

Town of Ossining Board Work Session

May 19, 2020

Meeting Transcript

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In Attendance: Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Councilmember Liz Feldman, Councilmember Jackie G. Shaw, Councilmember Northern Wilcher, Jr, Councilmember Gregory Meyer, Municipal Attorney Christie Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, New Castle Town Administrator Jill Simon Shapiro, Tectonic Engineering rep Mark Lukasik, Town of New Castle Town Engineer Bob Cioli, Town Engineer Dan Ciarcia

1 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Very respectful of the atomic clock...
2 And so at the 7:30 Good evening everybody. And welcome to the town
3 board of the Town of Ossining work session for Tuesday, May 19, 2020
4 please rise and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance. We'll have our virtual
5 flag up in a moment, please remain standing for a moment of silence in
6 memory of Evelyn Connie Benedetto who was a past Ossining Town Clerk.

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

10 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And our moment of silence.

11 **[MOMENT OF SILENCE]**

12 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Thank you. So Honorable Connie
13 Benedetto very sadly passed away from Coronavirus earlier this month.
14 She served the town for 29 years and retired as Ossining in Town Clerk in
15 1981. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and remember her for
16 her many dedicated years of service to the Town. In her obituary, the family
17 asked that, in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Ossining Fire
18 Department, Ossining Food Pantry, or Ossining Volunteer Ambulance
19 Corps. So even in her passing she's still very much looking out for our
20 community. Thank you so much to her family for having those donations go
21 those ways and we are very, very sad that - for this loss.

22 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I'm going to start off with a few
23 announcements and then we'll get into our work Session agenda on Friday.
24 Last week, New York State saw several regions enter Phase One of
25 reopening. While we're reminded that this health crisis is far from over, it
26 was very nice to see the reopening plan in action as portions of the state
27 transition from New York PAUSE to New York Forward and case numbers
28 here in our region are being monitored closely. As I mentioned previously,
29 Ossining is in the mid-Hudson region, which includes the rest of
30 Westchester County, obviously, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess, Ulster,
31 Sullivan, and Orange Counties. There are seven key metrics our region
32 must meet to qualify for reopening and our region has currently met only
33 five of the seven requirements. I think it was for early in the week - or it was
34 five and then four - and now we're back at five, and that's of the seven
35 requirements.

36 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** A dashboard showing the status of
37 each metric for our region can be viewed [forward.nyc.gov/regional-](http://forward.nyc.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard)
38 [monitoring-dashboard](http://forward.nyc.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard). Once we meet the criteria we can begin Phase One,
39 which allows certain types of businesses to resume, including construction,
40 agriculture, and retail with curbside pickup restrictions. Phase Two includes
41 professional services, hair salons, retail, and real estate. Phase Three,
42 among others - and there's more details also available on the state website
43 - Phase Three relates to food services. And Phase Four would open
44 schools and recreation and arts and leisure activities. There's
45 approximately two weeks between each phase to avoid another spike in
46 case numbers and for each region to evaluate how they're doing with the
47 particular phase of reopening

48 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** If you believe you qualify for Phase -
49 Phase One business. I encourage you to visit the [Forward ny.gov](http://Forward.ny.gov) website
50 to verify if you do in fact qualify. And if so, to access the necessary
51 resources so that you can plan for reopening. Don't expect to just open
52 your doors and get back to business as usual. Absolutely not. You're going
53 to need to implement a Business Safety Plan. Which you're going to have
54 to post conspicuously and make it available for inspection in your place of
55 business.

56 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Also, you will need to sign an
57 affirmation saying that you will comply with the state regulations for your
58 business. Again, to reiterate the mid-Hudson region has not yet - yet
59 reached the metrics for reopening just to be very clear. But these resources
60 that are available on the NY Forward website are invaluable. You need to
61 plan out for your future opening of your business. So please take a look at
62 all of the resources that are available to you.

63 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Since our region is not yet open. We
64 have not really seen a drastic change outside our windows, except for that
65 the flowers are blooming a little bit more. Non-essential businesses will
66 remain closed, non-essential workers are going to continue to limit travel
67 except for essential trips. Of course, it's great to be outside and get the
68 fresh air and engage in some solitary or wellness activities with your family,
69 with very small groups of your family only that you live with. You maintain a
70 six foot distance from others, you need to wear masks in public places,
71 even if you think you won't be near other person because there's a very
72 good chance you will meet up with another person if you're outside
73 anywhere. Because people are outside in droves right now because
74 everybody wants to get some fresh air and get outside.

75 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So please make sure that you carry
76 masks with you if you're not planning to actually wear it so that if you do get
77 close to somebody, you can just kind of quickly put it on. Unlike earlier in
78 the crisis, masks are now available for sale and pharmacies and grocery
79 stores. The Town and Village received a donation of reusable cloth masks
80 through the county which are almost depleted. However, we do believe we
81 will be getting in another shipment, at which point we will let businesses
82 know how they can arrange to pick up some of these masks. Due to – Due
83 to the increased interest in masks we rolled out our first #MaskMonday this
84 week on Facebook and Instagram. Each Monday we encourage residents
85 to share pictures on their homemade masks or instructions for how to make
86 masks or have any their own masks. Show off your creative works made
87 from old T-shirts or any material with a fun print.

88 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** The town shares a weekly list of
89 restaurants and businesses that have adapted during the Coronavirus
90 Crisis. Please, please feel free to share these lists far and wide. We want to

91 keep our beloved businesses in Ossining. If you or someone you know is
92 facing food insecurity, they may be surprised to know that local residents
93 have partnered with different community groups to provide hot meals. The
94 Town of Ossining is sharing food distribution information on our website
95 and Facebook page. And we do have a specific COVID section of our
96 page, so please take a look. It's so great to continue to see our community
97 coming together to help support one another.

98 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I would like to take a moment to talk
99 briefly about the upcoming June 9 Elections for the Ossining and Briarcliff
100 school district budgets and School Board trustees, as well as the Ossining
101 Library budget and Library board - Board of trustees. In an effort to avoid
102 mass gatherings at polling sites registered voters will receive a ballot by
103 mail in the upcoming week. Be on the lookout for the ballots and mark your
104 calendars to send them back by 5pm on June 9 the envelopes are already
105 stamped and ready to be counted. And also the primary we are still
106 expecting to receive applications for absentee ballots in the mail every
107 registered voter should receive one of these and please fill that out and
108 there should also be a return stamped envelope available to send to the
109 Board of Elections with that information and then you will receive back a
110 primary ballot, a little closer to June 23.

111 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Finally, I am proud to share that
112 almost 62% of the unincorporated town residents, almost 57% of Village of
113 Ossining residents, and over 75% of Briarcliff residents have responded to
114 the Census. I know that I'm pretty sure that our friends from - from the
115 Town of New Castle are on this call could probably brag close - up there
116 pretty close to that 75% of not above so we have to keep up the good work
117 folks and really not give up because we do not want to lose at least \$2500
118 for each uncounted resident, which amounts to millions of dollars that we
119 would lose for our municipalities and our schools if we do not get the count
120 right.

121 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Even our friends from Sesame Street
122 are airing commercials reminding us to make our families, count. I forget
123 how the count counts but come on Victoria give me some help here.

124 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** One! Twooo! Threeee!

125 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Vwone! Two! I don't know, I guess he
126 counts like that, right? So you need to get – get - get into it. You need to
127 get, make sure you count all your little kitties, even newborn babies who
128 are who are born as of April 1 2020. We don't want to lose out on any
129 money that our community deserves. So please encourage your friends,
130 your family members, neighbors, and of course your zoom cocktail buddies
131 to complete their Census. If they haven't already done so.

132 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Memorial Day this year was just
133 announced by the Governor today will be celebrated fairly quietly. We are -
134 there are – the Governor's allowing small ceremonies of 10 or under or I
135 believe car parades are permitted, I believe that both our communities in
136 Ossining and Briarcliff are going to be doing in-person ceremonies. I
137 haven't heard of the car parades yet and they will be playing placing
138 wreaths. As of now I think that that's pretty much going to be it. They are
139 certainly going to try to limit it to the those 10. And of course, we want to
140 acknowledge our veterans and all of the servicemen and women who
141 we've lost in service to our country. Your leadership and your dedication to
142 service is understood now more than ever as we need to come together as
143 individuals for the good of the whole country throughout this pandemic. And
144 so difficult to have to remain apart from one another at times like these
145 when we normally come together once again our hearts go out to all those
146 we have lost.

147 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And in a tiny bit of good news our
148 Town Parks Department managed to squeeze in the installation of a wash
149 station at our food scrap collection site at Cedar Park last week to make it
150 easier to wash out your bins before taking them home. So nice job Team
151 Ossining. They also installed an outdoor sink for our community gardeners.
152 And we hope to have the finishing touches on social distancing and
153 sanitary protocols in place or gardeners can start planting their veggies and
154 flowers gardens soon, so stay tuned for that. Do any of my colleagues have
155 any other announcements?

156 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And seen head shaking in this
157 direction. I believe that's no.

158 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Just um, you're going to give
159 a shout out for EMS week?

160 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Thank you. Yes, we are giving a
161 shout out for EMS week is all this week. And we're so excited that our meal
162 train which our former Town employee Maddi Zachacz, and our Town Clerk
163 Sue Donnelly have been so instrumental in putting together meals to go out
164 to OVAC and to Phelps hospital which actually also our middle Hudson
165 ambulance district also services, some parts of our friends here in New
166 Castle.

167 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So we, um, this week we're able to
168 through the meal train send lunches to our EMS workers and by our
169 volunteers and professional staff. We're so grateful to EMS volunteers and
170 staff this week as we get to recognize all of the great work they do for us.
171 And certainly at this time during this pandemic, we are immensely grateful.
172 Not only have they been helpful in making sure that people get to the
173 hospital when they need to, and getting the sort of the emergency services
174 that they need. But they've also really been so helpful in giving us some
175 guidance on disinfecting and working with us to get us products that we
176 need to make sure that all of us can - can be operating safely. So we're
177 very, very grateful to Chief Nick Franzoso and his team at OVAC for all the
178 good work they do. So thank you, Councilwoman Feldman, for reminding
179 me about that. We love you guys.

180 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. So up next on our work
181 session agenda, we have some special visitors from our New Castle
182 neighbors. Mark Lukasik from Tectonic Engineering and Bob Cioli Town
183 Engineer for the Town of New Castle are here with Town Administrator Jill
184 Shapiro, to discuss with us plans for the decommissioning of the Upper
185 Minkel Dam, which is located on property owned by the Town of New
186 Castle.

187 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** The Upper Minkel Dam is a no
188 surprise within close proximity to the Lower Minkel Dam, which is actually
189 within the Town of Ossining's borders on private property, the Spring Pond
190 Condominiums. We have been in close communication with Mark, Bob,
191 and their team as they move forward with their plans to make this dam
192 safer and less impactful to the environment.

193 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** We are grateful to Supervisor Ivy
194 Pool who wanted to make sure the decision on decommissioning was

195 something that awesome had an opportunity to give feedback on since it
196 will directly impact us. And also for all of Administrator Shapiro's help with
197 organizing this so that we could all have an opportunity to hear about the
198 plans for the decommissioning of the Upper Minkel Dam.

199 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** We also have an opportunity to
200 discuss with Spring Pond and they're engineered plans for upgrading the
201 Lower Minkel Dam. Overall, making this shared water bodies safer for
202 surrounding neighborhoods downstream. So thanks again for joining us
203 tonight to bring the Ossining Town Board up to speed on this project and
204 also we have our Town Engineer Dan Ciarcia here with us tonight who has
205 also been privy to some of the plans and presentation prior to this evening.
206 So we hope that he can help guide our conversation with the Town Board.
207 So I will turn it over to you, Jill, or Bob whoever's taking the lead on that.

208 **NEW CASTLE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JILL SIMON SHAPIRO:** I'm, I'm
209 thinking, Bob, we should turn over to Mark on he's got a presentation, that
210 we've already shared I think Dan, you've actually been privy to all of the
211 conversation. So this is probably the second or third time you've heard it,
212 but Mark wants to take it away. Are you able to share your screen so that
213 everyone can see the PowerPoint presentation?

214 **MARK LUKASIK:** I am able to share it. Good evening, everyone. I - if I
215 have the rights to do it. I'm going to attempt to do that. If everybody would
216 like that. And it should be exactly the same as any PDF that would have
217 been included in the packet to the board members. So if you're looking
218 down at anything, you should be able to reference back and forth. We'll see
219 how it goes.

220 **MARK LUKASIK:** As far as any ground rules, whatnot, I'm really flexible. If
221 you anyone wants to pop in with little question as we're going through this.
222 That's fine.

223 **MARK LUKASIK:** I really don't want to take all your time this evening. I
224 figured something on the order about 10 minutes or so 10 to 15 minutes is
225 about the level of detail that I have. And any questions that you have. I'd be
226 happy to entertain answer discuss as warranted. So let's see how this flies.

227 **NEW CASTLE ADMINISTRATOR JILL SHAPIRO:** Okay.

228 **MARK LUKASIK:** So many questions it's asking me

229 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** You should be able to share
230 your screen, but let me know if there's an issue.

231 **MARK LUKASIK:** It's trying... Is it sharing for you.

232 **NEW CASTLE ADMINISTRATOR JILL SHAPIRO:** No.

233 **MARK LUKASIK:** It appeared to be on my side.

234 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Not yet.

235 **MARK LUKASIK:** One more time.

236 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** There you go.

237 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

238 **MARK LUKASIK:** All right.

239 **NEW CASTLE ADMINISTRATOR JILL SHAPIRO:** Good deal.

240 **MARK LUKASIK:** Technology. Let's see, what are we...

241 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I think it just went away...

242 **MARK LUKASIK:** My goodness.

243 **NEW CASTLE ADMINISTRATOR JILL SHAPIRO:** That's, that's a
244 beautiful screen.

245 **ROBERT CIOLI:** We did all the work already. Jill.

246 **MARK LUKASIK:** It's done.

247 [UNCLEAR]

248 **MARK LUKASIK:** I love, I love technology. I apologize.

249 [UNCLEAR]

250 **MARK LUKASIK:** I have no idea where the cameras looking right now.
251 Boy, oh boy.

252 **MARK LUKASIK:** Alright! We're gonna just we're going to roll with this
253 technology is wonderful. Okay everyone, I appreciate it. Tectonic was
254 retained by the Town of New Castle and about 2012. And we've been
255 working on Upper Minkel Dam as one of dams [UNCLEAR] on and off as
256 we tried to assist the Town with their decision. What do they do with this

257 dam? [In] about in 2009 New York state change their regulations updated
258 them dramatically with respect to dams and dams throughout the state
259 began to be reviewed, many of which hadn't been looked at in 50 plus
260 years.

261 **MARK LUKASIK:** So as the Supervisor alluded to, you've got to dams in
262 close proximity, both essentially straddling the border between the two
263 communities Upper Minkel Dam located in the town of New Castle and
264 Lower Minkel immediately over the line.

265 **MARK LUKASIK:** Both dams were found to have deficiencies during the
266 review processes both require work as a result of these investigations. New
267 Castle was essentially faced with a choice: 'do you want to keep the damn,
268 rehab it, upgrade it as such,' or the other real practical option would be to
269 decommission the dam.

270 **MARK LUKASIK:** So, at the moment, it looks like New Castle's looking to
271 decommission the dam. The deficiencies that exists out there that were
272 identified in the report, one was spillway capacity that's essentially how
273 much water can pass over the dam during a large storm event. There is
274 definitely seepage around the data structure now. And the structure is
275 difficult to predict. It's really a pile of stones. there have been attempts over
276 time to stabilize it with concrete buttresses but it's a largely an
277 unpredictable structure as it stands today, both Upper Minkel and Upper
278 Minkel are now high hazard Class C dams in the State of New York.

279 **MARK LUKASIK:** So what that means is they are essentially the highest
280 category of risk to anyone downstream and therefore they deserve the
281 most attention not only from the regulations and the design standards, but
282 from the state and ultimately the owners of these dams as well. It's
283 important to note to both residents in the Town of New Castle and the
284 Town of Ossining that both dam owners, you know, in, in my personal
285 opinion are doing what they ought to be doing and taking a good hard look
286 at these two structures and making a decision as to what the future of the
287 structure should be.

288 **MARK LUKASIK:** The - just for orientation purposes for the rest of this
289 conversation this evening. The Upper Minkel Dam is about 14 feet tall and
290 it is the structure that is creating the pond. It's about three acres inside
291 behind it right in the middle of your screen. And there are two small dikes to

292 the south, which again come right up against the mystical boundary with
293 Ossining. And they really, it just confined the water behind the dam and
294 keep smaller flows from dribbling into the Town of Ossining into adjacent
295 residential backyards.

296 **MARK LUKASIK:** The principal focus and all the work that would be done
297 here are on Upper Minkel Dam in the center of the screen. The two dykes
298 would be left alone. There would be no need to touch them.

299 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Mark, can you just use your cursor to
300 like indicate what you're talking about?

301 **MARK LUKASIK:** That I'll see if - if you can. I don't know if you're seeing it,
302 but I'm seeing a little hand waving like to the middle of the screen.

303 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes. That looks good. Thanks.

304 **MARK LUKASIK:** That's Upper Minkel Dam. The two dykes that we were
305 just talking about are over here on the left of the screen.

306 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** And in this picture, Lower
307 Minkel Dam would be?

308 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Right. Higher up in behind
309 Purdy's Pond.

310 **MARK LUKASIK:** Yeah, Lower Minkel would be off to the left.

311 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay.

312 **MARK LUKASIK:** That's correct. A top of the screen is lower elevation and
313 that is Purdy Pond.

314 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay. Just, just clarifying.

315 **MARK LUKASIK:** [UNCLEAR] of Spring Pond Dam.

316 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Actually, I have one
317 question. Are there ponds for - further up? From Upper Minkel Dam, I know
318 there's a few ponds up in the woods there that aren't other private
319 properties as anybody looked at the dams or retention and those ponds
320 and is that going to be a factor?

321 **MARK LUKASIK:** There are, yes, there are a couple probably vernal pools.
322 There's a you know a few small ponds up in those areas as well as you
323 alluded to, there's a small watercourse that does extend from the, from the
324 preserve and...

325 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Right.

326 **MARK LUKASIK:** a short leg of it really is, you know, the services to feed
327 the headwaters into the impoundment behind Upper Minkel. The - The
328 performance of those ponds, the hydraulic impact of them has not been
329 modeled specifically in what is going on here. Generally speaking, when
330 we're doing the mathematics around the damage in here and we're looking
331 at larger storm events. So...

332 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** They don't factor into the
333 larger -

334 **MARK LUKASIK:** They may play a role, but they won't be impacted by
335 what we're doing here in Upper Minkel Dam or the three acre body of water
336 behind it.

337 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** And do they have dams that
338 have integrity issues?

339 **MARK LUKASIK:** No... none that are - there are no dams listed upstream
340 from Upper Minkel in series Upper Minkel is the upper most damn in the
341 reach. A dam in New York State is technically anything that in pounds
342 water, but it doesn't get interesting are regulated until it gets over six feet
343 and a few other parameters.

344 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Thank you.

345 **MARK LUKASIK:** No problem. The concept for decommissioning the dam
346 in a large scale is to return the water body into a vegetated area and it
347 would be a mixture of riparian areas right along a waterway, grass that
348 would transition into woods. So essentially we want to take three acres of
349 water and make three acres of forest.

350 **MARK LUKASIK:** It will take time to do that. The current structure for
351 Upper Minkel Dam has a very, very small spillway associated with it.
352 Extremely insignificant, a couple inches deep, a couple feet wide. So the
353 important thing about that is upper Michael damn serves no function as a

354 flow control structure from a practical perspective. When it rains up in the
355 preserve the water takes its time to reach the surface of Upper Minkel Dam
356 and the impoundment behind and then it immediately discharges into Purdy
357 Pond below. Some folks may be familiar with large flood control dams that
358 generally have dry or very low water levels behind them and their purpose
359 and their function is to capture a lot of storm related event, hold it and then
360 slowly release it. That's not what's happening here with Upper Minkel Dam.
361 This is merely creating a lake and that is all.

362 **MARK LUKASIK:** I should also note one other item with the Upper Minkel
363 Dam it has a low level control that. The purpose is to drain the pond in the
364 event of an emergency. That is not functioning. So the Town currently has
365 a plan in place to construct the siphon. Should they need to do any sort of
366 emergency lowering for the waterbody. The - getting back to the plan for
367 decommissioning here right down the center of the lake bed, the idea
368 would be to institute a small stream. That would be the area where the
369 erosive flows are confined. If there were a large event we build a small
370 bench or create, essentially, a little – a little floodplain that would allow it to
371 handle larger flows in a controlled fashion and move the water again from
372 the inlet to the pond into Purdy Pond below.

373 **MARK LUKASIK:** The process to go about decommissioning this dam is
374 relatively straightforward. The first thing we have to do is get rid of the
375 water. And to do it. We have to get it out of the empowerment behind
376 Upper Minkel Dam and we have to put it into a Purdy Pond behind Lower
377 Minkel Dam and we don't do that in a sudden fashion we do it in a very
378 controlled fashion. In all likelihood, it would be done with a siphon, which
379 essentially requires very little energy. You can use physics to transfer the
380 water from one to another, and I – by designing the size of the siphon, you
381 can control the rate at which the flow is transferred from one water body to
382 the other.

383 **MARK LUKASIK:** The idea here is to have no practical impact on the lower
384 water body by suddenly sending a large slug of water. So just for reference
385 in order of magnitude, it should take about two weeks for us to transfer the
386 water from one water body to the other and downstream and do it in a
387 fashion that creates no erosive conditions or flooding conditions
388 downstream.

389 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Do you move the fish and
390 wildlife?

391 **MARK LUKASIK:** The fish, generally speaking, they can be inventoried
392 during the process, they can be held in corners of the water body. I'm
393 getting slightly ahead of myself. We will be subject to -

394 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Sorry, okay.

395 **MARK LUKASIK:** That's fine. It's a good question. We will be subject to
396 environmental permits with DEC and the court. So we can't just flush them
397 all, that's for sure. But normally what we would do is we corral a portion of
398 the water body and allow the fish to be stuck there and then we can
399 transfer them as well. So, once we have the water down what we're looking
400 to do is remove the dam structure itself, as I said before, it's largely stone.

401 **MARK LUKASIK:** And you have two options. You can haul stone away or
402 you can leave stone in place. One of them is very disruptive and expensive.
403 So the goal here is to leave the stones on the property. And since we're
404 looking to stabilize a water course through the center of the former Lake,
405 we would look to reuse a lot of those stones to serve that stabilizing
406 function. The majority of this dam structure will be removed. It doesn't have
407 to be completely removed, but it's really good practice, particularly in an
408 area where you have the potential for passive recreational use, foot traffic,
409 etc. in there. We don't really want to make a big climbing pile out there and
410 - and put a sign on it that says, you know, come play on me.

411 **MARK LUKASIK:** So the idea here will be to really lay back a lot of this
412 structure essentially take it down to a low angle that really presents no
413 future hazard to anyone else. And again, salvaging the rest of the stone for
414 use on the property. The other piece here is sedimentation flowing water
415 introducing flowing water to a place where the water does not flow –
416 currently it's a lake bed - means that you will pick up the soil and move it
417 downstream. So there's two pieces of this one we want to prevent that
418 movement. So the way that you can counteract that is through the design
419 the stones, the energy, the slopes, but also you can establish vegetation
420 and once you have vegetation that is strong in a place, it will tend to hold
421 the soil its position.

422 **MARK LUKASIK:** The second piece is we'd really want to keep the
423 sentiments that are associated with this lake in this property on the same
424 property to remain compliant with State laws and regulations. So what we
425 would do, since we recognize that these channels tend to erode is we
426 would excavate the soils. Not in the entire former lake bed, but in the area
427 where they would tend to erode down the channel. We'd relocate those
428 soils up onto the upland areas elsewhere on the three acre patch that
429 formerly was the lake.

430 **MARK LUKASIK:** Then we were re-vegetate those areas as well.
431 Essentially, keeping the former like sediments in place on the upland areas
432 away from the erosive velocities and in place underneath the vegetation
433 itself. It's good practice, it's standard practice and it keeps the downstream
434 community Spring Pond, Town of Ossining, and downstream residents,
435 even down to the Village from receiving, you know, a turbid discharge or
436 erosive sediments from the former like bed for the downstream.

437 **MARK LUKASIK:** To get after work, uh, it's - it's a heck of a spot. The dam
438 is essentially immediately behind a private residential property right in the
439 Town of Ossining first - right over the line - first resident there. The Town
440 currently has an agreement to enter the property, just for, you know,
441 regular inspection, observation of the dam, operation in the facility. We
442 would have to upgrade that if we were going to enter there for construction
443 purposes to get equipment into their - get materials into that location. That
444 would have to be negotiated privately with the landowner and you know all
445 those negotiations and everything that comes with it, you know, repair have
446 any damage to the property etc. would all have to be accommodated and
447 sorted out.

448 **MARK LUKASIK:** There may be an option to get into the area through the
449 first property owner in the Town of New Castle. So that will be explored as
450 an option as well. We have also spoken with Spring Pond about the
451 possibility of getting access through their side. And to be honest, that is the
452 least useful option because it really doesn't get us to a point where we
453 would like to be physically relative to the dam itself. But you know when
454 you're looking through the alternatives you try to look at the options that
455 you have available to you. The thing that we like about the approach to this
456 decommissioning, particularly with the reuse of the stones and control the

457 sediments, it has great potential to reduce the number of trucks. If we were
458 to landfill all this or otherwise move a lot of this material off the site, it would
459 be a tremendous number of truck trips by working within the property.
460 We're really limiting the number of vehicles in and out here to essentially
461 daily workers just getting in and out of the site and bringing in equipment
462 and, you know, bringing in trees, measure - vegetation that we have to
463 bring in for planting, you know, the basic raw materials that we need for
464 some of this work.

465 **MARK LUKASIK:** Those are the minimization features that we can do to
466 try to reduce the amount of heavy construction traffic going in and out, not
467 only for New Castle residents but Ossining residents as well. You join
468 properties. Excuse me.

469 **MARK LUKASIK:** To give you a little idea about how the restoration would
470 be staged in the heart of the lake. The deepest sections is where the water
471 will be and it will progress as elevation rises toward the edges into the -
472 gosh, I don't even know what color that is - the purple bluish color. That
473 outline, right there is your former lake bed and lets you get a sense of
474 where the vegetation will lie in the deep sections in the water, the riparian
475 areas.

476 **MARK LUKASIK:** And again, that odd purplish color really will be the
477 upland riparian forests, very similar to what is out there today at the lakes
478 edge and that really constitutes about an acre and a half approximately,
479 50% of the former light body.

480 **MARK LUKASIK:** What this rendering shows is really the long term vision.
481 And you know that really brings us to the timing of what we're talking about
482 here. The first to go here is Lower Minkel. In our meeting with them, they
483 indicated that you know without COVID they would have been ready to go
484 this this summer with the June start on their restoration for - for the Lower
485 Minkel Dam and the apartment behind that.

486 **MARK LUKASIK:** New Castle was only in the feasibility stage here. This is
487 essentially the end of the feasibility stage. Once no case of New Castle
488 makes their official decision to move forward design and permits would
489 have to be engaged that really puts the earliest date where New Castle
490 could begin construction on the decommissioning of the dam to the Fall of
491 2021. That's the ideal time for us to start work would really want to work

492 into the winter. That would be preferable from minimizing any disturbances,
493 impacts, its favor favorable the vegetation seasons, everything aligns to
494 bring us to what we really want which is hitting 2021 spring ideal time to
495 begin establishing vegetation in this three acre former Lake.

496 **MARK LUKASIK:** We have had numerous discussions with the Town of
497 New Castle, they appear to be on board with the concept that you know
498 that this is not an overnight process divulging a new vegetated community
499 in what was a lake bed takes time. It's probably about five years from a
500 planning perspective to get from your initial planting through multiple
501 seasons where you're trying to outcompete invasive species, you're trying
502 to nurture your natives, make sure you've got a compatible arrangement,
503 you're going to have some die off. You're going to have some browsing by
504 animals, etc.

505 **MARK LUKASIK:** It's a process and it's - but it's a commitment and it's one
506 where the Town is indicated their vision for this property is - is a passive
507 recreational asset here and one that they want to be beautiful and
508 recognizable as just that: an asset to the community.

509 **MARK LUKASIK:** The -

510 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Mark?

511 **MARK LUKASIK:** Yeah?

512 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I thought I heard you say something
513 about Fall of 2021 as being the start date, but then Spring of 2021 as being
514 when you're starting the vegetation, is that correct?

515 **MARK LUKASIK:** I misspoke. 2022 with Spring.

516 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

517 **MARK LUKASIK:** Thank you for catching that.

518 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Just checking.

519 **MARK LUKASIK:** The – we have a little longitudinal profile just kind of
520 showing how things go from the preserve, which is representative by that
521 right Perry and forest, a couple little micro pools and merchant wetlands
522 ultimately down to the Purdy Pond that the base kind of gives you a sense
523 of the - the fall and the granular -the features we can introduce across site

524 gradual grade that allow the energy to be dissipated and keep the erosive
525 conditions to minimum.

526 **MARK LUKASIK:** Finally, just cross sections looking the other way where
527 you can see the shoulders above the flood plains and a little section
528 through the micro pools. This should be a concept of how it comes together
529 when it - looking at it in that regard. So I think that covers the general
530 topics, I wish to cover here. If there are any questions we can take tons.

531 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So I guess I just, first of all, let me
532 just ask if Bob or Jill had anything that they wanted to add or any insight
533 from the New Castle Town Board. Any - any further discussion that you
534 wanted to...

535 **NEW CASTLE ADMINISTRATOR JILL SHAPIRO:** So actually the
536 subsequent conversations, the ones - we first gave the presentation to our
537 Town Board. Um, he then came and met with you. And so all of the
538 subsequent conversations from my town board or have actually had been
539 present with. Mark's presentation is the - is the most current vision that the
540 Town has our Conservation Board is very is very excited about working
541 with us to taking replant this pond. They're very excited to have him be
542 restored to what it was. And, you know, we've spoken. We've had meetings
543 with - with neighbors about this.

544 **NEW CASTLE ADMINISTRATOR JILL SHAPIRO:** And we're just very
545 interested in everyone being aware of the project that's going on. It's not
546 going to be tomorrow. And once our meeting with you is complete will go
547 back to our Town Board, but the reality is, is that we first have to start on
548 our pathway of getting permits. Which Mark, how many, how long is it going
549 to take us to do that?

550 **MARK LUKASIK:** Make sure I'm not muted. No. Okay. Um, I think the - the
551 permit process in a normal environment. If you asked me this six months
552 ago, I would have told you you're in a four to six month period, you know,
553 between getting the, the Core and the DEC through their reviews,
554 approvals, mitigation plans, etc. It's probably going to take a little bit longer
555 than that.

556 **NEW CASTLE ADMINISTRATOR JILL SHAPIRO:** Yeah, so we - we have
557 a ways to go.

558 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so I'll just open it up to any
559 questions. I know. Dan Ciarcia had had a chance to look at the full report
560 and maybe had sent a couple questions your way and Tectonic had
561 responded, I don't know, Dan. If you wanted to just highlight that at all? And
562 there's any other further questions, and then we'll see what if the board has
563 anything additional.

564 **DAN CIARCIA:** Yeah I mean the - the main thing you know obviously this
565 is to comply with the dam safety rings and the focus is that the large storm
566 events they had looked at the small storm events which is more my
567 concern in terms of designing their channel. You know, in Mark's
568 presentation and I was basically saying, which is true living this structure -
569 the dam structure is not designed to retain water. However, when you have
570 three acres, you have a three acre impoundment even a couple of inches
571 of storage amounts to something. So, for example, FEMA models, these
572 streams in terms of peak flows and the capacity of the downstream
573 channels.

574 **DAN CIARCIA:** My concern is not the hundred year storm, because the
575 hundred year storms going to be difficult to contend with. But you're more
576 frequent storms, like your one year, 10 year. So say for example that we
577 take this thing to all the way downstream and we follow Sing Sing creek
578 down theme of profiles indicate that the 10 year storm over tops the Metro
579 North railroad tracks that those culverts under there can't handle the ten
580 year storm. So to - to turn a blind eye, you know, on some storage,
581 although it may not be meaningful, I think we really need to take a look at
582 that and see what the impacts are and in the one year 10 years storm
583 scenarios.

584 **DAN CIARCIA:** To sort of put it in perspective, we have a three acre pond
585 and granted the – this - the - the pond is always holding water. So the
586 volume of the pond itself is meaningless to downstream attenuation. So say
587 for example if during a 10 years storm as it goes over the spillway the
588 elevation maybe goes up a few inches and say three inches, for example,
589 that wouldn't be unheard of, just because of the hydraulics of the overflow.
590 That would equate to the putting in like 400.. like say 450 of the large
591 infiltrators we typically would specify for a single family home. So if we're if
592 we're requiring somebody building a homes and put in, you know, half a

593 dozen infiltrators to help attenuate or mitigate the impact of that home and
594 we're tweaking this dam to - to lose storage as small as it is.

595 **DAN CIARCIA:** They say a few inches really can amount to quite a bit of
596 storage. So I just felt important we - we take a look at that. Because the -
597 the downstream stuff. We have to be certain that it's not going to be
598 impacted by the - was here. But the other thing - perhaps they can look at
599 is configuring the downstream, you know, putting some level of control on
600 the downstream just to get some amount of storage during the storm
601 events and still stay under the threshold for from falling under the dam
602 program.

603 **MARK LUKASIK:** Those are two very good points. If you, if I can elaborate
604 briefly on how we intend to address them. You're right, to consider that -
605 the town's goal here is to decommission the dam. They are not the cost for
606 compliance for a high has idiom, which is really the only other option is
607 extreme. So decommissioning means this structure has exists now has to
608 be changed in such a way that it no longer can even pound a foot of water.
609 That effectively means you're removing you know the entire structure.

610 **MARK LUKASIK:** But to your point, it does mean that we can still keep
611 essentially a small we're projecting in from the sides to control that flow.
612 And we can we can try to, you know, hold .99 feet, rather than one, and
613 that is the that happens to be the one of the tuning elements that we can do
614 and most likely with. The micro polls the - the work that we do channel
615 winds will have, you know, an effect on the the attenuation of flow and -
616 and we'll play a role, we can hold a little bit of water in there. But by and
617 large, I think your perspective is- is probably closer to it. I think they'll be
618 speed bumps. But I think the, the real question lies on the surface of Purdy
619 Pond. And that's where the opportunity is to demonstrate compliance and -
620 and to check for - for impacts.

621 **MARK LUKASIK:** The Lower Minkel Dam was – Snovel is the engineering
622 firm that's working for the Spring Pond Homeowners Association, they have
623 completed their permanent process with the DEC. They confirm that when
624 they did their analysis when they obtain their permits they assumed that
625 Upper Minkel Dam would be standing in that analysis. What that means is
626 when we propose to decommission this, the Town has to check that there

627 are no adverse impacts to the spillway performance and the downstream
628 stability below Lower Minkel Dam.

629 **MARK LUKASIK:** So that will be you know purview of damn safety and
630 region three. In addition to make sure that that doesn't happen. It requires
631 the counter the computation that you're alluding to, we do have to show
632 how much water we will increase. What that delta is if the dam were to
633 stand and if the dam were to be moved, and then we have to mitigate it will
634 show any impact in that area, particularly in that first one downstream so I -
635 I'm not intending to sweep it under the rug. And I don't think the DEC is
636 going to allow us to sweep it under the rug either. It's going to be some
637 math and there's going to be an answer. And if they math says it has to be
638 mitigated and it will be mitigated.

639 **DAN CIARCIA:** Just wasn't touched on the report that we have received.
640 So I just wanted to ask.

641 **MARK LUKASIK:** No its fine. I'm glad to clarify.

642 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, thanks for that sounds like
643 sound information. Let me just turn to the Town Board. I'm going to just ask
644 Councilwoman Feldman, if you have - since you grew up in this area. I
645 know that you have a particular affinity for it. And if you wanted to just ask
646 any questions. I don't know if you have any specific questions or they were
647 all answered.

648 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** OK, I can't hear you. For whatever
649 reason, even though you're unmuted. Are you still muted? You're still
650 muted.

651 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** There we go. Sorry.

652 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That's okay.

653 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** It sounds like Jill was saying
654 that they have an Environmental Board already to make sure there's native
655 vegetation and things like that. Going in I'm - I'm guessing the DEC
656 permitting process will make sure that any hibernating anything will be
657 disturbed and killed in the area. During the decommissioning process. I do
658 have concerns about, you know, the flow going not only, you know, down
659 through the lower medical damn but you know through the woods

660 condominiums in to our cemetery and the other areas. So I'm sure Dan is
661 taking a look at that for us. But I really want to make sure that that was
662 kept a close eye on and I'm glad to hear that you're looking at the upper
663 ponds and make sure that they -they have integrity. I think they're pretty
664 they haven't been looked at in a long time. I don't think so. Those are my
665 concerns right now.

666 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay and Councilwoman Shaw, do
667 you have any questions? No. Do you have any questions or - Northern?

668 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER, JR:** Yeah.

669 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes, I can hear you. Yes.

670 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER, JR:** Yes, I have a question.
671 My question, how deep is that dam?

672 **MARK LUKASIK:** About 10 feet, the depth of the water right now.

673 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER, JR:** Is that - is it 10 feet, you
674 know, all the time? Is that the usual range or does it depend on the
675 weather?

676 **MARK LUKASIK:** Definitely. Um, 'A' it leaks. So if we go for a period of
677 time where there's a, you know, summertime a lot of dry weather hot
678 weather, the water level can drop quite a bit. I don't have exact numbers in
679 front of me, but I know we can see a couple feet of the - of the upstream
680 face of the dam. So that's the order of magnitude of what Tectonics
681 witnessed

682 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER, JR:** Okay, this is the top part
683 we're talking about now. Right?

684 **MARK LUKASIK:** That's correct.

685 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER, JR:** Not well what about the
686 lower part? That has to be dug out and filmed in or what would we got to
687 do?

688 **MARK LUKASIK:** Now is the right now the downstream face if you were to
689 stand below this damn and look up, it's about 14 feet tall and that area
690 would stay largely as it is now. You're looking at about 30 foot distance
691 between the toe of the dam and the edge of Purdy Pond, you know the -

692 the body of water behind Lower Minkel Dam. So that's a short stretch now
693 which is largely forest litter, small little spot for some water to trickle. It's
694 really more stupid paths from the water leaking from the dam than it is
695 anything else that area would become essentially a small new stream.
696 That'd be a 30 foot segment to connect what's currently the lake behind
697 Upper Minkel and Purdy Pond.

698 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER, JR:** But has it ever given
699 people downstream any problem? Do you remember?

700 **MARK LUKASIK:** Uh, not that I'm aware of, but, you know, essentially, you
701 have two dams in series: Upper Minkel is almost immediately on top of the
702 Lower Minkel Lake, right below it. I'm not aware of any you know prior
703 damage, failure, anything like that partial failure for Upper Minekl Dam. The
704 only thing that we've noticed that's obvious and evident out there is at one
705 point the stones must have moved. Somebody must have seen it. And they
706 said, we will add a series of concrete buttresses to it. So somebody saw
707 something, did something to mitigate it. And it's been holding that way
708 since they were constructed.

709 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER, JR:** Okay, thank you so
710 much.

711 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Councilman Meyer, do you have any
712 questions?

713 **COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY MEYER:** No, I don't. Thank you.

714 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** All right. Um, okay. And I'll just ask
715 our Council Addona if you have any comments or any suggestions for
716 anything else. If not, I think that...

717 **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY CHRISTIE ADDONA:** No.

718 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** If you can just take into account
719 some of the questions that came up, I don't know, maybe feed them back
720 to your Board and maybe they'll be part of the your - your next phase,
721 which, again, I'm not exactly clear what the exact next step is except for I
722 think you said permitting, I mean, I guess the board would have to approve
723 the decommissioning first and then you would go into the permitting
724 process and I know that you did say that there, but I guess that's where the

725 DEC would weigh in on all of these different aspects that you were
726 discussing with them and you know also Councilwoman Feldman.

727 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I have one more question,
728 Dana.

729 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Sure.

730 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I'm the 30 foot stream
731 between the decommissioned them and the Purdy Pond. Is that something
732 New Castle is going to be landscaping and stabilizing or is that just going to
733 be left to this part of your project, right?

734 **MARK LUKASIK:** That stretch will still be in the Town of New Castle. It will
735 be indistinguishable from the channel in the bottom of the lake and what
736 leads to Purdy Pond. It just doesn't happen to exist today and it's outside
737 the [UNCLEAR].

738 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I went and looked okay so
739 you'll stabilize it, plant it, and make it pretty great. Thank you.

740 **MARK LUKASIK:** Absolutely.

741 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, I want to just thank you so
742 much for taking the time to - for this third presentation to -

743 **NEW CASTLE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JILL SIMON SHAPIRO:** Thanks
744 for inviting us.

745 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Really appreciate it and again,
746 thanks to your Supervisor and your Board for taking the time to be
747 concerned about their neighbors and our input. We really appreciate that
748 very much.

749 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Thank you.

750 **MARK LUKASIK:** Thank you all for your time.

751 **NEW CASTLE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JILL SIMON SHAPIRO:**
752 Thanks.

753 **MARK LUKASIK:** Have a good night.

754 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Have a great night.

755 **ROBERT CIOLI:** Goodnight.

756 **NEW CASTLE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JILL SIMON SHAPIRO:** Thanks
757 Mark. Thanks Bob.

758 **ROBERT CIOLI:** Thank you. Bye-bye Dana.

759 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Bye-bye. Thanks again. Bye Mark,
760 thanks Mark.

761 **MARK LUKASIK:** Bye-bye.

762 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so next up for us. We wanted
763 to talk about – if I'm on the right page here. The – our - as I mentioned
764 earlier, as we're looking at the New York Forward we're starting to make
765 plans for what happens when reopening starts to occur in the various
766 Phases, even though we were never really closed, we've been close to the
767 public. We haven't been closed for business, but we need to take a look at
768 our operations and how they need to change and segue into this new
769 normal. So our - we've been considering our municipal operations which
770 are essential you know through - through this crisis but are limited to
771 staffing that have actually been either in the office or not working at all in
772 case of the Courts for up for a long time.

773 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** In an effort to protect our staff and
774 visitors from potential exposure to the coronavirus we made those
775 decisions early on in conjunction with the village to close the buildings to
776 the public. We also had many of our part time staff members who are not
777 essential, not report to work. And many of our full time office staff members
778 have been able to work very efficiently, I will say from home, ensuring that
779 most, if not all of our departmental operations have remained accessible to
780 the public remotely. So again, as the region is likely not that far off from
781 Phase one reopening many of our departments will need to react
782 accordingly to allow for the business of our communities and to con - to
783 continue

784 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So for example in Phase One
785 construction starts back up. And that means that we know we're going to
786 be seeing more business for - in our building department. So we need to
787 figure out how we can adapt our building department to make sure that
788 they can see the issue building permits inspect work sites and serve the

789 needs of the public. At the same time, we know that the state is requiring
790 that Phase One businesses established work workplace safety plans.
791 Which must be conspicuously posted as I mentioned earlier, and available
792 for inspection. Although we do not yet have a final version of a plan for our
793 town operations, I wanted to take the opportunity tonight to share with the
794 board and the community or progress to that goal. And we have been
795 working in - with and meeting with all of our department heads and
796 members of departments who are key members of those departments to
797 make sure that we're accounting for all of needs.

798 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So we have a little bit of a
799 presentation that Victoria Cafarelli, our Budget Officer, put together for us
800 to take a look at how we're doing. What are the kinds of things that we're
801 talking about. And Victoria if you want to just sort of take us through that a
802 little bit.

803 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Alright, great. Okay, so we
804 have, as the Supervisor said, you know, we've met with are somewhat like
805 a team of the relevant staff members from our different departments. So
806 some that includes many of our department heads but also some other
807 members of our departments that really play a key role in our operations,
808 including representing our two unions, the Teamsters and CSCA.

809 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** So we started our meeting
810 last week talking primarily about risks, doing a little bit of a risk assessment.
811 First off, thinking about guys using a guiding document from our Labor
812 Council, which is Bond Schoeneck. And so starting with questions.
813 Thinking about how, how are operations impacted by restrictions that have
814 been placed upon us and other entities by federal, state, and local
815 Executive Orders.

816 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** So as a supervisor
817 mentioned we have not really been a closed down, per se by any executive
818 orders, but we do have we are impacted by the change of reopening and
819 how Phase One will look and what sorts of industries will need our
820 services. So again, like the building department and construction. Then
821 thinking about our workplace specifically and where we have places of risk.
822 How and where is transmission most likely in our different workplaces. So

823 that's primarily where staff are in close contact with one another or staff
824 may be in close contact with the public.

825 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** You know, right now, our
826 offices remain closed to the public and will likely remain that way for some
827 time. But we still have our employees that need to be lunch when they're
828 work. So there are lunch rooms, we have conference rooms, we have
829 locker rooms, and also we use shared equipment, you know in our offices,
830 we share copiers in our in the highway department they share different
831 machines and parks department they share, you know, grass cutters and
832 things like that so – lawn mowers.

833 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** So these are these different
834 areas of risk that we need to identify. Um okay, there we go... And then we
835 went into identifying some specific actions that we might want to consider
836 taking and of course this for - for us is largely in conjunction with the village,
837 Ossining, because so many of our operations are located within village,
838 buildings, so the guiding document we use to kind of help us along breaks
839 it down into different - different categories to consider. So first is social
840 distancing. How can we social distance in our offices?

841 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Some of our offices, we have
842 employees that work within very close proximity to one another. So we
843 need to consider possibly rearranging the furniture and some of those
844 areas. Again, establishing protocol for some of the shared equipment in our
845 different offices. Then specifically thinking about engineering controls or
846 physical changes, we might need to make to our offices.

847 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** We've already had some
848 representatives from the village have taken a look at installing plexiglass in
849 some of our offices are located within their buildings like our Clerk, our Tax
850 Office, Assessor's Office, primarily focusing on the building department
851 right now because as we anticipate the building department will likely be
852 one of the first operations, we need to bring back online in some way,
853 shape, or form.

854 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Also, perhaps some other
855 physical improvements to limit objects that are high-touch, like our door
856 handles. How can we change some of our doors so people don't have to
857 use door handles so much? Some of our offices, like the Clerk's Office,

858 who's been our Clerk has been there pretty much every day. If people do
859 show up to our building, even though we're closed on it would be helpful if
860 they had some sort of intercom or video intercom to interact with
861 somebody. Same in our Building department - or not our building apartment
862 - our Highway department and Dale cemetery. There is staff there on
863 occasion. And it's important to be able to, if somebody comes to the door,
864 they might be there with the delivery or need direction to some certain area
865 of the cemetery, there might be some way to interact with those people
866 without necessarily having to go to the door open up the door, talk to
867 somebody in person.

868 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** We've also asked her
869 departments to evaluate the operations that they have been able to do
870 efficiently from home. Or perhaps if there are areas that they haven't been
871 able to do. Why is that so? Are there certain things we can put into place so
872 that perhaps some employees could continue to work from home and
873 remain efficient and effective at their jobs? We've been working closely with
874 the Village on cleaning disinfecting all of our buildings we have been using
875 shared equipment with OVAC that which produces hydrochloric acid has of
876 course acid. Which is a cleaning product that's been very effective in
877 cleaning preventing spread of bacteria and virus. And we've been using it,
878 thus far, and we will continue to use it. So we need to make sure we have
879 established protocols for a frequently those offices are cleaned and noting
880 when those are cleaned so that our employees and perhaps public when
881 they do come in, they know when that area was last cleaned.

882 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** We're also considering some
883 health screenings or health monitoring or hygiene protocols for values that
884 might include temperature taking over reporting certain questions. You
885 know, 'how are you feeling today, have you had flu like symptoms' that sort
886 of thing before reporting physically to work. Also through Westchester
887 County, they have been able to offer antibody testing for first responders
888 and are now also offering it for essential employees. So we're going to look
889 to get some of our essential employees, like our Highway department,
890 Parks Department, Senior um Nutrition Program staff to receive antibody
891 testing.

892 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** You know, of course, there's
893 some, we don't know exactly what that means, quite yet. If that means that
894 somebody is immune to the virus or it simply means that they have been
895 infected by the virus. So, you know, we're continuing to monitor in that, but
896 we appreciate that the County has been able to offer that for are essential
897 workers as well.

898 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And I think all - all employees at this
899 point. So, and, you know, any, any employees in the Town and also Town
900 Board is also can get antibody testing now.

901 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Oh. If they answer the
902 phone.

903 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Oh, well, I think we might
904 have some other other - other avenues to coordinate that firm place that
905 will work. Um,

906 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That's what we're going to do so.

907 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yeah. Um, then also for
908 evaluating business travel, you know, for most of us, we do attend
909 conferences or trainings, a lot of those have been moved on online or
910 remote conferences. But we do still have staff that need to go to stores and
911 purchase materials and service equipment. And so that's business travel
912 for them. So we need to evaluate how they can perhaps limit those trips or
913 take advantage of some of these curbside pickup options that are available
914 to the general public in most of these retail establishments. and then
915 considering, most importantly, our interaction with the public. If we are
916 going to reopen our buildings to the public, is it going to be by appointment
917 only?

918 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** We've considered also
919 having screeners recruiters at each building to help direct people to where
920 they need to go so that they're not just wandering the building also
921 perhaps, you know, evaluating their health to make sure that they do not
922 have a fever or have not been experiencing symptoms or been exposed to
923 the virus. We were also considering drop boxes in some more locations. I
924 know that came up - it's come up for our building department. There's been

925 an interested in doing that. So people can drop off plans or other large you
926 know applications that they might not be able to submit effectively online.

927 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Then finally, discussing
928 flexibility for our employees. As you might know, the Federal Department of
929 Labor has issued some new leave opportunities for all employees. So this
930 is not just for full time employees. This is also to part time employees. And
931 that is true of everybody. So anybody that's listening that your employer
932 should be able to provide you with these leave opportunities if you have a
933 child who needs care for or you have a family member that sick, you need
934 to care for or you yourself have experienced symptoms that are seeking a
935 diagnosis or test result. There are our leave opportunities available. And so
936 we need to make sure that that is effectively communicated to our
937 employees. We have course complied with all posting requirements, but
938 making sure that people know that these options are available to them if
939 they need to avail themselves of them.

940 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** So these are some examples
941 like - the supervisor said we're still formalizing some of these items and
942 also putting together a list of items that we are going to be requesting that
943 the Village of Ossining either assist us with or identify how we might move
944 forward with it since a lot of our buildings are Village-owned buildings, we
945 are tenants in those buildings to make sure that we can address these
946 items -

947 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I just want to also just mention that I
948 think, was it yesterday? I can't remember the days they fly by. Victoria and
949 Dale Brennan and myself, met with FEMA, because FEMA will supposedly
950 be and we never, you know, we don't believe in until we see it be funding
951 COVID related expenses so certain types of expenses are approved. And
952 maybe if there is any of these things become permanent, they may prorate
953 the amount that they give us for a certain amount of time. It's not only
954 equipment and infrastructure. It could also be personnel and overtime and
955 things of that nature that are directly related to protecting public health and
956 safety. So, you know, whether we need to put up signs or - or sanitize
957 equipment or whatever it is you know I mentioned this - this week - this
958 week or last - last week that the parks department installed a sink outdoors
959 for our community garden and something that we were planning to do

960 anyway, which was this little washed station for the food scraps, but some
961 of that will be eligible for FEMA reimbursement, we believe. It's a
962 permanent structure so it may not be all reimbursable but you know we
963 could make a case for having to put it out there and have having not
964 needed it in the, in the past, before this came up.

965 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** We also have been talking about
966 putting sanitizing or Purell stations or whatever at our, our parks and variety
967 of places where you know there's - whether it's our ball fields our
968 playgrounds, our courts, etc. where we anticipate – and at some point
969 Phase Four they'll – they'll be there'll be open again. We are trying to figure
970 out what the best route to success to make sure that we can keep those
971 spaces as clean as possible and reduce the risk of spread to the best of
972 our ability. So those are also part of our workplace safety plan as we start
973 seeing the phases evolve over the next few months. Okay. Now I'm done.

974 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** So those are those are like I
975 said some examples of things that we're evaluating but certainly when we
976 have a more formal plan in place, we will have to post a conspicuously for
977 our employees and also as we start to perhaps allow the public or people in
978 for meetings to - to make that available to everybody.

979 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Oh – so just one more thing I want to
980 mention, I had a late in the day conversation today with the Village that
981 they had already done a walk through at the armory to look at the two
982 building departments there as well as their DPW and already are planning
983 to install plexiglass in the near future, as soon as they can get that that
984 work approved and purchase orders issued, etc. So I do believe that we will
985 be asked to to pay for portions of that work and we may have other areas
986 that we need to, you know, again, limit exposure, whether it's installing
987 cubicle-like separators between work stations, that are not necessarily
988 plexiglass we will be putting those in place as well. Also, making sure that
989 we have things like gloves and masks etc. provided for our staff.

990 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** mmhuh.

991 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

992 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Okay. Are there any
993 questions on this? If there -

994 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah! If anyone looking for - if
995 anybody has questions, thoughts, or suggestions from the Board on any of
996 these thing. If we didn't cover something or we might not have we did send
997 you some more detailed information over from our meeting. So if there was
998 something that was missing that you thought we should have been thinking
999 about if you would just let us know that because we are going to be sharing
1000 a list with the Village tomorrow of, you know, areas that they might not have
1001 been considering that would impact our Town spaces.

1002 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** But I know that in our dental
1003 office we have now a thermal - you know it's a thermometer. The uh...

1004 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKE SHAW:** Contact list.

1005 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Yeah. Thank you. And we,
1006 they have a sign in with you know descent - sanitized pens on one side and
1007 they people sign the papers, saying that 'I do not have a cough,' you know,
1008 we verify they don't have a fever. 'I have not been feeling ill or tested
1009 positive COVID' and they have them sign that as they come in. Um, I don't
1010 know that we need to necessarily do that but maybe first you want to do
1011 that. But there's a screening person in the beginning like before they
1012 actually get into the office.

1013 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes, and - and the village had
1014 mentioned that at prior meetings that they were looking into at least initially.
1015 I don't know how long it's going to be in place putting in place greeters at
1016 the building. So that's another question. I don't know that we have an
1017 answer to, at this moment, that's something that they definitely talked about

1018 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKE SHAW:** Will you be doing like a visitor log. So
1019 you could do contact tracing if -

1020 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Right.

1021 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKE SHAW:** Someone is testing positive?

1022 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That is required.

1023 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** That's why we're doing that.
1024 Yeah.

1025 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yeah.

1026 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** 100% required just to have logs in
1027 and keep track of all of our departments. Who's, who's been in. So that's
1028 going to that will be part of our plan.

1029 **UNCLEAR:** Yeah so -

1030 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Also, I learned that the County is
1031 looking to add Contact Tracers. So if anybody I know that they're also
1032 looking for us to offer staff, we're trying to clarify right now. What that
1033 exactly means. We didn't get an answer yet. But we did just get to leave
1034 meeting the day email from the County that they were looking for
1035 municipalities to possibly help out with Contact Tracing so we're - we'll see
1036 what that means and...

1037 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Yeah but are they paying
1038 these people?

1039 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** The State is... That's the question.

1040 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** That a -

1041 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That's actually that's - that's -
1042 Councilwoman Feldman that is our question. We - it wasn't clear from the
1043 communication what that meant exactly that we are we offering that we're
1044 just going to be paying the person, whatever their regular salary is and
1045 there - because they might not be working in the office right now. They may
1046 be part of that 50% reduction of staff that we were going to give that give
1047 them those employees as an offset. It's not clear. So that's what we're
1048 trying to find out.

1049 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay.

1050 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Okay -

1051 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. So are we done with that?

1052 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Well -

1053 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

1054 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** - so we just want to know,
1055 you know, this is, this is something that we've been working on internally,
1056 but as the Supervisor mentioned in her announcements, the State actually

1057 has a lot of really great resources on their website. So I would encourage
1058 anybody who thinks that they might be a Phase One business or might
1059 think they're a Phase Two business or might be in a similar situation as the
1060 Town is in. There's a lot of really great resources, workplace safety plan,
1061 like templates so you answer the questions and fill it out. It's, it's very, very
1062 clear. You can even search for specific businesses to see if you meet the
1063 criteria for Phase One.

1064 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** They really have a lot of
1065 comprehensive information on the website that, you know, I wasn't really
1066 aware of just from watching some of the governor's press conferences and
1067 things like that, but certainly from some of the trainings that we've received.
1068 So I just want to make sure that everybody is aware that this is available as
1069 a really, really helpful resource for business owners and also the general
1070 community.

1071 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Is a multi - sorry, is a multi-
1072 lingual?

1073 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I believe that the pages can
1074 translate.

1075 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And also, you know, we've gotten
1076 some direct questions from local businesses and saying - just saying how
1077 confusing. Everything is that you know I think that right now, again in our
1078 region, the biggest thing that everybody needs to know is that we're not
1079 open for business. But the last County Call that we are on - on Monday, I
1080 actually specifically asked the County Executive if there was any best
1081 guess as to when we might be getting close to getting those last two
1082 metrics met. And I think that the answer was, we really don't know because
1083 things keep changing. It's kind of like a moving target. We don't have
1084 control over these things. You know about that - the hospitalizations and
1085 even I know the contact racing, I think, is the last one that we're - that, that
1086 we need to meet and they are working on that very, very actively so it's
1087 possible that it could be, you know, 11/10 days. It's possible that we could
1088 go back and get a reset to 14 days. I don't think it's clear yet. So what
1089 everybody needs to know right now is, let's just plan for the reopening
1090 make sure that - there are templates for workflow play safety plans for a lot
1091 of different industries.

1092 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** But, as was mentioned on our
1093 training the other day. You can't just print it out and post it, you actually
1094 have to go and do the work and think about your own workplace and what it
1095 entails because you may need to make specific changes and you may -
1096 before you affirm that you're going to be - you know, send in your
1097 affirmation letter you need to really make sure that you know what you're
1098 signing. And that if you do if you are inspected at all, that you have in place,
1099 what you said you would and that you're making a safer environment and -
1100 and - and making sure that that you're going to reduce spread.

1101 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** And also just want to note, I
1102 believe, on that website as well there's a place for people to submit
1103 complains as well if they see a business or their employer is not following
1104 the guidelines that you can submit a complaint directly to the State for - for
1105 those businesses. So I think that's important to note as well. And -

1106 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Alright. So I think we're moving now
1107 into an update on summer events for 2020?

1108 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Dana, can you just remind
1109 me –

1110 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Oh.

1111 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** - which metrics we haven't
1112 met the hospitalizations in the contact tracing?

1113 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Deaths. I think it's the deaths.

1114 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I think -

1115 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Deaths in hospitals or the average
1116 number of deaths, I think they - they changed it to like an either/or now. So
1117 it's either how many deaths - hospital deaths or how many of the rolling
1118 average last three days of total deaths.

1119 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yeah like the net change in
1120 average deaths. Those are the two -

1121 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And it has to be

1122 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** it's an either or and the
1123 contact – and the other metric we don't meet is the contact tracers that -

1124 that has not been fully deployed in accordance with you know, whatever
1125 the -

1126 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah.

1127 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Oh, good. Thank you.

1128 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so next up we're talking a little
1129 bit about a little bit more about our summer 2020 events. Last week we had
1130 – was it last week or this week?

1131 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** It was last -

1132 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Last week we had a stakeholders
1133 meeting with the Ossining Chamber of Commerce, Mike and Miriam Risko,
1134 who'd been curating our concert series, the Chamber has been curating
1135 our Food Truck Fridays and Sing, Sing Kill Brewery, who had been on
1136 board to curate our beverage offerings this summer. So we're continuing to
1137 see how can we adapt our summer events at Lewis Engel Park - or virtually
1138 at Lewis Engel Park not actually there - for summer 2020.

1139 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** This year we know we're going to
1140 have to balance social distancing measures that will likely still be in place
1141 for at least a good deal of the summer to replicate the fun and the success
1142 that we all had last summer with our launch last summer of Food Truck
1143 Fridays. It's also clear we will be unable to hold our Independence Day
1144 fireworks display this year. Just yesterday, the County did announce that
1145 they were canceling their Kensico Dam and Playland fireworks for the third
1146 and fourth of July. And with that, I think that that has given us the definitive
1147 regrettable decision that we are going to have to make to cap - to cancel
1148 our fireworks if there is anybody on the Board who disagrees with that let
1149 us let, let me know. Please tonight.

1150 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** But that to me was the direction that
1151 we were kind of waiting for. We are starting to hear that a lot of the
1152 localities are also canceling their summer camps, even though that
1153 direction hasn't really come down definitely from the state. We're still
1154 evaluating and I'm hopeful that we may be able to have our Spray Park
1155 open in some form now that we're seeing the state beaches are going to be
1156 open this weekend, and we know that Playland Beach and – now I'm trying
1157 to remember the other beach... Croton Gorge. Is that the other?

1158 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Croton Point.

1159 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Croton Point Park.

1160 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Croton Point. Sorry, Croton Point
1161 Park Beach will be open this weekend. Actually Croton Gorge has been a
1162 bit of a problem in terms of a lot of people parking along Route 129 and
1163 making for an unsafe circumstance so I know that the County is also
1164 looking at that. But as we're hearing of all these different areas opening we
1165 know that we are going to continue to evaluate what we can open safely
1166 and how. If it means that we need to have somebody monitoring entrance
1167 to our Spray Park and limiting the number of children who can go in there
1168 at one time, that's what we will do, and give people kids or whatever, you
1169 know, 10 minutes to cool off and then next or five minutes, whatever makes
1170 sense. And then we're going to carefully evaluate that right now water
1171 parks - or the Spray Park would be considered a waterpark and therefore
1172 it's not currently open, but again, things are changing as - as we speak.

1173 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** We're hoping that we can come up
1174 with some fun and creative ways for people to stay in their homes or their
1175 backyards, or their - their balconies or decks, so that they can still have an
1176 opportunity for social distancing. And venues, when we reach Phase Three
1177 and Four to actually host some sort of event virtually again. So maybe we
1178 have screens up in some of our restaurants that may be able to be open to
1179 a smaller groups of people or smaller patrons, but still be able to have
1180 something.

1181 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So what we talked about is the
1182 potential of scheduling for virtual concerts in July featuring local musicians
1183 and potentially local businesses where we may have a restaurant or two
1184 actually sponsor. Or be the featured business for that particular concert.
1185 We would look for local musicians who can be one house. So maybe, you
1186 know, again, we're looking at - I'm just throwing out some names of our
1187 some of our favorites that we haven't actually reached out to yet but you
1188 know KJ, the Riskos, some of our -

1189 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Norm Dodge.

1190 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Right Norm Dodge exactly who
1191 actually - are able to do one or two musicians from their home with their

1192 family and we could be able to broadcast or whatever you call it... Cast...
1193 And then feature, one of our, our local businesses are a couple of the local
1194 businesses and direct people to please consider ordering in or when we get
1195 to the place - places where they're open, they might be able to simulcast
1196 the concert on their screens at the venue, so people could feel like they
1197 were part of something bigger.

1198 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So that's what we came up with so
1199 far. We also had somebody join us Nate Cotch who was recently moved to
1200 the Town of Ossining, who was interested in potentially producing drive in
1201 movie option. So we had some conversations about how we might be able
1202 to make a drive in possible possibly using one of our parks and not
1203 probably Engel park there is concerned that even having to drive an option
1204 would make it easier for people to be in one place with a lot of people at
1205 one time and then think about getting out of their car. So I think what we're
1206 going to be doing is sort of looking at, at some of the things that are
1207 happening since drive in movies were one of the things that did open up as
1208 of May 15 in New York State. We're going to see how some of those are
1209 working around and see if there's a possibility that we could identify a park
1210 such a Cedar Lane park probably...

1211 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Yeah.

1212 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** where we'd be able to have a drive in
1213 location, that big fields - the football field where we have parking for our –

1214 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** [UNCLEAR]

1215 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** - is possibility that we have
1216 discussed. So we're going to, you know, there were already some sponsors
1217 and some food trucks that it's lined up. We've been talking about what
1218 makes the most sense for them, some of them are interested in remaining
1219 sponsors if they can sponsor something that's significant that would still get
1220 out there to the public and I'm sure some of them would be interested in
1221 sponsoring something for next year when it will be live.

1222 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And then I talked a little bit about just
1223 engaging local venues with Phase Three and Phase Four of reopening.
1224 That was something that was mentioned, particularly by Sing Sing Kill
1225 Brewery because they do have a great sound system and a great screen

1226 and they would love to be able to either host or be providing a showcase
1227 for some of the artists that would be performing, if not live in on a screen,
1228 but having people, you know, again after venue. So these are the - these
1229 are conversations we've been having we're getting a little bit closer to
1230 having some at least preliminary plan in place.

1231 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** The Riskos are going to help us find
1232 the right fit for musicians, I think for the first four concerts and then we
1233 talked about possibly expanding it if in fact we have to continue to do that
1234 for later in the summer. We're planning to give a rain check to all of our
1235 bands that we had plans to do signed contracts with for this summer and
1236 giving them a rain check for next summer. That's about where we're at.

1237 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Question.

1238 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes. Yeah.

1239 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Um, do you remember a
1240 bunch of years ago when Maryknoll did the drive in movie theater like 50s
1241 night?

1242 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I do not think I went to that.

1243 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** It was hugely popular and
1244 what they did. They had a concession stand, but mostly they had like girls
1245 or roller skates, going to the cars and - and ordering and not letting, so and
1246 conceivably, you could have a food person, you know, masks and not
1247 letting anybody get out of their car, but only to have –

1248 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah.

1249 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** you know, have a wait - you
1250 know, waiter -

1251 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah.

1252 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** come up to your car with
1253 whatever -

1254 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes.

1255 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** and that - the problem would
1256 be the porta potty. But I think Cedar Lane Park is a great venue for that.

1257 Except for you'd have to figure out how with no signal you know, could
1258 people get it on their phones?

1259 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Right. So we talked about that. And
1260 we do and we do think that the technology exists for people to get it on their
1261 phones. Or, you know, it's possible that it could be loud enough that if they
1262 had something I know that there are some systems out that that exists that
1263 people own in the in the Town that that feel like they could - it could be loud
1264 enough to hear from the car with people's windows open. We'd also would
1265 have to take reservations, we talked about maybe doing that through the
1266 community pass system where we would take reservations and assign
1267 particular spots to cars so that we wouldn't get overcrowded, and we also
1268 talked about being able to pre-order food and have it available ready for
1269 pickup when you get there so that you could have food in your, you know,
1270 your car.

1271 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So those are all discussed and we'll
1272 continue to work with the with the group to see what is it is exactly in our
1273 wheelhouse to orchestrate and working closely with the Chamber.

1274 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Good.

1275 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Anything else?

1276 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I just want to, again, you know,
1277 emphasize that we really saw last summer that the summer concert series
1278 has always been, you know, just such a nice way to enjoy our waterfront.
1279 But with the food - introduction of Food Truck Fridays. We have a lot of
1280 local businesses participate and you know who else wants to be down
1281 there at the waterfront and showcase what they had in fact Sing Sing Kill
1282 Brewery had, you know, talk to us about how the first year they notice that
1283 they lost a lot of business on Friday evenings. So the second year they
1284 really wanted to be down at the waterfront. They really wanted - which was
1285 this year - wanted to have a, you know, an even bigger presence and we
1286 really did see, you know, a lot of the local restaurants wanting to make sure
1287 that they did the same so they kind of spread the wealth, a little bit and
1288 made sure that they were down there. And we heard so much great
1289 feedback from the businesses that were down there that people who came
1290 to the waterfront loved having the opportunity to sample some of our local
1291 eateries and then they would come back. And so we really see this as, you

1292 know, an opportunity, an economic development opportunity for Ossining
1293 and we want to make sure that whatever we do, as much as we're featuring
1294 our local musicians, we're also giving an opportunity for our businesses to
1295 thrive.

1296 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And that's you know where we were
1297 going with this last summer. It seems tremendously successful and well
1298 received by the public. And, you know, we certainly want to bring it back,
1299 but we also want to look for any innovative ways that we can continue to
1300 both entertain the public give people a chance to engage with local
1301 musicians and also feed our local businesses, while they feed themselves.
1302 So that's that. And if you if anybody. I just asked around do – do any Board
1303 members have any other suggestions, thoughts, comments?

1304 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I don't know. I think we got
1305 to play it by ear with, you know, I'm seeing too many people gathering at
1306 the riverfront. There's groups of teenagers. They went there after the Friday
1307 Night Lights. The cops were making sure they didn't stop and gather at the
1308 high school and when I went down to drive by the river, yup there they all
1309 were - out of their cars. So you know that you can't stop people with - the
1310 riverfront is already a place people are gathering so I think we have to play
1311 it by ear how we open and everything. I don't know that I'm interested in
1312 watching a video concert. But that's just not my thing. So maybe other
1313 people feel differently.

1314 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Honestly, I have to say I did watch
1315 KJ. I didn't actually see her on the night that she performed, but she did a
1316 concert through - it's called MUSAE, M-U-S-A-E and they charge for it. I
1317 saw Alexis Cole the other night, and they were both performing from their
1318 homes. And I think that the one that – that KJ worked with it, you know,
1319 they come in and they actually set up a sound system and it was, it was
1320 great and I saw another one from that same organization. I don't know - I
1321 don't want see sponsors but organizers – organization organizers MUSAE.
1322 They did another concert with Diana Jones and Richard Thompson hearts
1323 and homes for refugees and it was really - it was really, really nice. It was.
1324 You can also they it also gets recorded from that particular service so you
1325 can watch it afterwards if you miss it at the time, but I think there's -there's
1326 something nice, you know, a lot of people do really look forward to

1327 concerts. And music and a way to just relax and you can even have it in the
1328 background while you're enjoying your - you know, local - local ciders and
1329 bews and things like that, or kombucha whatever.

1330 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Or Bigfoot Ice Cream.

1331 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Or Bigfoot Ice Cream which I – I we
1332 got a little update is maybe hopefully we might see them be able to open in
1333 a month or so. That was that was what I'd heard, we're getting closer and
1334 closer. So that's exciting down the waterfront. I think that's it for, for as far
1335 as I'm summer planning, if nobody else has any other comments or other
1336 parts of this work session. I think we're going to go and take a motion to go
1337 into Executive Session for advice of counsel, contracts, and personnel.
1338 Might I have that motion?

1339 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKIE SHAW:** Oh, so moved.

1340 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, all those in favor?

1341 **ALL:** Aye.

1342 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Any opposed? Okay, so just again.
1343 Happy EMS week. Thank you all to our OVAC team and all of our first
1344 responders. We love you guys. Specifically, EMS and Memorial Day
1345 celebrations - we're sorry that we're not going to be able to be there for the
1346 ceremonies, but we want to thank all of our servicemen and women and
1347 our veterans, our American legions for making sure that we remember
1348 those who were willing to sacrifice all for all for all of us. So thank you again
1349 to our vets and to those we have lost in the many wars over the years for
1350 our country. Um, I took that motion so I want to just thank everybody and
1351 wish you a long weekend. Just remember that - remind you that the Town
1352 will be not operational on Monday on Memorial Day. So we'll see you back
1353 on Tuesday, and we will be back with our... work session? It's a work
1354 session?

1355 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** No -

1356 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** No, it's a regular meeting. Regular
1357 meeting next Tuesday, May 26. I was going to say we usually we didn't
1358 have two work sessions in a row. And it is not a fifth Tuesday are you sure?

1359 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** It is not a fifth Tuesday.
1360 There is one June you know.

1361 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I'm praying, praying for fifth Tuesday.
1362 It's been like the longest month. No but it goes so fast, and it takes a long
1363 all same time. Anyway, we will see you all next Tuesday right here on the
1364 same zoom channel. Thanks, everybody. Have a great week.

1365 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Good night.

1366 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKIE SHAW:** Good night.

1367 **COUNCILMEMBER NORTHERN WILCHER:** Good night.

1368 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Good night.