

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY

Town OF COLONIE

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AGENDA SESSION

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THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above  
entitled matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a  
Shorthand Reporter commencing at 6:12 PM on  
October 22, 2020 at Memorial Town Hall, 534  
New Loudon Road, Latham, New York

Board MEMBERS:

- PAULA A. MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- MELISSA JEFFERS
- DANIELLE FUTIA
- RICHARD FIELD
- JILL PENN
- DAVID GREEN

ALSO PRESENT:

- MICHAEL C. MAGGUILLI, ESQ., Town ATTORNEY
- JULIE GANSLE, Town CLERK
- P. CHRISTOPHER KELSEY, COMPTROLLER
- JOHN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER, DPW

1 MR. MAGGUILLI: We have two personnel  
2 matters.

3 This is a simple civil service matter.  
4 Mr. Stamas is being permanently promoted to  
5 his Sewage Treatment Plant Maintenance  
6 Mechanic, grade 25 position. His salary stays  
7 at \$61,811. The permanent civil service status  
8 will go into effect on the 23rd of this month.

9 Then we have 392B - Ms. Wright is  
10 requesting a leave of absence without pay from  
11 October 13th to November 1st. Any leave more  
12 than five days requires Town Board approval.

13 Resolution 393 is referring to Sean  
14 Maguire a request to amend the Canterbury  
15 Crossings PDD to allow a deck to be  
16 constructed at 25 Preston Drive.

17 MR. GREEN: Don't we have that other  
18 Resolution that allows them to apply for that  
19 and not have to have it come back to Town  
20 Board for approval?

21 MR. MAGGUILLI: This is it.

22 MS. JEFFERS: Yes, we still have to  
23 refer it.

24 MR. MAGGUILLI: You guys are making the  
25 decision to send it to the Planning

1           Department for them to do instead of making  
2           these people go through public notice in a  
3           public hearing.

4           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: David, remember if we  
5           did not get these, then we wouldn't know what  
6           they were about. So, we wanted to make sure  
7           that the Board is included. Say one comes up  
8           we have questions about it. Rather than have  
9           Sean review it, it may have to go to the  
10          whole Planning Board. So, this gives us a  
11          place to review it and see whether or not it  
12          can go through or it's really involved.

13          MR. MAGGUILLI: It allows the Board to  
14          continue to have ultimate authority and  
15          control over these things. You decide whether  
16          to refer to him or not.

17          SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That was one of the  
18          abilities of making sure that we still had  
19          that oversight.

20          MR. MAGGUILLI: Resolution 394 is  
21          authorizing Paula to sign an agreement with  
22          CDPHP and this is for our Medicare Advantage  
23          Health Program. This is the same rate as 2020  
24          at \$309.12 per month, per participant.

25          Resolution 395 is authorizing Paula to

1 reimburse \$4,833.70 to ACOB properties at 18  
2 Spring Avenue for overestimated water usage.

3 Resolution 396 is authorizing the General  
4 Services Director to advertise for bids for a  
5 trailer mounted pump with hose. This is part  
6 of the Albany/Colonie emergency  
7 interconnection project.

8 Resolution 397 is authorizing the  
9 settlement of the Macy's tax or at 19 Wolf  
10 Road. The Town refund will be \$9,307.34. The  
11 school refund will be \$105,949.88.

12 Resolution 398 is in agreement with  
13 Clough Harbor and this is for professional  
14 services to prepare and submit our local solid  
15 waste management plan. The compliance report  
16 is something we do every year. This is not to  
17 exceed \$7,800.

18 Resolution 399 is awarding the bid for  
19 our aluminum sign blanks to AllMac Signs. They  
20 were the low bidder at \$20,620.

21 Resolution 400 is awarding the bid for  
22 completed signs to Vulcan. Again, they were  
23 the low bidder at \$9,578.75. This will have a  
24 renewal clause through 2024 at the same  
25 amount.

1           Resolution 401 is a sales and purchase  
2 agreement with North Colonie Schools. Again,  
3 this is something that we do every year. They  
4 don't have any place to put their salt and so  
5 we let them buy ours and store it.

6           Resolution 402 is an extension of the  
7 lease and maintenance agreement with Ricoh for  
8 Town copiers. This is going month-to-month  
9 until we can negotiate new agreements.

10          Resolution 403 is rejecting the bid for  
11 the Mohawk View Water Pollution Control  
12 aeration blower number one rebuild project.  
13 The bids that we received were over the Town  
14 amount budgeted for that amount. They came in  
15 at \$79,500. This is rejecting the bid and it  
16 is not authorizing him to renew or rebid it.

17          So, we don't know what we're going to do.  
18 This is how it came in. They didn't ask to do  
19 anything other than reject the bid that came  
20 in.

21          MR. GREEN:   What were we authorized to  
22 do on this one?

23          MR. MAGGUILLI:  I don't know what the  
24 line was. It was less than \$79,500. That was  
25 the bid that exceeded what the budgeted line

1 item was.

2 MR. KELSEY: Chreit didn't really talk  
3 to me about it.

4 MR. MAGGUILLI: I don't have anything in  
5 the file showing what the line item was for  
6 that. The only thing they say is that it  
7 exceeded the amount.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I just want to fill  
9 everybody in on an update from the Building  
10 Department yesterday. The Building Department  
11 - we learned very late on Tuesday night that  
12 there was an individual that had tested  
13 positive for Covid - the Corona Virus. That  
14 next morning about 6:30 we got a hold of  
15 everyone who works there and kept them home  
16 and also learned that one member of Planning  
17 also had been there.

18 They had code schools going on and  
19 because of Covid, they were doing it in their  
20 office building at Public Ops. They were doing  
21 it remotely through Zoom because they couldn't  
22 go someplace else because of Covid. They  
23 learned that there was a case and confirmed  
24 that. Rosemary confirmed that.

25 So, we had the people that would have had

1 direct exposure stay home and we had the  
2 building professionally disinfected. We had  
3 started with Building and Planning in the  
4 common areas and then said well, let's just do  
5 the whole Public Ops because we don't know.

6 This is an old building and the  
7 ventilation in their office is not great and  
8 so everybody is breathing the same air. They  
9 had some bagels, so you don't know if anyone  
10 was talking to each other with the masks down  
11 or what it was.

12 Anyway, yesterday we were able to get  
13 some direction from the Albany County Health  
14 Department. They are the ones that determine  
15 if there is a need for them to be quarantined  
16 for the 14 days. So, they did come back with  
17 the decision of the people in the Building  
18 Department other than one woman who was not  
19 there Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Actually,  
20 it would be Monday and Tuesday because the  
21 individual was not there on Wednesday. So, she  
22 was not there. So, she was not exposed.  
23 Technically she can come back now that the  
24 office is clean. We are hoping that she will  
25 come back so that she doesn't have any

1 problems because that would be great and that  
2 would be helpful for someone so they could  
3 answer the phones.

4 There's only one person from Planning  
5 that was in the Building Department office.  
6 So, yesterday out of caution and out of the  
7 need to have that cleaned as well, Planning  
8 had to stay home.

9 Now, the county has determined that just  
10 one person - they would consider that direct  
11 exposure and they have to stay home. So, he  
12 will work from home, as well. It is a 14-day  
13 period. So, we have looked into all of that  
14 and it seems that is what it is going to be;  
15 14 days from the 21st.

16 MR. KELSEY: Even if they get tested?

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Even if they get  
18 tested.

19 My husband and I did get tested because  
20 my son works in the Building Department. So,  
21 we got tested. I feel fine and everything.

22 By going through that exercise, we  
23 learned how long it takes to get the county to  
24 come through. They were very good. One woman  
25 was excellent. I don't remember what her name



1 or her title was. They moved the investigation  
2 of the case through quickly - as quickly as  
3 they could so they could get back to us so we  
4 would know what to do. There are going to be -  
5 some things that we learned through that  
6 exercise.

7 Tom Breslin sent out a press release. I  
8 thought he sent it to everybody. Usually  
9 that's what he does. Melissa said she didn't  
10 get it. I am assuming that he missed that.

11 Also, Julie needs to know too because  
12 people call the Town Clerk's office when they  
13 can't get the Building Department, or  
14 whatever.

15 Jack was going to have the calls  
16 transferred to the Engineering office where  
17 Michelle is and he is, but hopefully Rosemary  
18 made contact with Lisa and she can be back  
19 tomorrow and she can take the calls.

20 It's very difficult because you have to  
21 be tracking everybody because Fire Services is  
22 part of the Building Department. So, if they  
23 had gone to the Fire Departments, then you  
24 have -- it's all these things - it was between  
25 Tuesday night, yesterday morning and yesterday

1 all day and we got it all done.

2 Part of that exercise - and I call it  
3 that because it's the first time we've really  
4 gone through it like that - it's going to go  
5 into that plan for the Governor's office and  
6 that has to be in April.

7 We have two things going on; the Police  
8 Policies and Practices Report. That has to be  
9 done by April. Mike is finishing up the draft  
10 and that is coming along nicely. The committee  
11 is great. So, they will be back together, I  
12 think, on November 4th and then we have their  
13 drafts the beginning of next week so they will  
14 have plenty of time to review that.

15 The second plan is the one to prepare for  
16 pandemic in the future. It's all about who's  
17 going to make the final decision and not  
18 knowing who everyone else has contact with.  
19 It's like one person to the next, to the next.  
20 It's not an easy situation.

21 What we did learn is that the most  
22 practical way - the Town can always say this  
23 is the recommendation, but this is what we are  
24 going to do. We want to do this. We could have  
25 said well, we have a lot to get done and no

1 one is showing symptoms so we're going to  
2 bring everybody back. That wouldn't be a smart  
3 idea. Although you can do it, it wouldn't be a  
4 smart idea.

5 So, by talking with the Health Department  
6 directly about a legitimate case, they are the  
7 ones that make that decision on the 14-day  
8 quarantine which seems like that's the most  
9 logical step of the plan that should be on our  
10 plan for the Governor's office because we have  
11 some people who feel comfortable with bringing  
12 people back and then you have other people  
13 that don't feel comfortable bringing people  
14 back. Then, if you learn something new and  
15 change something the next time it happens in  
16 another department, that could raise union  
17 issues and all kinds of things.

18 The whole thing is to get something that  
19 is a hard copy and consistent plan that we can  
20 easily follow and keep everybody safe.

21 That's what went on yesterday and Tuesday  
22 night. We're just hoping and praying that no  
23 one else came in contact with this person who  
24 is sick.

25 MR. FIELD: Can I ask if anybody

1 received calls - from the storm a couple of  
2 weeks ago? I get a call from a lady on  
3 Patroon and evidently a tree fell on her  
4 house and it is still on the house with a  
5 hole in the roof. I went down there and I  
6 looked at it and it's a horrible site. It's  
7 on a cul-de-sac -

8 MR. GREEN: Whose tree is it? Is it a  
9 Town tree?

10 MR. FIELD: No, it's just a tree that  
11 fell on the house.

12 MR. GREEN: We have nothing to do with  
13 that.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: If it's her tree,  
15 she's got to call her insurance company.  
16 That's her tree on her property and she has  
17 to call her insurance company.

18 We did get calls during the storm about  
19 things like the traffic isn't going through.  
20 There's a wire down and there's trees or  
21 branches on it. Our people are not allowed to  
22 go near those until National Grid does their  
23 work. They have to remove the wires and do all  
24 of that stuff. Even if it stops traffic, or  
25 people have to go another route, or they can't

1 get out - we can't touch those wires. That is  
2 something that people don't understand. They  
3 just want to be able to get out. Obviously, if  
4 they have an emergency they should dial 911.  
5 The fact is, there's nothing we can do.

6 MR. FIELD: Did you get calls from  
7 Laurel Drive there - off of Osborne Road.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes.

9 MR. FIELD: They were blocked in there  
10 and I guess they couldn't get out for three  
11 days.

12 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We did and we  
13 contacted National Grid. That's what we do.  
14 We go back and forth with National Grid.

15 One of the things that came out of  
16 that -- for the Capital Plan we are going to  
17 need a new generator for this building and  
18 then through the years each building should be  
19 upgraded for that because the storms are  
20 coming all the time now. National Grid was  
21 working around the clock and that was a real  
22 tough one. We got hit hard. We were one of the  
23 areas that got hit the hardest with a number  
24 of wires down and people out of power and  
25 things like that. We get calls and luckily we

1 were able to get calls. We had no power except  
2 downstairs where we had the temporary  
3 generator. The other one was kicking, but we  
4 had the temporary one there just in case. The  
5 phone was working. So, we were able to answer  
6 people's calls and get back and forth that way  
7 with National Grid and all of that. They do  
8 send updates continually. National Grid does  
9 send all of that information. They work on  
10 that.

11 If this was the middle of winter and it  
12 was freezing cold and people that didn't have  
13 heat and things like that, there's an  
14 emergency management team for the Town and I  
15 meet them over at Public Ops and there's an  
16 emergency operation center and the police are  
17 there. Fire is there and volunteer fire and  
18 EMS. Mike is there for a good portion of the  
19 time. We are there until everything is over.

20 One of the longest times we were there -  
21 I think it was two or three days and that was  
22 that big ice storm back in 2008, or whatever.  
23 We had a ton of people out of power. We have  
24 lists of vulnerable seniors that maybe are  
25 alone and they need medication and they can't

1 go anywhere and if they have no power, we have  
2 to look at the shelters.

3 There are certain shelters that are set  
4 up throughout the Town. You have some around  
5 here. You have usually have one set up at the  
6 Village of Colonie, if need be. I think we set  
7 up Public Ops one time. It's whatever we have  
8 to do to keep people warm and safe.

9 MR. FIELD: What department got the most  
10 calls?

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Highway. They were  
12 going as fast as they could and they are  
13 going around Town with the trucks and the  
14 clippers and people are supposed to -- it's  
15 typically supposed to be a certain size - the  
16 limbs and things like that are supposed to be  
17 a certain size. They have something like a  
18 rope or something to keep them together. They  
19 have been taking as much as they can. They  
20 can't take a whole tree. They can't do that.  
21 They have been working and I think after the  
22 storm in order to get out there I think the  
23 estimated time was at least two weeks to get  
24 through the Town, if not more. That's how  
25 much was down.

1 MR. FIELD: Are the leaf - the bags  
2 still on the same schedule?

3 MR. KELSEY: No, that is completely  
4 derailed.

5 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: There's only so many  
6 people and so many trucks. So, they have to -  
7 the first priority was the cleanup from the  
8 storm because cars could run over and people  
9 could trip. They just have to get rid of  
10 that. I don't know how many chippers they  
11 have, but I know they were getting the  
12 chippers to grind it up. Highway has been  
13 trying to update their site.

14 She wants to put up another notice but  
15 she doesn't want to mix it with the yard waste  
16 because the schedules mixed gets mixed up. The  
17 fact is that there's just a ton of leaves in  
18 the bags. It's not an easy task. There  
19 covering 57 square miles and it's really  
20 tough. In Loudonville what happens a lot is  
21 because the lots are so large and there's lots  
22 of trees, there's tons and tons of bags at one  
23 house. Sometimes they will have landscapers,  
24 but they don't take them away. They leave them  
25 there for the Town to pick up and as soon as



1 the truck is filled up, they've got to go to  
2 one of the sites to dump the truck. They can't  
3 keep going if it's filled up. That's why  
4 Newtonville and Loudonville got hit so hard  
5 with the storm because it's just loaded with  
6 trees - older trees and they just came down.  
7 They're working very hard.

8 MR. KELSEY: Melissa just brought up a  
9 good point. We are talking about the  
10 seasonals that we have been hiring the past  
11 couple years because we cut that back from  
12 Covid.

13 MS. JEFFERS: I remember talking to Jack  
14 about paving question that a resident had and  
15 he said he was down seasonals and a couple  
16 part-timers and they are doing the best that  
17 they can. I can't imagine how much the storm  
18 probably impacted that.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: It didn't help,  
20 that's for sure. Part of not having the  
21 seasonals - we didn't have seasonals for the  
22 summer programs, the camp and pool and the  
23 leaf pickup. We may have a few, but not like  
24 we normally have. That's because the money.

25 MR. KELSEY: David, I texted Chreit to

1 get your answer on the budget for the blower.  
2 It was a \$35,000-line in his operating  
3 budget. His comment was that a new blower is  
4 about \$50,000, plus installation. So, this  
5 repair didn't make sense.

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: So, that's why he  
7 didn't follow up.

8 I know the school districts have a case  
9 here and there.

10 MR. KELSEY: Has South Colonie had one?

11 MS. PENN: We have had a few here and  
12 there.

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They have one on my  
14 granddaughter's school bus. So, she's also in  
15 quarantine for 14 days.

16 MS. PENN: The school bus ones generally  
17 impact more than one school because they  
18 share runs.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I'm not sure if it  
20 was one of the students, or could have been  
21 the bus driver because he hasn't been there  
22 since Friday.

23 MS. PENN: We had a similar situation  
24 with the bus driver where there was multiple  
25 rounds.

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Jack, just a quick  
2 question. Te calls from the Bilding Dpartment  
3 to Highway - were they able to get moved  
4 over?

5 MR. CUNNINGHAM: We worked on the phone  
6 tree today. So, anybody who calls into  
7 Building Department can get into anybody's  
8 voicemail and leave a message. We've had a  
9 problem with people requesting inspections  
10 and we corrected that issue this afternoon.  
11 We updated the message on the thing to just  
12 say leave a message. Everybody's checking  
13 their voicemail.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Julie's office and my  
15 office - we are the ones who get hit with  
16 that. We did find out that Lisa who works in  
17 Building -

18 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Yes, she can come in.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: She can come in. She  
20 was not there, so she wasn't exposed. That  
21 will really help with the phones.

22 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Also, I was thinking  
23 because we want to be able to move plans -  
24 move paper back and forth, she will be able  
25 to coordinate that within the office.

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes, she can  
2 coordinate that and the courier or somebody  
3 that delivers it can just leave it on a  
4 doorstep and they can get some work done at  
5 home.

6 MR. CUNNINGHAM: I talked a little bit  
7 to Wayne today. I haven't talked to him since  
8 I found out about the quarantine.

9 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I told you about the  
10 next Zoning Board which is November 5th - if  
11 everything is done for that, they will be  
12 back right around that time.

13 MR. CUNNINGHAM: The release date is the  
14 fifth.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I'm hoping that's all  
16 done because otherwise we'll have to cancel.

17 MR. FIELD: How long does it take now to  
18 get a building permit for a building lot from  
19 start to finish?

20 MR. GREEN: It depends upon how quickly  
21 the contractor cooperates, really.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I'm not 100% sure  
23 because I know with Covid it did back up some  
24 things in Building and then we had also the  
25 Building Manager who is out for surgery. We

1 were down one person. Is it about three weeks  
2 now.

3 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Once we have all the  
4 plans, it doesn't take long at all. A lot of  
5 times you get plans in and then you've got to  
6 have them revised. It depends upon how  
7 responsive the resident is or the developer  
8 is. For example on the subdivision it usually  
9 doesn't take more than a week or two because  
10 we just have to inspect the plans. A lot of  
11 those plans are repetitive so it's not as  
12 long.

13 For an individual who's never done this  
14 before or a new contractor or someone who just  
15 wants to try to skirt the system, it takes a  
16 lot longer.

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They would miss a  
18 whole step that they have to do.

19 MR. FIELD: There's a 1/2 acre lot on  
20 Mill Road. It's a couple doors away from the  
21 entranceway to the Mill Road Golf Course,  
22 coming back toward Route 7.

23 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Does someone have a  
24 permit request in?

25 MR. FIELD: It's contingent upon getting

1 the permit. It's been a building lot for  
2 about 35 years.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I talked to you guys  
4 and there's a couple questions on the budget  
5 and those were all answered.

6 Does anybody else have a question about  
7 the budget?

8 MR. KELSEY: I haven't heard very much.  
9 I've had no public phone calls. There are  
10 some minor changes. We came across them  
11 today. There were transpositions.

12 In Senior Resources we had the Senior  
13 Resource Specialist and it should have been  
14 the Caseworker.

15 Chris Cary had another resignation in her  
16 office. So, I worked with her to tweak that  
17 because she's going to fill a caseworker; now  
18 versus next July. So, she's going to wait with  
19 her specialist. There are no number changes.

20 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I haven't received  
21 any calls.

22 MR. KELSEY: We usually have a few  
23 resident phone calls on it but like I said,  
24 you cut a million three out of sales tax  
25 income, it's a 2% impact on the residents

1 with a two dollar a month overall impact for  
2 everything. It's difficult to find something  
3 to complain about, I guess.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The actual property  
5 increase is how much?

6 MR. GREEN: In cents.

7 MR. KELSEY: In cents? I don't remember.  
8 I've had so many numbers in front of me  
9 today. I can't remember. I think it was six  
10 cents or seven cents per thousand.

11 MR. GREEN: About \$20 for an average  
12 household.

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: What I remember the  
14 last time, it was six cents.

15 MR. KELSEY: Actually Chreit came back  
16 and his increase will be down a few more  
17 fractional cents because he had to tweak  
18 somebody that resulted in a change. It  
19 doesn't impact very much.

20 MR. GREEN: Jack, these aren't horrible.  
21 I'm looking at the data on Homestead Avenue.

22 MR. CUNNINGHAM: It is consistent with  
23 the last one we did. It's not horrible. These  
24 people keep insisting that we're doing it  
25 differently or we're doing it at the wrong

1 time or whatever they can come up with to  
2 say -

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: What is this?

4 MR. GREEN: This is the amount of cars  
5 that are traveling on Homestead. On average  
6 we did 12 days with the data. We can throw  
7 out the last one because it was just picked  
8 up in the mornings. So, it was 11 days of  
9 data and it looks like we averaged just over  
10 300 vehicles going from Fiddlers Lane to  
11 Route 9. If we reverse it, and go from Route  
12 9 to to Fiddlers, it's slightly higher; about  
13 325, on average. It's about 625 cars on that  
14 road during the day. Those are 625 trips that  
15 are being made. I guess that's a lot - 625.  
16 If you break it down by the hour -

17 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Well, it is broken down  
18 by the hour, or by the speed.

19 MR. KELSEY: Jack, with school not being  
20 in session, does that impact it much?

21 MR. CUNNINGHAM: That's what they  
22 pulled.

23 MR. KELSEY: I'm just wondering - is  
24 that something that would impact it  
25 significantly?



1 MR. CUNNINGHAM: We have all these  
2 dates -

3 MR. GREEN: There's something wrong with  
4 these dates. We did this in September. These  
5 are all in August.

6 MR. CUNNINGHAM: I just noticed that.  
7 This is what he handed me today.

8 MR. GREEN: There's something wrong with  
9 this because we specifically did this -- I  
10 didn't even look at the date until just now.  
11 I just noticed it was the 10th of the month  
12 through the 22nd. I think this should all be  
13 9/10 through 9/22. There something wrong with  
14 this.

15 MR. CUNNINGHAM: We will do it over  
16 again.

17 MR. GREEN: No - we didn't do it in  
18 August.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They may have done  
20 one then, too.

21 MR. GREEN: We did this in September.

22 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Let me follow up with  
23 them.

24 MR. GREEN: We specifically said we  
25 wanted to wait until school came back. I know

1 we did.

2 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Well, we will do  
3 another one.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Just another couple  
5 clarifications because there's a lot of junk  
6 that people put on this website and stuff.

7 There is stuff out there about the Pine  
8 Bush cutting down trees and things like that.  
9 The Pine Bush - they have a management plan.  
10 They have to manage all the wooded areas. They  
11 have to be thinned out, in order for things to  
12 grow properly. It's all in their plan and they  
13 do a great job of managing all of it. The  
14 stuff about people cutting trees in the Pine  
15 Bush and stuff - there are questions they  
16 should ask the Pine Bush management.

17 The other thing is: These rumors about we  
18 don't know what we are doing when we are  
19 paving. We paved Latham Ridge Road and now we  
20 are ripping it all up. National Grid  
21 discovered that there were a couple houses -  
22 at least one house that was - there was a line  
23 there that was put in years and years ago when  
24 the house was built and they had discovered  
25 that line was too close to the house.

1           Was it one house that was affected, or  
2           two?

3           MR. CUNNINGHAM:   There's a couple of  
4           houses. This all goes back to that house in  
5           Salem that blew up a couple of years ago.

6           SUPERVISOR MAHAN:   It's a dangerous  
7           situation. They discovered this and they  
8           explained to us. So, they had to repair that.  
9           It's their job to work with the neighbors and  
10          everything, which they did. You can't dig up  
11          the line without having to disrupt the road  
12          that was paved. What can we do? We're not  
13          going to tell National Grid not to fix the  
14          line. We're going to get it fixed. I want to  
15          let them know that we appreciate them telling  
16          us what they're doing but yes, we did pave  
17          the road and unfortunately these things  
18          happen.

19          It's just like if you pave a road and you  
20          get a water break. You have to fix the water  
21          break. So, you have to get under the road. So,  
22          unfortunately they have to do that. The  
23          Highway Department knows what they are doing  
24          with the paving. They do it every year.  
25          They've been doing the paving plan for 12

1 years straight. They have all their timing and  
2 all their plans in place.

3 If it's a mild winter and you have a good  
4 October and beginning of November -- if you  
5 can keep going and there are still funds to do  
6 that, they work on that - the contractors.  
7 When it ends, it opens up back up again in the  
8 spring and we have to wait for the asphalt  
9 companies to open up at the end of April.

10 It's at the end of April, Jack?

11 MR. CUNNINGHAM: As soon as it starts to  
12 warm up.

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Once they open up,  
14 then we can start the plan again. Again, it  
15 gets a little irritating when they bash these  
16 guys and they know their jobs and they're  
17 doing them well.

18 Those are just a couple of the  
19 clarifications.

20 MR. KELSEY: Then you have stupid people  
21 like me that decide to change to natural gas  
22 after their street was paved.

23 MR. CUNNINGHAM: And he knew he was  
24 getting his road paved.

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: If anybody has

1 questions about any of those things - if you  
2 ask questions, there are people that can  
3 answer all those questions and I think  
4 they're doing a great job.

5 MR. CUNNINGHAM: I will pass that along.

6 I went on an interesting tour today. Mike  
7 Crisafulli built that warehouse across the  
8 street from our office at Chris's Coffee. So,  
9 I went over to see the building. They do  
10 coffee processing and they have these huge  
11 furnaces. It was really a fascinating  
12 operation. He explained the whole thing. This  
13 guy just started this out of nowhere. He  
14 imports these beautiful Italian coffee  
15 machines that you can buy for \$3,800. It's  
16 really something that you want to go take a  
17 tour of some time. It's really amazing. He  
18 does all of the business for Green Mountain  
19 Coffee and all these other coffee companies.  
20 It's all coming out of his shop.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Precision Valve, the  
22 one on Mustang Drive - when they moved here  
23 from Clifton Park - talk about a fascinating  
24 industry - that fellow Tony Hines who owns  
25 that - he started it in his garage. I think

1 it was actually in Latham or somewhere close  
2 - Watervliet or Latham. He started that in  
3 his garage. That's a fascinating tour.

4 Phillips is another one. There has been  
5 some really neat manufacturing companies. PVA  
6 is the ones that manufactured ventilators that  
7 were needed.

8 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Phillips is over on Old  
9 Niskayuna and they manufacture most of the  
10 MRIs for the whole world. They've been adding  
11 on the last few years.

12 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: It's the industrial  
13 part of old Niskayuna that is set back.

14 MR. CUNNINGHAM: It backs up to the  
15 airport. It's pretty amazing some of the  
16 stuff. Plug Power is moving into the rest of  
17 that building across the street from my  
18 office.

19 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding  
20 was concluded at 6:43 PM)

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