

Town of Ossining Board Work Session

May 5, 2020

Meeting Transcript

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In Attendance: Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Board Member Liz Feldman, Board Member Jackie G. Shaw, Board Member Northern Wilcher, Jr., Board Member Gregory Meyer, Municipal Attorney Christie Addona, Deputy Clerk Martha Quituisaca, Valerie Monastra, John Hamilton, Brock Gibian, Julie Magliozzo, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli

1 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Good evening everybody and welcome to the Town
2 Board of the Town of Ossining work session for Tuesday, May 5 2020.
3 Please rise and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance as soon as we have
4 our virtual flag up in front of our building. We're going to have it. We're
5 going to get it. There it is. Alright, thank you. Victoria.

6 **ALL:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to
7 the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with
8 liberty and justice for all.

9 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Well, Happy Cinco de Mayo. And also, happy
10 birthday to my husband Steven Hirsch. It is his birthday today. And I would
11 be remiss if I didn't recognize him at the beginning of our meeting so this
12 holiday is - not his birthday - but actually Cinco de Mayo is often mistakenly
13 attributed to being Mexico's Independence Day, which is in September,
14 actually. So for quick history fact which I just learned today, Cinco de Mayo
15 is a celebration of the Mexican army's of victory over France in the Battle of
16 Puebla.

17 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Today in the United States, it is a celebration of
18 Mexican heritage and culture. Though this year is obviously being
19 celebrated differently, we wanted to wish a happy Cinco de Mayo to all of
20 our Mexican neighbors today. So Felisa Cinco de Mayo. I think that's
21 probably what - what is.

22 **DANA LEVENBERG:** With our neighborhood and community in mind
23 tonight, I would like to highlight and important issue which we have been

24 talking about regularly in Ossining. Only about 50% of residents have
25 responded to the US Census, a little bit more than that, meaning that nearly
26 half of federal, state and county funding that's allocated through the census
27 is not currently projected to come our way. As a reminder, Ossining lost
28 \$2500 for each uncounted resident in the 2010 census, and that was 10
29 years ago. So if that money were worth a little bit more today that would
30 mean that we would be losing even more than that, per person for anybody
31 who isn't counted. So if the same formula were used today asked him what
32 would be expected to lose at least \$47 million. That's a lot of money.

33 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Money allocated through the census is needed for
34 vital resources and services, many of which we have relied on during the
35 coronavirus crisis. It's critically important. Now more than ever that we not
36 lose funding that should come our way. So please go to
37 my2020census.gov to respond today. That rhymes. Please also reach out
38 to your friends and family to encourage them to participate as well. The
39 Ossining Counts Committee shared some useful information in their weekly
40 email blast regarding the importance of ensuring young children are
41 counted accurately in the census.

42 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I encourage you to check out the Village of Ossining
43 website to read for yourself. For example, did you know that any baby born
44 before April 1 needs to be accurately reported in this year's census? Bet
45 you didn't know that. Yes even babies, everybody.

46 **DANA LEVENBERG:** As I mentioned last week for all of our community's
47 dedicated essential workers we received a donation of mask from Hanes
48 Brand, the cotton and undershirt maker, these masks – or cotton undershirt
49 and underwear maker these asks have been provided through the county
50 from I think either federal or state government to municipalities to distribute
51 to essential businesses and organizations. Which include all of those that
52 are operating right now who engage with the public. You can request
53 masks for your business through our easy access Google form which is
54 available on the town website, TownofOssining.com. Or by reaching out to
55 Carina Scorcia in my office at 914-762-6002. The masks are distributed by
56 appointment only so contact her for now to get your organization on the
57 schedule.

58 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Many of our neighbors are facing increased food
59 insecurity as the coronavirus crisis continues. The Town of Ossining is
60 sharing food distribution information on our website and Facebook page.
61 Meals are available at many different times and locations during the week
62 throughout our community so that we can reach as many neighborhoods as
63 possible. If you can help support these distribution efforts, we ask that you
64 please do.

65 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Restaurants interested in supplying meals should
66 reach out to Gullotta Hose at www.gullottahouse.org that's two L's and two
67 T's. Donations to the Ossining food pantry or Gullotta House are welcome
68 and very much appreciated.

69 **DANA LEVENBERG:** As a reminder to town residents, the Municipal
70 Building remains closed to the public at all times. And all of our municipal
71 buildings are currently close to a public including our Building Department
72 building over at the DPW site over on 9A. Town and County taxes were
73 due on April 30th but late fees have been significantly reduced by legislation
74 at the County level that the Town adopted. Late property tax payments can
75 still be paid online through our website or mailed via our designated
76 mailbox at the post office, you have to drop it in there by hand. But you
77 have to remember to put postage on it.

78 **DANA LEVENBERG:** For information about reductions in penalties, we
79 have created a chart on our website with a helpful breakdown of the relief
80 options. Taxpayers who meet the criteria for hardship as defined by the
81 County Executive may also be eligible for a complete waiver of late fees.
82 Residents in need of the hardship certification forms can also access them
83 on our website. We ask that you do not submit your certification form until
84 you are prepared to make payment info and you have until July 15th if you
85 apply for that hardship waiver. Payments with hardship certifications can
86 only be made via mail at this time.

87 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Questions about taxes and relief options can be
88 directed to HPerlowitz@townofossining.com or
89 TaxReceiver@townofossining.com. If you call the office and no one picks
90 up our Receiver's probably handling another person's call. We encourage
91 you to leave a message with your phone number stated clearly so that she
92 can call you back.

93 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Mr. Wilcher, I actually saw you for a minute. That
94 was awesome, the light was great. I guess when you sit closer...

95 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Residents who received notice from our Assessor's
96 Office this week are also encouraged to review our website to understand
97 options available to you. Last week, we discussed the details of the
98 assessment process with our Town Assessor Fernando Gonzalez. If you
99 have concerns or questions about your assessment, I encourage you to
100 please schedule an informal review with Tyler technologies. And
101 information about setting that up is available on our website. Additionally, at
102 last week's meeting we discussed changing the 2020 assessment calendar
103 pursuant to Executive Order 202.22. This -

104 **DANA LEVENBERG:** That makes me wanna just dance "to – to" sorry.

105 **DANA LEVENBERG:** This would allow an additional 30 days for residents
106 to review their change and assessment for 2020 and file a grievance before
107 the Board of Assessment Review. This would also allow additional time for
108 residents to schedule virtual informal review meetings with Tyler
109 Technologies prior to the filing of the tentative roll. And again, this is part of
110 the reassessment process. And those informal - informal review meetings
111 and getting it right, is what we are about. We don't want it to be wrong. We
112 wanted your assessment to be correct. So if there's information that's
113 incorrect on those preliminary assessment forms that you receive **please**
114 make sure to set up a meeting today. The Town Board plans to formally
115 adopt the following changes to the 2020 assessment calendar at our May
116 12 regular meeting. Tentative roll filing date from June 1st 2020 will be
117 moved to June 30, 2020. Grievance day will be moved from June 16 to July
118 21 2020.

119 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We hope that this additional time that the Board has
120 - will be agreeing to and voting on May 12 will help property owners to
121 more thoroughly review your assessments and allow ample opportunity for
122 those who feel their assessments are not accurate to have one of those
123 informal reviews with Tyler or file a grievance in accordance with State law.
124 Okay, enough about taxes and assessments.

125 **DANA LEVENBERG:** The weather. Let's talk about the weather. It is
126 getting nicer and it's beautiful and we're so happy to be able to enjoy it for a
127 few minutes every day if possible. And we're happy to start seeing our

128 residents again as people enjoy our public spaces. However, as a
129 reminder, social distancing rules are imperative to keeping our case
130 numbers low and our neighborhood safe. We've been seeing a lot of
131 people disregard these rules. Residents must wear a mask if they're going
132 outside and may not be able to social distance and stay six feet away from
133 others. It's hard to believe that there's ever no risk of this happening when
134 you go outside, which means wear a mask. By wearing a mask you reduce
135 the risk of spreading the contagion to others. Contagion? Contagion. Any
136 one of us maybe sick yet, not have symptoms. So this simple step helps
137 protect our firefighters, hospital workers, EMTs, police officers, nurses,
138 hospital staff, food service workers, building inspectors, and all in essential
139 workers who have continued to put their health on the line to protect ours.

140 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Masks are critical to keeping the curve down and
141 reducing the chances of a second wave across our community. And quite
142 honestly, it just shows your respect for others. So please wear your mask.
143 When you go outside before. Be thoughtful, be considerate, and obey the
144 rules. Thank you.

145 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Finally, for those of you watching the local number of
146 coronavirus cases, I have an update on our most recent counts. However,
147 just to be really clear, there was a high number of cases statewide that
148 were not properly filed upon initial intake and testing or they couldn't find
149 the exact addresses. The error was a large number of cases to be
150 processed without attaching an address to a resident's name. This week,
151 New York State made a significant dent in the backlog of those on
152 identified addresses partnered with names, so we are seeing a big jump in
153 our numbers this week. But they're not - like it didn't all happen this week. It
154 just means that the numbers aren't exactly great overall going backwards.
155 So when you hear the number don't jump, yourself, because it doesn't
156 mean that are positive cases suddenly exploded. It just means our
157 numbers have been higher the whole time across the county. And now, and
158 - and the state, I guess and now they've been processed. So this is like six
159 weeks of backlog

160 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So in Unincorporated Ossining, and now we have
161 some other numbers which the County Executive has been working on
162 which is not just the total positives, but the active cases and the new cases.

163 So it kind of puts it all in perspective. In unincorporated Ossining our total
164 positives as of, I believe, yesterday I don't think the numbers came in today
165 were 147, active cases in unincorporated were 33 and five new cases.
166 Village of Ossining the total positives were 964, active cases 158 and new
167 cases 21. And Briarcliff 98 total positives, 21 active cases and five new
168 cases. So that is it for my announcements and we will continue to talk a
169 little bit more about how the Town is working on addressing coronavirus as
170 part of our work session.

171 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So do any of my colleagues have any other
172 announcements? I see a no from Councilwoman Feldman. I see nothing
173 and no, no, no, no, no – okay. So hearing no - no additional
174 announcements, we're going to get into our work session. And first up
175 tonight. We have a presentation from Eco G Energy, for a proposal for the
176 construction of a canopy solar system at Maryknoll, specifically at 75 Ryder
177 Road this is our second solar proposal to come to Ossining.

178 **DANA LEVENBERG:** As a reminder, the application made by CVE for 90 -
179 94 Somerstown Road was presented to the board in February, but since
180 then CVE has withdrawn their application. We are encouraged that Eco G's
181 proposal, unlike the one made by CVE will not include extensive tree
182 removal and we're going to hear more about that hopefully, very soon. I'm
183 looking forward to learning more from Eco G so before I hand it over to
184 them, I'm just going to ask our planner Valerie Monastra from Nelson Pope
185 and Voorhis if you have anything that you want to say to introduce these
186 folks?

187 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Okay, so I think similar to - thank you Supervisor -
188 and I think, similar to last time we - this - an application like this appeared
189 before the Board. I think we - our thought was tonight, is to hear the
190 application before this Board will take any comments that the Board has
191 and then we'll follow – we'll have a follow Work Session to have the
192 applicant address any of those outstanding comments and then at that
193 point the Board can determine its next steps. I think with this particular
194 application as you will hear in a few minutes, there are two -there are two
195 additions that need to be dealt with as part of this application. The first is
196 that the applicant is looking for a variance for one of the setbacks. And the
197 second they are actually looking for a zoning code revision for the height of

198 the solar systems. And Christie will clearly go through all the details of what
199 that process would entail, but that's the initial - and that's, excuse me, sorry
200 - that is initially what the applicant is looking for and... But other than that, I
201 think the application looks very complete and we're looking forward to
202 hearing their presentation.

203 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Alright. So we'll turn over to Brock. Who's going first?
204 Yes. Alright. So we have to unmute him.

205 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Awesome.

206 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, great.

207 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Can everyone hear me okay?

208 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes.

209 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Great. Well, thank you so much Supervisor Levenberg ,
210 Town Board. So first and foremost, you know, I'm going to share my screen
211 in a second. I just hope you and your families are doing well and holding up
212 okay. Second is, I just want to, you know, quickly, you know, have thoughts
213 and prayers to the Maryknoll community who has been really hard hit by
214 corona.

215 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So please, please have them in in your, your thoughts.
216 So I'm going to start sharing my screen. I have a very quick presentation
217 here and then I'll hand it over to Julia.

218 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So let's see... So yeah, like you said, this is, you know,
219 we're from eco G energy. We're based in Brooklyn, New York, we started
220 working remotely in early March, so I'm actually in Ithaca, Julia is in
221 Manhattan, and Jim is just outside of the city.

222 **BROCK GIBIAN:** You know, what we do is we are developer, financier,
223 and owner/operator of distributed generation projects across the East
224 Coast and the Caribbean. And we really focus on two different niches. One
225 is the proper land use systems which are the parking lot canopies, rooftops,
226 and if we do need to do a ground mount oftentimes they're on not favorable
227 land. So you'll see in this case it was a brownfield for housing authority, the
228 majority of our portfolio is actually affordable housing. You know, we
229 definitely partner with small businesses and private companies, but I think

230 what we see as the best partners are someone that that cares not only
231 about the economic reasons, but the environmental reasons.

232 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So join me joining me tonight is Julia Magliozzo, our
233 operations manager and Jim Donnolly, our director of construction. Jim is
234 signified by JD, I believe, on his zoom tag and Julia is just JMagliozzo, for
235 your reference. Just to give you a two case studies of some recent projects.
236 The first is a canopy system for the town of Lyndhurst, New Jersey. These
237 canopies also are taller than, then what is allowed, obviously, and we're
238 going to get into that. And one of the biggest uses that the Town has is to
239 park school buses during the school day so that they're not you know
240 sweltering hot once they pick up students

241 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Brock. I just want to stop you for one minute.
242 We're having a hard time seeing your screen, we just see like all black right
243 now. So I don't know –

244 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Okay, um.

245 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** what's happening I'm just...

246 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Sure. Does this help a little bit?

247 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yes. Now we can see it now.

248 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Okay, great.

249 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** That's perfect.

250 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Awesome. Thank you for stopping me and if - if there's
251 any questions or anything like that. Please feel free, I tend to blabber...

252 **BROCK GIBIAN:** The second case study is really are actually the largest
253 project for housing authority in the US, we won a Solar in Your Community
254 grant from the Department of Energy. We hired and trained the residents of
255 the housing authority, you'll see on the lower left hand section that's
256 actually a new type of solar technology called a bifacial solar panel. Which
257 is the glass on glass and not to get in the weeds, it's just, you know, you
258 can get reflectivity bonuses essentially by putting different ground cover.

259 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So just two case studies to try and get to know us. Really
260 want to put this project and the perspective of the New York state goal,
261 alright. We have some aggressive goals. Comparable to Vermont Hawaii.

262 Some of the most aggressive in the nation. And this project will be
263 contributing to those so 70% generation is usually the one that we focus
264 on. And currently, you know, our energy supply is not - not there. So just
265 want to put that into perspective that this project, it may seem small and
266 medium, large to some people, but it's certainly going to contribute to our
267 state's goal.

268 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Just to talk a little bit about the project - hope no one's
269 superstitious about the size - 666 kilowatts. That is really just a function of
270 the inverters that are offered. So, you know, six 100 kW inverters and 233's
271 so we didn't mean it at any bad taste in that regard. It really when we
272 started talking with Maryknoll. Maryknoll was very concerned about tree
273 cutting and brought up the Ossining tree law. So we tried to do a system
274 that was sited in the best possible way.

275 **BROCK GIBIAN:** And so we decided on six different canopies. These are
276 I'll canopies so you'll see that the foundations are mounted in between
277 parking spaces to avoid eliminating any parking spaces. This system is
278 going to produce a significant amount of power and I'll go into the
279 environmental benefits there. But Maryknoll really wanted to not only
280 benefit from subscribing to a portion of the power, but they wanted to
281 increase community solar access to their neighbors and their community.

282 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So this will be a community solar system in which any
283 subscriber, resident, business, you know, nonprofit can sign up to a share
284 of the power and received guaranteed discounts on their electric bills. It will
285 not be, you know, fixed 20 year contract. It will be a very flexible pay-as-
286 you-go contract. And we think that creating solar access for apartment
287 dwellers, for renters, for low income folks will really help the community in -
288 in more ways than then are known.

289 **BROCK GIBIAN:** And then lastly, just about the system, you know from our
290 experience building canopy systems in other jurisdictions. We are talking
291 about increasing the height requirements and the number one reason is
292 just really do to fire access and access of large tractor trailers to the site.
293 So you'll know from being Maryknoll's site, the buildings to the west are
294 really their facilities building. So they have a lot of truckload and deliveries.
295 So by having a canopy that tall, we're not going to restrict that access.

296 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Lastly, just talking about some environmental benefits of
297 this proposed system and its 25 year lifetime. And that's really what this
298 was modeled under. You know this - the source was the EPA greenhouse
299 gas equivalency calculator. This is a significant amount of environmental
300 benefits, you know, equivalent to taking 42,000 barrels of oil off - off the -
301 out of the world. Equivalent to really planting 24,000 acres of US forest in
302 one year. So, you know, it may seem, just like six canopies but you know
303 solar technology has come a long way. And we think that, you know, any
304 properly sited project like this will really contribute to not only the Town of
305 Ossining's environmental goals, but also the State's. And then lastly, just
306 our contact information here on please reach out if you have any questions.
307 We're here to answer. Thank you so much.

308 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Valerie did you have any other comments for
309 directing the Board about - questions? Or do you want us to just open it up
310 to questions?

311 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** I think at this point. I think you can open it up to
312 questions. I also have - I don't know if you actually have the full site plan
313 available, Brock? Because that might be helpful.

314 **BROCK GIBIAN:** I do. Yeah, I would - I would be happy to share my
315 screen, sure.

316 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** And does the Board – would the Board like him to
317 walk through the site plan for a little bit more detail?

318 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah, that'd be great.

319 **BROCK GIBIAN:** And Julie. I don't know if you want to jump in here, go
320 over it, but happy to loop her in as well.

321 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** And if you can maybe highlight where the
322 variances that you're seeking is located also on the site plan. I think that
323 would also be helpful as well to the board.

324 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Sure. Can everyone see my screen okay now? Yes?

325 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yes. That looks great.

326 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So this is the site plan. As you can see what we're doing
327 is we're tapping in to the local electric poles. And so just one point on the

328 tree cutting because I know that's one of the most important parts of this
329 project. You know we are following the Town of Ossining and code where
330 all of our equipment - after the utilities lines - are underground. You know
331 Jim is happy to talk about the cost and expensive trenching, you know, a
332 thousand feet but, you know, as far as we're concerned, that Con Ed is
333 going to be requiring you know a few trees removed here due to placing a
334 new poll from the street.

335 **BROCK GIBIAN:** As soon as it gets to our location we are under the
336 ground. This is going to be a little stanchion with our equipment. We're
337 going to trench along here that's to avoid a lot of other obstacles here and
338 then trench to the other canopy. As to your point about the setback, the
339 variance is really towards Maryknoll itself. So you'll see our lowest canopy,
340 our southern-most canopy is 46 feet from the property line up until
341 Maryknoll's next parcel.

342 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Obviously, Maryknoll owns the northernmost parcel,
343 we're not quite close to that. And certainly we're far away from Ryder Road.

344 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Thank you.

345 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** May I ask a question?

346 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I have a question. Um, how tall are our fire
347 trucks? And where exactly - are all of these candidates going to be 14 feet
348 tall.

349 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Correct, yeah. So I'm happy to go into our permitting
350 application which has a bit of a diagram here.

351 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So you can see here, this is not quite a fire truck. Usually
352 the fire trucks require 14 foot or 13 foot six inch access. So the height
353 amendment is really to allow for the tilt of the canopies and for tractor trailer
354 access to go through. Does that make sense?

355 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** It does. I'm just want to be sure that that
356 accommodates our trucks. We have some pretty good ones - big ones.

357 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Yeah. So yeah, anything above you know that they can't
358 go through some sort of underground uh you know bridge or something like
359 that won't, won't be able to flow through this, but this should accommodate
360 you know almost everything.

361 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay.

362 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Have you found - is there a place - not too far
363 away that we can go see these and visualize them?

364 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Sure. I mean, you'd be - I would invite you to visit our
365 system for the Town of Lyndhurst New Jersey. Probably good two hours
366 away. I'm trying to think of a closer system. I can - I can follow up with that
367 information.

368 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** That would be great.

369 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Maybe also, another option is to provide some
370 photos taken of them on site?

371 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Also Brock, I don't know if you're familiar with
372 Manhattanville College, but they have a canopy system. And I don't know if
373 that's very similar to what yours would look like. But that's a lot closer than
374 two hours away if people want to see what that looks like. It's really nice –

375 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Sure.

376 **DANA LEVENBERG:** When it's raining and you're getting out of your car.

377 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Yeah, definitely.

378 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Because you get your umbrellas up without getting
379 drenched. I can say that.

380 **BROCK GIBIAN:** And no shoveling snow off your - your windshield
381 certainly. We're also -

382 **DANA LEVENBERG:** What does happen -

383 **BROCK GIBIAN:** happy to -

384 **DANA LEVENBERG:** - with snow? What happens with snow on you know
385 when - when there's heavy snow?

386 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So there's a –

387 **BACKGROUND NOISE UNCLEAR**

388 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Is someone else talking? Okay so snow is - is one thing
389 that we have to account for. So this snow loading has been certified by
390 structural engineer. As for the actual snow melting. A lot of it will actually sit

391 on top of the canopy and melt on its own. You know there are abilities to
392 add ice guards. There are abilities to, you know, some canopies do - do
393 different waterproofing or stormwater management different, but essentially
394 the snow will sort of just sit there and melt.

395 **DANA LEVENBERG:** All right.

396 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I mean, I think it's really exciting to see a proposal -
397 Oh I know my other question was, you mentioned that the community
398 would have access to this for many years, but how many? It's not that big a
399 system so how many customers can you accommodate beyond Maryknoll?
400 I assume you also have - you're going to be covering electricity at
401 Maryknoll or is this just they're trying to offload it to the community?

402 **BROCK GIBIAN:** So, so the - the amount of subscription for Maryknoll has
403 not been finalized. The total amount of let's say residential subscriptions, is
404 estimated to be about 100. So 100 you know families, a hundred homes, a
405 hundred apartments or something along that like. So, you know, not a small
406 amount of subscription, certainly, and the term is 25 years and then you
407 know. I just want to answer the previous point about the aesthetics. We're
408 also happy to share links to our YouTube channel, which has a couple of
409 fancy drone videos to get - get a sense if you don't want to drive out.

410 **DANA LEVENBERG:** That would be great. I think that would be extremely
411 helpful. Um, yeah, I think, again, and most of the aesthetics, I mean, I don't
412 think you're going to be able to see from the road at all. I think you would
413 only see it if you're on the property that I mean I guess we could take a little
414 site walk at some point if Maryknoll will allow us on but I'm not sure that -
415 oh, helpful. Okay.

416 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Yep. Um, I don't know if Julie wants to hop in here. Um,
417 do you want to talk about this part?

418 **JULIE MAGLIOZZO:** Yeah, sure. Can you hear me?

419 **JULIE MAGLIOZZO:** Yes, yeah. Okay, great. Yeah, thanks. Brock, um,
420 yeah, I'm happy to talk about this a little bit. So, you know, just to give you
421 a little bit of background, when we were putting together this permitting
422 application we really tried to be cognizant of not only what is written in your
423 Town Code for solar systems, but also why it was written that way. So we

424 do recognize why something like screening. These from visual impact on
425 the road would be important. We recognize why the height is important.

426 **JULIE MAGLIOZZO:** So I do want to, you know, sort of just state that we
427 were trying to be cognizant of that. Fortunately, in this case, given you
428 know the existing site, we aren't really concerned about providing additional
429 screening Brock if you wouldn't mind going back to the site plan. You know
430 there is significant screening already provided by the existing trees on site.
431 And as Brock mentioned, we were very careful with our trenching and
432 wiring plans, to ensure that we wouldn't need to cut down any more of
433 those trees than what is necessary due to Con Edison's requirements. So
434 we do think that, you know, being at the closest I think that's 273 feet from
435 the road should provide you know sufficient screening from - from the road
436 and won't have any aesthetic impacts. So...

437 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Let me just ask around the rest of the Board and I
438 can't see you guys all for some reason right now because of the, I guess,
439 because the screen sharing, but let me just ask Council – Councilwoman
440 Shaw do you have any questions?

441 **JACKIE SHAW:** No.

442 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Councilman Wilcher?

443 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** Oh, no. Not at this time.

444 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay and Councilman Meyer?

445 **GREGORY MEYER:** Know it sounds great. Just like to see some pictures
446 when you guys can get those to us.

447 **DANA LEVENBERG:** All right, and Councilman Feldman, and do you have
448 additional questions? Anything? Liz are you there? Can't hear you. Did we
449 lose you?

450 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** There we go. Sorry, I had myself muted. Um, no.
451 Just looking forward to seeing the pictures. Sounds like a great project.

452 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Exactly. Okay, so very exciting. Let's - I don't think
453 that this gets us anything in terms of just so you know in terms of tax
454 benefits because it's under a...

455 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** megawatt

456 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Under - under one megawatt, correct.

457 **DANA LEVENBERG:** One megawatt, right? So even though Maryknoll is
458 not actually tax roll, I don't think that this makes a difference at all in that at
459 this point of, of course, if at some point you were to go over that, then I
460 think it starts to get a little bit more complicated with the State and having to
461 figure that all out. But I'm sure you guys are on top of that, so you'll let us
462 know.

463 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** That actually was incorporated into the pilot local law
464 that the Board adopted last year that if at - at the subsequently they were to
465 add more capacity and end up cumulatively over the one megawatt mark,
466 then it would be subject to a pilot.

467 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Right. No, I know - I know that. But I just think that
468 there's the one complicating factors that it's on a not for profit property. So
469 that's what I was talking about that would get complicated, not the other
470 part is, yes, we did already count for that. But I don't know how that works
471 with - with the State.

472 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** There were discussions with the Assessor at the
473 outset when the applicant was first looking into this and I think I think the
474 Town would have a decent handle on how that would happen if it did get to
475 the point. But yeah, we can cross that bridge. If we get to it.

476 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Fantastic. Um, I think that that's it. And I think I
477 will just say thank you for a very straightforward presentation of a project
478 that looks very favorable to I think everybody. And I can't wait to see the -
479 what the photos look like Lyndhurst and anything else you guys want to
480 share with us and then hopefully we will - don't know Valerie do you want
481 to come back.

482 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** Can I ask one question?

483 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah, sure.

484 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** Um, so what the applicant is proposing is instead of
485 seeking of variance from the height restriction is proposing a text
486 amendment to the existing language in the code so that creating sort of an
487 exception for - can - please anyone chime in if I'm not repeating this
488 correctly but creating an exception for the height specifically for canopy

489 systems. So there's - there are two different ways that can be handled it
490 can be handled on kind of a global level with the amendment of the law. Or
491 they could seek a variance from the Zoning Board. And I think the rationale
492 in - in seeking an amendment to the laws because this would be a pretty
493 global issue that would affect any sort of project that is going to be
494 proposing this type of system, is that correct [UNCLEAR] Julia.

495 **JULIE MAGLIOZZO:** Yes, that is correct. And thank you for summarizing
496 that so concisely. It is something that we saw coming up for - you know any
497 canopy system of a similar size would be classified as Tier three per your
498 solar code. So we did think that because canopies over parking lots are
499 generally considered a more favorable type of solar development in terms
500 of their land use. It would make sense to sort of globally amend that to
501 accommodate for them. So that was why we proposed an amendment,
502 rather than just the variance.

503 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** And specifically, the amendment that there's
504 identifying specifically deals with impervious surfaces and parking lots, only
505 and not and not areas where there might be vegetation.

506 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** So that's just something to keep in mind as to why -
507 why it's being proposed that way, as opposed to a variance in contrast to
508 the setback, which is 100 feet in all directions for a parcel of this size. And
509 so obviously based upon the constraints, they cannot satisfy that. The one
510 question I did have about that, and I don't know if we know the answer - or
511 Valerie or John are they are they separate tax lots? Are they separate
512 zoning lots? Do we - because it seems I know Maryknoll's existed for a
513 very long time, but it seems like Brock, if you can put back up the site.

514 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** They are separate tax lots.

515 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** Do we know if there's have we made - which can
516 take a look at the zoning code because it's not always exactly the same.
517 So, because it looks like this structure, right, goes on to...

518 **BROCK GIBIAN:** They're - they're both on the same parcel. So this is the -
519 to the south is - is a different parcel into the North and different parcels.

520 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** If you see the yellow. There's a really faint yellow
521 line.

522 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** Okay.

523 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** That's the property line.

524 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Exactly, yep. So they are on the same parcel.

525 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** No, I understand. So, but that you're saying the
526 parcel south of that is also owned by Maryknoll right that's...

527 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Correct. Correct, and northern and - and the northern
528 parcel.

529 **CHRISTIE ADDONA:** Right, so I would just say, you know, before you go
530 down too far down the road of contemplating getting a variance let's just
531 confirm that there are two separate zoning laws.

532 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Sure, we can look into that.

533 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, any other technical issues? Okay, no.

534 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Can I ask a quick question?

535 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Sure.

536 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Hi, um, I'm assuming this is a stationary setup? Won't
537 move?

538 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Yes, we haven't heard yet of canopies that can track, but
539 if you want to create one, we would be very interested.

540 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Well then I may get very rich.

541 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** And also -

542 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Um -

543 **JOHN HAMILTON:** - you're going to be storing any electricity? Or just go
544 straight out will be a - any kind of a storage facility there?

545 **BROCK GIBIAN:** No, no storage facility know just grid injected. And then
546 it'll be Bill Crediting through community solar.

547 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Okay, thank you.

548 **DANA LEVENBERG:** All right. Fantastic.

549 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** One more question. I see that it looks like it has a
550 slope will the ice be sliding towards any sidewalks? Has that been looked
551 at? If there's any snow or ice sliding off of them?

552 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Are not onto any sidewalks just on to the regular parking
553 lot, which will be plowed just - just regularly. Correct.

554 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay.

555 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** So I would suggest maybe that will have the
556 applicant - I have, I took notes of the board's comments will have I'll provide
557 the applicant a memo summarizing those comments and then the applicant
558 can provide additional feedback and photos and address those comments.
559 And then at an upcoming work session, we can - Christie and I can - walk
560 you through the process that this potential application would take and - and
561 then work and decide what they would like to do and how they would like to
562 proceed.

563 **DANA LEVENBERG:** All right. Great. Well thank you ever so much Eco G
564 and we look forward to seeing you again, talking about you again and
565 hopefully, seeing what the next steps are for everybody. So thanks again
566 for coming - or not coming because you didn't actually have to go
567 anywhere.

568 **BROCK GIBIAN:** We're there. There.

569 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Thanks again for coming to our zoom work session
570 tonight. And from the comfort of your own homes. We appreciate it. And we
571 hope that you stay safe and healthy and we'll be in touch soon. Okay.

572 **BROCK GIBIAN:** Thank you so much.

573 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Thank you.

574 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Have a great night here.

575 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Thank you.

576 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So moving right along. Next up we have our
577 departmental report from none other than John Hamilton. Hi, John, from
578 our Building Department. Did I say Building Department? Our building
579 inspector John Hamilton and he's going to give us our departmental report

580 and then I'm glad that he was here to ask those additional questions of Eco
581 G. It was perfect timing. So okay John, all you.

582 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Oh yeah, well, I wish I could give you a good report
583 unfortunately I can't during this month, we've issued a grand total of zero
584 building permits. Per the executive order all the permits are on hold, we
585 really only issued two electrical and two plumbing permits during the whole
586 month because they were jobs where there was only one person working at
587 the site.

588 **JOHN HAMILTON:** So we have quite a few of them on hold and the only
589 projects that are really working now are the - the two affordables up on
590 Thornton Hill and the learning center up on North State Road, since that's
591 daycare.

592 **JOHN HAMILTON:** So other than something that's an emergency, we
593 really don't have any type of activity like that, but we are doing a lot of work
594 in preparation for the new computer program. Margaret is taking all our old
595 COs going back from the first CO, that was ever written. There's hundreds
596 and hundreds of them. And she's been inputting all of this data into the
597 computer system so that hopefully by the time we get activated with
598 Simprocity it will have everything online so searches will just be done
599 purely by computer rather than having to go through three or four different
600 books and files. So she's been working pretty hard at that.

601 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Sandy's been doing a tremendous amount of work on
602 planning. She's been catching up on a lot of things that are backlog. She's
603 been calling to small records trying to clean things up as well. So we've
604 been keeping very busy, but unfortunately we're not getting much activity
605 outside. I do go out and do certain inspections, I turned one down the other
606 day when it was determined that every person in the house was recovering.
607 And they said, 'well, it's okay now, you know, we're better.' And I said,
608 'yeah, well, I said, this is not an emergency and it's not critical, we're gonna
609 wait' so I, I turn that one down.

610 **JOHN HAMILTON:** But we have been going out to them and we've been
611 handling some complaints. So why would keeping busy. There's really not
612 much I can tell you, regarding permit construction.

613 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Sure. Do we have any update on Artis' status? I
614 think they were waiting for New York State. Is that - is that right? Before
615 they could start having people come in, do - do you know anything about
616 that or no.

617 **JOHN HAMILTON:** No, I don't. They had requested some sign offs. I think I
618 had one document I had to sign off, and then, but that was a while ago.
619 And you know, it's funny because I cruised by there yesterday and I saw
620 that it was empty. I don't know if it's being held up because of a state
621 requirement or if there's anything to do with the virus. I honestly don't know.
622 Once they got the CO. We don't have any further involvement.

623 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I gotta believe that they're holding off - the
624 Department of Health is holding off giving them any approval until they feel
625 a little more confident, you know obviously the - statewide been having
626 trouble and nursing homes. So I think that they're probably concerned of
627 bringing new ones on online at this - at this time. That would be my guess.

628 **JOHN HAMILTON:** And I didn't want to make just one announcement to
629 the general public. The new 2020 New York State Building codes go into
630 effect in I believe it's May 20 so if you have anything that is going to be
631 submitted to us after May 20 it will have to be certified under the new New
632 York State Building Code. And you might want to let your architect or
633 engineer know that so they can compare the plans they already done to the
634 new code. So when you submitted it won't be any delays and the
635 certification will be on there for us to move you through right away.

636 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. And I just want - there was one other thing I
637 was thinking about besides Artis... I know that you know we had had some
638 questions initially about Parth Knolls and Parth Knolls was allowed
639 originally to move forward because they do have a 10% affordable. But
640 unfortunately, then that changed. However, you know, the next part of our
641 conversation is going to be talking a little bit about, you know, the
642 governor's plan for starting back up again. And how that impacts us and we
643 know that the first - as part of Phase one construction is going to be the first
644 part that comes back online so what were - we are going to be, you know,
645 we talked a little bit about not and I'll speak a little bit more about our
646 meeting with the Village today to talk about how we start thinking about
647 adapting to the phase in that the Governor's proposing to make sure that

648 government can support that transition and in a thoughtful way to make
649 sure everybody is safe and that we continue to keep spread at a minimum
650 or none at all better yet...

651 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And you know, I think that building department is
652 going to be really, you guys are probably going to be the first ones that are
653 going to be impacted by construction being - as part of Phase One.

654 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We have a staff meeting tomorrow. We're going to
655 be tasking all of our department heads - and I'll talk about, again, a little bit
656 about this in a few minutes - with thinking about what it is exactly that you
657 need for – from your department to just specifically protect you know your
658 staff. Also things like avoiding - we know we're not sure when we're going
659 to actually invite the public in and to the best of our ability to continue to do
660 things online. So it's great that we're getting Simprocity – it - up soon. And
661 that we're moving in the direction of, you know, everything, or as much as
662 possible being online so that we can avoid public contact to the best of our
663 ability. And, you know, maximize not - not having any essentially. So again,
664 it's, it seems to be good timing that we were planning in that direction
665 anyway, even without this crazy virus and then that you know your - your
666 staff has had the time to start getting that prepared and up to speed. So
667 we're ready when - do we have an update from across needs to when
668 they're going to start to transition?

669 **JOHN HAMILTON:** No, there's still - we have it on hold while they're
670 working through the Village. They have to get the Village up and running
671 first and then work out the kinks and then we'll engage after that. They
672 don't - I've been told that I think because of the virus, it's - it's really slowed
673 down tremendously that I know they were supposed to go online, a couple
674 of weeks ago, but I think with the virus it's really difficult now to get
675 everything together that they need.

676 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. All right. Well, we will continue to monitor that
677 and keep us informed is there any - if there's anything that you need us to
678 do from our office. Board Members, do any of you have any questions for
679 Mr. Hamilton?

680 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** John, do you feel like you have been able to keep
681 safe and it hasn't been a problem for the few inspections that you've been

682 doing with the one with of course not counting the one that you did decide
683 not to do. Are you feeling comfortable with the set up?

684 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Yeah. We're - we're on we question everybody when
685 they call. 'Are you ill? Has anybody been ill?' We will tell them that we don't
686 want a lot of people in the house. If I go in, depending on what the
687 inspection is, I may request everybody go to a different area of the house
688 so I can go through. We do have masks and gloves that Dana supplied to
689 us and then we just go in. So we have been taking precautions. Hopefully,
690 when people tell me they're not sick that they're not.

691 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Right.

692 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay.

693 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And I think you're just trying to also limit it only to - to
694 inspections that are of great necessity. Right. I don't think that we're just
695 doing you know any old inspection. If not - if not necessary or have an
696 emergency nature.

697 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Well, what we're trying to do is people are panicking on
698 closings. They can lose their, their rate, they can lose the everything on it.
699 So we have been trying to go in and do those inspections for them so that
700 they can close. And as I said, like the last one I did, I just went in with the
701 real estate agent and I had him wait in another room while I walked
702 through. So we're trying to be sensitive to the needs of the people because
703 we understand that some of these people are. It's really impacting them
704 greatly and- and we are trying to show a little compassion when we can
705 and doing whatever we can for them in a reasonable safe way.

706 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Excellent. Okay, so that's great. And is there - so, no
707 more questions for John?

708 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** No. Thanks, John.

709 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Fantastic, thank you so much and Valerie? Did
710 Valerie leave or she's still around?

711 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I think she left

712 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, she's gone.

713 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah. I know that I'm just - John asked a question of
714 Eco G about storage. And I know that I brought up the topic before about
715 battery storage. We have I think received one sort of interest - sort of
716 poking around interested party and we just recently got something from the
717 Town of Yorktown that they're going to be introducing battery energy
718 storage local law. That's something that we've been discussing behind the
719 scenes. I think that it may - I'm just going to put that out this put this out
720 there right now - it may involve us can place a moratorium on battery
721 energy storage installations until we put something in place. And I think that
722 that's probably too or you know, something that we should think seriously
723 about because we want to make sure that we're we do cite these that we
724 have all safety considerations in place and that were thoughtful about the
725 local law that we do introduce so that's just I think going to be a topic at a
726 future, not too far in the distant future work session, and then we'll have
727 hopefully a proposed offer us to consider.

728 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Which is this is a good thing because we're looking
729 at finding ways to basically not have to be as reliant on the grid for energy
730 storage and distribution. And be able to have more local spots, and this is
731 something, again, that's going to be rolled out statewide and we want to be
732 careful where we say, these, these things, but it could be ultimately helpful
733 to our community. So – so that's that. And so, John I think that's it. I mean,
734 you're obviously you're welcome to stay on. We're going to talk very briefly
735 about setting up an Economic Recovery Task Force and a little bit more
736 about just summer events of the waterfront. And so totally up to you, but if
737 you want to go to your doggy and - and play with Bella, I get it.

738 **JOHN HAMILTON:** [UNCLEAR]

739 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Have fun with your doggies.

740 **JOHN HAMILTON:** Everybody stay safe. Okay, and you -

741 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, you too, and thanks for all that you're doing
742 very much appreciate it.

743 **JOHN HAMILTON:** take care. Bye-bye. Thank you.

744 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Bye-bye. Okay so next up, I wanted to discuss with
745 the Board a couple topics as maybe and just start looking ahead at our new
746 normal. This week, Governor Cuomo touched on plans to begin moving the

747 state towards opening back up on a regional level and our region is the
748 Mid-Hudson region. Do we want to look at that - that map right now? This is
749 a -

750 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yes.

751 **DANA LEVENBERG:** little PowerPoint that Victoria put together for us.
752 So...

753 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Can you see it?

754 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Hold on for one second. Yes. I can't see it. I just
755 have to give an update. Okay, so, um, we want to talk a little bit about how
756 we can think about moving forward in response to the Governor's plan. He
757 has a regional approach. Looking at our region where the – you can see
758 this Mid-Hudson- you probably can't see my cursor, right? Thank you. Mid-
759 Hudson region and that encompasses Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Ulster,
760 Rockland, Sullivan, and Westchester counties.

761 **DANA LEVENBERG:** It doesn't look like based on the Governor's
762 prerequisites for - for opening that we're really going to be likely to - to be
763 able to start opening on May 15 and I don't - Victoria you said you didn't
764 include that chart? Or you do have that on another...

765 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I took it off, it was -

766 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Basically, there's a number of prerequisites and that
767 - and do you want to go through what those prerequisites are, Victoria or...

768 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yeah, I mean, in general, I think the Governor is
769 taking a pretty measured approach to how to deal with this, some of the
770 criteria that he established include like declining hospitalizations, decline in
771 ICU cases, and also increased capacity for testing and contract - contact
772 tracing and all these important things that are necessary to – to have some
773 sort of successful reopening of businesses. And something that he's noted,
774 which I think is probably very good is that to take each step kind of slowly
775 and with two weeks in between to kind of evaluate how things go. So that if
776 you need to slow - slow things down, stop - stop things up again. You can
777 and can kind of respond in a real time fashion. And so, you know, I don't
778 have the - we copied some slides from him tonight.

779 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** He had a slide in his presentation in his press
780 conference yesterday, which indicated that right now none of the regions in
781 New York State meet all of the criteria that they've established for
782 reopening. However as you can see on this this map here there are
783 obviously some regions that are at higher risk and you know that includes
784 in the Hudson region where we are in. But some of the regions upstate
785 where there are - there is a lower risk to starting some of these processes
786 of reopening.

787 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Right, and I think that, you know, you do see that the
788 higher risk regions are the ones that tend to have more density, and that is
789 that makes sense and are closer to the city or closer to larger urban hubs.
790 So, um, as we look at it, even though we know you know May 15 may not
791 be the date, we're looking at these phases, you know, starting with
792 construction, manufacturing, wholesale supply chain for select retail that
793 have curbside pickup and/or delivery. And so that's what you know I think
794 why it's so important that we do work very closely internally first to see, you
795 know, how can we phase, our approach to responding to the external
796 phased approach and make sure that we're prepared. So, like, make sure
797 that our building department is prepared as construction comes back
798 online. And make sure that we can respond for, you know, any needs of
799 professional services, which includes real estate and rental leasing
800 departments that work in - in our structure in the town structure or, you
801 know, basically the - the Tax Receivers office, the Assessor's office and the
802 Building department. They're the ones who are really on the front and - the
803 Clerk's office also.

804 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So, we did have a meeting today with Village
805 leadership to really start considering how to best approach operations from
806 a government perspective. And that involves jointly assessing risks,
807 identifying how business of government has to change to mitigate those
808 risks and how we can move forward tomorrow, as I mentioned, we have a
809 staff meeting and we are going to assign members of each department to
810 basically a workforce recovery task force, so we can identify department by
811 department - what infrastructure, what protocols, and what procedures
812 need to be put into place for both the short term and long term so that we
813 can be our best at responding - doing the jobs that we always do, but also
814 really looking at what this new normal looks like.

815 **DANA LEVENBERG:** As we do this simultaneously, we need to discuss
816 how we are engaging with the business community to respond to their
817 needs. As well as how we ensure a phase in for them also looks at risks
818 and protocols to reduce the possibility of an uptick and spread of the virus.
819 So I think what we've been talking about and thinking about is what we can
820 do [to] support our business community. Maybe you could just go to the
821 next slide where we said we would, we thought what would make a lot of
822 sense is to pull together an Economic Recovery Task Force and to take a
823 look at what - who would make up that task force and work very closely
824 with our Chambers, both in Ossining and Briarcliff, to find somebody
825 hopefully somebody has a business in Unincorporated Town, we'd like to
826 Chair this committee and then bring on members from Ossining and
827 Briarcliff Chamber. Also we have sort of a more of a regional chamber that
828 doesn't exactly represent our area, but does a lot of regional work the
829 Hudson Valley Greater Chamber is up in Peekskill and Cortland. And
830 they've also been interested in working with us. I've spoken a little bit with
831 the Ossining Chamber about trying to bring them - get them more involved
832 because they do a lot of work - looking at some of the Regional Economic
833 Development Council - I think they had even have a seat on the Council -
834 working with the Council, working with the Hudson Valley EDC to see if
835 there are opportunities for businesses to help jumpstart any opportunities
836 that they can.

837 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So we'd like to maybe bring them in and make sure
838 that we have representatives from all of our business districts in
839 Unincorporated and from real estate and then thinking about bringing on
840 somebody from healthcare system whether a scientist or a doctor to really
841 help guide our businesses through what makes the most sense of we were
842 always I was on a webinar. The other day that are from our Labor Council
843 Sponsor Bond - Bond Schoeneck, and they had a doctor on who was really
844 talking about, you know, trying to reduce fear and put into place rational
845 and reasonable protocols that makes sense to respond to the virus and
846 think about how businesses need to change whether it's their
847 infrastructures and putting up sneeze guards or making sure people take
848 their temperatures before they walk in the door or, you know, having some
849 kind of a establish some kind of a system before people come in to ring or
850 call or text or whatever it might be.

851 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And then we'd like to have people from marketing
852 and communications as well as government representatives and possibly
853 somebody who either sits on Mid-Hudson or EDC or again that could be
854 somebody from the Hudson Valley chamber possibly and really consider
855 environmental aspects health aspects and how all of those pieces are
856 going to tie together to make sure that we're approaching the economic
857 recovery holistically and in a smart sort of a way. So just wanted to talk a
858 little bit about this with the Board and see if you had any thoughts or
859 suggestions or thought that there were missing elements.

860 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Or if you wanted to - I think in terms of picking and
861 choosing who might be - I think our first stop would probably be to meet
862 with the Chambers and think about, you know, businesses, that may be
863 some of our anchor businesses that would be helpful in this regard.

864 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I just want to note before we get into some more
865 conversation about this - I - we've been talking probably mostly internally
866 over the past couple of months, even before everything kind of fell apart
867 here was that the town used to have a business development advisory
868 committee or something along those lines and it was it was fairly successful
869 and have a lot of people involved and kind of just dissolved a little bit over
870 the past couple years. So we have been talking internally for the past
871 couple months about reviving that in some way, shape, or form.

872 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** So we were also thinking, this might be a good
873 segue into that when things start to hopefully calm down a little bit, or we
874 come to some sort of stasis and normal that we can kind of revive that
875 committee a little bit and encourages as part of a regular part of our town
876 government not just something in response to a crisis.

877 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And I just want to add just as you're talking about
878 stasis and normal, I think, you know, I just want to reiterate that I don't think
879 any of us believe that we're going to be getting two spaces and quote
880 unquote normal for quite some time. I mean, maybe stasis but that's gonna
881 be, again, a new normal. And we know that this is going to be at least - I
882 think the governor said one and a half to two years. I mean, or 12 to 18
883 months at the, at the very maybe - I guess that's one year to one and a half
884 years, but it's a long time, it's not it's not tomorrow that we're going to turn
885 around and everything goes back to normal. And as we adapt, you know,

886 our systems are going to change to - to adapt and we're, we're going to
887 have to be flexible and we're going to have to be stealth and change with
888 them. So it's good to have partners in this and make sure that we're, you
889 know, closely partnering with our business community. I think that this
890 would be a good opportunity for us to do that.

891 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And of course if there any of our Board Members
892 who would like to be a part of this, I'd like to know that as well. So we're
893 gonna open it to - open up the board.

894 **JACKIE SHAW:** I think this gives us an opportunity, I think a lot of
895 businesses are kind of doing this now where we can create some kind of
896 protocol that we can use in any emergency. So if this group could not work
897 on just opening up for this, but for in a number two and see this is how we
898 would get back, whether it's a weather kind of emergency or an economic
899 kind of emergency and look more I guess globally about emergencies in
900 general and how we would bounce back from that. So I think they should
901 have like a broader scope, not just about returning from this. But in general,
902 how would we get back to normal or get back to stasis for after any
903 emergency. So that's something they can look at as well.

904 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I'm guessing – sorry - I'm guessing this group
905 would also be in the conv - in on the conversation with both or all three
906 comprehensive plans for Ossining, Village about Ossining and whatever
907 Briarcliff is doing with their comprehensive update. Um, I mean, this looks
908 like a good group of people just to, you know, keep - work together, going
909 forward, not just for the crisis. But obviously trying.

910 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Sure.

911 **JACKIE SHAW:** I mean, I think we have some of these people represented
912 on the Comprehensive Plan committee. So that's actually interesting.

913 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah, we absolutely do. And, and I think that, you
914 know, very soon we're going to actually be receiving a report, I think, from
915 PACE about - remember our, one of our first grants that was sort of part of
916 like the pre comprehensive plan was coming up with Looking at North State
917 Road as part of a pilot for incorporating public health and planning for
918 health, and planning for healthy community into planning in general and
919 they're - they're sort of using North State Road as a prototype to look at

920 how to make Communities healthier and happier and how they can do that.
921 So hopefully we'll be hearing from them soon but I mean this, it sort of
922 couldn't come at a better time. And I think that it's really critically important
923 to be thinking about public health and - and how it is impacted by planning.

924 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So I think it's a great suggestion that to make sure
925 that this dovetails with the comp plan and that that there's sort of like a two
926 way flow of information as we're working through with PACE the climate
927 smart communities grant, as well as the or I mean it's all part of the EDC
928 grant, but that's really it really comes out of that like thinking about climate
929 change and public health and you know, planning, all, all of those things
930 are important, we come together.

931 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Because all of those things impact each other and
932 we think of flooding and you know hurricanes and all the changes that
933 we're seeing in weather and how they, you know, turn off the lights or
934 whatever it. I mean, all those things tie into battery storage and getting off
935 the grid and you know, and making things likable and walkable. I mean,
936 again, we're seeing people more than ever abandoning their cars and
937 wanting to get outside and wanting to get fresh air and needing access to
938 local food. All of these pieces tie together and they're, they're really
939 critically important elements of what we're looking at, anyway, as part of the
940 planning that we're doing. So I think yes, as we're looking at the economic
941 recovery. Those are also going to be important factors to consider. So
942 thanks for the suggestion Councilwoman Feldman, I think that and for
943 chiming in Councilwoman Shaw. I think that that's going to be very, very
944 important as we go forward.

945 **GREGORY MEYER:** Of -

946 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah?

947 **GREGORY MEYER:** - the - the one thing that I would want us to think
948 about, you kind of have it with the doctors and health, but maybe including
949 someone from the first responder community. Just somebody on the
950 ground to sometimes sees things a little bit quicker and faster than the rest
951 of us.

952 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Excellent suggestion. And we do have a couple fire
953 departments, so more than one involved in this. And I actually think that it

954 was it was interesting to hear from again from Eco G that you know that
955 height restriction was going to not really work with our fire trucks. I mean,
956 that's important to be able to be able to respond, especially a facility that
957 we know is having some tough times right now. We want to make sure that
958 our all of our first responder vehicles can get to where they need to get to
959 and not be obstructed by any sort of any kind of a building, structure.

960 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And any other suggestions for that's - that's a great
961 one is to include first responders, any, any other suggestions for
962 businesses or - or groups that should have representation as part of this
963 economic recovery?

964 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** [UNCLEAR] slide here.

965 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so yeah, just I think that, you know, the focus
966 again should be on re-entry and reinvigoration, keeping the spread at bay.
967 Having fun going from pause to play. And of course, not forgetting to be
968 kind and I think that we can add into this, how it dovetails with our
969 comprehensive plan and also how it - how it prepares us for the next
970 whatever right the next crisis, I guess kind of what Councilwoman Shaw
971 was saying, you know, how can we use this as a lesson to prepare for the
972 next time. And what, what can we do better and differently?

973 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And I you know I always talk about it as a sil- as the
974 silver linings but to really change behaviors change practices so that we
975 are a little bit more stealth and a little bit more smart as - as we move
976 forward doing business carefully. I mean, hopefully we can all not have to
977 just elbow one another at some point or from six feet, you know, we'd like
978 to get back to that point, I know I like, you know, giving my sister a hug
979 every now and again. I don't know about you guys but I miss that.

980 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So, you know, hopefully that that will be part of our
981 new normal. If we can get there but um until that time you know definitely
982 have to figure out some different plans.

983 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Right. I'd want to make sure that the Committee
984 on top of these focuses kind of comprehensively included all of the parts of
985 Ossining and Briarcliff. And, you know, try to rely on each other and make
986 sure all boats rise. So, you know, focusing on if there's a need and the, you
987 know, there's something we need to do. Maybe we could get more from a

988 local source, which I know we tried to do anyway but just kind of make sure
989 that we're working as a whole and finding ways for all the different entities
990 to support each other.

991 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** And you know just keeping it volunteer-oriented
992 Ossining/Briarcliff community with that really focuses on an overall recovery
993 and even coming back stronger than we were.

994 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Okay, so I think we're good with that. Yes?
995 Can we move on to the next topic? Okay, great. So last topic, is that we
996 had a meeting today with various stakeholders reordering planning for
997 summer events at the waterfront. And as you know, last year we came up
998 with a great plan for our waterfront concert series and we had Food Truck
999 Fridays. And it was extremely successful. We had a fantastic firework show
1000 for Independence Day and it doesn't look very good for these things to be
1001 happening like that this summer. So before we started sending out all the
1002 letters to the bands and canceling everybody out and telling the food truck
1003 'sorry,' and telling the sponsors that it said they want sponsor this, we
1004 thought we'd all get together and put our heads together and think if there's
1005 some alternative something. I don't know what I didn't really want to identify
1006 it. I didn't want to cramp anybody's thinking style if we could brainstorm a
1007 little bit to think how we might be able to do something else for - for our
1008 community so that we have something to look forward to, on Friday nights,
1009 so that we can continue to support our local businesses.

1010 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I mean, part of the Food Truck Fridays and the
1011 concerts is [it's] a great way to enjoy our public parks and spaces, but it's
1012 also a great way to highlight some of our local businesses. And last year,
1013 you know, we partnered with the Chamber to do that so we can make sure
1014 that we had local businesses were represented not only food trucks from
1015 outside and people came in flocks and they actually did they learned about
1016 some of our local restaurants, who set up a little tent and maybe brought
1017 out their specialty. And people then would return to those businesses on
1018 other nights and other times during the year. So it was a great way to
1019 support our local businesses. So what can we do this year?

1020 **DANA LEVENBERG:** More trying to encourage social distancing. And we
1021 talked about, you know, we do something like the - I guess the Tarrytown
1022 Sleepy Hollow farmers market has some kind of a drive and up and pick up

1023 and maybe they have some bands playing or something like that.
1024 Somewhere along the way we talked, could we do something like that at
1025 the waterfront?

1026 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We talked about, or I guess maybe Barton Orchards
1027 and done something. And we had lots of great ideas, the Riskos
1028 participated and Sing Sing Kill Brewery participated and our Chamber was
1029 there. And the Village, also because of the parking down there and our
1030 Police Chief was there. We just tried to think you know what we do. I think
1031 that, you know, a big obstacle is that was highlighted was if we bring
1032 people down to the waterfront they're going to want to stay. Even if we had
1033 you know Mike and Miriam. Mike and Miriam, you know, said well we don't
1034 you know stop stand on the stage, we're a family unit. So we can play
1035 together. It's not like we're, you know, different people from as band.

1036 **DANA LEVENBERG:** But if we stand up on that, if they stand up with that
1037 on that stage, and even if we tell everybody okay you know you go here
1038 and you go there and you're all whatever six feet or 10 feet apart or
1039 whatever was and we, you know, mark our little spots for people it we know
1040 we've been seeing what's happening and people are not maintaining social
1041 distance.

1042 **DANA LEVENBERG:** You tend to forget and the masks come off and you
1043 can't hear somebody and you know I mean it's just, it's not really working.
1044 And if we bring everybody down there for whatever reason, and then we
1045 start seeing people not to me that, then it's kind of our fault for having
1046 brought people down there. So these are some of the things that we kind of
1047 talked about tonight.

1048 **DANA LEVENBERG:** One of the ideas which I really liked, and I think a lot
1049 of people really liked was a night - Some, some things that they've been
1050 doing another communities. I think Mary risk was brought up that notion of
1051 sort of getting like a little taste of our businesses by having them put on
1052 some sort of program for an hour, say, on a Friday night. Maybe we put two
1053 together, back to back, where it's an appointment. It's kind of appointment
1054 TV with our local businesses and maybe you have a cooking show. Maybe
1055 you have a demonstration of another.

1056 **DANA LEVENBERG:** You know, musical a music store just for an
1057 example, or you have a parent pottery night or, you know, there's different

1058 things that you maybe could do at home. My mom the other night decided
1059 to do our lesson for all of her children and grandchildren. So we all tuned in
1060 for 45 minutes and this one had craypas and that one had crayons and this
1061 one had markers and you know we all just kind of got together and we did
1062 something

1063 **DANA LEVENBERG:** This is a nice potential way to highlight our local
1064 businesses give people something to do on a Friday night, and then we
1065 could also tease people to get deliveries from our restaurant. So there's a
1066 couple of different possibilities we've been tossing around.

1067 **DANA LEVENBERG:** You have about five people from that bigger group
1068 means that we had today who are willing and interested in trying to
1069 continue to come up with a program. So while we don't have anything final
1070 yet to present. We're trying to figure out if there's a way that we can do
1071 something safe and fun virtually and inexpensively to keep to keep people
1072 engaged with our town. And - and one of the other things I wanted to just
1073 mention is that I know you guys sort of have a sense of Mind Body Spirit
1074 Ossining where we encourage local wellness businesses to pick a park and
1075 pick an hour on a Saturday and give a free class and that would be a way
1076 for people to see sort of how they could use our public parks and spaces to
1077 exercise or do mindfulness or meditation or Tai Chi, Zumba, belly dancing.
1078 We have yoga all sorts of different things. We've asked her businesses this
1079 year 'if you still want to do that, you could do it, like, do a live zoom or do a
1080 - a taped something that we would direct people' to - similar to the way that
1081 they're doing Boredom Busters through Rec.

1082 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And I think that, you know, again, we can do stuff
1083 like that either throughout the day we're - we're sending people to a park to
1084 show how people how they can use their parks with safe social distancing
1085 and still get a good stretch or, you know, or we can have people in their
1086 own businesses showing just showing people how they can do art, acting,
1087 music, cooking, Zumba, you name it.

1088 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So those are some ideas for Friday nights with the
1089 Town of Ossining. Or maybe we'll come up with something better. That
1090 sounds really boring. But, you know, we'll come up with a catchy name and
1091 get people to eat our food from our local businesses and learn about some

1092 of the other businesses that they might not have otherwise known were in
1093 Town.

1094 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So the [UNCLEAR] just sent me you know that she
1095 has, you know, she's helping people with in – with Interior Design. So that
1096 would be something like she could show you how to, you know, rearrange
1097 your bedroom or whatever with, you know, I don't know. We're all cleaning
1098 now. You know there there's a – Nina Wewreiter, oh that's not her last
1099 name, Nina - Nina - I can't remember, she hasn't closet business, you
1100 know, are we cleaning business whatever. I mean as does Lana Kitcher so
1101 there's lots of there's lots of local businesses are still probably able to help
1102 people at home in ways that would be useful even virtually. So I don't know
1103 what does everybody think?

1104 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** You might call [it] 'What's Going On in Ossining'
1105 or whatever. But it's an idea. I mean, I really... I'm really not thinking that
1106 far ahead wrong with everyone to see what the opening reopening looks
1107 like and what the opportunities would be going forward. But it's a cute idea,
1108 you know, Friday night, what's going on Friday night in Ossining maybe,
1109 you know, it's an idea I'd like to see it fleshed out more.

1110 **JACKIE SHAW:** People are getting more used to the whole virtual doing
1111 things online, so it's - it's a possibility.

1112 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** And - And what Dana just said that's not an idea
1113 that is some ideas.

1114 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I mean, I think, how it kind of came up was like
1115 make Friday nights about - about Ossining. Supporting your local
1116 businesses in some way, shape, or form. I know there's a lot of different
1117 models out there and there's a lot of different team needs doing some
1118 really cool things that we, you know, we don't have to reinvent the wheel -
1119 wheel here. I think we can copycat a little bit and help it out but you know I
1120 think - I think everybody could use like you're saying appointment TV,
1121 something that everybody is looking forward to on a Friday night. I think
1122 would be a great community thing, even if it's not would have normally was
1123 in the past couple years.

1124 **NORTHERN WILCHER:** Maybe, maybe if we just, just wait another say a
1125 month to see which way we're going to go. We, you know, things could

1126 change for the better, or the worse. And so I think maybe we need to just
1127 give it a little more time. And then get into, you know, working on
1128 something. But as of right now, and I know that this is just something. Oh,
1129 she's putting out there that's may - maybe put a good of the community.
1130 Yeah, and I think, you know, everybody in the group today, I think, was -
1131 was - was definitely on the same page of

1132 **VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** It needs to be something that can adapt right?
1133 You try it out once it might work, this is better. This you know something
1134 that's not so set in stone for the whole summer because you're absolutely
1135 right. We don't have a crystal ball hopefully things will change for the better,
1136 a little bit. We might get a little bit of respite over the summer. But, you
1137 know, be prepared to do something that engages the community and
1138 change it, as we see fit.

1139 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so, but am I getting the sense from the Board
1140 that you're not, you don't think we're going to have to count cancel the
1141 concert series. Because I can tell you from everybody else they absolutely
1142 think that that is a no-go there summer.

1143 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I feel like -

1144 **JACKIE SHAW:** I would say it's a no-go.

1145 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** At least through, see what we can re-evaluate
1146 what's happening late July or August, but not now.

1147 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I mean, it goes its July and August, right? I think we
1148 have like [UNCLEAR].

1149 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** All right, yeah.

1150 **JACKIE SHAW:** And the planning for it is months before.

1151 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Exactly. I mean, you mean by this point, it was
1152 booked and we have, you know, all our bands have been selected.

1153 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Everybody was ready, we haven't, you know, we
1154 didn't sign the contracts on the dotted line because everything kind of, you
1155 know, hit the fan before we got there. Um, so...

1156 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Yeah. I'm not -

1157 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I am not. I think, you know, I know that other
1158 communities have already pulled the plug on all of these all of these sorts
1159 of events. I've been asking, you know, that fireworks. You know, maybe we
1160 could do it first night or something. And we were not we're not going to
1161 have fireworks folks. There's no no way we're going to have 10,000 - 6000
1162 to 10,000 people in one place in July. No, not going to happen. It's not
1163 going to happen. It's not. I mean, talk about spread. You know, it - we're
1164 looking at how are we going to reduce spread. What's our new normal
1165 going to look like, it's not going to be that at the beginning of July as much
1166 as we all really, really wish it could be.

1167 **DANA LEVENBERG:** And I can't imagine us telling everybody, you know,
1168 keep your distance and that working. Or spending a lot of money on
1169 fireworks that people are watching on video screen like that to me doesn't
1170 seem a good way to go.

1171 **ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** And realistically, they're not even sure if they're
1172 going to open the college campuses, or the schools in September yet, until
1173 they figure it all out. So concert series, I probably really not a good idea.

1174 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I really don't think it's going to happen. I hate to burst
1175 anybody's bubble thought I just I it's just not. I mean, we can say we can
1176 wait. But I think we have to plan as if it's not going to happen. We have to
1177 let people know. I mean, you know, people have lives and - and
1178 expectations and I don't even know if any band would - would let us book
1179 them at this point and you know concert has been can't are being cancelled
1180 right and left throughout. The Capitol Theatre, we were talking about today
1181 is, you know, talking about simulcasts and things like that. And, you know,
1182 what's that going to look like and what are concert halls going to look like
1183 you know I mean so anyway, that's the unfortunate reality of our current
1184 situation.

1185 **DANA LEVENBERG:** We'll – we'll – we'll come up with more a better plan
1186 as we work with our smaller group. But again, if you have any ideas at this
1187 point, we're still early and hopefully we'll have something more solid soon,
1188 but I just wanted to let everybody know that, you know, these are the these
1189 are the thoughts that plague us every day and we're also, again, you know,
1190 I think we're talking about how are we adapting to this new normal as we
1191 talk with our department heads again tomorrow. It's not just, you know,

1192 'what kind of face masks are you wearing in your department,' and 'do you
1193 need gloves or not,' it's also, you know, we're seeing a lot more garbage in
1194 our parks like we need to adjust our work schedules to address that and,
1195 you know, how are we are we going to – do we want to do carry and carry
1196 out because you know we can't keep up with it all there. There are different
1197 types of things that we need to talk about tomorrow all of these things are
1198 just coming at us for the first time, and none of us know how what the right
1199 way about it is, so I think working together and putting their minds together
1200 and with the people who are boots on the ground in each of our
1201 departments is going to be the best way to go. I would say the same holds
1202 true for our events as, as well as our, you know, businesses, so. Hopefully
1203 we can continue to work together with all these subgroups to come up with
1204 plans and figure out our way or path forward. That's it for me. Anybody else
1205 have anything else you guys want to add?

1206 **DANA LEVENBERG:** I'm grateful for all of you for working so hard on
1207 behalf of all of our residents, our community, we are so thankful to our first
1208 responders, to our healthcare workers to our restaurateurs, to our people
1209 who are on the front lines, making sure that all of our needs continue to be
1210 met. And I just really can't think our community enough for coming
1211 together. I think actually the County Executive put out something - I just
1212 saw it - at the end of the night. It didn't print it out, but about graduates -
1213 high school grads and making a video for your favorite high school
1214 graduate for this year. And I don't know if they're going to put them all
1215 together or something but they did you know such a nice thing for at the
1216 high school – at Ossining high school. This past week for - I think was the
1217 weekend, they lit up Dilley field at 8:20 which is 20:20 military time for the
1218 Class of 2020 and it did it for 20 minutes and lots of horns beeping outside
1219 my house and I know that there was a lot of I'm sure there were a lot of
1220 tears shed.

1221 **DANA LEVENBERG:** So we know that everybody is going through a really
1222 tough time right now getting used to this experience and missing out on all
1223 of the significant events that would be happening right now. I have a
1224 college grad in my house who just keeps timing. I just had my last lecture
1225 ever of my college career sitting at my desk in my room. It's hard, and we
1226 all feel it differently, but we all are - are also experiencing this great
1227 sadness. So thanks everybody for hanging in there. And thanks to our

1228 incredible community for just continuing to reach out and help your
1229 neighbor and here's to better times. We'll see you next week at our
1230 regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday.

1231 **DANA LEVENBERG:** Right back here on your favorite zoom channel and
1232 you can watch us always on YouTube if you missed us the first time around
1233 we publish the - put the meetings up on YouTube usually pretty - pretty
1234 early in the morning. The next day, so thanks everybody. Have a great
1235 week and we'll see you next week.