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White, Paul

Good morning, everybody.

0:0:4.630 --> 0:0:5.0

Wooster, Mandy

Good morning.

0:0:7.530 --> 0:0:8.160

Neal, Barbara

Morning.

0:0:9.530 --> 0:0:9.860

Burnham, Lance

Morning.

0:0:9.490 --> 0:0:11.890

White, Paul

The everybody's, the everybody's that are here anyway.

0:0:17.340 --> 0:0:17.610

White, Paul

Uh.

0:0:22.240 --> 0:0:23.960

White, Paul

And kind of like a broken record here but.

0:0:24.990 --> 0:0:27.220

White, Paul

With only four out of 10 members present.

0:0:33.610 --> 0:0:35.280

White, Paul

We'll wait a couple more minutes.

0:1:2.900 --> 0:1:6.670

White, Paul

Whoever takes this task over after December 1st, I hope they get better attendance.

0:1:17.760 --> 0:1:19.910

Anderson, Mark

Paul, what happens to you after December 1st?

0:1:21.530 --> 0:1:24.280

White, Paul

The band gets uh the band breaks up, right?

0:1:26.440 --> 0:1:28.410

White, Paul

Unless we're charged with the continuing.

0:1:30.440 --> 0:1:32.450

advocate (Guest)

Yeah, don't assume you're getting off that easy.

0:1:38.950 --> 0:1:40.960

White, Paul

Well, whatever happens after December 1st.

0:1:44.330 --> 0:1:48.990

White, Paul

If I'm still involved, I would look forward to not necessarily meeting every single Wednesday.

0:1:55.850 --> 0:1:58.920

White, Paul

There's somebody in the lobby I don't recognize the number.

0:2:0.90 --> 0:2:4.140

White, Paul

I don't know if that's one of our group or if it's up in the public number public attendee.

0:2:25.650 --> 0:2:29.360

White, Paul

So let's see. I see as far as working group members go.

0:2:30.160 --> 0:2:32.310

White, Paul

I see. Uh, myself. Mark.

0:2:33.320 --> 0:2:38.670

White, Paul

Plants and Barb, is there anybody else from the working group? I don't. There's a phone number I don't recognize A342 number.

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Yeah, Bob schlachter.

0:2:40.950 --> 0:2:41.840

White, Paul

Hey, Bob. Good morning.

0:2:42.660 --> 0:2:43.40

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Morning.

0:3:2.360 --> 0:3:4.190

White, Paul

Nice to get one more member.

0:3:5.550 --> 0:3:7.260

White, Paul

Come in so we can at least have a quorum.

0:3:13.610 --> 0:3:14.980

White, Paul

My dog does not count.

0:3:17.200 --> 0:3:18.580

White, Paul

But she thinks she does.

0:3:51.50 --> 0:3:53.60

White, Paul

So anyhow, for those of us that are here.

0:3:54.360 --> 0:3:58.410

White, Paul

We can't conduct any business just to let you know. So today we have.

0:3:59.130 --> 0:4:8.560

White, Paul

Umm, just one. Well, it's a pair of guests representing 1 entity. We're gonna have Kate Rothwell and Ben Masterson from Middlebury EMS.

0:4:9.770 --> 0:4:10.820

White, Paul

They were the only ones.

0:4:11.550 --> 0:4:20.570

White, Paul

So they were able to come today and they're actually not scheduled to until nine. I told her that there was nobody in front of them, so hopefully they'll come in a little bit earlier.

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White, Paul

I had hoped that Chief Pete would be here because we haven't actually heard from the city of Montpelier yet. I was hoping to fill some time with him, giving us an update on his project.

0:4:31.180 --> 0:4:32.950

White, Paul

But he's not here yet either.

0:4:34.830 --> 0:4:37.790

White, Paul

Next week we have someone coming in from.

0:4:38.500 --> 0:4:41.640

White, Paul

Town of St Johnsbury to talk about their project.

0:4:42.560 --> 0:4:55.650

White, Paul

However, we're getting to the point where we're actually beyond the point where I don't know that it makes sense to keep gathering more of this information, and we really need to be in writing mode, not gathering mode so.

0:4:57.700 --> 0:5:1.190

White, Paul

I met a little bit of a loss today on no.

0:5:2.560 --> 0:5:9.670

White, Paul

I don't have an hour and a half's worth of things to talk about once we hear from Kate and Ben, I think I've I've heard from.

0:5:10.690 --> 0:5:16.910

White, Paul

But I think since my plea last week for anybody's last minute input I've heard from I think 0.

0:5:17.750 --> 0:5:20.450

White, Paul

People are the I've heard some public comment, of course.

0:5:21.730 --> 0:5:29.120

White, Paul

Help me to discount that and there's a lot of public input, but as far as working group members, I've heard from nobody since last week, so.

0:5:30.300 --> 0:5:31.990

White, Paul

I'm thinking once we hear from.

0:5:32.860 --> 0:5:37.280

White, Paul

Kate and Ben that time may be better spent just jumping into.

0:5:38.600 --> 0:5:39.90

White, Paul

Writing.

0:5:40.220 --> 0:5:57.380

White, Paul

Because we've we've kicked this around enough, we've heard from a lot of different people. I think we've gathered about all the information we're going to gather and the clock is ticking. So whether that is writing as a group or whether that's just me and Mandy and Lance or or I'll.

0:5:58.390 --> 0:6:1.120

White, Paul

I'm. I'm open to pretty much anything but.

0:6:1.900 --> 0:6:5.990

White, Paul

I don't want to just sit here and talk to myself for an hour and a half with no quorum so.

0:6:10.320 --> 0:6:10.690

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:6:8.330 --> 0:6:33.560

advocate (Guest)

Hey Paul, Steve Whittaker here. I think that both Jim Chaney, who is on and myself know nearly as much as Pete about in fact much central Vermont. My period is a case study in where the pitfalls are that are gonna rise around the state. So it might be worth discussing central Vermont if it will inform their report. Otherwise we can do it on the back channel.

0:6:33.650 --> 0:6:33.980

advocate (Guest)

You know.

0:6:37.140 --> 0:6:52.280

White, Paul

Uh, yeah, I I guess I would just. I would like to give Brian, since we've given the other applicants the opportunity to give their version of their project, I would like to give Brian the same courtesy since he is the applicant. But yeah, I'm sure that between you and Kim, you can.

0:6:53.190 --> 0:6:53.490

White, Paul

Umm.

0:6:55.220 --> 0:6:57.290

White, Paul

Brian might not agree with your take on things.

0:6:58.630 --> 0:6:58.880

White, Paul

But.

0:6:58.110 --> 0:7:0.100

advocate (Guest)

He's just a puppet here too, so.

0:7:0.200 --> 0:7:0.640

advocate (Guest)

Uh.

0:7:0.320 --> 0:7:2.610

White, Paul

Yeah, well, well, aren't we all?

0:7:3.460 --> 0:7:19.790

advocate (Guest)

No, I mean the Fraser Fraser is not gonna come in and describe his hidden agenda here. So, but monopoly, you know, unaccountable, ungoverned monopoly services is not the direction we're headed. And yet, Frasier and peace still think they are.

0:7:24.700 --> 0:7:28.550

White, Paul

Uh, any other? Well, we're waiting for our guests.

0:7:32.120 --> 0:7:32.420

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:7:32.290 --> 0:7:32.660

advocate (Guest)

It's.

0:7:34.200 --> 0:7:35.570

White, Paul

So go ahead, let's.

0:7:31.890 --> 0:7:42.20

Burnham, Lance

It's I guess, Paul. I've got something. I think that I as much as you know, getting into writing the the report that.

0:7:50.870 --> 0:7:51.260

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:7:43.370 --> 0:7:51.520

Burnham, Lance

We really need the input from these people that are have not been coming to these meetings, frankly because.

0:7:52.760 --> 0:8:2.30

Burnham, Lance

If it's left to, frankly, I don't think it's fair to be left to Mandy because Mandy's not part of this working group. Mandy's done clearly her job.

0:8:1.430 --> 0:8:2.700

White, Paul

Yep, I agree.

0:8:4.300 --> 0:8:10.430

Burnham, Lance

And put it together. And she's been a world of asset, but we certainly shouldn't be putting any pressure on her to do that.

0:8:11.230 --> 0:8:17.940

Burnham, Lance

And and I feel really from what I'm seeing is that we have Barb, mark, myself.

0:8:18.660 --> 0:8:36.750

Burnham, Lance

And and you, Paul, that a starting to put everything else, but we're leaving these other entities out that are supposed to have a say in quite frankly have representing their portion of first responder agencies. We haven't heard Boo from them and.

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White, Paul

I.

0:8:38.620 --> 0:8:39.90

Burnham, Lance

It.

0:8:38.410 --> 0:8:57.10

White, Paul

I I don't disagree with you, but I don't know how do you drag that input out of them. If they don't care to share. I mean, Drew has drew his drew made a statement about the the grant process and he spoke a little bit at the very, very beginning like the first or second meeting. But I haven't heard from him since.

0:8:58.20 --> 0:8:58.300

Burnham, Lance

Yep.

0:8:58.130 --> 0:9:23.290

White, Paul

George Merkel was retiring on Monday and Brian, as president of the Chiefs Association, hasn't appointed a replacement. The other select board member, Mr Helm, has attended less than half of the meetings. His opinion was pretty clear that he thinks that VSP should just reopen Derby and Rutland and

call it a day. I'm not sure what else to get for input from those other. I would love to hear more, you know.

0:9:34.800 --> 0:9:35.110

White, Paul

Right.

0:9:24.0 --> 0:9:37.930

Burnham, Lance

Well, I take the message. Maybe needs to be sent to them that. Then whatever's written here is is going to be their recommendations cause unfortunately their names gonna be on this. So if they don't like it, they can't come back.

0:9:38.610 --> 0:9:47.430

Burnham, Lance

In whatever in January, when we present a a report that frankly is has got DPS written all over it, IE Captain Lance Burnham.

0:9:52.430 --> 0:9:52.660

White, Paul

Right.

0:9:50.230 --> 0:9:56.80

Burnham, Lance

And if they're not gonna agree with it, then they have to understand that, well, your name's gonna go on here as well. So.

0:9:56.970 --> 0:9:58.950

Burnham, Lance

And I I know that's and that's not.

0:9:59.760 --> 0:10:1.450

Burnham, Lance

A reflection on you, Paul I.

0:10:1.530 --> 0:10:3.760

White, Paul

No, no, no. I know that. I don't take it that way, but.

0:10:3.870 --> 0:10:4.40

Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:10:4.180 --> 0:10:7.70

White, Paul

Umm, you know, and a couple of the.

0:10:8.670 --> 0:10:23.720

White, Paul



Well, George represents the Chiefs Association, but Jack Helm and Brian Pete represent VLC T and I know Gwen is on here. I don't know. It's it's really kind of late in the game to appoint a new representative since we're this far into the process. But Mandy, go ahead.

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White, Paul

OK.

0:10:40.640 --> 0:10:40.950

White, Paul

Yep.

0:10:44.990 --> 0:10:45.340

White, Paul

Yes.

0:10:53.280 --> 0:10:53.540

White, Paul

Yep.

0:10:25.370 --> 0:10:54.390

Wooster, Mandy

Yeah. I just wanted to to point out that I did receive a write up from Drew and I have added it to the report and I did receive one from Bob Schlachter last week that I added to the report. I just wanted to make sure we're given props at least some of the stuff that's coming back and Barb has been very helpful as well and providing feedback and of course land. So I just wanted to make sure that we're we did get some stuff back. So I just wanted to make sure I'm saying no.

0:10:54.980 --> 0:10:56.470

White, Paul

Understood. Thank you, mark.

0:11:0.560 --> 0:11:1.230

Anderson, Mark

Yeah, the.

0:11:19.320 --> 0:11:19.500

White, Paul

Yep.

0:11:2.550 --> 0:11:20.680

Anderson, Mark

I guess I have mixed feeling here. On one hand, we have people who aren't participating and their names gonna be on it and I'm completely in agreement with what Lance just said and and what everyone said to that end. On the other hand, we also have a lot of people who are doing volunteer work and we can't always expect them and.

0:11:22.550 --> 0:11:33.260

Anderson, Mark

Those present surely now, but they're doing volunteer work for a study that is #1 an intense study #2 with no clear picture.

0:11:33.920 --> 0:11:34.410

Anderson, Mark

Uh.

0:11:35.190 --> 0:11:44.180

Anderson, Mark

So I I also respect that with time management for some of these people, participation may have to come at other ends. What might be a.

0:11:44.970 --> 0:11:49.420

Anderson, Mark

Middle ground, if we will. Uh, is to identify in the study.

0:11:51.40 --> 0:11:56.880

Anderson, Mark

An observation of participation to the end that because of.

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Anderson, Mark

I'm thinking out loud here, so don't take this verbatim but.

0:12:3.470 --> 0:12:6.500

Anderson, Mark

To the end that there's no clear guidance.

0:12:15.110 --> 0:12:15.320

White, Paul

Right.

0:12:7.650 --> 0:12:25.600

Anderson, Mark

But lots of different directions this could go that are rabbit holes onto onto each issue and each solution. It seemed that the the representation identified by the legislature proved to be challenging for people to to attend and for us to get a quorum.

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Anderson, Mark

Not necessarily. Throw people under the bus, but basically say you didn't give us enough to to work with.

0:12:35.440 --> 0:13:5.830

White, Paul

Yeah, I I I agree. And you know, if you look at the makeup of the working group, ohh, at least half if not more than half are active law enforcement, fire service, EMS service and mostly all people that have full time day jobs. So whatever I think whatever report we produce, it's gonna include recommendation that

this you know this work is far from done. We can recommend what we can based on the information we have but there is a lot more work to be done and whatever group.

0:13:5.900 --> 0:13:11.170

White, Paul

Or whatever version of this group is tasked with carrying that work on in the future.

0:13:11.620 --> 0:13:16.770

White, Paul

Uh, it needs to look at be looked at for making sure that people on there that have the time to do it.

0:13:19.200 --> 0:13:19.560

White, Paul

Barb.

0:13:21.710 --> 0:13:31.920

Neal, Barbara

So a couple of thoughts here is people were were talking I think on the comments that we got like from Drew, even though it was really about the grant.

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White, Paul

Umm.

0:13:41.750 --> 0:13:42.110

White, Paul

Correct.

0:13:42.480 --> 0:13:42.710

White, Paul

Yep.

0:13:46.610 --> 0:13:47.10

White, Paul

Yes.

0:13:33.140 --> 0:13:48.540

Neal, Barbara

Process. But he what? What struck me about his comments was kind of the concern about not creating a further siloed or further fractured environment. And I think that should be in our report somewhere of of a concern.

0:13:49.600 --> 0:13:57.590

Neal, Barbara

I do have numbers. I was asked a while ago about what would it cost to get Derby and Rutland back up and running for 911 purposes only.

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White, Paul  
Right.

0:13:59.330 --> 0:14:17.360

Neal, Barbara

It'd be about \$53,000 per location for one time cost, and about \$20,000 per location per year for ongoing costs. So you can that's, I don't know if that needs to be in the report or not, but if Mr Helm had.

0:14:23.460 --> 0:14:23.950

White, Paul  
Yes.

0:14:18.970 --> 0:14:30.960

Neal, Barbara

Made a suggestion that that might be 1 route to go. At least you'd have a chunk of. We would have a chunk of what it might cost. No idea what it would cost for dispatch side, which would be up to the captain I presume.

0:14:47.860 --> 0:14:48.90

White, Paul  
Umm.

0:14:32.780 --> 0:14:51.220

Neal, Barbara

And I don't mean to put more work on Mandy or or or prevent, you know, some additional support going into this report writing thing. But I will point out that Department of Public Safety was supposed to provide the administrative, and I think legal support. So I'm happy to help.

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Neal, Barbara

Pull that report together. But I think that.

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Neal, Barbara  
DPS.

0:14:59.180 --> 0:15:3.960

Neal, Barbara

In the administrative support role for this group, so I assume that will be Mandy.

0:15:5.720 --> 0:15:8.320

Neal, Barbara

Should be like the keeper of the record, you know to.

0:15:8.460 --> 0:15:8.720

White, Paul  
Right.

0:15:16.980 --> 0:15:17.530

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:15:9.770 --> 0:15:19.220

Neal, Barbara

To get it all pulled together with input from everybody else. So sorry, Mandy, I know that Captain was trying to get you off the hook a little bit and I just threw right under the bus. But.

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White, Paul

Yeah. Well, well, you're you're, I appreciate lances sentiment. But you're right, Bob, the the statute.

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White, Paul

That formed this working group specifically says that that we shall have the administrative, technical and legal assistance of DPS, and if Mandy is the one that the Commissioner has designated to provide that support, then that's.

0:15:40.990 --> 0:15:41.420

Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:15:39.20 --> 0:15:42.110

White, Paul

That's the boat she's in and who we appreciate the help. Uh, Mandy.

0:15:43.280 --> 0:15:49.810

Wooster, Mandy

Thanks for letting me in the boat. Uh, so I I guess I just wanna point out some things.

0:15:48.710 --> 0:15:50.80

Burnham, Lance

You're not getting a life jacket.

0:15:50.680 --> 0:15:53.90

Wooster, Mandy

Well, I was in the Coast Guard, so I should be OK.

0:15:52.270 --> 0:15:54.880

White, Paul

I will throw life. We'll throw life jackets. Absolutely.

0:15:57.220 --> 0:15:57.840

White, Paul

Type 4.

0:15:55.130 --> 0:15:59.330

Wooster, Mandy

I should be OK. Lance will his. He'll save his feather. Feather, coastie.

0:15:58.650 --> 0:16:0.610

White, Paul

Type Type 4 PFD coming your way.

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Wooster, Mandy

So he.

0:16:28.90 --> 0:16:28.300

White, Paul

Right.

0:16:29.370 --> 0:16:29.640

White, Paul

Yep.

0:16:3.190 --> 0:16:32.140

Wooster, Mandy

I I hear it, everybody saying it and I agree, but administrative report or a support is not actually writing the report and as I was starting to, I have pulled this all together, including doing the appendix that I said I was gonna hold off on till the end. I started pulling this all together but it's getting to a point where it can't be me drafting the report, right, because Mandy Wooster, working from DPS, is a different perspective. It has to be me assisting you all with your opinions on what needs to go in this report.

0:16:32.340 --> 0:16:51.70

Wooster, Mandy

So what if I'm absent that information? It's going to limit what I'm able to do to assist you all. And I I think it was a great point that was just brought up. If we want somebody from legal to look at this, our timeline is shortened because we need to be able to get it to them, have them look at it and provide the feedback and have this group be able to look at the feedback.

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Wooster, Mandy

So I just wanted to to add the two cents in the boat.

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White, Paul

Thank you, Mandy. Mark.

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Anderson, Mark

Two things. One is maybe a interrogative with Barb. Just I'm curious how you can afford to run a 911 dispatch seat for 20 grand a year.

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Anderson, Mark  
But.

0:17:13.90 --> 0:17:36.510

Neal, Barbara

Well, what we're talking about is just getting connected and staying connected to the network, OK, with our equipment. So we're not, we're not paying an employee to sit in that seat. So it would be under the same arrangement that we currently have, which is agreements with each of the PSAPS, including DPS, of course for a reimbursement which.

0:17:37.310 --> 0:17:40.990

Neal, Barbara

Does not cover the entire cost of filling those seats for sure.

0:17:42.130 --> 0:17:43.110

White, Paul

Right, doesn't.

0:17:41.470 --> 0:17:45.750

Anderson, Mark

OK. Thank you and glad to hear the cause I've.

0:17:47.230 --> 0:17:52.520

Anderson, Mark

Thank you. So my my second thought, just as I'm hearing the discussion go.

0:17:52.620 --> 0:18:4.620

Anderson, Mark

Uh. I mean, sometimes the brevity is the important piece here and we probably have enough information that we've gathered to capture, don't know how many pages you got going now, Mandy, but I bet it's.

0:18:4.700 --> 0:18:9.270

Anderson, Mark

But more than 10, the my thought being.

0:18:9.450 --> 0:18:27.50

Anderson, Mark

Uh, we could basically create the shoot of each possibility, saying we have identified these things, and while there is possibilities and direction, ABC and D, the reality is, is that we don't have the the.

0:18:28.0 --> 0:18:31.420

Anderson, Mark

Requisite authority to say which is the best.

0:18:33.550 --> 0:18:33.820

White, Paul

Right.

0:18:35.710 --> 0:18:39.320

White, Paul

Or the OR the ability to identify a you know.

0:18:42.240 --> 0:18:51.170

White, Paul

You know the the the charge was to come up with a funding source that doesn't rely on property taxes and that's not something that we are really qualified to do either in my opinion.

0:18:52.770 --> 0:18:53.20

White, Paul

Right.

0:18:51.830 --> 0:18:53.440

Anderson, Mark

Sure. I mean we could say the lottery.

0:18:54.70 --> 0:18:56.520

Anderson, Mark

Right, right. Just by the tickets.

0:18:54.880 --> 0:18:58.870

White, Paul

We can present it, we can present options. We can present options, but that's.

0:19:4.130 --> 0:19:4.340

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:18:59.600 --> 0:19:4.530

Burnham, Lance

We need, we'll bring that online betting to Vermont and all that money will be will come in.

0:19:6.660 --> 0:19:10.360

White, Paul

And all the money that's going to be flooding into the state from the retail cannabis market.

0:19:11.340 --> 0:19:11.830

Burnham, Lance

Yeah.

0:19:13.870 --> 0:19:17.780

White, Paul

I see that one of our guests has arrived. Good morning, Kate.

0:19:21.60 --> 0:19:22.710

Kate Rothwell

Good morning, everybody. How are you?



0:19:23.880 --> 0:19:25.270

White, Paul

I think we're all good. How are you?

0:19:25.660 --> 0:19:26.570

Kate Rothwell

Good. Thank you.

0:19:26.890 --> 0:19:29.480

White, Paul

Is Ben with you or we still waiting for Ben or?

0:19:29.390 --> 0:19:30.740

Kate Rothwell

We're still waiting for Ben.

0:19:30.480 --> 0:19:33.430

White, Paul

OK, very good. So you you are still early, so.

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White, Paul

But once he arrives, we can jump right into.

0:19:39.370 --> 0:19:43.350

White, Paul

Visiting with you folks, so it's to not take up anymore of your time than necessary.

0:19:44.220 --> 0:19:47.140

Kate Rothwell

OK. Perfect. Yeah. He's gonna join in from home, so.

0:19:46.940 --> 0:19:47.510

White, Paul

OK.

0:19:48.870 --> 0:19:51.860

White, Paul

In the meantime, I see a hand from Mr Cheney.

0:19:53.180 --> 0:19:54.950

kim cheney (Guest)

Yes, just briefly.

0:19:57.110 --> 0:20:4.170

kim cheney (Guest)

Is there information about what people are already spending out of the property tax to communicate with one another?

0:20:6.340 --> 0:20:8.490

kim cheny (Guest)

There's all the talk about money and.

0:20:9.230 --> 0:20:16.830

kim cheny (Guest)

Where it's gonna come from, but my guess, certainly locally you fair amount is already raised on the property tax to do this.

0:20:18.30 --> 0:20:19.60

kim cheny (Guest)

And I think it would be.

0:20:20.80 --> 0:20:20.990

kim cheny (Guest)

Helpful.

0:20:21.760 --> 0:20:24.160

kim cheny (Guest)

To get an aggregate number at least.

0:20:25.980 --> 0:20:28.530

kim cheny (Guest)

Instead of wishing it away, it's already here.

0:20:29.490 --> 0:20:32.570

White, Paul

Yeah, I think there is. We have.

0:20:33.780 --> 0:20:43.330

White, Paul

From the current agencies that are providing some kind of some form of a regional service like for example Lamoille County.

0:20:44.820 --> 0:21:1.210

White, Paul

Roger Marquis. Operation is pretty much entirely done based, funded by property tax, because there's his member. Municipalities pay for the service and that's, you know, that's municipal property tax based. So we have his numbers. You know, we have numbers from the various.

0:21:2.400 --> 0:21:6.590

White, Paul

Entities around the state that are currently performing that service. I wouldn't say that we have.

0:21:7.280 --> 0:21:9.660

White, Paul

100 but we have a lot.

0:21:13.70 --> 0:21:14.440

kim cheney (Guest)

OK. Well, I think that's.

0:21:15.770 --> 0:21:16.860

kim cheney (Guest)

Good to know that.

0:21:18.420 --> 0:21:23.910

White, Paul

You know, and while on that subject it's not, you didn't ask this, but just popped into my head that.

0:21:25.180 --> 0:21:49.970

White, Paul

I don't remember if it was when Roger had met with us as a group or it was there during my private meeting with him, but one of the points that he wanted to emphasize was those towns in Lamoille County that he currently is serving. If they're happy, they should be left alone, you know, and if they're, if they're content with paying for that service from the property tax, the state shouldn't come in and try to tear that organization apart. If it's currently working.

0:21:54.800 --> 0:21:55.90

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:21:53.400 --> 0:21:55.770

Anderson, Mark

Paul, if I may, there was another piece.

0:21:57.250 --> 0:22:2.660

Anderson, Mark

To King's question, which is that early on we identified the difficulty of determining.

0:22:6.580 --> 0:22:6.880

White, Paul

Right.

0:22:3.950 --> 0:22:9.520

Anderson, Mark

All 252 Vermont municipalities, various fundings and.

0:22:10.80 --> 0:22:15.890

Anderson, Mark

Uh, because there's just a patchwork across the board. So while I can roughly tell you what Windham County spends.

0:22:17.90 --> 0:22:19.770

Anderson, Mark

I mean, there's just there. There's plenty.

0:22:21.120 --> 0:22:27.550

Anderson, Mark

Plenty of variety that we already identified as a voluminous task that we lacked the bandwidth, the tackle.

0:22:36.850 --> 0:22:37.960

kim cheney (Guest)

But I wonder if.

0:22:39.660 --> 0:22:41.900

kim cheney (Guest)

A lot of times the capital costs are hidden.

0:22:43.320 --> 0:22:46.510

kim cheney (Guest)

You you know the operating cost but like locally?

0:22:47.420 --> 0:22:51.10

kim cheney (Guest)

The reason we haven't existence was a federal grant.

0:22:52.600 --> 0:22:52.920

White, Paul

There.

0:22:54.530 --> 0:22:55.370

kim cheney (Guest)

And.

0:22:56.260 --> 0:22:58.140

kim cheney (Guest)

I expect that's true of.

0:22:59.90 --> 0:23:0.720

kim cheney (Guest)

Many of the regional areas.

0:23:1.290 --> 0:23:17.640

White, Paul

Yeah. Well, and and all of the, you know, there's a whole, there's a whole bunch of municipalities that are basically self-sufficient. You know, they don't, they take care of themselves and themselves only. And we don't necessarily know what they are paying for their own dispatching service.

0:23:21.960 --> 0:23:23.550

kim cheney (Guest)

Yeah, I did some numbers.

0:23:26.630 --> 0:23:30.980

kim cheny (Guest)

Just trying to figure out what the per capita cost of.

0:23:31.710 --> 0:23:33.310

kim cheny (Guest)

Service was locally.

0:23:34.650 --> 0:23:39.480

kim cheny (Guest)

And there's anything but fairness in that it but.

0:23:39.260 --> 0:23:39.520

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:23:40.750 --> 0:23:41.530

kim cheny (Guest)

It's.

0:23:42.730 --> 0:23:45.700

kim cheny (Guest)

It's eye popping the burden, how it gets shared.

0:23:46.130 --> 0:23:46.420

White, Paul

Yes.

0:23:47.100 --> 0:23:48.120

kim cheny (Guest)

Doesn't seem.

0:23:48.840 --> 0:23:51.40

kim cheny (Guest)

Fair exactly. But there we are.

0:23:53.410 --> 0:23:54.30

White, Paul

Yes.

0:23:56.550 --> 0:24:17.100

White, Paul

That is true. So uh, I see. Uh, Ben did arrive. We're a few minutes ahead of schedule, but I think we'll jump right into receiving our guests. So Kate and Ben, welcome for the working group. Kate and Ben represent. Correct me if I get this wrong, but the Middlebury EMS, which is not.

0:24:18.140 --> 0:24:24.300

White, Paul

A not part of the municipality of the town of Middlebury, or a separate organization, is that right?

0:24:27.330 --> 0:24:31.980

Kate Rothwell

That's correct. We're a separate entity, we're A501C3 Corporation.

0:24:32.820 --> 0:24:44.810

White, Paul

OK. So it's all sort of give you the same spill. I've given all of our other guests before you. Is that this group was formed by the legislature to look at?

0:24:46.610 --> 0:25:16.480

White, Paul

Taking dispatching services for municipalities away from the SP or the Department of Public Safety and moving it towards a network of regional dispatch centers and and we are separate from the. We're not the committee that scored the grant applications for the Homeland Security grants that recently closed last month. And the reason we asked you to come is you know there were roughly a dozen 10 or a dozen entities that applied for that Homeland Security grant funding to either.

0:25:16.800 --> 0:25:36.110

White, Paul

Create or expand regional dispatch centers, and we're not at all involved in that process. But we thought since you're going through it, we might be able to learn something from you that would help us in our task of reporting back to the legislature on how to get to regional dispatching. So in particular, we're interested in.

0:25:36.530 --> 0:25:40.860

White, Paul

Umm, how you're proposing to fund your project or how you currently fund it?

0:25:42.380 --> 0:25:45.190

White, Paul

What the governance of it is meaning.

0:25:46.620 --> 0:25:47.680

White, Paul

To your customer.

0:25:48.640 --> 0:26:6.710

White, Paul

Agencies or customer municipalities, do they have a say? Is there some kind of a governing board or is it just, you know, your board of directors makes the rules and they you know like it or they don't. So funding governance and then the third thing is timeline for your project that you proposed, what's your timeline to get it?

0:26:7.480 --> 0:26:8.230

White, Paul

Up and running.

0:26:9.110 --> 0:26:14.190

White, Paul

And of course, anything else that you would like to tell us that you think might be helpful for for our charge.

0:26:15.620 --> 0:26:43.690

Kate Rothwell

Sure. Ben, Jump in wherever you want on on some of those questions. And so the dispatch center came over here to this building and approximately 11 years ago and at that time we were the answering service for Porter Hospital as well. So we are transitioning away from that and our goal has always been to take on more fire first response agencies here. We currently dispatch for.

0:26:43.830 --> 0:26:51.710

Kate Rothwell

Ten of them now, and including ourselves. So it's in our best interest as well to keep keep our dispatch center going.

0:26:53.250 --> 0:26:58.0

Kate Rothwell

But we we currently dispatch for Missisquoi.

0:26:59.220 --> 0:27:19.670

Kate Rothwell

Valley Ambulance via an IP link and then some local fire department, Salisbury, Weybridge, Orwell, Cornwall. So we already have dispatchers that are up and trained to do this, and we're transitioning away from some of our services from Porter Hospital, which allows us to have.

0:27:21.530 --> 0:27:36.990

Kate Rothwell

Staff. That's the ability to take on more actually immediately we up staff due to COVID because given our tasks at the time the amount of calls coming in for that just became.

0:27:40.230 --> 0:27:40.420

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:27:37.150 --> 0:27:48.20

Kate Rothwell

I'm crazy, so we actually pretty much run to dispatchers during the daytime as it is now, and we're seeing that transitioning.

0:27:48.180 --> 0:27:55.210

Kate Rothwell

Day so absolutely love to have more agencies come on. We know the area obviously because we work in it.

0:27:57.190 --> 0:27:57.620

Kate Rothwell  
And.

0:27:58.940 --> 0:28:0.110

Kate Rothwell  
What else can we answer?

0:28:2.80 --> 0:28:5.750

White, Paul  
How so? You said you were a 501C E something.

0:28:17.410 --> 0:28:18.710

Kate Rothwell  
It it's called.

0:28:6.810 --> 0:28:18.930

White, Paul  
How are you funded? I mean, I you must charge those agencies that you dispatch for. You must charge them some kind of a fee. Is that based on call volumes based on per capita? Is it based on grand list or?

0:28:19.910 --> 0:28:20.220

White, Paul  
OK.

0:28:19.530 --> 0:28:22.540

Kate Rothwell  
Call volume. So we currently charge \$30 a call.

0:28:23.520 --> 0:28:23.860

White, Paul  
OK.

0:28:27.360 --> 0:28:29.190

Anderson, Mark  
How did you come to the \$30?

0:28:31.260 --> 0:28:34.590

Kate Rothwell  
Open that. That one was before my time. Ben, can you answer that?

0:28:36.170 --> 0:28:58.960

Benjamin Masterson  
So it was when we first initially started offering dispatch services, our Board of Directors set it at \$20 a call. I am not sure that was also before my time. So I'm not sure how that number even came to be and it's just gone up since then for inflation and just cost of doing business.



0:29:0.500 --> 0:29:1.170

White, Paul

And so.

0:29:0.400 --> 0:29:4.430

Anderson, Mark

Have you experienced any issues with the model of charging per call?

0:29:5.420 --> 0:29:7.190

Anderson, Mark

Or considered other formulas.

0:29:10.710 --> 0:29:20.310

Benjamin Masterson

We've not considered other formulas at this point. From personal experience, we don't charge enough per call.

0:29:22.830 --> 0:29:28.900

Benjamin Masterson

But that's just a personal thing. And that's like I said, it's all set and authorized by our Board of Directors.

0:29:30.590 --> 0:29:41.990

Anderson, Mark

So what? What limitations does not charging enough per call create? I mean obviously funds tied to a variety of things, but what do you see as problematic by not having enough?

0:29:43.440 --> 0:29:43.700

Kate Rothwell

I.

0:29:42.910 --> 0:30:9.560

Kate Rothwell

Sure, go ahead, Kate. Hello. I was just gonna say if you take a smaller agency that doesn't have the call volume, the initial cost to get them set up and to our system, it's going to take years for the payback and the smaller agencies don't have the funding to get on board. Hence one of the reasons why we put in for this grant as well as we put in for them to have that two year.

0:30:9.810 --> 0:30:10.230

Kate Rothwell

Umm.

0:30:12.200 --> 0:30:36.370

Kate Rothwell

Yeah, I forgot what they called it, but but you could ask for funding for the agencies coming on for a year or two. So that's that's kind of been one of the reasons why we were looking at other other models to say how can we get this equipment paid for in this installation paid for because it's prohibitive to the smaller agencies.

0:30:37.430 --> 0:30:38.640

Kate Rothwell

But certainly if you have.

0:30:37.590 --> 0:30:42.70

Anderson, Mark

So the the cost, the cost to the smaller agencies that.

0:30:42.890 --> 0:30:49.860

Anderson, Mark

That don't have the funds to build out the infrastructure is that the the piece they lack or is it the operating cost as well?

0:30:52.390 --> 0:30:56.0

Kate Rothwell

I I'd say probably just the cost to come on board.

0:30:57.460 --> 0:31:9.870

Kate Rothwell

So that that initially you know prior to putting in for this grant was what you might look at as if a smaller agency is coming on. You know again if they have 100 calls a year we're charging.

0:31:11.20 --> 0:31:23.330

Kate Rothwell

\$38 a call, but it's gonna take 6, seven, \$8000 to on board them. We're kind of at a loss for a couple of years, but certainly been if you have something to jump in on with, please do.

0:31:27.340 --> 0:31:28.680

Benjamin Masterson

Nope, that sums it up.

0:31:29.790 --> 0:31:37.600

White, Paul

So when you say \$30 per call, is that like how do you define a call that from start to finish like is it the same whether it's just a?

0:31:38.360 --> 0:31:45.250

White, Paul

A quick transfer from a nursing home to the hospital, or whether it's a full blown incident that takes 2 hours. I mean is that?

0:31:46.440 --> 0:31:48.660

Benjamin Masterson

Yep, that's correct. So.

0:31:48.380 --> 0:31:48.730

White, Paul

OK.

0:32:1.280 --> 0:32:1.640

White, Paul

OK.

0:31:49.290 --> 0:32:9.800

Benjamin Masterson

We like to tell everyone, so whether you're on a fire alarm activation for three minutes and it's cancelled right away, or it's a 9 hour structure fire that is that same \$30. Now we do charge and I believe this is different than other agencies. So if we dispatch multiple agencies to the same incident.

0:32:16.490 --> 0:32:16.740

White, Paul

Yep.

0:32:10.480 --> 0:32:16.970

Benjamin Masterson

And we dispatch for all those agencies. Each agency will receive a \$30 charge for that call.

0:32:17.650 --> 0:32:17.930

White, Paul

OK.

0:32:22.970 --> 0:32:23.910

White, Paul

And so for these.

0:32:24.560 --> 0:32:36.430

White, Paul

Fire and EMS agencies that you're dispatching for are you, do they own their infrastructure and you just broadcast over it or you're using your own, you know, towers and repeaters?

0:32:39.530 --> 0:32:58.380

Benjamin Masterson

So it depends. Every agency is different for our local to Middlebury agencies, we own everything up until the point where it gets to them. So some agencies are operating on their own channels with their own repeaters.

0:33:15.760 --> 0:33:16.50

White, Paul

OK.

0:32:59.580 --> 0:33:26.200

Benjamin Masterson

Other agencies, like Kate mentioned we dispatched from Missisquoi Valley rescue over the IP link. They own everything starting with the IP link on our end to the IP link on their end, so it's different for every agency, but for the most part we own everything right up until the point where they received the signal.

0:33:28.960 --> 0:33:29.900

White, Paul

And do you find it?

0:33:31.620 --> 0:33:36.460

White, Paul

Problematic in any way to be dispatching for an agency that's 2-3 counties away.

0:33:38.270 --> 0:33:38.720

Benjamin Masterson

Umm.

0:33:40.150 --> 0:33:44.230

Benjamin Masterson

Mrs Guay actually went or has gone extremely well.

0:33:57.0 --> 0:33:57.370

White, Paul

OK.

0:33:45.430 --> 0:33:59.820

Benjamin Masterson

Given the radio over IP link, we do run into an issue sometimes where if there is not an Internet connection on either end, it doesn't work. So we've had to put into.

0:34:4.390 --> 0:34:4.890

Sheriff David Fox (Guest)

Ohh yeah.

0:34:0.430 --> 0:34:4.940

Benjamin Masterson

Just pretty robust backup plans in case that does happen on either end.

0:34:6.380 --> 0:34:19.570

Benjamin Masterson

But that is that was actually a decision made by Missisquoi to pursue that. So we were we were able to get it set up, but yes, it is difficult from the technical aspect.

0:34:24.990 --> 0:34:25.300

advocate (Guest)

So.

0:34:21.220 --> 0:34:39.70

White, Paul

So you Speaking of what you just mentioned there, if say there was some kind of a catastrophic event in front of your building and you were required to evacuate, what's do you have the ability to transfer your whole operation to somebody else or to go on the road and dispatch from a mobile?

0:34:39.990 --> 0:34:41.700

White, Paul

Set up or how would you handle that?

0:34:42.410 --> 0:34:49.730

Benjamin Masterson

For the local Addison County agencies, yes. For this going now, OK.

0:34:57.670 --> 0:34:58.800

White, Paul

OK, UM.

0:35:0.360 --> 0:35:6.830

White, Paul

I know it's different depending on agency by agency, but as far as and I haven't read your grant.

0:35:7.580 --> 0:35:25.800

White, Paul

3rd year grant application thoroughly so I don't know exactly who you're proposing to bring on or what's involved in that, but rough idea of the timeline of if everything went if everything that you wanted to do through that Grant was approved and and happened, how long would it? What's the timeline that to reach?

0:35:26.820 --> 0:35:27.430

White, Paul

Your goal?

0:35:28.500 --> 0:35:34.790

Benjamin Masterson

If everything runs smoothly, I would hope that we are fully operational with.

0:35:35.630 --> 0:35:40.960

Benjamin Masterson

Everything and everyone who has shown interest by this time next year, OK?

0:35:42.570 --> 0:35:53.810

Benjamin Masterson

I would hope that we can start given equipment and getting that installed. I would hope that by next summer we would be able to start putting new agencies on board.

0:35:54.480 --> 0:35:54.840

White, Paul

OK.

0:35:56.30 --> 0:36:2.910

White, Paul

So I guess the thing that we skipped over was the governance is. So I know you mentioned that there's a board of directors for your.

0:36:3.670 --> 0:36:12.660

White, Paul

For your corporation, do they? If as far as policies and protocols and just the standard operating procedures for your?

0:36:13.460 --> 0:36:25.750

White, Paul

For your organization, is that dictated by the Board of Directors to the customer towns? Have any representation you rather do you hold stakeholder meetings or how do you how do what does that look like?

0:36:27.400 --> 0:36:27.710

Kate Rothwell

So.

0:36:27.830 --> 0:36:28.240

advocate (Guest)

So.

0:36:32.360 --> 0:36:32.750

White, Paul

OK.

0:36:27.790 --> 0:36:35.670

Kate Rothwell

The the Board of Directors is not involved in any of the policies and where we've been fortunate enough to be.

0:36:44.900 --> 0:36:45.230

advocate (Guest)

So.

0:36:47.190 --> 0:36:47.620

advocate (Guest)

That's good.

0:36:58.0 --> 0:36:58.220

White, Paul

Umm.

0:36:36.440 --> 0:37:2.250

Kate Rothwell

Fortunate not fortunate, because we would like to grow, but we're we're small enough that we talked to our stakeholders on an individual basis. So it's not like there's necessarily a monthly schedule, but sit down and talk, but we tailor, we're able to tailor what any of our customers want, you know for per say like every Monday night we want test tones every other Monday. We'd like reminders of our fire department meetings, so.

0:37:3.550 --> 0:37:10.940

Kate Rothwell

Where we're able to talk to our stakeholders individually and policies are set by the dispatch center.

0:37:12.50 --> 0:37:12.410

White, Paul

OK.

0:37:15.40 --> 0:37:16.870

White, Paul

That's actually that would be by you. OK, right.

0:37:18.430 --> 0:37:18.790

White, Paul

OK.

0:37:17.530 --> 0:37:19.790

Kate Rothwell

Correct. And and Ben.

0:37:20.450 --> 0:37:20.710

White, Paul

OK.

0:37:26.640 --> 0:37:28.670

White, Paul

As far as your existing customers as they're.

0:37:30.540 --> 0:37:41.230

White, Paul

Is there any concern do you know about taking on new customers that it may get to the point that and I don't mean to imply that that you?

0:37:42.450 --> 0:37:59.760

White, Paul

Are growing too big. I'm just thinking if I was one of those customer agencies and you were gonna take on more agencies as putting more workload on your staff, which could cause service to suffer for the existing agencies and they, they mean, is everybody pretty much on board with the expansion?

0:38:2.70 --> 0:38:5.490

Kate Rothwell

Locally, we've had some of our.

0:38:6.750 --> 0:38:13.390

Kate Rothwell

Current customers refer us to their neighbors and, for instance, Shorm just joined us.

0:38:14.740 --> 0:38:19.350

Kate Rothwell

So then actually did some radio testing yesterday, wasn't it?

0:38:21.70 --> 0:38:21.360

Benjamin Masterson

Yep.

0:38:21.110 --> 0:38:21.520

Kate Rothwell

So.

0:38:23.940 --> 0:38:24.310

White, Paul

OK.

0:38:25.490 --> 0:38:27.970

White, Paul

Other working group members have questions.

0:38:37.20 --> 0:38:38.10

White, Paul

I'm not hearing any.

0:38:38.810 --> 0:38:42.210

White, Paul

Ohh, let's see something in the chat. I don't know what that is.

0:38:43.850 --> 0:38:45.430

White, Paul

This lamp said we go OK.

0:38:46.830 --> 0:38:49.880

White, Paul

All right. You have any questions of us, Kate or Ben?

0:38:54.750 --> 0:38:55.160

Benjamin Masterson

I.

0:38:54.560 --> 0:38:55.400

Kate Rothwell

I don't. Do you?

0:38:57.480 --> 0:38:57.580

White, Paul

OK.

0:38:58.550 --> 0:39:7.810

White, Paul



Well, we appreciate you taking time out of your day to help us with this task. We we're charged with writing this report back to the legislature and the governor.

0:39:9.650 --> 0:39:11.430

White, Paul

Very quickly it seems it's.

0:39:11.780 --> 0:39:13.810

White, Paul

It's rapidly approaching so.

0:39:15.20 --> 0:39:15.290

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:39:16.110 --> 0:39:16.280

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:39:12.570 --> 0:39:21.660

Kate Rothwell

Well, wait, we appreciate what you're doing in the task you've been assigned with. So certainly if there's any additional information.

0:39:22.980 --> 0:39:26.720

Kate Rothwell

We can supply. Please, please don't hesitate to reach out.

0:39:27.210 --> 0:39:35.800

White, Paul

OK. Thank you. So I guess, I mean you kind of covered this by by elimination you you dispatch for fire and EMS, but you don't currently do any law enforcement dispatching, right?

0:39:36.380 --> 0:39:37.200

Kate Rothwell

That's correct.

0:39:37.340 --> 0:39:37.650

White, Paul

OK.

0:39:39.380 --> 0:39:43.720

White, Paul

And so Middlebury PD, dispatched by themselves, I assume.

0:39:44.790 --> 0:39:45.260

Kate Rothwell

Yes.

0:39:47.900 --> 0:39:48.230

White, Paul

OK.

0:39:50.60 --> 0:39:56.210

White, Paul

I guess that's all I have. If there's no no other questions. Well, thank you for your time. And what's your resume your day?

0:39:57.500 --> 0:39:58.440

Kate Rothwell

You have a good one.

0:39:58.750 --> 0:40:0.110

White, Paul

You too. Thank you.

0:40:0.830 --> 0:40:1.360

Kate Rothwell

Thanks.

0:40:7.370 --> 0:40:11.250

White, Paul

Cool. OK. So Lance had to step away and.

0:40:14.430 --> 0:40:17.920

White, Paul

None of the other working group members have joined, so we still don't have a quorum.

0:40:18.690 --> 0:40:20.450

White, Paul

Who can't conduct any official business?

0:40:25.920 --> 0:40:26.470

White, Paul

The other.

0:40:26.880 --> 0:40:27.390

White, Paul

Comments.

0:40:33.480 --> 0:40:33.840

White, Paul

That's.

0:40:26.130 --> 0:40:33.900

Anderson, Mark

All of a sudden the with no one else here. I mean, is there really a point of us sticking around? Could we just, you know, call the meeting?

0:40:34.420 --> 0:40:37.430

White, Paul

I was just about to say that I think my time would be better spent.

0:40:39.150 --> 0:40:40.0

White, Paul

Diving into.

0:40:41.280 --> 0:40:43.920

White, Paul

Continuing wrapping my head around the the writing task.

0:40:44.740 --> 0:40:45.150

White, Paul

So.

0:40:44.570 --> 0:40:48.920

Anderson, Mark

Uh, for the purpose of no quorum, I make a motion to adjourn.

0:40:52.940 --> 0:40:57.990

White, Paul

And I'm gonna call your motion out of order. So I think we are by default. Adjourned.

0:40:58.810 --> 0:41:0.270

advocate (Guest)

Alright. Why don't you know?

0:41:0.820 --> 0:41:1.960

White, Paul

Ohh, I'm sorry.

0:40:59.440 --> 0:41:6.680

Anderson, Mark

Ohh, technically the only two things that if someone under Robert's rules or knows Roberts rules better, but I believe the only things we can do.

0:41:12.550 --> 0:41:13.310

White, Paul

Into the journey.

0:41:16.840 --> 0:41:17.570

White, Paul

Well, I.

0:41:7.220 --> 0:41:18.910

Anderson, Mark

Uh, in a meeting without a quorum is call it to order. Attempt to gain a quorum and adjourn. So I I think that we did adjourn. I I would challenge that, but I'm also not attorney.

0:41:19.330 --> 0:41:26.260

White, Paul

Yeah. Well, and and I did neglect our obligations under the open meeting law to solicit public input.

0:41:27.880 --> 0:41:28.390

White, Paul

So.

0:41:29.30 --> 0:41:32.980

White, Paul

Uh, we heard from Kim's. Uh, I think I heard Steve.

0:41:33.770 --> 0:41:35.400

White, Paul

Chastising me for not.

0:41:36.210 --> 0:41:36.630

kim cheney (Guest)

This is.

0:41:36.450 --> 0:41:37.940

White, Paul

Taking public input, Steve.

0:41:37.870 --> 0:41:40.500

advocate (Guest)

That was a friendly reminder that was.

0:41:39.610 --> 0:41:43.910

White, Paul

Yes, it was and I took and I took it as such. Thank you. What do you have for us?

0:41:45.480 --> 0:41:55.370

advocate (Guest)

Well, I wanna share some concerns with regard to the what you just heard of around the Middlebury model in the in effect a?

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White, Paul

It.

0:41:56.500 --> 0:42:9.990

advocate (Guest)

A501C3 with the board of Directors does not meet anywhere close to the transparency and accountability of what is clearly an essential public service when you're.

0:42:13.230 --> 0:42:14.580

advocate (Guest)

Somebody running a drill.

0:42:18.450 --> 0:42:21.440

White, Paul

Yeah, I'm trying to take care of that. I think it should be gone now.

0:42:21.540 --> 0:42:22.390

advocate (Guest)

Yeah, you got it.

0:42:24.150 --> 0:42:30.540

advocate (Guest)

So I understand that Middlebury went black, dispatchers. I had a talk with Kate early on.

0:42:32.220 --> 0:42:53.530

advocate (Guest)

Subsequent to which she reneged on sending me the data on her Billings. So I had to do a whole lot more work to talk to the towns individually to get the Billings. But that's just a minor example of where transparency and accountability, especially in error handling where somebody dies or someone's injured by delays.

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advocate (Guest)

Uh, I would say we really need to flesh out the pros and cons of that in a report. If you're gonna consider using state funding for an effect.

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advocate (Guest)

State.

0:43:9.310 --> 0:43:17.660

advocate (Guest)

Agents that are not subject to the transparency and accountability laws that we currently have on the books.

0:43:18.340 --> 0:43:18.830

advocate (Guest)

Umm.

0:43:19.120 --> 0:43:29.490

White, Paul

Yeah, I would. It's just my opinion. But I think that that model currently in use for that people, we just talked to while it may be working for them, it's not something that I would recommend.

0:43:30.710 --> 0:43:32.220

White, Paul

Coming out of this working group.

0:43:33.610 --> 0:43:34.530

advocate (Guest)

Well, I didn't.

0:43:33.790 --> 0:43:35.440

White, Paul

It's just too many things wrong with it.

0:43:36.60 --> 0:43:47.670

advocate (Guest)

Well, it didn't work for this process in that it blocked my access to data that is needed by this work group. You know, I'd be interested to hear if Lance was able to get their billing data.

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advocate (Guest)

So.

0:43:51.330 --> 0:44:14.680

advocate (Guest)

But I have flagged the issue off. They also have a per capita billing that they do to their towns. That's basically based on EMS, so that the dispatching, there's kind of a some fuzzy accounting going on where they build their towns per capita and they also take off a \$30 per call for dispatching so.

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advocate (Guest)

Thank you. Know facts, the whole economics are revealed by that conversation you just had.

0:44:22.330 --> 0:44:22.700

White, Paul

OK.

0:44:22.680 --> 0:44:23.150

advocate (Guest)

Umm.

0:44:24.680 --> 0:44:34.750

advocate (Guest)

I think if you look at their website, you'll see the town subscribe on a, you know, dollars per capita or people even can subscribe to their own or you can eat ambulance.

0:44:34.830 --> 0:44:36.470

advocate (Guest)

Ohh service.

0:44:40.930 --> 0:44:41.400

advocate (Guest)

But.

0:44:42.270 --> 0:44:51.480

advocate (Guest)

We haven't talked about the statutory requirement for an independent expert review, which includes a statewide an architecture.

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advocate (Guest)

Uh, they any?

0:44:55.390 --> 0:45:11.480

advocate (Guest)

Staying expenditure for information technology above \$1,000,000 requires a the agency and administration to retain an independent expert to conduct a review that looks at cost benefit life cycle.

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advocate (Guest)

Architecture.

0:45:14.920 --> 0:45:15.760

advocate (Guest)

Uh and?

0:45:16.680 --> 0:45:24.840

advocate (Guest)

All that stuff written down, there's a memo, but that's the phrase. If you wanna look at it on the ADS agency of Digital Services website.

0:45:25.550 --> 0:45:45.380

advocate (Guest)

Uh, that independent expert review has not been done and I believe the department is attempting to claim that they're not building an information technology system. They're just getting money away and they are for these municipal agencies have no responsibility. That's clearly not true in the sense of.

0:45:48.780 --> 0:45:53.820

advocate (Guest)

State funding above \$1,000,000 for any one particular Montpelier, Windham County.

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advocate (Guest)

Ohh any any other particular investment, especially if alcores is a piece of it, because valkyrs is a statewide information technology which did trigger the independent expert review when that contract was let. So there is an excess there between any.

0:46:14.260 --> 0:46:21.980

advocate (Guest)

Central data repository linking into this dispatch money and the independent expert review required for the radio systems.

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advocate (Guest)

I also wanna question Drew sent some comments in, but nobody mentioned today that he also repeatedly said that broadband data is essential.

0:46:33.830 --> 0:46:47.90

advocate (Guest)

Couldn't you know? You think, what is broadband data is essential for the type of service they're providing to protect both the health of the responders and the health of the patients being carried. And that's again one of my.

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advocate (Guest)

Broken records.

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advocate (Guest)

Uh.

0:46:51.810 --> 0:46:53.560

advocate (Guest)

You may see it that way. I don't.

0:46:57.610 --> 0:46:59.620

advocate (Guest)

So I also think that the department.

0:47:0.370 --> 0:47:23.690

advocate (Guest)

Well, they they clear that they don't think they're responsible for writing the report. They shouldn't have the exclusive editable copy of the report. This is in effect should be. The department has a conflict of interest here and that they're attempting to throw money on the street, which could subvert and undermine the timeline and the transition timing and the funding that.

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advocate (Guest)

This work group arrives at, so I think this worker bees to take action on recommendations to the Joint Fiscal Committee on November 9th, which is coming right up.

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advocate (Guest)

On whether or not some of the money should be conditioned.

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advocate (Guest)

For.

0:47:43.150 --> 0:47:49.60

advocate (Guest)

A project manager, a statewide radio systems assessment, a legal assistance in governance.

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advocate (Guest)

Those are things that are naturally to be spent and should not wait until next legislative session. So



those tasks identify which tasks need to proceed quicker so that your follow up report does address the the comes in timely, hopefully during the session.

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advocate (Guest)

So the decisions at the end of the session could be informed by those.

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advocate (Guest)

But I'd also asked that I had had done the research on how you how an independent body like this asks for an extension, and I didn't hear whether or not.

0:48:26.500 --> 0:48:44.30

advocate (Guest)

Y'all took that seriously, and that's for extinction. Or you're just relying on joint fiscal 2 threatening extension or that your report is not due to join fiscal year report is due to the governor and the General Assembly and therefore you should be asking for an extension from the governor and the General Assembly.

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advocate (Guest)

And that has the advantage of informing them of.

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advocate (Guest)

The need for funding.

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advocate (Guest)

Why you need an extension? Because the legislation failed to address capital costs etcetera gives an opportunity to preview what you're stumbling on.

0:49:2.500 --> 0:49:4.880

advocate (Guest)

So I would encourage you to do that.

0:49:7.980 --> 0:49:13.370

advocate (Guest)

That's probably enough. Watching a quorum, I feel like I'm talking to the same folks who.

0:49:14.190 --> 0:49:24.540

advocate (Guest)

May or may not be listening, but put take your report out and put it in a Google or a you know, Microsoft 365 and participate.

0:49:25.310 --> 0:49:30.930

advocate (Guest)

You know it's it's except or reject suggestions made by stakeholders.

0:49:33.640 --> 0:49:34.160

advocate (Guest)

Thanks.

0:49:34.690 --> 0:49:35.620

White, Paul

OK. Thank you, Steve.

0:49:37.360 --> 0:49:41.50

White, Paul

Any other public comment or any other comment general?

0:49:44.270 --> 0:49:47.240

White, Paul

We didn't have a motion to adjourn, even though we never called to order.

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White, Paul

If there is nothing further.

0:49:51.920 --> 0:49:52.710

White, Paul

In uh.

0:49:54.40 --> 0:50:6.670

White, Paul

We will stand adjourned. Thank you, everybody. We will. Next week's meeting maybe as brief as this ones. We have one guest coming in, but we'll see what happens during the interim during the week. Have a good week everybody.

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Thank you.

0:50:8.110 --> 0:50:9.560

Neal, Barbara

Thank you. Bye bye.