

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station
Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on
Monday, March 14, 2011, commencing at 1:05 p.m.

SITTING:

Richard F. Delaney, Chairman
Richard Philbrick
Ed Sabin
Peter Watts
William Hammatt
Mary-Jo Avellar
Maureen Burgess, alternate
Sheila Lyons (partial)

Larry Spaulding, alternate (partial)
Tom Reinhart, alternate (partial)

Also present:

George Price, Superintendent
Kathy Tevyaw, Deputy Superintendent
Erin Der-McLeod, Planning Assistant
Mary Hake, Natural Resource Management Division
Stefanie Coxe, Representative for Congressman William
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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. DELANEY: Good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to call the 278th meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission together.

We have an agenda, and before we go on to that, I'd like to at the outset introduce -- it's not on the agenda, but Stefanie Coxe is here to join us. She's representing Congressman Bill Keating, and we're pleased to have her here. The congressman, of course, is an important part of our constituency, and I know he's interested in Cape Cod and Cape Cod National Seashore issues. So we're happy to have your attendance not only today but anytime, any of our meetings in the future.

Thank you.

MS. AVELLAR: Does he have a Cape Cod office?

MR. DELANEY: Stefanie, we just had a question about a Cape Cod office. Maybe you just want to do a bit while we're getting ready, a couple thoughts.

MS. COXE: Sure, I'd be happy to just introduce myself.

We do have a Hyannis office. It's down on North Street, parallel to Main Street in Hyannis. I have a few more business cards. I'd be happy to pass them out. But there are four people in the office, and I am the

1 person responsible for environmental and coastal issues.
2 So I'll be your point person for National Seashore
3 issues. Also, I just got out of a meeting on
4 wastewater. I'm handling that one. And as some of you
5 are aware, that's like the Herring Run restoration and
6 the USDA projects that are going on. Working on those
7 issues as well.

8 So anything coastal or environmental related if you
9 have any questions or anything at all, please feel free
10 to contact me as well. The congressman is available and
11 wants us to be as informed as possible. So just look at
12 me right now just as a spectator, as a sponge soaking
13 everything up, but should there be more granular issues
14 you'd like to sit down and talk with me about, I am
15 available for that.

16 MR. DELANEY: Great. And as you probably know, I
17 know you've had an introductory briefing from the
18 superintendent, but this group is a long long-standing
19 advisory commission. It may be one of the longest, if
20 not the longest, of all national parks.

21 MS. COXE: He said that, yeah.

22 MR. DELANEY: And we represent the Lower Cape
23 towns. We also represent the governor, and we also
24 represent the county. I'm appointed by the Secretary of

1 the Department of Interior. So we have a nice cross-
2 section. We have primary candidates and alternates, and
3 it's a good sounding board for the superintendent and
4 the Park to hear what the citizens and the local towns
5 are thinking about issues. And we would make ourselves
6 available. You can follow our deliberations, but I'm
7 sure the congressman would be interested in these
8 conversations as well.

9 MS. COXE: I should also mention I geographically
10 -- you know, we do break things up by issue area, but
11 generally I'm geographically covering the Lower Cape.

12 MR. DELANEY: Great.

13 MS. COXE: As I am the one closest to the elbow and
14 the fist.

15 MR. DELANEY: Carrying a map with you. Okay,
16 thanks.

17 I'd also like to make sure people know Maureen
18 Burgess, who is the alternate from Truro.

19 MS. BURGESS: Hello, everyone.

20 MR. DELANEY: Not quite official yet, but will be
21 shortly.

22 MS. BURGESS: I think it takes seven years, right?

23 (Laughter.)

24 MR. DELANEY: You're on to us already.

1 MS. BURGESS: I hope I make it.

2 MS. AVELLAR: Even your reappointment will take
3 forever.

4 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

5 MR. DELANEY: Okay, we have the first item on the
6 agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

7 MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

8 MR. DELANEY: So moved. Any second?

9 MR. SABIN: Second.

10 MR. DELANEY: Those in favor?

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. DELANEY: Okay, it carries.

13 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (JANUARY 10, 2011)**

14 MR. DELANEY: Now, approval of the minutes from our
15 previous meeting, which was on January 10, 2011. Those
16 should be in your packet.

17 Ed?

18 MR. SABIN: I'll say I reviewed the entire minutes
19 and found nothing wrong with them as they exist.

20 MS. AVELLAR: He is so precise about the minutes.

21 MR. DELANEY: All right.

22 MR. SABIN: But maybe somebody else did.

23 MS. AVELLAR: Not like you do.

24 MR. DELANEY: Not if you didn't find them. I think

1 we're perfect.

2 So a motion to accept those?

3 MR. PHILBRICK: So moved.

4 MS. AVELLAR: Second.

5 MS. AVELLAR: Okay, those in favor, signify by
6 saying aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. DELANEY: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. DELANEY: They carry.

11 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

12 MR. DELANEY: Reports of Officers?

13 (No response.)

14 **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

15 MR. DELANEY: Hearing none, I move to Reports of
16 Subcommittees. Yes?

17 **NICKERSON CONSERVATION FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

18 MR. WATTS: The Nickerson Fellowship Committee did
19 meet about a month ago, and to my surprise we do have
20 enough money to award a \$3,000 fellowship this year.
21 And so we asked Megan Tyrrell to send out requests for
22 proposals, and they should be coming into us this month,
23 and we will pick a winner.

24 I also want to say that Brenda, who was at our

1 meeting -- Brenda and I discussed reorganizing the
2 committee. So we really are looking for anybody on this
3 board who might be interested in serving on the
4 fellowship committee to get in touch with us. And we
5 have a number of people who have resigned, and so we're
6 short. And it's a committee that meets twice a year;
7 once to establish how much money we have to offer and
8 the second time to pick from the proposals that are
9 submitted to us. So it's not a great deal of work, and
10 it's very satisfying to be able to help young people
11 with a science interest.

12 MR. DELANEY: Great. Can we enlist some help in
13 that committee from any of the members?

14 MS. BURGESS: Could you elaborate a little bit on
15 how the money is used? I'm not familiar with this.

16 MR. WATTS: Well, we have basically \$50,000 that is
17 our principal, and up until now we've been able to raise
18 enough money from that principal to support that
19 program. But right now investing hasn't been so
20 rewarding, and so we really would like to improve the
21 amount of money that we have and perhaps invest it in a
22 fashion that would be more productive for us.

23 MS. BURGESS: I'm sorry. Could I ask another
24 question?

1 MR. DELANEY: Sure.

2 MS. BURGESS: So this is for students pursuing
3 science careers?

4 MR. WATTS: It's largely university graduate
5 students, but not restricted to that where we often have
6 scientists. And these are basically projects that have
7 to do with Cape Cod and mostly water-related -- not all,
8 but mostly water-related projects.

9 MS. BURGESS: I would be interested. I don't know
10 if I can as an alternate.

11 MR. WATTS: Fine. No, you can.

12 MR. DELANEY: Sure, yeah. Great, thanks.

13 MR. WATTS: Fine, we'll put you on the list.

14 MS. BURGESS: Okay.

15 MR. WATTS: Thank you.

16 MR. DELANEY: Good, okay. Thanks, Peter.

17 Any other subcommittee chairs want to report?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. DELANEY: Okay, then I'm going to ask the
20 superintendent to give us his report. George?

21 MR. PRICE: Sure.

22 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

23 MR. PRICE: Going down the list, I have a couple of
24 items that we'll talk about that I didn't get a chance

1 to put it on the list ahead of time.

2 UPDATE ON DUNE SHACKS

3 MR. PRICE: But basically on the dune shacks, we
4 all know that through last year we had a series of
5 meetings with the Dune Shack Subcommittee. The full
6 committee endorsed the recommendations, and our
7 environmental offices -- EQD it's called out in Denver
8 -- have really been shuffling it all into an
9 environmental assessment. That environmental assessment
10 is going to be rolled out on May 6, and I'm happy to say
11 that it basically keeps all the language in place from
12 the project as we had recommended. What is added are
13 all the other pieces that need to be part of an
14 environmental assessment when we talk about some of the
15 environmental issues, talk about some of the other
16 compliance issues and that sort of thing. But basically
17 there is going to be two alternatives. One alternative
18 is the status quo, and the other alternative is the
19 recommendation of the Advisory Commission.

20 So that's what's going to be presented to the
21 public. That then goes for a public comment period, and
22 then it will finally be signed. And then we'll have
23 ourselves a preservation and use plan, and then it goes
24 to the next steps. So we feel pretty good about that.

1 going to be presented, and we believe they lacked a lot
2 of protection.

3 MS. BURGESS: Okay, so what can I do to help you?

4 MR. PRICE: It's a long story, but basically the
5 planning committee has accepted our comments and decided
6 that they don't want to pursue them, that they have
7 their own place to pursue.

8 MS. BURGESS: Oh, okay.

9 MS. AVELLAR: The planning board, you mean?

10 MR. PRICE: Pardon?

11 MS. AVELLAR: The Truro Planning Board?

12 MR. PRICE: Truro Planning Board, yes.

13 So we've been before them numerous times and
14 believe that as a town on the Cape you would think they
15 would want to protect their community a lot more than
16 they actually do with the language that they would put
17 forward.

18 MS. AVELLAR: I'm shocked.

19 MR. WATTS: Why?

20 MS. AVELLAR: Well, because I always think of Truro
21 as being very rigid about wanting to preserve Truro and
22 keep it just the way it is and, you know, because of all
23 the trouble we had with the Town of Truro over our
24 water. So they're always, you know, sort of like

1 standing over Provincetown's shoulder to make sure that
2 we don't build one more little tiny room because they're
3 afraid it's going to take away from Truro. And, you
4 know, they've restricted -- you know, they don't have
5 condominium conversion there. If it wasn't a year-round
6 apartment before, it's not allowed to become a year-
7 round apartment. I mean, I've always thought Truro as
8 being very, very rigid about -- I'm shocked.

9 MR. PRICE: Well, you didn't hear about the house
10 that was built on the Hopper Landscape?

11 MS. AVELLAR: Well, yes, I certainly did. Yeah.

12 MR. PRICE: Well, that's the kind of building that
13 I'm talking about both in and outside of the Seashore
14 District.

15 MS. AVELLAR: Okay.

16 MR. WATTS: The problem really is -- Wellfleet was
17 the same thing -- that the planning boards are made up
18 of developers and builders. And this is the problem in
19 Truro. It was the problem in Wellfleet, and we had to
20 change the zoning bylaws in the National Seashore by a
21 petition item on the town agenda.

22 MS. AVELLAR: I remember that.

23 MR. WATTS: And that's the only way we could have
24 done it. At that point the planning board almost

1 resigned.

2 MS. AVELLAR: I always think of Truro as wanting to
3 -- like going back to, you know, Governor Bradford --
4 Governor Prince, for God's sake, wanting to maintain a
5 one-third year-round population and a two-third summer
6 population and that's it. You know, I mean, that's sort
7 of always been in my assessment the MO of Truro, so I'm
8 kind of surprised.

9 MR. PRICE: Actually, what I might do, Rich -- we
10 don't normally do this, but it might be worthwhile just
11 to distribute the letter that we sent to the planning
12 board with our comments just so that you're aware of it.

13 MR. DELANEY: I think there's enough interest among
14 the committee to recirculate those.

15 MS. AVELLAR: Yes.

16 MR. PRICE: And that's basically I think, Mary-Jo,
17 pretty standard as to what our response has been at
18 least since I've been here.

19 MS. AVELLAR: Okay.

20 HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION

21 MR. PRICE: Herring River Wetland Restoration. The
22 Seashore staff continues to work with the committee.
23 The committee has been headed up by Margo Fenn for a
24 while, and our staff has been very involved with that

1 program. And we're in the middle of an EIS, which I
2 know they hope to have it rolled out this summer, but
3 it's a very, very complicated process. And I know we
4 have our solicitor's office reviewing a lot of
5 outstanding questions the committee has as well.

6 WIND TURBINES/CELL TOWERS

7 MR. PRICE: Under the topic of wind turbines and
8 cell towers, we practically have no new information
9 beyond what I reported at the last time.

10 FLEXIBLE SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT

11 MR. PRICE: Under Flexible Shorebird Management,
12 our natural resource management staff continues to work
13 on a draft for a management plan, and I've invited Mary
14 Hake, who has been in charge of our shorebird management
15 program for a while, is our natural resource management
16 specialist as of this year, to -- I just want to ask her
17 to give us an update on where we are.

18 MS. HAKE: Thanks. Thanks, George. I'll come to
19 the front so everybody can see me.

20 I always appreciate George inviting me here to talk
21 to you guys about the shorebird program.

22 So last fall I gave an overview of our 2010 nesting
23 season. We had 85 pairs of plovers that nested on the
24 beaches. A hundred and thirty-seven chicks were

1 produced, and a productivity of 1.61 chicks per pair, so
2 every pair on average produced 1.61 chicks. And as you
3 recall, the beginning of 2010 season, we were hoping to
4 implement a pilot selective predator management program
5 at Duck Harbor and Bound Brook to remove crows, but due
6 to threats of a court challenge, we needed to make sure
7 that our planning and management documents were ready
8 for legal review.

9 What we did do is, as George mentioned -- we did do
10 flexible management in 2010 at Marconi Beach. We had a
11 pair of birds that were nesting about 250 meters away
12 from the stairs at Marconi Beach, a protected beach
13 meaning a lifeguarded beach, and we got a permit from
14 Fish and Wildlife Service to flexibly manage them,
15 meaning to sort of under protect them. We did provide
16 fencing around the nest, but it wasn't large enough to
17 prevent some disturbance to the birds. It was a very
18 narrow section of beach. As you guys know, Marconi
19 Beach is a very narrow section. So that nest eventually
20 did wash away, but we did do this flexible management
21 through the permit of Fish and Wildlife Service, and
22 that permit lasts through 2011, and then we'll
23 reevaluate that as well.

24 So anyway, as George said, the Park is in the

1 process of writing a comprehensive shorebird management
2 plan that will include a broad look at shorebird
3 protection and predator management and will move forward
4 to develop an environmental assessment which will
5 hopefully be in place by 2012. The public will have an
6 opportunity to comment on the proposed plan as part of
7 an environmental compliance process in accordance with
8 the National Environmental Policy Act or NEPA as it is
9 developed. And as part of that NEPA process, there will
10 be a scoping meeting on May 19 at the Salt Pond Visitors
11 Center from 5:30 to 7 for public input on the shorebird
12 program.

13 So in the meantime, shorebird management activities
14 will continue. Like we've done in previous years, we'll
15 be putting up exclosures to protect the nesting plovers
16 from predators as well as other protective measures for
17 other species of birds, shorebirds that nest on Seashore
18 beaches, including the least tern and the American
19 Oystercatcher.

20 The crows continue to be our number one predator of
21 all nests lost in 2010. Seventy-two percent of those
22 nests lost were due to crow predation. In addition to
23 that 72 percent, 8 percent were lost to coyotes, and 20
24 percent of the nests lost to predators were due to what

1 we say is unknown predators. We went up to the nest,
2 and maybe it was raining out and we couldn't get any
3 tracking but realize that 20 percent is probably those
4 same species that are predating, those common species
5 that predate the nest. So more than likely that 72
6 percent lost to crows is very conservative or an
7 underestimate because part of that 20 percent more than
8 likely was due to crow predation.

9 So in 2007-2008 before the intense crow predation
10 occurred at the Seashore, Duck Harbor to Bound Brook on
11 the bay side of Wellfleet had some of the highest
12 fledging success and productivity in the Park.

13 One more page. That's it. And then I'll sit down.

14 In 2010 there were five nesting pairs of piping
15 plovers at Duck Harbor, and productivity or the number
16 of chicks fledged from our efforts was zero, and that
17 was mainly due to crow predation. Plovers will lay
18 their eggs, and often crows would eat those eggs before
19 we had the opportunity to put up those predator
20 exclosures, those cages that you see on the beaches. We
21 wait to put them up until the adult birds are actively
22 incubating to ensure that the adults accept that
23 contraption around their nest.

24 When we put up the exclosures, what was happening

1 at Duck Harbor as well as at Coast Guard Beach in
2 Eastham was the crows started keying into those
3 exclosures. They learned that in those exclosures was
4 food, so they often would be bouncing on top of it or
5 circling it. And when we saw that when the birds were
6 incubating, we had to remove the exclosure because we
7 had concerns that the adult birds would get killed by
8 those crows, and also a lot of times the adult birds
9 would just abandon the nest due to the disturbance of
10 the crow. Not only that, the crows would visit every
11 day and just wait for those chicks to hatch inside the
12 exclosure, and as they were leaving the safety of the
13 exclosures, the crows would just eat the chicks. So
14 when we removed the exclosures, within hours, definitely
15 the next day, they would be eaten by crows.

16 So our addiction to exclosures and the use of
17 exclosures is not working like it has for the past 15
18 years. At Coast Guard Beach too, we kept removing the
19 exclosures because we kept finding crows on top of the
20 exclosures. So that makes it very difficult. And the
21 chance for a nest to survive without the use of
22 exclosure or other types of predator management is
23 basically zippo. Twenty-eight days they need to sit on
24 that nest without a predator finding those eggs. So

1 that's some things that we're dealing with.

2 Another predator I just wanted to mention are
3 coyotes. Eight percent of nests lost were lost to
4 coyotes, but coyotes are the major predator to least
5 terns, which also nest. We had about 230 pairs of least
6 terns on the Seashore beaches as well as the American
7 Oystercatcher. Had a large colony of about 100 pairs at
8 Head of Bay, and they were a very strong colony, and
9 coyotes went through and took all the eggs as well as
10 two pairs of Oystercatchers with five nests; five nests
11 because they'll re-nest. If they lose eggs, they'll
12 keep laying another set of eggs. So that's what
13 happened to the two pairs. Four of those nests were
14 lost to coyote. One of the nests made it to hatch, and
15 the day after the nest hatched, the chicks were gone,
16 and it was likely due to coyote. So they are another
17 predator that is putting a lot of impact on the birds
18 that are nesting here.

19 And with the least terns, when you have a large
20 colony in the beginning of the season that's very strong
21 and they have a greater ability to defend themselves
22 against some of these predators, if they lose their
23 nest, sometimes they start scattering into smaller
24 colonies, which makes it even harder for them to defend

1 nests and makes it harder for us to manage these birds
2 throughout a longer nesting season.

3 Okay, I think -- I know George always yells at me
4 for talking too long.

5 MR. PRICE: I should talk.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MS. HAKE: Yeah, right, that's true.

8 Okay, so I just wanted -- this time of year we're
9 getting our staff on, and I'm going to schools. I'm
10 going to Barnstable tomorrow to fifth-grade class to
11 educate kids about the shorebird program here at the
12 Seashore and get them involved in doing an activity with
13 them that works really well. So that's kind of a neat
14 thing to connect myself with some youngsters, and it's
15 kind of a fulfilling thing for me to do.

16 And the other thing I wanted to mention is we're
17 always looking for volunteers. So if anyone knows
18 anyone who's interested in coming out in the field, it
19 is somewhat grueling. You can ask Kathy, who's been out
20 with us. Pretty physically challenging. A lot of
21 walking, digging, sledgehammering, but I'm looking for
22 some people who might be interested to help us out in
23 both the North and South District. So that would be
24 from Eastham to Provincetown.

1 And I also want to invite all of you on the board
2 if you'd like to come out to see a plover nest or to see
3 what we're doing, or if you have any questions, I would
4 love to talk to you in more detail about what we do here
5 at the Seashore.

6 Yes?

7 MR. WATTS: Have you ever tried dead crows?

8 MS. HAKE: Effigies? No, it's never been done for
9 plovers. Has been done for least terns in California.
10 Least terns have a little bit different biology than
11 plovers do, but it was something that we were looking
12 into last year as we were learning about various methods
13 for crows.

14 MR. WATTS: Just reading about crows, it turns out
15 they're very intelligent.

16 MS. HAKE: Absolutely.

17 MR. WATTS: And they communicate with each other.
18 And if they see one dead crow, they've actually seen
19 where fields have been cleared of crows.

20 MS. HAKE: Yeah, it seems that if it's a family
21 member of the crow, it seems to work better.

22 MR. WATTS: How could they tell?

23 MS. HAKE: They're smart. Somehow they know. But,
24 yeah, it is something that's intriguing, but again, it's

1 never been done on plovers.

2 MR. SABIN: Where would you get a dead crow?

3 MS. HAKE: Where would you get a dead crow? Well,
4 they kill lots of crows. USDA kills lots of crows,
5 especially in the Midwest for corn and seed, or you
6 could get one mail order.

7 MR. SABIN: Could you?

8 MS. BURGESS: I think there's a hunting season on
9 crows.

10 MS. HAKE: There is a hunting season on crows as
11 well, so finding a dead crow --

12 MR. PRICE: They're one of the species that gets
13 hunted here all the time. As we found out last year
14 when we moved forward on the predator management piece,
15 obviously it becomes a very sensitive issue, but, in
16 fact, crows are hunted here on the Cape and elsewhere.

17 The issue of the effigy business, we did a lot of
18 research in it, and once we have the opportunity to do
19 some controlled testing, I've made a commitment to try
20 that here. However, in the one research project out in
21 California, we really took a look at it. It's a very
22 specific piece. First of all, it's with a different
23 species that behaves differently. The other thing was
24 it was already a protected beach in that it was a

1 fenced-off area where the terns were actually nesting,
2 so they were able to keep other predators away from the
3 carcasses as well. Of course, with coyotes, if we put
4 carcasses out there, then we'll be feeding them and
5 attracting them to the plover nest area. So what I
6 learned is it's a very complicated piece.

7 The other thing that I just wanted to mention is
8 obviously there is a certain population that just would
9 be opposed to any sort of predator management no matter
10 what and that the discussion and argument with the
11 Humane Society US was that the USDA has determined that
12 the only effective way of eliminating crows is through a
13 poisoning program, and that's what is particularly
14 distasteful to a lot of members of the public. So I
15 would get from the public, "Well, we don't mind if you
16 eliminate the crows. Just don't poison them." Well, in
17 fact, when you take a look at all the processes the USA
18 did -- USDA did, which actually is an organization we
19 would have engaged to do this program, that is the only
20 effective way that they have found. And it's being used
21 elsewhere in Massachusetts in a very effective manner.

22 I'd also mention the Seashore hasn't embarked on
23 predator management officially. I found out when there
24 were coyote problems in the past, there might have been

1 people on staff that during the hunting season were able
2 to track down maybe some of those animals, but, in fact,
3 we haven't had that kind of staff connection in a long
4 time. But when you take a look at other units of the
5 National Park system, especially seashores at Assateague
6 or at Sandy Hook in New Jersey, you take a look at
7 wildlife refuges, including here in Massachusetts,
8 predator management is part of the natural resource
9 management program. So it's not a unique or a different
10 process at all. And I know when Mary was just reporting
11 to me that, for instance, 100 percent of the
12 productivity was eliminated in Duck Harbor, which is
13 going to be our pilot area, and then 100 percent of the
14 tern colony is eliminated in another section, it
15 obviously points out that we have issues here that we
16 have to try to deal with or it's just not going to be
17 successful.

18 MS. AVELLAR: My question is what -- Provincetown
19 is really actively opposed to the predator management
20 poisoning the crows. I don't know where you'd put the
21 poison, whether you'd put it on the ground or where it
22 is, but I was just thinking that coyotes are not
23 indigenous to Cape Cod. And why is it that we -- how do
24 you make your determination as to which predator you're

1 going to go after when you have something like -- you
2 know, crows have always been here as far as I can
3 remember, but coyotes are new. And, you know, I never
4 see raccoons or skunks anymore, which I basically
5 attribute to the fact that we have coyotes here now.
6 And they certainly go after house pets as well. So why
7 hasn't the National Park targeted coyotes as well as
8 crows as predators? It's kind of like almost, in my
9 opinion, survival of the fittest kind of thing, you
10 know, just sort of nature doing what nature does. But I
11 don't understand. I mean, I think coyotes -- I mean,
12 they walk down Commercial Street sometimes in the middle
13 of the afternoon, you know.

14 MR. PRICE: I think the issue is specifically that
15 -- first of all, the reason that this is coming up at
16 all with the plovers is that we have a legal obligation
17 to help support and bring back the piping plover
18 population, which is a federally listed species.

19 MS. AVELLAR: Right, I understand that.

20 MR. PRICE: So the crow is the predator du jour
21 that's preventing the productivity that would eventually
22 allow that to be what we would consider to be a
23 sustainable population where it could be eventually
24 delisted. The least terns are a state-endangered

1 species, and we try to work with the state as best we
2 can on that management, but if we have 100 some nests
3 and 100 percent of them are being predated by coyotes,
4 then I would say yes, we have a problem with coyotes.

5 (Mr. Reinhart enters the room.)

6 MR. PRICE: The thing, Mary-Jo, about the predator,
7 you're right. Maybe we haven't seen coyotes in our
8 lifetime, but what we do know about these particular
9 predators, whether it's the skunks or the raccoons or
10 the coyotes or the crows, they're all very successful
11 because of their relationship with the human occupation
12 here. So they're very successful because of the trash
13 that they're able to get from us and, in some cases, the
14 feed that people put out for them.

15 MS. AVELLAR: Not the raccoons and skunks anymore.
16 I mean, every single day you could smell a skunk
17 somewhere in Provincetown. You just don't anymore. You
18 don't see them. You don't smell them. And I think it's
19 the same for raccoons. I mean, I know people that used
20 to regularly feed raccoons, and we used to see them on
21 our deck.

22 MR. PRICE: Well, I had a gentleman at one of our
23 public meetings who said he feeds three to four hundred
24 crows a day in his backyard.

1 MS. AVELLAR: Feeds crows? Well, you know what
2 they did to the pigeons in Provincetown one time? I
3 don't know how they rounded them all up. But they got
4 them into some kind of a container and like filled it
5 with CO2 and killed them all that way. The Chamber of
6 Commerce did it. There was like an uproar, but, you
7 know, they're now starting to come back again. But I
8 didn't have any problem with that, if you want to know
9 the truth.

10 MS. HAKE: The thing is with raccoons and skunks
11 they do get various diseases, and their populations do
12 go up and down through the years, and I think that's
13 some of what we're seeing.

14 And the other thing is that, yes, crows are native,
15 but the problem is, like George says, they're very
16 opportunistic and they've been able to adapt to humans.
17 So any species that can adapt to humans, the population
18 is going to be artificially elevated because they like
19 our garbage, because they eat the squirrels we run over
20 accidentally on the roads. So what's happening is their
21 population is artificially elevated. The plovers'
22 population is artificially decreased because of loss of
23 habitat and human recreation on the beaches. So it
24 isn't a fair sort of fight anymore. That balance we

1 talk about isn't in balance anymore. So to say to let
2 nature take its course now almost can't happen because
3 humans have put too much of an impact on the ecosystems
4 now. So that's when it comes back to scientists and
5 managers to try to get that balance in place, and that's
6 what makes it really hard and difficult because some of
7 those choices that we make are very difficult ones like
8 removing one species for another. It's nothing any of
9 us want to do. It's not why I became a wildlife
10 biologist. You know, I love wildlife, but I feel it's
11 our responsibility to look at what's happening in our
12 environment and our ecosystems and as a manager trying
13 to get that balance back.

14 MS. AVELLAR: I have to say that that was never the
15 -- I think I was still a selectman last year, and that
16 explanation never -- we never heard an explanation like
17 that, which when you present it that way makes lots of
18 sense.

19 MR. PRICE: Well, we'll drag Mary up to a board of
20 selectmen's meeting.

21 MS. AVELLAR: Huh? Yeah.

22 MR. PRICE: We'll drag Mary up. She did a better
23 job than --

24 MS. HAKE: I would love to.

1 MS. AVELLAR: My chairman was like bouncing off the
2 ceiling.

3 MR. PRICE: I know. Well, Mary can do a much
4 better job.

5 MS. HAKE: I would love to do that.

6 MS. AVELLAR: I'm not a selectman anymore, but I
7 think maybe if you are going to engage in this kind of a
8 program again this year, which it almost sounds to me, I
9 think you ought to talk to the gal at the Chamber of
10 Commerce and find out how she got rid of those pigeons.

11 MR. DELANEY: Okay, Mary, thank you.

12 MS. HAKE: George is kicking me out.

13 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, to move on. Thanks, Mary.

14 MR. SABIN: Good job.

15 MS. HAKE: Thank you.

16 MS. AVELLAR: Very good job.

17 MR. DELANEY: One more question for Mary.

18 MR. SPAULDING: What is the timetable then, George,
19 in terms of when you come up with a program if it is
20 determined that the best thing that you can do to help
21 out is to poison the crows as to public comment or this
22 board dealing with the issue?

23 MR. PRICE: Two things. One is the -- Mary, what
24 is the date of the scoping meeting?

1 MS. HAKE: The 17th of May.

2 MR. PRICE: Okay, so the 17th of May. In an EA
3 process, we go through a variety of iterations.

4 MS. HAKE: Oh, is it the 19th?

5 MR. DELANEY: You said 19 earlier.

6 MR. HAMMATT: You said the 19th.

7 MS. HAKE: Okay, it's the 19th. Sorry.

8 MR. PRICE: So the public scoping will be laying
9 out the problem and getting some input, and then it goes
10 through other iterations where that all gets assessed
11 and reviewed and we come out with some alternatives.
12 And then at some point -- I don't know if we have a
13 calendar.

14 When would be the next round for presenting the
15 alternatives, Mary? Any idea?

16 MS. HAKE: I don't think we've gotten that far yet.

17 MR. PRICE: The goal -- my goal would be to have a
18 plan approved and whatever it is we're going to
19 implement have it implemented before next April.

20 MR. SPAULDING: So it's unlikely that anything
21 would happen this summer?

22 MR. PRICE: Absolutely nothing will happen this
23 summer.

24 MR. SPAULDING: That was really my question.

1 MR. PRICE: Other than the current program as well
2 as the monitoring that we have in place.

3 We thought last year -- see, I believed through
4 last winter that we had the legal ability to do -- to
5 alter our plans to input what we did, but when we're
6 threatened with a lawsuit -- the last time we went
7 through a lawsuit here it took six years with the
8 hunting EIS, and I didn't want to have that be what our
9 staff did for the next six years. That was not going to
10 be a good use of their time.

11 MR. DELANEY: Good. All right, thank you again,
12 Mary.

13 HIGHLANDS CENTER UPDATE

14 MR. DELANEY: George, continuing with I guess the
15 Highlands Center.

16 MR. PRICE: On the Highlands Center, I just want to
17 report a couple of things. In your packet there's the
18 winter *Highlands Record* brochure that's been put
19 together by basically Lauren working with Eva Ward, an
20 AmeriCorps person, and Erin Der-McLeod, who here helps
21 us out.

22 We have a cleanup coming up on April 22, which is
23 Earth Day, and they're working on Highland Fest, which
24 will be on July 9. We're continuing to work with our

1 partners up there.

2 If you haven't been up there in a while, at least
3 the campus looks nice. And AmeriCorps worked on these
4 murals last year, which I think did a really nice job.

5 ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

6 MR. PRICE: Under alternative transportation, we're
7 continuing to work with the Cape Cod Commission. We've
8 had presentations here before by Clay Schofield and
9 Karst Hoogeboom on our staff, and they continue to be in
10 the process to work behind the scenes in making
11 submittals which ultimately go to the National Park
12 Service alternate transportation system funding program.
13 And that's how we've managed to get the flex bus program
14 in the past. That's how we've managed to get a lot of
15 our highway study money. And I think it was at one of
16 the last meetings they rolled out the bike feasibility
17 study as well as the remote satellite parking and the
18 intelligent transportation system studies.

19 So all of those are out. They're all available on
20 our Web sites. And basically what those two last
21 documents are -- they're intended to be comprehensive
22 studies that present a potpourri of alternatives. And
23 what we can do is we can drill back into those projects
24 to decide which town would like to push which project

1 and then how we would get funding for that. So, for
2 instance, bike connections or bike rest areas or
3 ultimately down the road additional parking, et cetera,
4 et cetera.

5 Right now I'll give you a very specific example.
6 We've received some money which came out of that study,
7 and we actually have -- we hope to get off the ground
8 this year a van that would augment the current flex bus,
9 and that van would have a 10-bicycle trailer behind it
10 because right now the flex bus can only take two bikes
11 at a time. Well, if you're a family and you got out of
12 Nickerson State Park and you made it up to Provincetown
13 but the kids are never going to make it back, well, you
14 can actually get on this bus. The stop will be at
15 MacMillan Wharf. You'll be able to put your bikes on
16 the van, and that will drive you all the way back to
17 Nickerson State Park. And there will be a fee similar
18 to what you pay for the flex bus right now.

19 So the concept is the word would get out about
20 this. You would mix and match. So if your family can't
21 make it back, you can get a ride back. You might even
22 plan on having the bus take you from Nickerson and
23 dropping you off in Provincetown and you ride your bike
24 all the way back. So we think it's a real nice

1 addition. The goal is to have two of these vans in
2 operation going in opposite directions during the course
3 of the day.

4 MR. SABIN: What's the timing on that, George?

5 MR. PRICE: Pardon?

6 MR. SABIN: Timing?

7 MR. PRICE: Hopefully at some point this summer.
8 That would be the goal. Ideally it would have been good
9 to have it at the kickoff, but we know we're not going
10 to have it ready by then. And we're working with the
11 RTA on how that would actually be operated.

12 So that's a very specific example that came out of
13 that bike study project as to what we would need in
14 order to make biking more useful and accessible out here
15 on Cape Cod.

16 OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

17 MR. PRICE: Other Construction Projects.

18 For those of you in the Provincetown area, you
19 might have seen we're into construction on Morse Road.
20 That actually is up and off the ground. I had a chance
21 to take a look at it last week. We think they're doing
22 a wonderful job. This is the same construction firm
23 that won the job that did the bike trail in
24 Provincetown, did a lot of our paving jobs here the last

1 couple of years, Classic Site Solutions, and we've had a
2 lot of success with them. And, of course, they use
3 other vendors. They use the main paving outfit on the
4 Cape, whose name escapes me right now, as the
5 subcontractor to do the paving.

6 MS. AVELLAR: Lawrence-Lynch?

7 MR. PRICE: Yes, Lawrence-Lynch.

8 So they use a bunch of other vendors, but they've
9 just really done great work. Morse Road is a
10 particularly sensitive area because of the wetlands,
11 because of the closeness to the dunes and the trees and
12 the paths. So at the end of the day, I think we'll be
13 very, very pleased with that and will have to figure out
14 an appropriate ribbon-cutting opening at some point in
15 the near future.

16 LAND PROTECTION

17 MR. PRICE: Under Land Protection, we had a big win
18 a couple of weeks ago. You might have seen it in the
19 paper. This was the ten acres in Wellfleet called the
20 Biddle property. I was really focused on the ten-acre
21 piece, and again, this goes back to trying to preserve
22 pieces from being subdivided and developed. And as it
23 turns out, this particular parcel has an amazing history
24 besides. It had some very early structures on it. The

1 Cape and a half could be as early as the 1730s. There's
2 another structure that the folklore is that it goes back
3 to the 1600s and might have had something to do with the
4 whaling industry in Wellfleet and then all the way
5 through. Lorenzo Dow owned the property and lived
6 there. He was the commercial businessman that developed
7 United Fruit, which became Chiquita Banana. And then
8 Judge Biddle lived there. He was both an attorney on
9 the Nuremberg Trials but also US attorney general under
10 Eisenhower.

11 So it just has a lot of lineage involved with that
12 property, and it's really a great coup I think for us.
13 The elderly -- Francis Biddle was the one that worked
14 with us to make sure that the area could be preserved
15 for the future.

16 MR. WATTS: Before it was owned by Biddles, it was
17 owned by my friend, Jack Hall, who had a working farm
18 there.

19 MR. PRICE: Oh, really?

20 MR. WATTS: Yeah.

21 MR. PRICE: You know, there's a lot of research to
22 be done there. The Park Service won't actually be the
23 operational manager of it until June 15. The Biddle
24 family still has private items and whatnot that have to

1 be removed, but we think that's very exciting. And that
2 was all part of the money that came from Senator
3 Kennedy's efforts through the Land and Water
4 Conservation Act.

5 MR. DELANEY: George?

6 MR. REINHART: Just a question about it. What are
7 you folks planning on doing with the property going
8 forward?

9 MR. PRICE: Well, frankly, a couple of things. The
10 number one piece is it's protected. That's really the
11 number one action. The number two action is we'll have
12 to take an assessment of the structures themselves, see
13 what kind of shape they're in, and then make an
14 administrative determination. There's a good
15 possibility it'll go into our leasing program so that
16 the structures will stay intact and, like we've done
17 with a number of other historic buildings, put them out
18 for leases depending on the nature of our ability to do
19 that.

20 There's also the possibility we might do other
21 administrative functions with it, but I'm not sure what
22 at this point.

23 BIKE TRAIL PLANNING

24 MR. PRICE: I mentioned a little bit about the --

1 well, I already went into the bike planning, the fact
2 that our bike plan has come out. When I said that it's
3 on the Web site, by the way, there's a Web site called
4 *www.parkplanning* -- one word -- *.nps.gov*. That is the
5 Web site where'll you'll be able to find these
6 documents, or if you're particularly interested, Karst
7 probably still has a CD of the bike plan itself.

8 HERRING COVE BEACH FACILITIES

9 MR. PRICE: The Herring Cove Beach Facilities.

10 We continue to work with our NPS offices. I
11 reported last time that we went through a planning
12 process. We had a number of public meetings up in
13 Provincetown. We feel pretty good about where we're
14 heading as to what it might look like, but the first
15 thing we need to do is get it on our National Park
16 Service priority list. And we have to go through what's
17 called a design advisory board, a national board, and
18 that should be happening the end of this month actually.
19 Once that gets priority, then it goes on the list, and
20 then depending on what happens with the federal budget
21 over the next couple of years depends on how quickly it
22 gets to move up the list or not.

23 I think at best, just forecasting down the road,
24 we're probably not talking about a full swap over from

1 the old structure to the new structure probably until
2 the fall of 2014. So that's kind of the window that
3 we're looking at here. By the time we actually get it
4 on the list, get some money for it, get the final
5 compliance, get the final pieces, that's where it would
6 be. And I mentioned the last time we're also working
7 with the Denver office in trying to determine if they'll
8 do an on-site Title 5 septic program or if we're able to
9 hook up with Provincetown wastewater treatment, which is
10 my preference. That's where I hope we'll end up with.

11 CLIMATE FRIENDLY PARK PROGRAM UPDATE

12 MR. PRICE: I'd originally planned on a Climate
13 Friendly Parks presentation by Lauren, but
14 unfortunately, she's out with a family issue.

15 OCEAN STEWARDSHIP TOPICS

16 MR. PRICE: And she was also going to talk about
17 some other ocean stewardship topics.

18 50TH ANNIVERSARY

19 MR. PRICE: Just a little bit on the 50th
20 anniversary celebration. A number of you came to me the
21 end of January at the Visitors Center talking about the
22 50th anniversary programs. We're going to be having a
23 staff person devoted just to processing a calendar of
24 that. We have distributed in the past some of our

1 events, and these are going on, including exhibits at
2 the Salt Pond Visitors Center.

3 You may have seen we recently had a new lobby
4 exhibit put in the Salt Pond Visitors Center, a large
5 map that replaced the other orientation map that had
6 been there for a long time, and we have a Native
7 American exhibit focused on the Wampanoag tribe in
8 Mashpee and Aquinnah that's in the exhibit. I think
9 they're turning out absolutely fantastic. We'll plan on
10 having an event on May 14, and you'll all get notified
11 of that particular event as well as a lot of other
12 events over the course of the season.

13 There's actually a number of projects that are
14 still getting off the ground. One of my goals is to
15 work with the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore on
16 having a virtual scrapbook that someone could actually
17 get on the Internet and put your family recollections or
18 pictures or thoughts on the scrapbook, and I think that
19 will be a lot of fun if we can actually pull that off.

20 MR. SABIN: George?

21 MR. PRICE: Yes.

22 MR. SABIN: This morning this sign here was being
23 affixed to the sign at Salt Pond Visitors Center. Just
24 this morning it went up.

1 MR. PRICE: Yes.

2 MR. SABIN: A two by four sign.

3 MR. PRICE: Yes, it was up when I passed that on
4 the way in, and it looks terrific. If you'll recall,
5 that was done by a Nauset High art student. We had a
6 contest last year, and they were the ones that actually
7 won that -- he won that.

8 ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

9 MR. PRICE: Just I guess a couple of other things.
10 Another topic that I wanted to bring up, and that has to
11 do with commissioner appointments.

12 Many of you recall when I first arrived we had a
13 superintendent's secretary, Melissa Lewandowski, who
14 basically was in charge of the care and feeding of the
15 Advisory Commission. That position has been vacant for
16 a long period of time. I personally thought I was going
17 to be able to replace that position recently, but with
18 the outlook on the future budget, I decided to pass yet
19 again. I only say that as kind of an excuse as to why
20 we haven't taken care of all the bureaucracy or the
21 bureaucratic requirements for the Commission. And I've
22 now gotten notice from Washington that I need to spend
23 some time on it.

24 What that means is that with the exception of just

1 a few of you, most recently the ones that have survived
2 all the months it took to actually get your letter from
3 the Secretary of the Interior, most of the other members
4 of the Commission's terms have long expired. Now, the
5 reason you're all still here is because the legislation
6 also says that you're an active member until you're
7 replaced, but on the other hand, your terms are two-year
8 terms. So I am personally now going to have to move
9 along the process of working with your appointing
10 agencies, which in most of your cases would be the town
11 offices, and therefore, if you're particularly
12 interested in being nominated again representing your
13 town, then they'll have to make sure and we'll make sure
14 that your board of selectmen is aware of your interest.
15 And if there is someone else that has an interest, then
16 they would have to make that known as well.

17 There's really just a couple of people that have
18 been re-vetted recently; obviously Rich as the chair,
19 Brenda as one of the governor's appointees, Judith
20 Stephenson as one of the governor's appointees. Both
21 Mary-Jo and Sharon are fairly new appointees. Tom is
22 fairly new. But in many of the cases, we either have
23 new people that are coming in or long-expired
24 appointments that will have to be re-upped. And I'll be

1 in the process of moving through that hopefully at least
2 on paper, because unfortunately, Maureen, it does take
3 forever to get through the process, but at least on
4 paper, I think we ought to be looking at a new round of
5 two-year appointees or at least recent appointees
6 perhaps starting in the fall. So that's kind of my
7 thinking over the next few months, contacting your town
8 folks, letting you know approximately when I'm doing the
9 approach and then taking it from there. Then once I get
10 the nomination letters from your towns, then that's what
11 gets forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for
12 writing the final designation.

13 So you will eventually get -- you know, Maureen, I
14 already have all the paperwork from the town and her
15 resume. That's what gets filed -- I submit to our
16 policy office down in DC, and eventually you'll get a
17 letter signed by the Secretary of the Interior for a
18 two-year assignment.

19 MS. BURGESS: I look forward to receiving it.

20 MR. PRICE: A two-year appointment.

21 MR. WATTS: What you're saying is that Bill,
22 myself, Dick, and Ed were all just serving out at this
23 point?

24 MR. PRICE: Yes. Well, I don't know what serving

1 out means. I mean, basically you're still --

2 MS. AVELLAR: You're still on.

3 MR. PRICE: You're still on.

4 MR. HAMMATT: We're here because we're not
5 replaced.

6 MR. PRICE: Right, you're here because you're not
7 replaced.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MR. PRICE: Larry, you'll be in the same boat.

10 MR. SABIN: Should we be doing anything with our
11 town administrators as far as putting them on notice
12 that we should be reappointed, or are you going to take
13 initiative?

14 MR. PRICE: I think we ought to do both. I think
15 when I finally get the letter typed up and before I
16 actually put it in the mail, then there's no sense --
17 unless you want to because it does take a lot of time
18 for the towns to make anything happen as well, but I
19 think I'm going to be doing this over the next month or
20 so. So certainly before I send anything to your town
21 managers, you will be notified well in advance this
22 letter is going out. And I think the letter will say,
23 you know, "Bill has been the representative for the town
24 for a number of years." The town can certainly

1 reappoint Bill. That's not the point, but I think it's
2 just to make it an updated appointment, but then it
3 would be sent down to Washington.

4 I've actually been beat over the head the last
5 number of years that I've done my end-of-year report for
6 this committee, and I've been able to say, "Well, I
7 don't have a secretary. I'm going to hire one soon."
8 I've said that now for a number of years.

9 Any other questions on that?

10 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, questions on any of the topics
11 that the superintendent mentioned or others?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. DELANEY: George, speaking of Washington -- of
14 course, you probably don't have much to report, but the
15 federal budget is still in a state of uncertainty and
16 limbo. Is there any word on what the prospects are
17 going to be like, what we should be anticipating?

18 MR. PRICE: Actually, I don't know. We're part of
19 the executive branch of government, as I tell people all
20 the time, although we don't get our income tax books
21 anymore. I didn't realize I wasn't going to get a hard
22 copy. Because usually at the back of the income tax
23 book there's a pie chart, and the pie chart shows you
24 what's required for defense, what's required for

1 entitlements, and then there's a little sliver that says
2 discretionary. Well, the Department of the Interior and
3 the National Park Service is such a small sliver we
4 don't even show up as part of that sliver. So any
5 impact on the federal budget on the so-called
6 discretionary side certainly could affect what we do,
7 but we have no information on that at this time.

8 We're always playing chicken with the possibility
9 of shutdown, and I understand that Congress is currently
10 talking about yet another extension for a continuing
11 resolution. So basically even though our federal budget
12 started October 1, our federal fiscal year, we basically
13 have been operating at the same level as last year,
14 which is what we've been instructed to do.

15 MR. DELANEY: Thanks.

16 Tom?

17 MR. REINHART: Yeah, that was kind of my question.
18 How has the funding for this particular branch of the
19 Park Service risen or stayed the same over the last five
20 years?

21 MR. PRICE: Actually? Honestly? We've actually
22 gotten financial increases over the last number of
23 years. A couple of years ago we got a big boost
24 anticipating the centennial of the National Park system

1 coming up in 19-- -- excuse me -- 2016, which would be
2 the hundredth year anniversary. And a number of the
3 parks -- and we still have this money. It's called
4 centennial seasonals where we were able to hire
5 additional people to actually work in the frontline to
6 interface with visitors.

7 So honestly the budget for the National Park system
8 has risen. The question always is, has it risen high
9 enough to keep up with all the other fixed costs? So
10 that's always the battle.

11 MR. REINHART: How are you doing with that battle
12 for here?

13 MR. PRICE: It's challenging.

14 MR. REINHART: Is the present Seashore staff less
15 than it was 20 years ago?

16 MR. PRICE: I, frankly, don't know, and it's hard
17 to tell because things change so much. I'll give you an
18 example. I know certainly -- it's not a very easy --
19 I'm going to sound like I'm skirting it, but I know
20 partly because systems change so much. You don't need
21 the same type of bodies you needed before. There might
22 have been five people sent out on a maintenance crew to
23 do a boardwalk, for example, back in the day when you
24 had to hit it all with a handsaw and a hand hammer.

1 Well, now we go out there with all the power tools and
2 the portable generators we have. And when they did the
3 boardwalk last year behind Coast Guard Beach, they had
4 these things that almost looked like a jackhammer.
5 Pulled up, put in all the screws. Well, 20 years ago we
6 would have had a crew of people that had to do that. So
7 in that case we might truly have fewer bodies, but I
8 think they're actually able to do more work.

9 So I think it's hard to actually mix apples and
10 oranges that way from my perspective, but I think we
11 have a very healthy budget. We have a very healthy
12 staff. We're very fortunate here to have many more
13 seasonal employees that we hire in the summer than most
14 of my other fellow national parks do because their
15 budgets are being eaten up, and we also have the
16 fallback of our recreation fee program, which most other
17 parks don't have. So the custodians, for instance, who
18 actually keep the restrooms clean in the summer, are
19 paid for out of that and a number of other staff people
20 as well.

21 MR. DELANEY: Ed?

22 MR. SABIN: It does seem as if, thinking back to
23 when our first involvement with the Park occurred, which
24 was like in middle '60s, which was five years after the

1 Park was formed perhaps -- it seemed like there were a
2 lot more ranger-led programs then than now. That may
3 not be true, and it's probably not something you can
4 document very easily, but it just seems like there were
5 a lot more programs than we see today.

6 MR. PRICE: And I don't doubt it. That could be.

7 MR. DELANEY: Tom?

8 MR. REINHART: Do you feel like you have the money
9 to maintain the buildings and everything to the
10 standards needed?

11 MR. PRICE: We never have enough money. I think
12 there are two answers to that. One is I work with a
13 maintenance guy. He never had enough money or people.
14 I mean, every single meeting he walked in the door
15 saying that. But I think the Seashore does an amazing
16 job on what we do have. Obviously we still have a lot
17 of the vacant structures that we have to make a
18 determination on if they're going to be fixed up and put
19 in the leasing program or we're going to demolish them.
20 Certainly that has not been I think a pleasant mark on
21 the Seashore to have so many vacant structures in so
22 many neighborhoods. We've done an amazing job. In the
23 last five years I think we've demolished maybe seven
24 some structures at least that looked pretty bad. There

1 was that one motel up on High Head coming out of
2 Provincetown. Every time I saw that I couldn't believe
3 we owned that. That was an eyesore. We finally got rid
4 of the Souza garage out there in Wellfleet. We took
5 down a couple of other houses that were in neighborhoods
6 that were, I thought, pretty detrimental to the public.
7 So I think we're moving along.

8 MR. DELANEY: Question from Dick?

9 MR. PHILBRICK: Back in the beginning of the Park
10 -- this is the anniversary -- for the first several
11 years, the Park had a pretty goodly sum of funds that it
12 could tap in case someone came along and wanted to take
13 a piece of land that was privately held and do something
14 with it which was not sympathetic with what the Park
15 should be. And so the primary control the Park had to
16 preventing it happening was to buy it. And that was
17 used considerably in those years, but as time goes by,
18 that fund as such has dwindled to either zero or very
19 small.

20 Do we ask for money to go back and replenish that
21 reserve fund for being able to keep in part to purchase
22 land as a way of controlling what happens to it or not?

23 MR. PRICE: There are two answers to that, Dick.
24 Number one, I don't actually know the particulars, but I

1 wouldn't be surprised -- I don't recall. When the
2 National Seashore was authorized, there was probably a
3 land acquisition authorization amount that came with
4 that authorization. I know there was in Lowell, and
5 that's typically what happens when parks get
6 established. So they take a guess at how much money
7 might be needed. So I have no doubt that that account
8 existed.

9 MR. PHILBRICK: But they didn't spend it all at
10 once.

11 MR. PRICE: Yes.

12 MR. PHILBRICK: It continued on and was available
13 to strengthen your control over misuse.

14 MR. PRICE: Usually it's not to exceed any number
15 of millions of dollars. At this point I believe we're
16 in the neighborhood of \$42 million that have been used
17 for land purchases, about 2,000 land transactions since
18 1961. Now, what happens is, as you spend down that
19 allotment, then you hit the max. So this park has
20 already hit the max a couple of times because what
21 happened was over time property values increased, so you
22 were actually able to get fewer and fewer parcels for
23 more and more money. So where we are right now is we're
24 basically on a case-by-case basis.

1 So, for instance, it took Senator Kennedy, Senator
2 Kerry, and Congressman Delahunt about three years to get
3 the \$6 million set aside from the Land Water
4 Conservation Fund for the North of Highlands camping
5 area. So that was a very targeted project. Even though
6 we might have had other parcels we would have liked to
7 purchase, we did a priority listing, and the North of
8 Highlands Campground was the top of the list. So that
9 was the process we had to do at that point. So I put
10 together a priority list each year of if these lands
11 became available or the criteria for them, and then we
12 would look for Land and Water Conservation money in
13 order to make that happen.

14 As it turns out, with North of Highlands, we didn't
15 go with a fee ownership deal. We went with a
16 conservation easement deal, so therefore, there was more
17 Land and Water Conservation money left on the table in
18 Cape Cod National Seashore's account. Frankly, those
19 were the monies that then allowed us to go to the Biddle
20 property, which was further down on the list. And the
21 reason that was on the list was ten acres could be
22 subdivided. So if there is a single parcel out there
23 that somebody wants to sell us as a willing seller, if
24 it can't be subdivided, then it wouldn't necessarily

1 become a priority to us because it already is what it
2 is, whereas we might put our money and our priority
3 towards something else.

4 MR. WATTS: What is the Park's relationship with
5 the people that bought the Biddle property?

6 MR. DELANEY: D&C? Trust for Public Lands?

7 MR. PRICE: Trust for Public Lands, do you mean?

8 MR. WATTS: Right, right.

9 MR. PRICE: Well, often when we get involved with a
10 deal such as the North of Highlands or such as the
11 Biddles, often we work with a land trust agency like
12 Trust for Public Lands, and they become in essence the
13 intermediary working with the seller and working with
14 our ability because they know how long it usually takes
15 for our process to work. So they were engaged with the
16 North of Highlands Campground for years to try to make
17 that deal actually happen. They then were involved with
18 the Biddle family on making that happen with them as
19 well.

20 MR. WATTS: But that money is in their budget and
21 -- no?

22 MR. PRICE: No, it's in our budget.

23 MR. WATTS: Is it?

24 MR. PRICE: Right. Broker isn't the right word,

1 but they're a facilitator, and they know that we had
2 that money. So they work with the seller, they work
3 with us, and then they work with our lands office. So
4 that's the triangle that makes those acquisition deals
5 come through.

6 So, Dick, right now if I had another parcel that I
7 was interested in, basically that account is now down to
8 zero and we'd have to go back to the political process
9 if we had another viable parcel we'd like to acquire
10 that was significant for the future of the Seashore, but
11 I'm not going to have money sitting there on account. I
12 don't have money there that I could automatically turn
13 around.

14 MR. PHILBRICK: But it does tie your hands as a
15 candidate for that property not having anything.

16 MR. PRICE: Well, it does, and I think the concept
17 is when you start the park off, they give you a lot of
18 latitude and they give you a working budget. Well,
19 after all these years, we spent down that money that the
20 Congress thought it was going to take to make the
21 Seashore. So now it's much more on a case-by-case
22 basis.

23 MR. SPAULDING: The problem is that you don't have
24 the leverage obviously because if you had a chunk of

1 money, you know, someone would say, "Well, I'm not going
2 to get involved in the permits and everything because
3 they're going to take my property because they have the
4 money to do it before I could get anything
5 accomplished." Now by the time you can get the money to
6 do something about it, they've got the house up and
7 they've got enough money so they don't care about not
8 having the suspension of condemnation because they
9 figure you're never going to take it or you can't get
10 the money to take it. And that's just the way it is.

11 What Dick was saying is it would be nice if you had
12 a nest egg, which you don't, sitting there that just
13 stayed so that someone would realize that if they
14 proceeded ahead, you would have the leverage to do
15 something about it, which you don't have now.

16 MR. PHILBRICK: Exactly. You said it better than I
17 did, I guess.

18 MR. PRICE: And I think we're up against the
19 philosophy of the Congress --

20 MR. SPAULDING: Sure.

21 MR. PRICE: -- the philosophy of increasing federal
22 land ownership and a number of other issues. So it's a
23 tough one.

24 MR. SPAULDING: It is.

1 MR. PRICE: It is.

2 MR. DELANEY: Okay, other topics?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. DELANEY: George, thank you very much for the
5 report.

6 Yes, Dick?

7 MR. PHILBRICK: I have one which is outside his
8 agenda.

9 MR. DELANEY: Okay, well, we have Old Business and
10 New Business coming up as our next topics.

11 MR. PHILBRICK: It would fit there.

12 OLD BUSINESS

13 MR. DELANEY: Okay, let's move to Old Business.
14 Dick, if you'd like to bring it up here.

15 MR. PHILBRICK: What's the name of this fund? Is
16 it Nickerson?

17 MR. WATTS: Nickerson Fellowship.

18 MR. PHILBRICK: Fellowship. I have noticed that
19 those go to a candidate who has a project that he
20 conceives himself and wants to do in many cases, and I
21 wonder if it wouldn't be unreasonable for this body to
22 identify some problems or projects, studies, research,
23 or something that we see of interest to our work and to
24 the Park and to this country as candidate subjects for

1 that.

2 MR. WATTS: Well, we often do suggest things, but I
3 think you're right. I think we could ask this committee
4 what they felt were appropriate projects of interest to
5 all the towns and then we publish those in the request
6 for proposals.

7 MR. PHILBRICK: How would we organize a subject of
8 our choosing to suggest to be done?

9 MR. WATTS: Yes, we could just go around the table
10 and have people put in suggestions that we would --

11 MR. PHILBRICK: We should just put in on a future
12 agenda.

13 (Sheila Lyons enters the room.)

14 MR. DELANEY: Motion to adjourn.

15 (Laughter.)

16 MS. LYONS: And pardon my attire as well.

17 MR. DELANEY: Well, I think that's an interesting
18 -- a lot of grant programs do set a theme each year and
19 then solicit proposals around that priority theme, which
20 is what you're suggesting, Dick, which is something the
21 subcommittee may want to consider and either generate
22 two or three themes, or each year we could set aside
23 some time at one of these meetings to send to the
24 subcommittee or the Nickerson Committee what we think

1 might be the priority themes, whether it's coastal
2 erosion studies one year or salt marsh die-off another
3 year or wildlife management. Whatever the theme happens
4 to be that we project, the committee could consider
5 that, advertise it as such, and then solicit that kind
6 of a proposal, which certainly makes it a more -- makes
7 the research more applicable to our current issues.

8 MR. WATTS: We'll do it.

9 MR. DELANEY: We'll do that, all right. Good idea,
10 Dick.

11 MR. SPAULDING: Wouldn't you also want the
12 superintendent where there are some needs they may have
13 in terms of studies but they don't have the resources to
14 do it to --

15 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, yeah, I think that would be --

16 MR. PHILBRICK: Who we're really here to advise,
17 you know, and the Secretary.

18 MR. DELANEY: Does that happen? Is there any staff
19 level between the Nickerson Committee and the staff or
20 George as to what some of the issues might be?

21 MR. WATTS: I don't think we have in the past, but
22 certainly as a committee we've gone -- we've interviewed
23 the people on the committee, the Nickerson Fellowship
24 Committee, and they've come up with ideas that have been

1 presented. When you send out the request for proposals,
2 those ideas go out.

3 MR. DELANEY: So you do set some priorities and
4 suggest priorities --

5 MR. WATTS: Right.

6 MR. DELANEY: -- but not necessarily with the
7 feedback from us yet, which we're willing to do or the
8 Park directly perhaps.

9 MR. PRICE: Well, doesn't our natural resource
10 manager chief sit on that committee?

11 MR. WATTS: Absolutely, Megan Tyrrell.

12 MR. PRICE: So is she part of the process that
13 helps set the criteria or the request, or is she only on
14 the receiving end reviewing the applicants?

15 MR. WATTS: Well, she sits with the committee. She
16 certainly had this last meeting.

17 MR. PRICE: So, Larry, that would be my -- you
18 know, Dr. Megan Tyrrell sits on that committee and
19 represents the Seashore as far as I'm concerned.

20 MS. AVELLAR: What is the Nickerson? Is it a
21 private organization, the Nickerson Fellowship, or is it
22 part of the --

23 MR. WATTS: No, it's a subcommittee of this
24 commission.

1 MS. AVELLAR: So that's not any kind of a conflict
2 situation, is it, that we would put our projects ahead
3 of some other worthy project from outside? Or maybe we
4 should be more interested in other projects.

5 MR. WATTS: Well, we often get 11 -- let's say we
6 get 11 proposals and those proposals are charged by
7 members of the committee as to which is the most
8 complete and interesting proposal.

9 MS. AVELLAR: To benefit here?

10 MR. WATTS: Right.

11 MR. PRICE: And am I correct? Those funds sit with
12 the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore?

13 MR. WATTS: Yes, they're the bankers.

14 MR. PRICE: And they asked the Commission many
15 years ago to set up this process. So that's how it
16 works.

17 MR. WATTS: Interesting. I thought the money came
18 from the Nickerson business, but it didn't. That money
19 didn't come from them.

20 MR. SABIN: Where did the name come from?

21 MR. WATTS: Josiah Nickerson, right?

22 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

23 MR. WATTS: Who was a member of this commission.

24 MR. DELANEY: Well, that's a good suggestion. It

1 looks like some of it's been implemented anyway already.

2 MR. WATTS: Right.

3 MR. DELANEY: But I think it's worthy -- it's worth
4 maybe revisiting that and soliciting a little bit more
5 widely for some priorities for the issue of research,
6 and this group will be happy -- we'll make a note of
7 setting aside some time, whatever you think, whenever
8 the subcommittee thinks it's appropriate.

9 MR. WATTS: Well, we could put it on the agenda for
10 the next meeting.

11 MR. DELANEY: The next meeting? Okay. Will that
12 help the cycle? All right, perfect.

13 MR. PRICE: And we could actually ask Megan to join
14 us to help talk about what's happened with the timeline.

15 MR. DELANEY: Good. Okay, thanks.

16 Anything else under Old Business?

17 (No response.)

18 **NEW BUSINESS**

19 MR. DELANEY: Anything under New Business?

20 MS. LYONS: It looks like I got here just in time.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MR. DELANEY: Yes, oh, that's right. We do have
23 under New Business potentially a review by Commissioner
24 Lyons.

1 MS. LYONS: Yes, the review of herbicide use.

2 CAPE COD COMMISSION REVIEW OF HERBICIDE USE

3 MS. LYONS: Okay, I believe that I reported that we
4 were going to have the ad hoc committee that I was
5 cheering at that point, and they came out with five
6 recommendations. And the last one was that if certain
7 conditions were met, such as the mapping and that sort
8 of thing, that they really didn't see a problem with a
9 vegetation management problem. So unfortunately, that
10 fifth motion got all the press and nothing got on the
11 other five recommendations -- I mean, on the other four
12 recommendations, but we did focus in on those four
13 recommendations, the commissioners and myself. And I
14 have worked with the Cape Cod Commission. And even
15 during the time -- in the last several months, we've
16 been working with NStar, and we've had a good working
17 relationship with them. They've been very cooperative
18 in the mapping of ways.

19 So just to give a little background story to the
20 reality of everything that was in the newspapers, I'm
21 not out to poison the waters of Cape Cod, and I've
22 always looked at the big picture because I've always
23 felt that, say, NStar said they were never going to
24 spray again, we have a problem. Once my focus got into

1 it and you start to see all the municipalities that
2 signed that letter -- and it was very easy to sign the
3 letter saying that we support Green Cape going forward.
4 No one said, "Wait a minute. Do we do this?" And every
5 municipality does. Commercial entities, golf courses,
6 the county.

7 MR. SABIN: Homeowners.

8 MS. LYONS: And homeowners turn out to be the
9 biggest abusers. And I looked at it as an opportunity
10 to really focus in, so fortunately, we were able to -- I
11 think that relationship was able to get that -- you
12 know, I was able to appeal to their better angels after
13 that ad hoc and, as we were walking out, what they were
14 going to do on their NPOs, their yearly operating plans
15 that they were going to be filing, and they agreed --
16 you know, I suggested that it would be a very good thing
17 if they just didn't do it at all and let us go forward
18 with the recommendations. And I think they saw the
19 sense in it, which they did.

20 So our four-point plan really is one that we do
21 need funds for. I think the county is going to
22 ultimately be willing to fund one of these efforts if we
23 can't get funding through DAR, but it is to have a
24 monitoring program on the Cape throughout, particularly

1 in the Outer Cape areas to really have a hands-on first
2 experience, you know, present-day experience as to what
3 is in our water. We're upgrading our health department
4 where our equipment will be more sensitive to be able to
5 go into more parts per billion or -- I guess it's
6 billion now as opposed to million -- and so that we can
7 really see what is in our water.

8 And we are also going to be doing a comprehensive
9 study where we're going to be asking everyone across the
10 Cape to be giving us -- anyone who has licensed
11 applicators to submit their reports to us. We're not
12 out to do a gotcha game. We're not out to get the
13 applicator or any entity. We're really just trying to
14 have a look where are the contributions coming from,
15 particularly in the private sector and public sector,
16 such as the National Seashore, to see where it's all
17 coming from and where can we all -- where can we put
18 standards and recommendations for an overall reduction,
19 if not elimination at some point, to a use of
20 alternatives in the future once those are more
21 developed.

22 So we're going to be asking for money. We'll
23 probably ask for any assistance that you want to --
24 letters of support when we're asking DAR and that sort

1 of thing. NStar I think would be willing to cough up
2 some money, but I don't think that that would be best
3 served because that would look tainted. And I wouldn't
4 take any money from any particular group that would be
5 involved in being scrutinized, although down the road if
6 we work things out at the end of the year, maybe they
7 could help fund an education program for homeowners and
8 that sort of thing, but that's down the road. But
9 that's going to be the fourth piece, is doing a full
10 education to businesses and homeowners.

11 So I think that we're going to be moving forward,
12 and I think we'll actually be in a better place a year
13 from now because then we can really take a look at who
14 is contributing, how much is being contributed, how can
15 we reduce that, and how can we move towards a healthier
16 alternative of managing our vegetation without threat of
17 either letting insecticides eat everything or have
18 invasive species destroy everything.

19 Yes?

20 MR. WATTS: In the meantime, is there a moratorium
21 on herbicides?

22 MS. LYONS: From NStar there is, but everybody else
23 -- we're still -- yes?

24 MS. AVELLAR: You can still use Roundup in your

1 front yard, Peter.

2 MS. LYONS: You can still use Roundup. The
3 municipalities still have applicators. And you can read
4 the reports. I mean, that's where I found -- you know,
5 Green Cape was in this week, and they were actually
6 still angry that we hadn't signed on to that letter.
7 And I said, "We didn't sign on to the letter because
8 it's somewhat hypocritical of us." We just signed off
9 on our applicators because we have tree farms and all of
10 that. So I have to take a look at what we're doing, and
11 we're actually doing something. We even got NStar to
12 stop spraying for two years, but that doesn't seem to be
13 noted.

14 MR. DELANEY: Dick?

15 MR. PHILBRICK: And then the NStar portion of this
16 problem.

17 MS. LYONS: Right.

18 MR. PHILBRICK: I wouldn't be faithful to my
19 background of championing underground utility burial --

20 MS. LYONS: I absolutely agree.

21 MR. WATTS: -- unless I mentioned it because
22 Holland, who had put all of their roadside lines
23 underground soon after World War II -- and they've been
24 there since, and they have a better record of

1 reliability than anybody -- had 20 years ago started to
2 put their higher tension lines, transmission lines
3 underground, and they must be pretty far along on it for
4 the very reasons -- one of these reasons. One of their
5 reasons was this.

6 MS. LYONS: Well, you know, that's a very good
7 point, and I'm not sure why it's not done. I lived in a
8 neighborhood in an area of Maryland that had all
9 underground development, you know, wiring because it was
10 newly developed over farmland.

11 MR. PHILBRICK: Roadside.

12 MS. LYONS: Yeah, roadside. And it was lovely.
13 And there were times that we were the only ones that
14 maintained our power in some bad outages.

15 MR. SABIN: I'm in the same situation in Eastham.
16 Our little neighborhood is underground.

17 MS. LYONS: Right.

18 MR. SABIN: And we don't lose our power anywhere
19 near as much as a couple blocks away.

20 MS. LYONS: Right, so there's something to be said
21 for it. I'm not sure why it's not the case, but until
22 the powers that be decide on that one, this is how we
23 have to deal with this issue.

24 MR. PHILBRICK: Just as long as it remains one of

1 the alternatives that gets considered.

2 MS. LYONS: That's a very good point. Very good
3 point.

4 MR. DELANEY: Larry?

5 MR. SPAULDING: (Shakes head.)

6 MR. DELANEY: No?

7 MS. LYONS: No?

8 MR. DELANEY: I think in our last conversation here
9 we urged you to continue to put the spotlight broadly on
10 all of us on Cape Cod, which you've done, and I think
11 it's going to pay dividends.

12 MS. LYONS: Some people see it once it's explained.
13 And, you know, as I say, it's unfortunate that vote got
14 all -- it looked like the ad hoc committee endorsed and
15 we gave permission. We don't have the permission to
16 give NStar -- we haven't got the authority to give NStar
17 permission to do something or not do something, so this
18 was all really in my mind to put a spotlight that there
19 is a bigger issue here. And now that they're not
20 spraying this year, we still have this being -- you
21 know, this is a big problem.

22 And I would venture to say when this study is done,
23 NStar is not going to be the biggest problem. I think
24 it's going to be one of the least. I think it's going

1 to be more in the way of commercial and municipalities,
2 and I think the biggest problem is the homeowner. So
3 the more we can educate all homeowners and visitors,
4 have that education available for tourists as they rent
5 for summers or weeks, that will be to our benefit as
6 well.

7 MR. DELANEY: Tom?

8 MR. REINHART: A couple things, and this isn't in
9 our discussion what you were talking about.

10 I think it's really important to get these
11 measuring standards and equipment so we can actually say
12 this and this and this is going on instead of just a lot
13 of people's opinions and hearsay. I'm sure the
14 homeowner market is probably ten times anything else
15 because there's a lot of chemicals put down by these
16 people. And it seems that rather than worrying about
17 educating homeowners, if you want to stop it, you need
18 to put the screws to the people that are putting it on
19 the ground for, you know, these companies and just raise
20 the standards gradually, and they'll find -- you know,
21 people still want their lawns looking nice. There are
22 organic companies. I'm hiring one that does it. And
23 maybe it isn't quite as green, but so what?

24 MS. LYONS: Right.

1 MR. REINHART: So it isn't that hard to solve if
2 you really want to. I mean, I think everybody
3 understands how our water supply here is very delicate
4 and the quality of it (inaudible).

5 MS. LYONS: I agree with you. There are these
6 companies that do this, and that's why being able to say
7 like, you know, we need to have a ban. And we did look
8 at the DCPC on doing herbicides, and we came to the
9 conclusion, number one, we were holding -- we couldn't
10 just do it to NStar, so you'd have to have a Cape-wide
11 DCPC, and it would probably affect everybody but
12 entities like NStar that had federal exemptions, you
13 know, maybe our national parks, you know, different
14 agencies like that, railroads. We wouldn't be able to
15 do anything. They could keep on doing it. So you could
16 ultimately affect people whose livelihoods are at stake.
17 Even though they might be the bigger contributor, they
18 need to know that that call is coming and that there
19 will be adjustments and that they are ones that everyone
20 can adjust to until we get to the ultimate goal. So
21 those are those unintended consequences that no one
22 really seems to think about that scare me.

23 MR. DELANEY: George?

24 MR. PRICE: If I could just have some questions

1 here.

2 So the additional monitoring that you talked about,
3 is that on the potable water systems or is that on the
4 ponds?

5 MS. LYONS: No, that will be on the water systems,
6 and we will be doing that for ongoing testing. And we
7 really hope to take a real life look. And we want to do
8 -- we're going to be doing some now, and we'll be doing
9 it at the end of the year. And if you look at places
10 like Eastham, that will be three years where Eastham
11 hasn't had NStar spraying because they gave them a year
12 to -- because they wanted to see if they could regulate
13 themselves and say, "We want to put a ban on them within
14 our town." They found out that they didn't have the
15 ability to do that. But that took a year. Then we were
16 able to negotiate a year. Now we're going into our
17 third year. So it will be interesting to see what those
18 numbers are on the third year and then, if they resume
19 or if they don't, who else are contributors, the
20 contributor.

21 MR. PRICE: Pardon my ignorance here, but had NStar
22 sprayed before? They hadn't in the National Seashore.

23 MS. LYONS: They hadn't sprayed -- they sprayed --
24 I think this started about eight years ago or nine years

1 ago, and it was in response -- they are the most heavily
2 regulated industry on this one issue. They have four
3 people, four regulatory authorities that they have to
4 answer to, so it was the National Resources --
5 Department of Natural Resources that came in to them and
6 said, "You cannot continue doing your clearcutting and
7 your mechanical spraying because you're destroying
8 natural habitats and species."

9 MR. PRICE: So they said they couldn't do the
10 mechanical. So they're questioning the spraying?

11 MS. LYONS: So Tim Simmons, who is their guy,
12 developed this vegetation management plan with him. And
13 he came before us and said, you know, "I don't want to
14 use herbicides," but he showed a situation he had off a
15 body of water, an estuary off the Mass. Pike. It was
16 being overtaken by Phragmites. He tried everything. He
17 ripped it out. He killed it. And it was in water. It
18 was a very fragile body of water at that time, at risk,
19 and in the end he had to end up using chemicals. And he
20 said, "There are times you can just -- you have to have
21 it in your toolbox. You don't use it first thing, but
22 it should be there because it's necessary because other
23 things are at stake." So that's why they do it.

24 MR. DELANEY: George?

1 MR. PRICE: Rich, if I could just make a comment.
2 It's interesting since I've been here. We've had
3 several chiefs of natural resource management, and these
4 people have all come from outside of this region. And
5 when I've talked to them about different issues, in
6 their mind the biggest issue is what we all put on our
7 lawns as private citizens as the biggest contributor, as
8 you've just said. And it's kind of interesting because
9 we all tend to do this, but whether you move to Cape Cod
10 or whether you move to outside Las Vegas, what do people
11 want to see? They generally want to see what my natural
12 resource people call the Connecticut lawn. Well, Cape
13 Cod never had Connecticut lawns, and our golf courses
14 weren't the Connecticut River Valley golf courses. And
15 people moved to the Cape because of the Cape and its
16 environment, and yet they want to bring this attribution
17 here. And the same thing was happening -- it's
18 currently happening out in the Southwest, and then that
19 issue has less to do with chemicals and more to do with
20 water use in order to keep everything green.

21 MS. LYONS: Right.

22 MR. PRICE: So you go to Phoenix, Arizona, where
23 everything is desert, and yet all of a sudden you see
24 this green patch in front of somebody's house and

1 they're spending a tremendous amount of water on it. So
2 it is really kind of an interesting cultural thing that
3 we do as a society that in this particular case it's
4 greening the lawn and in another particular case it's
5 building a McMansion that you carry from back home and
6 you want to see up here and change the environment.

7 MS. LYONS: Absolutely.

8 MR. PRICE: So it really is an interesting societal
9 issue.

10 MR. DELANEY: It's interesting too in the public
11 education piece of this because in the late '70s and
12 '80s, I think, there was a tremendous amount of public
13 information about sole source aquifer. The worst thing
14 you could ever do if you lived on Cape Cod or came was
15 contaminate your drinking supply. For a lot of us, that
16 was really a well-established axiom, but we have stopped
17 -- we haven't educated the next influx of people who
18 moved here in the '90s and the 2010s. They've brought
19 the Connecticut lawn concept with them maybe more than
20 the first group did, so I think maybe part of this
21 public education, number four, recommendation is going
22 to be really key to reawaken those people.

23 MS. LYONS: It's going to be huge. It is going to
24 be huge. And it's going to be huge. That's why I think

1 the study is important because you need to be able to
2 say concretely because even in meeting with Green Cape
3 -- and I appreciate Green Cape. They push the envelope.
4 They brought the attention of people like me to the
5 table, but I just didn't focus on NStar. But I think
6 that once you have that as factual -- because she says,
7 you know, "We think that NStar is the biggest
8 contributor." That's why they're going after them. If
9 you think that or it's possible, then let's find out for
10 sure and deal with facts and not emotion and in fear-
11 mongering with that. And that really was. It was very
12 heightened. They are a one issue. You know, they're
13 really on that one issue, and they don't bend from it.
14 So in some ways I respect that, but once you have people
15 working on it, you need to kind of go with that and call
16 off your hounds.

17 MR. DELANEY: Good. Well, thanks. Good report.
18 Good discussion.

19 Anything else?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. DELANEY: That concludes New Business.

22 **DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

23 MR. DELANEY: We will come to public comment period
24 in just a moment, but before that we typically set a

1 date and any draft agenda items for our next meeting.

2 So I guess that would be two months from now,
3 George?

4 MR. PRICE: Yeah, I recommend either May 16th or
5 the 23rd.

6 MS. AVELLAR: Close to Memorial Day, isn't it?

7 MR. PRICE: Memorial Day is the week after the
8 23rd.

9 MS. AVELLAR: After? Okay.

10 MR. PRICE: I got a request from Judy Stephenson
11 that it just not be the first week.

12 MR. DELANEY: I couldn't make the first week
13 either.

14 MS. AVELLAR: So the 23rd?

15 MR. SABIN: The other week is still a Monday?

16 MS. AVELLAR: It would be the 23rd.

17 MR. DELANEY: Would you prefer? Are most people
18 here?

19 MR. SABIN: It's on Monday.

20 MR. DELANEY: Monday, the 23rd?

21 MR. PRICE: Monday, the 23rd.

22 MS. LYONS: That's fine.

23 MR. DELANEY: That is not Memorial Day, right?

24 MS. LYONS: No.

1 MR. PRICE: That's one o'clock Eastern Standard
2 Time after we've moved our clocks ahead.

3 MR. DELANEY: Here in Wellfleet --

4 MS. LYONS: Well, what happened, I have an iPhone,
5 and I just figured it would have changed.

6 MS. AVELLAR: My phone changed.

7 MS. LYONS: Mine didn't.

8 MS. AVELLAR: My silly little phone.

9 MS. LYONS: Well, you know what? It's AT&T too.

10 MR. PRICE: Don't you hear some of the yuppies,
11 they set their alarm --

12 MS. LYONS: No, but it was something I had in
13 there. But it was something to do with automatically.

14 MS. HAKE: I'll come to your defense because I
15 heard something on the radio about the iPhone not
16 changing the time correctly.

17 MS. LYONS: Thank you. Yeah, you have to go in and
18 do it manually.

19 MS. HAKE: There was something that allowed people,
20 so I heard it. So it must be true if I heard it.

21 MS. LYONS: Right. I mean, I had to go in and
22 change it, and I had clicked on something that made me
23 have to do it.

24 MS. HAKE: I believe you.

1 MS. LYONS: Thank you. I am so glad to hear that.
2 Here I am going on and on.

3 MS. AVELLAR: Even the new iPhone?

4 MR. DELANEY: I even got a text to that effect from
5 our commissioner, so she's not making that up.

6 MS. LYONS: Yes, I did.

7 MR. DELANEY: She's trying to inform us.

8 MS. LYONS: And I'm working on my house up in
9 Wellfleet. That's why I'm --

10 MR. PRICE: You were here for your report.

11 MS. LYONS: I was here for my report.

12 MR. PHILBRICK: We had some automatics that did it
13 on Saturday and some that did it on Sunday.

14 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

15 MR. DELANEY: Okay, before we adjourn, we have
16 public comment period. And this is the time when anyone
17 from the public can comment on any one of the topics we
18 have discussed or raise new issues.

19 Is there anyone from the public who would like to
20 offer some advice or comment?

21 MR. REINHART: Anybody have anything back there?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. REINHART: George, Truro hasn't passed any
24 zoning bylaws that sort of reinforce what you're trying

1 to do in terms of keeping and preserving the Park in its
2 character of the Park state in terms of house size and
3 mansions and things like that. Is that still
4 troublesome at this point? Are there more things being
5 built in Truro that are beyond the scale of what you
6 would like to see? And should we as a commission --
7 since it seems like, you know, if the Park Service says
8 something, they get their backs up right away -- could
9 recommend maybe to the town or something that they get
10 on the stick about this? Because I know I've talked to
11 people in Truro who are really in favor of it, but they
12 have sort of a somewhat Neanderthal planning board, and
13 they don't bring anything really to the town, and yet it
14 seems like something that's pretty important that's
15 still ongoing.

16 MR. PRICE: Well, I'm not going to characterize the
17 planning board in those terms, but I think certainly we
18 regularly, Lauren and I -- and Lauren's the planner for
19 the Park. And I can't tell you how many meetings I've
20 been to in Truro with recommendations either about
21 particular parcels and projects or about their planning
22 efforts. I think they were very interested in what
23 happened in Wellfleet with the special town meeting and
24 that initiative from the community, and I thought,

1 frankly, Truro wasn't going to be very far behind
2 because of what happened at the Hopper Landscape with
3 that particular large structure, but obviously it didn't
4 seem like there was that much of a groundswell of focus
5 on it.

6 All I can say is the last round of zoning bylaws
7 proposals, we submitted our comments, but we certainly
8 didn't feel that they certainly would protect the
9 Seashore. On one hand, my business obviously is within
10 the boundary of the Seashore. That's what I'm
11 particularly concerned about. However, when you take a
12 look at all the Cape Cod communities, you all have these
13 special places that you live in, and it seems to me that
14 the Cape Cod character, as you would like to see it
15 preserved, goes beyond the Seashore boundary. So it
16 concerns me when these other projects happen, although I
17 don't officially have a say in it at all.

18 So I don't know what the solution is in Truro. I
19 recall having a meeting with the planning board, and one
20 of the individuals said, "Well, Truro's a pretty special
21 place, and we want to keep it that way" and "People
22 wouldn't build these large houses," but then I had to
23 remind him about the Hopper Landscape house. So it does
24 happen, and unless you have something more restrictive

1 in place for the long term -- I'm very pleased with what
2 Wellfleet did, and Eastham has had something on the
3 books all along, and obviously we just don't have that
4 much, you know, out of the boundary in either Chatham or
5 Orleans, so those towns are very different, but you all
6 seem to be pretty well on board with how you're having
7 your community look in the future.

8 Peter?

9 MR. WATTS: I just want to say that your letter was
10 read at the planning board meeting to deal with building
11 in Wellfleet outside of -- outside the National Seashore
12 and that there are proposals that are on the agenda now
13 for dealing with massing of structures and dealing with
14 living space rather than footprint area. All those
15 things are in front of the planning board.

16 MR. PRICE: You know, I think we can all figure
17 this out eventually.

18 Mary-Jo, you probably don't remember, but one of my
19 earliest meetings with you, we were talking about my
20 spiel, "The Seashore is 50 years old. I'm interested in
21 what's going to happen in the next 50 years." And you
22 made the comment -- I don't know if you remember this --
23 "Well, I don't know if the towns will be here in 50
24 years." And that I think when we take a look at

1 municipal management now and in the future, it's a
2 challenge. I mean, whether it's a school system,
3 whether it's a police department, whether it's a
4 department of public works, but in this particular case,
5 on the table has to do with the future of what the towns
6 are going to look like. And these are living towns.

7 MS. AVELLAR: Right.

8 MR. PRICE: They have needs of their citizens and
9 needs of people in order to attract and keep them
10 viable.

11 So, Peter, what's the challenge? What can be on
12 the books for bylaws that will still keep it a viable,
13 interested community and then yet preserve the Cape Cod
14 character, which is what I think we're all about?

15 MR. WATTS: Well, that term kept coming up at the
16 planning board meeting, the Cape Cod character, and
17 that's opposed by builders and developers.

18 MS. AVELLAR: But, you know, when you think
19 sometimes about -- (to Mr. Reinhart) and we talked about
20 this before you came in. There are these programs, for
21 example, to help people with low incomes or senior
22 citizens to do rehab on their homes, for example. And
23 practically the entire Town of Provincetown is what we
24 call the district, you know, the historic district.

1 (Larry Spaulding leaves the room.)

2 MS. AVELLAR: So one woman I know hadn't done any
3 work on her house in like, say, 50 years, and she went
4 in to have new windows and door -- you know, a new front
5 door and all that. So they want you to have -- and this
6 is when I think it gets a little whacky. They wanted
7 her to have a wooden front door. Well, wood warps. You
8 know, it doesn't last that long. And now there are
9 these composite materials out there that last forever
10 that look like wood, and unless you get right up to it
11 and touch it, you don't know that it isn't. And this
12 woman had to literally bring a letter from her doctor
13 saying that because of the severity of her diabetes and
14 stuff like that she really needed to have this composite
15 door. And so they said, "Okay, you can have it, but
16 when your family -- if and when you ever sell the house,
17 then you have to put a wooden door on."

18 (Laughter.)

19 MS. AVELLAR: So it's like you look at this door,
20 and they say, "Well, when the sun shines on it, you can
21 tell it's not wood." Well, that's not true.

22 And I mentioned when we were talking about -- was
23 it the Blasch property? Which was the one --

24 MR. WATTS: Blasch.

1 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, when we were talking about
2 that. And I reminded everybody how the castle that
3 burned down in Provincetown was replaced by the Gropius
4 home, and people thought it was hideous when I was a
5 kid. I mean, they went berserk. And now, you know,
6 when the guy bought the property, I mean, everybody went
7 out of their way to make sure that nothing was done.
8 Now, this is a glass house. There's nothing Cape Cod
9 about the Murchison property at all, the glass house.

10 And then I worry too about if somebody wants to put
11 solar panels on their homes now they may not be allowed
12 to do that because they can be viewed by somebody on
13 Commercial Street because the house is in the district.
14 So you run into these conflicts now between wanting to
15 be ecologically responsible, for example, maybe not
16 wanting to build a 7,000-square foot home, but then
17 there are other issues that come up having to do with
18 solar panels, having to do with green energy and using
19 green building materials that they won't let you use
20 because they want you to -- what they call the Cape Cod
21 character doesn't permit it.

22 So where do you draw the line between being
23 ecologically responsible, which I think is our primary
24 responsibility these days, and maintaining what we think

1 might be the Cape Cod character? It's not easy.

2 MR. WATTS: What you're talking about is common
3 sense, antique houses common sense, and you're talking
4 about overregulation.

5 MS. AVELLAR: That's what we have in Provincetown
6 in my opinion, is overregulation. And when the thing
7 came up with -- is it Bash or Blasch?

8 MR. PRICE: Blasch.

9 MS. AVELLAR: -- Blasch property, you know, I felt
10 at the time -- and, of course, everybody here disagreed
11 with me -- that the town's zoning bylaws permitted it.
12 But if you get the town to have the zoning bylaws that
13 prevent that, that's the way you have to go. So, like I
14 said earlier, I was kind of really shocked at Truro, you
15 know, just kind of like really stunned.

16 MR. PRICE: Well, going back to treatments and
17 whatnot -- that's why I'm very careful -- you don't want
18 George Price doing architectural criticism of your
19 structure. That's not what I'm about, and that's not
20 what the Seashore is about. What we focus on is scale
21 and mass. That really is what I think our legislation
22 is about, and that's where we came about it because
23 we're in the same boat, Mary-Jo, with the modern
24 structures that aren't even 50 years old yet and yet

1 they're considered, you know, historic because of their
2 historical significance.

3 So I think part of the Cape Cod character is the
4 ability to have some variety, but I think it's the scale
5 and mass piece that I was really focused on.

6 MR. DELANEY: I think there's a lot of interest in
7 this committee on this topic, as there is elsewhere in
8 the community. One, I think in terms of Tom's question,
9 what can we do? Your letter really I think has
10 articulated that issue of compatibility of scale, size
11 for the Park inside and outside. We are all going to
12 get that, but perhaps people should know that is a
13 public letter and is available. I think I'm speaking
14 correctly. At least, if not through you, through the
15 town, through the planning board and elsewhere. And
16 maybe there are people and citizens who aren't on the
17 planning board who would like to educate themselves
18 about it and develop their own opinion as what happened
19 in Wellfleet where the citizens really sort of took the
20 lead on this.

21 MS. AVELLAR: This is what a responsible press is
22 all about. And with all due respect to members of the
23 press who are here, these aren't the kinds of things
24 that are being covered anywhere in the local newspapers.

1 I mean, obituaries are considered classified ads now at
2 the *Cape Cod Times*. I happened to have first-hand
3 experience about that today. You know, and an obituary
4 is part of the history of the community, especially when
5 a famous person dies. Not only do they consider it a
6 classified ad, you have to write it and then you have to
7 pay them for the privilege of writing it yourself. They
8 don't even assign a reporter to it.

9 So a lot of the problems we have in the community
10 is that I don't think these conglomerates that own our
11 local newspapers anymore understand what's news, and
12 they don't cover it, and they don't cover it in depth,
13 and they don't continue it. You know, what's on the
14 front page isn't necessarily what's going on in your
15 community that's of great significance to your community
16 like these important issues. They're not being covered.

17 MS. LYONS: And it does come down to, you know,
18 land use and the whole planning and how are you going to
19 look at your town and what do you do. You can't keep
20 letting -- you know, we're only a certain size. So even
21 if everything got built out, we're going to be like that
22 island that's in -- the earth is flat where they
23 basically annihilate themselves because they eat
24 everything and use everything on the island that they're

1 on, and that's going to happen. So we have to look at
2 density. We have to look at re-rehabilitation and
3 building village centers and some sort of economic base
4 in these towns as opposed to just looking at tax basis
5 through big houses.

6 MR. PRICE: One of the things -- I'm sorry.

7 MR. WATTS: I just want to make a statement that
8 the Hatch house and the Biddle house that you now have
9 were both conceived to a large extent by Jack Hall, the
10 same person. One is a modernist masterpiece, and the
11 other is a restoration of an antique property, and it
12 goes with taste. Jack Hall had extremely good taste.

13 MS. LYONS: That's another good point. That has
14 everything to do with everything.

15 MR. REINHART: They're both moderate sized. My
16 question was really specific about would the Commission
17 be interested in writing a letter to Truro or something
18 and saying we're concerned about large houses in the
19 Truro Seashore and that the other two major communities
20 that are affected by this have put in some rules, and
21 their rules are way out of line with what the Seashore
22 has traditionally enforced for a long time. And we're
23 not talking about anything beyond mass and scale, and
24 that's very ecologically impactful also because one of

1 the biggest things for building a green house is not to
2 build such a big house. I mean, that's number one
3 really, the resource use and the continuing resource use
4 after it's built. It's very simple.

5 MR. DELANEY: Perhaps we could --

6 MR. PRICE: Lauren isn't here, so I'm not exactly
7 sure of the timing because I know what we responded to
8 was a proposal that they were proposing for town
9 meeting.

10 MS. AVELLAR: Which is coming up before our next
11 meeting.

12 MR. PRICE: Right.

13 MR. REINHART: Or even just recommending or saying
14 we would like to see this.

15 MR. DELANEY: I'm speaking now to the members of
16 the Commission. Perhaps we would be in agreement that
17 we would ask the superintendent to resubmit those
18 comments once again and release them --

19 MS. AVELLAR: To the press.

20 MR. DELANEY: -- as widely as possible, once again,
21 to help further our collective opinion that this is a
22 big issue for the Park and for Truro.

23 MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

24 MR. DELANEY: Is that agreeable? Bill?

1 MR. HAMMATT: Just a question. When that letter
2 went out -- and I'm sorry, but I haven't read it -- was
3 it done simply from you or with the backing and the
4 sentiment --

5 MR. PRICE: No, that was just mine.

6 MR. HAMMATT: Shouldn't the new letter perhaps have
7 a notation that it was discussed by the Commission
8 included?

9 MR. DELANEY: Yes. In fact, I think --

10 MR. PRICE: Maybe I'll do a cover letter to it
11 saying as a result of this meeting.

12 MR. DELANEY: That's kind of what I'm suggesting,
13 as a result and being asked by the Commission, the
14 Advisory Commission, to --

15 MR. PRICE: I'm not recalling. Erin, did we
16 include a copy of that letter from the last packet to
17 the Commission members? Would they have gotten it
18 already or no?

19 MR. PHILBRICK: I don't think so.

20 MS. DER-McLEOD: To the committee, no.

21 MR. REINHART: I'd like to see it.

22 MR. PHILBRICK: I would like to see it.

23 MR. REINHART: You might have to edit it, George.

24 MS. AVELLAR: Or e-mail it to us.

1 MR. DELANEY: So the motion -- and I think Mary-Jo
2 has moved it, and I'll restate that, is that the Cape
3 Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission requests that
4 Superintendent Price resubmit the National Park's
5 comment letters that were initially sent to the Truro
6 Planning Board regarding zoning changes and that he
7 include a cover letter articulating our feeling that
8 this is an important enough issue that they be
9 resubmitted again and brought to everybody's attention
10 and that we feel strongly about the issue.

11 MR. PRICE: Okay.

12 MR. PHILBRICK: Important enough and (inaudible)
13 enough.

14 MR. REINHART: Yeah, in the interest of preserving
15 the Park.

16 MS. AVELLAR: And mindful that we're also a sole
17 source aquifer here. I mean, how many people can look
18 at a 6,000-square foot home when you've got a dwindling
19 population on the Cape and it's seasonal, for God's
20 sake?

21 MR. REINHART: It will be abandoned.

22 MS. AVELLAR: What?

23 MR. REINHART: It will be abandoned. The next
24 generation it will be abandoned.

1 MR. DELANEY: Any other discussion? Maureen, would
2 you like to --

3 MS. BURGESS: Just since we're talking about Truro
4 and I happen to be from Truro, it's not exactly on this
5 topic, but it's going to be a critical issue. I don't
6 know if you realize that there's been tremendous and
7 unusual change in terms of wind erosion on the bay side,
8 and in part of the Truro area, there's been a terrific
9 amount of erosion where there are large houses near the
10 cliffs. And apparently one of the things that's going
11 to be put up on the town meeting agenda is that there's
12 a group who are going to be attempting to overturn the
13 decisions of the conservation committee which is charged
14 with implementing the Wetlands Protection Act. So
15 there's going to be some division about what the rights
16 are of the property owners and what they can do to help
17 prevent erosion as opposed to what the conservation
18 committee has put forward. So I know that's going to be
19 --

20 MS. REINHART: So seawalls or (inaudible) and stuff
21 on the dunes?

22 MS. BURGESS: Yes, yes. There was another Kline
23 property further down on that side, and I don't know if
24 you're aware of it, but a tremendous amount of money was

1 spent over the summer taking sand down to that property.
2 It was actually brought from Plymouth because someone
3 decided that the sand from Plymouth was more likely as
4 to what should be there, and they did a tremendous
5 amount of damage to the beach on that side taking the
6 sand up to the Kline property, the other Kline property,
7 and planted sea grass and put up -- well, first of all,
8 all of the fences that have been put up to ostensibly
9 stop the erosion of the dunes, you can go through
10 sections and you can see -- you can see light under the
11 fences. I mean, they're totally -- they're totally
12 useless, and all of that work that was done on the
13 property that I mentioned has virtually been washed
14 away, the grass, you know, everything that was done. So
15 it's a hot topic in Truro right now.

16 MS. AVELLAR: It's going to take about three or
17 four years for the grass to take anyway.

18 MS. BURGESS: Yeah.

19 MS. AVELLAR: So it's a little too late.

20 MR. REINHART: Grass won't stop the ocean. I mean,
21 that's absurd.

22 MS. BURGESS: And talking about Truro, there is in
23 my opinion a lot of conflict of interest about some of
24 the people who are on the committees. There are a lot

1 of Realtors on these committees, and I think that may be
2 part of the problem.

3 MS. AVELLAR: Well, this is a problem all the towns
4 are facing because in my town you can barely get -- you
5 can barely find enough people to be on a committee. And
6 now I understand there's going to be an article in our
7 warrant to allow nonvoting second homeowners to like be
8 able to vote on things. Of course, I'm going to be
9 against that. I mean, you make a choice. If you want
10 to live in Boston, you vote in Boston. You register to
11 vote in Provincetown, you vote in Provincetown, but you
12 shouldn't be able to do it in two places. You know what
13 I'm saying?

14 MS. BURGESS: And most of the houses are second
15 houses that this is --

16 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, more than 50 percent in my town
17 is.

18 MS. BURGESS: It is affecting. I know it's not
19 directly on a topic you were talking about, but it is --

20 MR. DELANEY: It's parallel and it's timely, and I
21 know my Center for Coastal Studies geologists have been
22 trying to educate people about let nature take its
23 course and adjust accordingly.

24 MR. PRICE: We have a field trip down to Chatham to

1 the spit again. There are Park Service-owned structures
2 out there that we have to decide what's going to happen
3 to them.

4 MR. HAMMATT: To the island.

5 MR. PRICE: To the island.

6 MS. AVELLAR: Can you move them?

7 MR. PRICE: (Shakes head.)

8 MR. DELANEY: So I think just to stay on point for
9 a minute, I want to thank you for raising that. And I
10 think it's important to maybe even have that on next
11 month's agenda, this whole shoreline change, coastal
12 erosion, conservation commission decisions highlighting
13 Truro's most recent (inaudible). I know Chatham's been
14 there, all the towns. I think we should really hear
15 that out thoroughly and see which direction that's
16 heading and if we can be of some service.

17 In the meantime, we do have a motion on the table
18 to ask the superintendent -- request the superintendent
19 to send the letter that was described a minute ago.

20 Is there any discussion on that? Tom?

21 MR. REINHART: I would just like to see the wording
22 of the letter before you send it out because I'm not
23 sure how it works with what I said. Is it perfectly
24 aligned with what I'm talking about us recommending that

1 Truro -- that they protect the Seashore in terms of the
2 mass and scale -- present mass and scale?

3 MR. PRICE: Well, I think I can -- you know, I'll
4 summarize and say these are some of the issues the
5 Advisory Commission is concerned about, but if you all
6 wanted to send your own letter, an independent letter,
7 you'll be able to do that as well.

8 MR. REINHART: Okay.

9 MS. LYONS: So I put forward the -- I'll second the
10 motion.

11 MR. DELANEY: Second the motion. The motion from
12 Mary-Jo has a second from Sheila.

13 Any more discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by saying
16 aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. DELANEY: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DELANEY: It carries unanimously. Thank you.
21 Good.

22 Peter?

23 MR. WATTS: The Nickerson Fellowship is going to be
24 on the agenda?

1 MR. DELANEY: Yes.

2 All right, just to complete the agenda next month
3 -- next meeting's agenda, we'll have a major focus on
4 shoreline erosion and coastal processes. We have a
5 brainstorming session about topics, priority topics for
6 the Nickerson Fellowship's next round.

7 Anything else that Commission members would like to
8 be sure is on our agenda?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. DELANEY: Stefanie, could I ask maybe would at
11 that point you like to report for the congressman about
12 some of the emerging priorities that he sees in the
13 district at that point? Is that -- would you want --

14 MS. COXE: Sure. From a budgetary perspective?

15 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, either and all. I know you're
16 making the rounds and he's making the rounds and
17 beginning to see things.

18 MS. COXE: Sure, I mean, I could give an update.

19 MR. DELANEY: If there's something that seems
20 relevant. Not a big long, but if there's something you
21 can give us a quick update, that would be helpful.

22 MR. PHILBRICK: In May?

23 MR. DELANEY: Yes.

24 MR. PRICE: And then I suspect that I will be

1 offering a field trip to the Visitors Center that day,
2 so you'll be able to see the Wampanoag exhibit as well
3 as the map, and we'll talk a little about the design of
4 it and some of the people that were involved.

5 MR. DELANEY: Okay, any other issues?

6 (No response.)

7 **ADJOURNMENT**

8 MR. DELANEY: Otherwise I'll entertain a motion to
9 adjourn.

10 MR. SABIN: So moved.

11 MR. DELANEY: So moved. Second?

12 MR. PHILBRICK: Second.

13 MR. DELANEY: All in favor?

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. DELANEY: Thank you very much.

16 (Whereupon, at 2:59 p.m. the proceedings were
17 adjourned.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

PLYMOUTH, SS

I, Linda M. Corcoran, a Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that:

The foregoing 99 pages comprises a true, complete, and accurate transcript to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission at Marconi Station Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on Monday, March 14, 2011, commencing at 1:05 p.m.

I further certify that I am a disinterested person to these proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal this 27th day of April, 2011.

Linda M. Corcoran - Court Reporter
My commission expires:
September 13, 2013