

Pomfret Ag Commission

So call the meeting to order. We

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will our attendance is being recorded, but I'm sure Jim's got it for the purposes of minutes.

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Yeah I'm taking minutes notes. Cool.

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So did everybody have a chance to review the minutes from our last meeting in February.

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Yes. Yes.

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Cool. I just want to explain that I have an A, I had an issue where I was receiving emails, but I couldn't send emails, and I just fixed that at like 630 tonight. So that's why you guys got it late. I apologize for that but didn't you send it out last month, though, I might have yeah

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yeah. I think you did when, when we cancelled You said you were gonna send me right I did,

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yeah right I did that was before I had the problems. So,

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yeah, I hadn't, I certainly hadn't seen anything today this evening so anything I read would have been last month but I thought that I had read it a while ago. Okay.

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Perfect. And, and Alex just for your edification every thing is being recorded for quality assurance purposes and public transparency so. Now, does anybody want to make a motion to accept the minutes, or does anybody have commendations they would like to see to them.

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I'd like to make a motion that we accept the minutes as presented.

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Do we have a second.

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Second.

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All in favor. Aye.

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Excellent. All right, so we've only got three items on the agenda.

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I wanted to jump into the second agenda item first actually the giant pumpkin workshop, which is scheduled for the 16th.

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And I have some thoughts on that

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may 16 is that Adam.

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Correct. Yeah.

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And I, but I kind of wanted to see where the, where the group was on that. My main thought is, it'd be excellent to move forward with it, but how do we feel relative to the fact that I believe our stay at home order through the governor is through the 20th. Correct. Yeah. So, where does that leave us is that does that make it a very easy decision, or do we want a

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look at it. It makes it a difficult decision. I'd like to hear from the presenter. Alex, what's his thoughts on on going forward.

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Well you know my, my first thought is to defer to caution, that's, you know, I think that's the only advisable route in this, but you know my opinion is that we can probably hold it and keep people outdoors and a distance from each other and I think numbers, you know may end up being down anyway and I can certainly project my voice over 100 feet, you know, with people at distance if I have to. But all that said, you know, go back to what I said initially which is the word of caution you know and defer to the rules and I you know I certainly can't push for anything other than that.

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Is there a way to I mean I know we've kind of advertised this and and and whatnot is, is there a potential way to push this back a little bit to reschedule it.

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That wouldn't you know I mean, if we pushed it, we could push it as far as about June 1 and not really, you know, not really ruin anyone's chances at growing a pumpkin this season field pumpkins, you know, don't get planted at least here until you know the first few days of June anyway.

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So we could, we could say put it for now.

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How would we get the word out about that.

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I have no idea has word actually gone out yet because one of the main ways we were going to get the word out was putting fliers up in schools, if we put the word out any other way. I have not,

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it was important for times.

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that was upon four times and I had Carrie wolf sent an email to, I forgot who it was at conference school at the PCs, to put a flyer in emails out to all the, all the parents and the kids, but I haven't heard back whether that was successful or not, I don't know,

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God has the word going out anywhere. I mean, I haven't seen him pretty vigilant on current

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happenings. Yeah, no, no I

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haven't put any fliers out anywhere because we were still waiting. We thought it was still too early when Alex and I first discussed this.

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Yeah, I understand I, I'm just wondering if any word has gone out about the particular date

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in the opera times Correct,

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correct. It was in opera times.

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Yeah, okay.

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And Alex was going to talk to see but getting on a radio with Gary oh two if I'm not mistaken, remember we.

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Yeah, I remember that. But,

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yeah, we had talked about that. I more or less assumed since at least the beginning of this month that everything was scrubbed for the spring so I haven't moved forward with anything. But I could certainly talk to Gary shortly. We're still a month out. So I think that would be fine as far as advertising but it comes down and, you know, I think it's, I think we have to decide. First of all, whether we want to make the decision tonight or not. Things are changing so quickly.

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You know, I wonder if it'll be clear in a week or two.

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It could be.

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What was the first thing you said before clear in a week or two.

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Ah, I wonder if we are even in the best position to make the decision. Tonight, being the we're almost a month out from the date it's being held and considering how quickly things are changing. Yeah, it would obviously be nice to be able to come together on a decision tonight so that we could all plan around that, but I don't have any reason to feel confident that picking something like this a month out. Given the circumstances that were that we're currently in is, is something to reasonably rely on

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your art so you're referring to the like picking a date to reschedule or the actual.

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I'm referring to whether or not we hold it may 16 so i you know i i have no reason to believe that we can, that we know, with a weakened question tonight, you know,

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my, my call maybe going in and out here.

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is there a cancer. I feel like there may be some can consensus, or kind of sense that there is a shelter in place order through the 20th. And that's gonna be the standing order that we shouldn't basically hold an event that may be in violation of that order right,

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is that

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I'm wondering if we won't we won't get the crowds I haven't gotten any emails or phone calls or anything yet for this. So, you know, if people have that ordered by the governor to stay home and not socialize. Excuse me will probably have the same thing they won't show up for this either.

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Yeah, I agree, I agree. Prior to may 20.

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It could be a moot point.

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Exactly. Yeah.

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Yep. Agreed.

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Cool. So we could, if we want to tentatively push it out until, you know, like the first weekend in June we could do that. repetitively and deload by us a couple of weeks anyways. Yeah, we see what's going on, you know, because who knows what's going to happen after the 20th he's going to open things up, or not open things up, we don't know.

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No one knows and we can change it, according to whatever happens but

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if we have to scrub it we scrub it this year. Because of this, you know, right.

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So then I think the question becomes, since the date has already been publicized, what do we now do about that, and when do we choose to take some action on that issue.

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Maureen just asked if, if this is a thing that we could do as a webinar or some kind of like a Facebook Live or some kind of something to that effect.

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We call record Yeah,

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go ahead. I like it, I like it, I like some. I think you'd have to get here earlier than you did today.

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And you gave, and maybe take a bath, but

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I've been working on the ground all day I've been helping

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me all along. It's been a long one,

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but how about this. How about you just are we just reschedule it for

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it I forget what the rescheduling was two weeks after

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early June. And if things are still bad then we do it remotely. If things turn good then we do it personally.

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We could do that we could push it out initially by ourselves a little bit more time and then go electronic if we have to. That's an option. That's not a bad idea.

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It is your game it is your call. I mean, I'm just making suggestions. It is your,

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your call. As as the newest member of the ag commission, I don't really feel like it should fully be my call. You know, additionally as the youngest person on the commission. I don't necessarily feel that it's appropriate for me to make a call, totally public about this as me as the oldest person on the commission

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agrees Sure.

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Well, I think, I think it is a very good idea to not hold it before the expiration of the stay at home order. I feel we are consensus on that. I guess the biggest question is now how do we message out to people that it's been rescheduled. I mean, the world's been crazy the past couple of weeks I

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think they wouldn't understand.

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Yes, I think there's gonna be some empathy there. But of course we don't want people showing up to we like it, expecting an event, and being disappointed. So, what would be the best way to message that would it would it be passive messaging at the ice cream stand with like a flyer that says, hey,

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you know we are looking to reschedule, you know, in light of the public health emergency you.

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I do like I do like

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the choppers guide.

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When the next Pomfret times go out.

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just say poverty times in the

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town website.

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That's the only place that it's been publicized maybe that's a good place to, you know,

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let people know that not gonna be.

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Wait, bills here. Where's bill I don't see bill.

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I'm on the phone. Oh.

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So, so Maureen said that the deadline is today. For the Pomfret times. So that's a, that's a tight wire to come under

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the rules for us Hey Brown.

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We could message it through the town website. She also messaged so that might be a thought.

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Possibly tomorrow. She's said the deadline was last Friday.

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Sounds like it's already been bad for us. Sounds like it's being bad currently and we can't bend it any further which is certainly understandable. Perhaps we should

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come up with the plan, and then

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come up with an approach, as opposed to come up with a, an approach and then a plan on what is the plan.

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Are you asking me.

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Yeah, I'm looking at you.

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It's tough to tell who's looking at who I only have one picture on the screen here anyway. Like Like I started out saying you know my, my only the only safe way I can lean on this is, is to defer to to cost, you know, so my plan would be to push it until further notice. That would be a bummer. So, you know, if you want to say we push it till the last weekend and push it till the first weekend in June. We could limit it, I see Maureen has just messaged limiting it to the first 20 people so that we could maybe space people more effectively. I'm only getting the first line of each of Maureen's messages so I, but I think I get the gist of it.

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Sarah Would you like me to unmute Maureen to make this easier for you guys to talk to her.

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Yeah, yeah. I've done that before I knew already.

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I this list just gave me a

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different view to sorry I'm just just getting the hang of this. I can see.

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Aren't we

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boring Are you there.

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Oh, she's definitely there, whether we can hear

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you better mute or quickly.

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Right now, can you hear me. Yes. Okay. Like I've got the phone in the computer going

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yeah I'm just trying to think of a way

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to make it happen. You know if you could do two separate websites and

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I don't know how many people, 20 or 30 people.

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It wouldn't be without opinion to limit it to a specific number because we've announced this in a lot of different ways and, and I you know I question whether many people would even RSVP. I don't think we'll have a count of people show up. I mean we can make it strictly on an RSVP basis we could do that

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by, um, I did not see it go out in the PTS newsletter. I didn't see it in the PTS newsletter. So maybe it's just one out in the conference times and you can just do you know we could, I could try to get something in tomorrow, that you're still going to have it and it's going to be RSVP and first X number of people. It's going to be at the. We liked it right. You could do two separate websites if you had more people schedule another one.

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Just keep everyone at a distance from each other and

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yeah good,

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but still reschedule the date.

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Yeah, we're gonna have to.

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Yeah, yeah, I was going to buy the order that would that would be a bad.

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Pumpkin so we wouldn't want to divide order. I think that's a given. Giant pumpkins don't need any bad press.

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You had that guy a couple of months ago from Boston he was in Chinese by and I you know I got a contact from a magazine editor. A couple of days ago asked him a question on him so we don't need any more bad press.

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All right. Well, I

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mean, if I can we can we pick a date. Do you want to push it another week so the following Saturday or do you want to do two Saturdays just to be safe. Two Saturdays out.

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It doesn't really make much difference to me. But don't forget one

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weekend you got Memorial Day weekend.

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Who Saturday said, skip Memorial Day, who Saturday's.

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So you go from the, go to the 23rd workshop some

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and be what it would be like June what fifth June 6 would be the next Saturday after that, two weeks.

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Now, like, I'm not I'm not, I don't have my phone on me

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so I don't have mine either.

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Where do you

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live Can you grab me my phone

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and you know looking at calendar.

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I think it's on the kitchen table there. Oh, it's already grabbed it.

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Yeah, I got a calendar here.

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Ah.

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Six to

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six would be the Saturday first Saturday in June.

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Yeah, let's, let's do that. I mean, as long as you go with that Alex I think that gives us enough breathing room, I'd really love I'd really love to see this thing still happen, I think it'd be good for we like it I think it'd be good for the stuff your you know your trees and such, and generate some excitement so

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I agree, I agree. So Maureen

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What do you need from us in order to get that in the proper times,

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maybe put something in tomorrow that just says that it's been postponed until June 6 look for more information. How's that. Sure.

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Perfect looks good.

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I'll do that right now.

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If you're here to confirm that date with you like it or anything or you're good to go.

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I should confirm that date with Linda.

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I can talk to her first thing in the morning.

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Okay, so this is the way.

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So then you can put it in the

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zoom conference times this will come out. On May, 28, you can put something in the zoom conference times and the deadline for that is

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may 15.

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I'll put something in that you're postponing it for a couple of weeks with some more information in the candidate. Okay. All right. I'm gonna sign off need anything else for me.

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No thank you thank you for popping in, I appreciate it.

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Okay. All right.

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Yes. Excellent, so brave new world.

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All right, here

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about brave enough for this new world.

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Zack get rid of the background noise.

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Oh no, somebody else.

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It's no, is it.

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No, Chapter radio.

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Oh, somebody did.

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All right, so let's, let's jump up to Agenda Item Number one,

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where we are with our, our text amendment development.

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was very good at detailing, a lot of the

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items that we wanted to include in the

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activities allowed by right

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in our minutes from last time.

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I have to admit, in a, you know,

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pandemic and, and such.

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The text amendment has not been at the top of my priority list. However, I did have a good conversation with Daniel, because he was talking about gathering together some of the specific verbiage surrounding farm wineries farm distilleries, and farm breweries that is already exist and out in the world, and

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amortization we kind of talked about you know now that the Commission has kind of had an opportunity to kind of brainstorm some ideas surrounding allowed by right, that it might be a good path forward to expedite our process to kind of sketch out a basic structure and verbiage surrounding the input

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from the command commission by way of feedback and a revision and adjustment process. Kind of having a platform to jump off from might help us get to where we want to be a little quicker than one. Our brainstorm sessions which could drag on for for quite some time. So, that's kind of what Daniel and I had had talked about in an offline context,

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or the basic outline of the verbiage for an amendment and put that forward, hopefully. In our next meeting so that it can then be a go through reviser II process

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with. How does that sound.

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Man, if

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it sounds broken up. I don't know if everybody's experienced the same

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yeah I'm experiencing it

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yeah my feet is pretty choppy. Yeah. Well,

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luckily, we're used to Adam,

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stopping and starting in the middle of the sentences. So, um, we're used to that, but freezing in timings is kind of different. But, I agree. As you're talking I agree that if anybody needs, what we're going through more than,

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Dan. I mean, Dan is the abandonment of

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how important what we're discussing i mean

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it's it's all about ban. But

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right but I'm not sure is. Is there. Is there a timeframe like this, this particular situation, hopefully isn't going to go on. Is there a timeframe. Like is, is everything on hold.

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Something's on hold, like, like,

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the things that we wanted to

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advise the zoning board booth. We, is there a knowing if we missed it, then it's gone.

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Um, I don't know if necessarily, you know, we've missed it, and it's gone I think, I don't think that dynamic is at play obviously having something actionable in a reasonable timeframe, so that we can kind of CO create it with the board of selectmen, and the border economic development and such,

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is what would be prudent, but

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you know I think everybody's trying to find their footing.

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On in the new normal. Basically,

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I'm not sure how much of that you got, but

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you know we we canceled last month's meeting. And

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we're just, I think, like every commission.

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The town in a highly imperfect

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vehicle.

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You catch any of those words.

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Yeah, you froze up there for a while. Um, We got most of it though. I did. We got the gist of it. Yeah.

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Good.

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So, since my feed is having some challenges, it seems. And I don't want to get bogged down in a frozen communication. I'm really interested in, agenda item three, which is general conversation with all of us surrounding what our thoughts, feelings and reflections and potential reactions, and adjustments to our business are considering

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Anybody please jump in. I'm curious like how is this impacting your business. What adjustments are you making are killed dates being affected. You know, are you are you thinking of no touch pickup systems, what, what, What do you. And do you think this is going to have a crushing impact on our season is

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Bill still on the line.

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Yes, I'm still here.

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Bill, I'd like to hear from you. What's going on.

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Uh, so, so with uh with the farm stuff that there's been an increased demand for quail chicks lately so we've been selling quail chicks, through our website. And then we're scheduling people for pickups at the end of the driveway. So that's kind of the way that that I've been, I've been doing it.

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And it's been working out reasonably well so far.

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And we just dealt with.

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Atoms for before in, they're not taking any new appointments at all this year. If you're scheduled you're fine but if you wanted to get in, you can't get in. Eggs can't keep them on a counter or selling eggs like crazy. No kidding. Yep, and people people for beef, they're coming to the house, and they're getting it out of here, same thing. Cool. So.

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Wow, good to hear about Adams I just scheduled with them, maybe like 10 days ago. So when did you When did you hear that from them.

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I picked up two weeks ago from up there, and we wanted to get another one in there a little bit earlier and this is no. So that's beef, you know, are you bringing up what pigs. Yeah.

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Yeah, that may be different with the pigs.

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Hmm. Interesting. So, yeah, they took they took my appointment so Oh,

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and it's soon so hopefully that's not that's a non issue,

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because we looked into that new one out there in Westport mass that they just built.

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I forgot the name of it.

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Were you able to schedule with them.

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No, we haven't called him yet. I got. So, but we you know I did look go online and look look him up and see what their requirements were, you know, their cut sheets and all that kind of stuff. So yeah,

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yeah.

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No is, is the concern from that facility that they are slowing down on their production or they just, they, they don't want to accept any more because they're booked.

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Actually I think it's because they lost some of the help. I know they're advertised for some cutters and whatnot. And that's that's their problem they're backing up because they don't have the help and they can't find the help. So,

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Jackie told me today that he heard from Linda, just as lunchtime she heard on the news I guess that one of the places in Rhode Island is scrubbing the whole show more or less because they had a big

outbreak in the staff so there's, there's one of the places that takes beef in Rhode Island it's not taking anything for the short term is, you know, this is third certain information from me of course but they have an appointment somewhere on the 20th of May, but places are closing up all over I guess so.

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I did see that somewhere I heard the same thing I don't remember which one it was, but the other one I used on Willa Manichaeon Jay. He's still taken but he's like two weeks out. So,

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I've been to change slightly go back to the original question, I started selling fruit trees last week. I put up on all my ads. You know that I would work with, with everyone's social distancing requirements their personal strategies. I picked the trees up with gloves so I'm not handing anyone anything dirty I wear a mask and we stay six feet apart, it's fairly simple. I am expecting that one of these days though someone will roll up and be concerned because I say in the ad that the greenhouse is very quiet which it is because it's in the same parking lot as the ice cream stand which the nice day that we had last weekend was anything but quiet I mean there were like 100 motorcycles at the at the stand last weekend because a group happened to roll through and it was, it was shockingly busy. But you know we keep the distance at the greenhouse so it's it's not. It's not that big concern but I am very concerned that it's

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that it's going to really impact the year, we'll see.

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Have you started selling any other seedlings. Yeah, Alex.

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No I. We only used a few of those flats. Apart from you, by the way, and I'll return about eight of them. Liz, Liz took on that project herself, I'm, I've been too busy that this year with metalwork even get into the vegetable seedlings. And the thing that put the nail in the coffin for me was that I typically will have them at a little table right in front of the ice cream stand so that people pick them up when they're in line. The line is totally different out there this year, it's all distance you have to stand in a cone. That's all per health department regulations it's all roped off. So the last thing I wanted to do, to Linda show which is already triple complicated, is to throw up little vegetable Stan table there that people had to get out a line for, they had to put dirt up on the counter for me to make 50 bucks a week on vegetable seedlings so I'm going to return most of those flats that I got from. Cool.

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So Bill you got. Did you have winter pigs this year. Yeah. Yep.

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They're gonna be going to get processed. In May, so in the middle of May. Okay,

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cool, how they turn out.

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Oh, they look good so far it's always hard for me to guesstimate like they're their size but they, they look good. So I think well I think we'll be pleasantly surprised.

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Nice.

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As as a quick aside, I was emailing with Renee from the Putnam Saturday market. And she was like, hey, do you know what's up with Bill and I said no but I'm sure he's been pretty busy, since he was like, healthcare and such. So, yeah.

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Yeah, I've been meaning to get back to her. But yeah, aside from the farm stuff, the hospital stuff has been crazy as you can imagine, that's been, you know, flat out for quite some time with crazy amount of stress. And also, in our laboratory, because what's happened is, there's been such a decrease in the amount of outpatient work, nobody's going into the hospital unless they're like really not feeling well at all that we've actually had to furlough all the lab employees one day a week. So everyone's down to four days a week in the lab. So it's kind of a weird dynamic it's like super stressful and crazy time, but at the same time, decrease hours so

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at least you're working, that's some people aren't. It's really hurting them.

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Yeah, yeah,

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how's it gonna affect you john

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we're plugging away. I mean, it's been a crazy. Three, isn't it I mean today wasn't bad for a March, you know, regular March.

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No, it's April.

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I was gonna say on fourth of March this late April today isn't a bad March day oh yeah

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yeah I lose track, I'm sorry I lost track but it seemed like March, doesn't it.

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Oh, that's what I'm saying, Yeah,

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I have to put too long johns on

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to go outside, but

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I threw a pair on yesterday and that when I had to,

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um, and it wasn't enough.

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Yeah wisdom brutal this spring.

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Yep, it's been pretty bad but, um, what just occurred to me is not. I'm a news junkie. My wife and I watched news a lot. And of course the, the mantra is. Salute. That what is it the first responders. Little did I know little did we know that bill is among us as a first responder. I mean, Bill is a first responder. I think we should salute that.

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Well, thanks for that but I definitely don't consider myself a first responder, like, well that's

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what first responders say

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yeah but I really am not

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your thing, Bill,

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are you working in an office, hidden in the back of the lab like you go to work every

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day.

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Yes, but the people that I enjoy your day.

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Thank you, I appreciate that.

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I didn't realize that I mean, really, you are but, um, did we lose Adam back.

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Good to have him back now would you go to bathroom.

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No, I lost internet. I missed everything

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that was me I shot your, your radar thing

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satellite dish. Satellite I

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video chat works all on radar now it's great

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at it Adam I'm curious to know and john as well are you guys signing up to do markets this year or like what what are your thoughts on the way that the early season is gonna play out.

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Good question. I don't know Adam, what do you think and.

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Yeah, man.

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It's a, it's been a really interesting season to plan for cuz you just have no idea, and you're aiming blind at a moving target. You know, we're planning on doing the Putnam market, but. And we were gonna do, vegetables, and the food truck there. I don't know if this is going to be the best year to launch that the food truck hit the market. And, you know, right now they're saying the markets gonna continue. But I know that, Vermont has mandated that all farmers markets are canceled and and East Windsor, our friends. The Barton's at Barton farms, they do the or the South Windsor market. They already canceled, that one for the whole season so. So I mean, as long as they have it will be there but the challenging

thing is, if a market is busy enough to be worth your time. There's really no way in my mind that you can dictate appropriate social distancing at a market like that, ya know, so I don't know how to do it you know if the markets dead. Then it's not worth your time to be there, and everybody will be effectively socially distanced. Yeah,

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as we're talking what occurs to me is we've been working so hard to connect with our customers. That was the thing that we were supposed to do is figure out who your customers are and connect with them. And now that don't do that. Yeah. Um, it's kind of like. Once again, I'm a news junkie. And they, They're saying it's okay to, who had to wing, I mean how do you do tattooing without

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clothes.

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I don't know it's a new world.

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Yeah.

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The. The interesting thing that that we've seen, and I'm sure a lot of you guys have seen this like Jim was saying with his eggs like. I mean I'm getting emails like every day about the CSA, you know it is true at CSA like can I sign up for the CSA, and we were already going to kind of step back from an integral part of our business. And now we're getting bombarded with, you know, can I sign up. And the other thing is like taking people's money, and then having no idea what kind of world we're gonna be living in in a month. Yeah, uh, is is a little daunting. So we've totally restructured the way where we're doing it. And we're just doing a. Hey, we'll take some money. And we'll use that instead of as a CSA we'll just use it as like a pay as you go account, so we don't have to handle money between us. You can order exactly what you want, and it's like a Choose Your Own Adventure CSA, basically. So that's kind of how we're adapting that, but how do you how do you take, you know \$350 from somebody when you have no idea what kind of world you're gonna be living in and July.

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Oh, two.

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pay as you go. I think you said that

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you're in your might feel random. Yes.

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There might be some demand this year for like a delivery service. I heard of. There's, there's one out there like the Boston area that was like an organic grocery delivery service and they were just saying how they're their businesses booming. Because all the, nobody wants to go anywhere. You know, people just want stuff delivered to them, but

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I like that. And I thought to that, or Patti and I both considered that two years ago, where we were going. That's when I

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bought the, the transit van for the white transit van

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was. You couldn't deliver CSA. I thought that was the greatest idea ever. But it was just too expensive at the time, but perhaps, now is the time to do it. Right,

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or even I wonder if there's like a third party business out there that would just deliver stuff and I don't know.

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You know what would be a good deal while we're talking, is the frickin FSA the government, you know, why, why can't they do

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that. Oh really,

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why can't they do that, they didn't.

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they have unlimited budget.

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Oh wait, are we being recorded.

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Should I get pants on.

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Why do you think I'm on

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the thing that the thing that I find interesting is that you there's been such a surge in interest in what seems like a surge in interest in in local

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production,

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most definitely.

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And then there's also all these people that are like, I'm gonna make my own bread I'm gonna raise my own chickens I'm gonna grow my own vegetables like everybody's at like, I heard the farmers Co Op in Putnam can't keep the chicks, the critters in the thing, like, so fast because people are gonna raise their own chickens. Yeah.

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Yeah, I heard the same thing when I was down there that's sad for a lot of little chickens that people are gonna lose interest in in a month or two.

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Yeah, well you know why their brain is so small.

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Chickens

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are the fire.

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Because they deserve it. I mean, whatever. But

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part of it could be too because like, people are working from home a lot, so maybe they have some time that they never had before to think about things drones that they never considered before, or we thought that'd be nice if I have time someday.

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That is a, what did they call on a

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silver lining. You know it is, it is pretty cool that people are starting to think that way that that you can do this, you know you can get through this.

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All right.

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Well the flipside to might be that they might discover that growing vegetables is a little more complicated than they thought, and they might just come and buy our vegetable.

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I think I believe that

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that's always been the case. It's always been the case

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that it is an opportunity for people to find out what things are really worth.

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Yes. Yes, that's a good point bill. I think from now on. After this, blows over my prices are gonna double.

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anybody else. I just think a lot of the people that don't want to go to the grocery store and deal with people, and find embarrass shelves. Because I remember last year I had eggs on a counter they, they'd sit here for, you know, days, I'd have 1012 dozen on a corner. Now I got a waiting list, I got people taking their names and when I get enough eggs, they get a call and they come and get their eggs, because I can't keep them. It's just crazy and as people that like they bought them before, when they had that chicken epidemic a year or two ago remember when they

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had that. Yeah,

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well, all the people that were buying eggs then are back buying them now but when everything got straightened out with that epidemic. They were going to the grocery store without a problem, but now they're all coming back, and even even with the meat to their. I got people that I never had buy in half,

half an animal, or they come here and just buying, you know, a bunch of steaks and burger and things like that. So,

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see there's good things. Yeah,

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it is good but it's just you know, will they keep it up after this passes, probably not.

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I think so No Jim, you think they're looking.

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Yes I

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do, I do. For some, not everybody but I do think that some are. It's just a good, it's a good direction, how about that.

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I'll agree with that.

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But I also think we're gonna have some time to potentially hardwire these behavior patterns and in folks because this is not going to be resolved. In the next month or so like we're going to be living with this for a couple years probably

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or next meaning as to be this, is that we

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are hope not hopefully we can do our next outdoors in one of our yard.

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There you go.

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Staring at Alex's face.

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What's wrong with his face. All right, hold

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it up high and point it down, point it down like that.

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Okay, that's worse.

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Well, it was a short agenda. I think we, I think we were pretty successful for our first virtual meeting. I think some things were communicated.

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I think you did a very good job.

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Yes, thank you for taking the lead setting this up for us Adam.

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Yeah, I'm not kidding. That was that was cool. It's a new experience that was cool.

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Well I never, I never thought I'd say this but I kind of miss you mugs, you know,

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and I put my pants on now.

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Just don't stand up.

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Well, I really appreciate you guys adjusting because I had, I had emailed Maureen last week just to kind of reconfirm that that kind of everything was still on pause. And when I did that she had told me that they, they had kind of gotten this this digital format off the ground. And I want I thought about trying to kind of do it last week but I thought with this kind of, you know, new frontier and technology and whatnot. We might need a little buffer to figure it out. So, pushing it to the fork.

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You're saying is you underestimated us. Well,

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I, I, I underestimated me.

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Okay, I'll, I'll grant you that.

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I know you have very strong tech support John so I did not underestimate you. He rather.

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But, uh,

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but not thank you guys it's good to see and hear everybody and and Bill I, I dropped the internet when you were talking but, um, you know, I just want to say I've been thinking about you a lot. Since you are in the healthcare industry, and I'm sure it's been a very interesting time for you to be in that business, and

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I've just been keeping you and you're good to hear your voice.

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I appreciate that. Thank you. It's definitely been an interesting time.

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And it was good talking with everybody too so you guys, stay safe.

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Stay safe,

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everybody.

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Anybody wanna make a motion. I make a motion for what Tom. I got one more thing to set now.

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This meeting be adjourned.

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Anybody second that

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seconded. All in favor. Aye. I'll

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talk to you soon. Thank you guys.

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Okay gentlemen recording has been stopped. Good evening. Thank you.

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Now.