipping not have

48:53

the kids out on the you know riffraff or

48:55

whatever and if we're looking at

48:59

improvements to the footbridge it makes

49:00

sense to try and look at that area

49:03

holistically particularly if something's

49:05

going to happen in the bowling alley

49:06

that makes sort of the Perry harbor area

49:10

much more sort of user inviting and

49:12

friendly so I think it's really

49:14

opportune that you've brought this up

49:16

and give us motivation to get back

49:21

engaged in the process so thank you

49:23

thank you

49:25

ok so let young asian next meeting

49:31

yeah I will see why not well sure we can

49:34

put it on the agenda and I think people

49:36

need to remember that this would be a

49:38

capital project that would have to go

49:40

through the the normal capital budgeting

49:45

process so and then get on the town

49:52

warrants at the next town meeting from a

49:56

budget perspective because something in

49:59

the back of my mind to some of the plan

50:00

designs that we had were they were very

50:03

very costly but I could be mixing that

50:05

up with something else so i'll let Tom

50:07

go back to his smile and a kick-out

50:10

yep what we had it from a year ago so i

50:18

have two other questions

50:19

sure oh this is caught in the act of

50:22

doing something great today I was a

50:24

participant in the annual closing event

50:26

over at Dutton's doghouse with Gary one

50:32

man one business and he generated so

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much goodwill and so many people showed

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up from our community it it almost tears

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me up to belong to a place that's

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something like this can happen and it

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was it was spectacular Gary worked hard

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all year and it was absolutely no cost

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there was a donation jar if you wanted

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to

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there was music there are people

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laughing they're having a great time I

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had a I had a great conversation with

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George so it was a it was such a cool

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thing

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gosh i love being here and seeing things

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like that this evening i attended the

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firehouse they had an open house my gosh

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the pride that those guys have and and

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well deserved their engines all the

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equipment and sparkling it's shiny and

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they talked with such confidence and

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and pride and authority

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I just feel fortunate to be surrounded

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by individuals like that and it was well

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turned out there

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gosh they had to be well over a hundred

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fifty people there as well so three

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great job guys and what community right

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thanks

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ok in Vietnam anything else

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no all right well then um look for a

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motion to approve the warrants a lot of

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you move the people in the morning okay

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and the Second Circuit ok all in favor

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of approving the warrants no motion

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carries

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okay are we going to go into it

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executive session tonight guys want to

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do you have for you only

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well like the real a brief what I was

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gonna say let's do it the next time it

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doesn't matter one meeting is going to

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make it alright yeah you know feeling

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nothing yeah I don't do is grateful yeah

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that's okay great well then i'll look

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for emotion to jar so much else ok all

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in favor okay the meeting is absurd