***CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION*** ***TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING***

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station

Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on Monday, March 30, 2015, commencing at 1:01 p.m.

SITTING:

Richard Delaney, Chairman Larry Spaulding

Don Nuendel Lilli Green Joseph Craig Sheila Lyons Mary-Jo Avellar Mark Robinson Maureen Burgess

Robert Summersgill, alternate Also present:

George Price, Superintendent

Kathy Tevyaw, Assistant Superintendent Lauren McKean, Park Planner

Susan Moynihan, Chief of Interpretation & Cultural Resources Jason Taylor, Chief of Natural Resources & Science Division Nancy Doucette, Assistant to Superintendent

Audience members

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# P R O C E E D I N G S

1. MR. DELANEY: Good afternoon, everyone. I can see
2. a full house here, it looks like.
3. I'm pleased to call to order the 298th meeting of
4. the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission. So
5. Maureen just reminded me that probably means our

7 September meeting is likely to be the 300th meeting.

1. MS. LYONS: Wow.
2. MR. DELANEY: Which should be a big deal milestone.
3. George will be buying drinks for everybody.
4. MS. LYONS: That's great.

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. MR. DELANEY: We do have an agenda that's been sent
2. out in advance.
3. Can I have a motion to adopt it?
4. MS. AVELLAR: So moved.
5. MR. DELANEY: Second?
6. MS. BURGESS: Second.
7. MS. LYONS: Second.
8. MR. DELANEY: All in favor?
9. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
10. MR. DELANEY: Good. We worked off that.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (JANUARY 12, 2015)

1. MR. DELANEY: You also have some minutes from our
   1. previous meeting, which is January 12, and those are
   2. open for review.
   3. I'm looking to our Eastham rep to fill in the gaps.
   4. MR. NUENDEL: Yeah, we took a look at it. Nat's
   5. not here today because of a commitment. The only thing
   6. I really saw of any importance, Nat Goddard's name
   7. should be down here as an alternate. He was at the
   8. meeting.
   9. We probably forgot to tell you or whatever the
   10. reason. So he should be on there.
   11. Other than that, I didn't see anything that's very
   12. -- they look good.
   13. MR. DELANEY: Good, okay.
   14. MS. BURGESS: May I?
   15. MR. DELANEY: Anyone else? Maureen?
   16. MS. BURGESS: Sorry to nitpick.
   17. MR. NUENDEL: Well, I found a couple of nitpicks,
   18. but I don't know if it's what the person said or what
   19. was written.
   20. THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
   21. (Laughter.)
   22. MR. NUENDEL: There's a dollar sign missing, and
   23. there's a *they* that potentially could be missing.
   24. MS. BURGESS: I didn't get that obsessive, but I
       1. did have one, Linda. Let me see. I think page 79. It
       2. was just -- yeah, page 79, line 23 there were remarks
       3. attributed to me, and they really should be attributed
       4. to Mr. Delaney. I'm really not conversant in ocean
       5. management, so that should be Rich's. And the other
       6. things, as you said, were just minor.
       7. MR. NUENDEL: You don't know if they're really
       8. typos actually.
       9. MR. DELANEY: Okay, good. Hearing no other
       10. changes, with that one proper sighting of the ocean
       11. management comment, is there a motion to accept?
       12. MS. AVELLAR: Accept. Move.
       13. MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by saying
       14. aye.
       15. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
       16. MR. DELANEY: Those opposed?
       17. (No response.)
       18. MR. DELANEY: It carries. Thank you.
       19. MR. SPAULDING: Rich, and that motion included
       20. putting Mr. Goddard as present?
       21. MR. DELANEY: Yes.
       22. MR. NUENDEL: Right.
       23. MR. DELANEY: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry. Thank you.
       24. Okay, good.
           1. So Lilli Green is at the table today as the
           2. alternate from Wellfleet because of some sad news. Tom
           3. Reinhart is in the hospital battling lymphoma. And it's
           4. obviously serious, so I just want to let you know, share
           5. that.
           6. Maureen has a card, a get well card that I'd like
           7. to circulate.
           8. MS. LYONS: Good.
           9. MR. DELANEY: So as we go during the meeting today,
           10. if you just want to put a well wish on it to wish him
           11. well.
           12. I haven't heard any updates this week, but he's
           13. been there for some time now.
           14. Lilli, do you know?
           15. MS. GREEN: Yes.
           16. MR. ROBINSON: Where is he?
           17. MR. DELANEY: Mass. General.
           18. MS. GREEN: No, he's actually at Beth Israel.
           19. MR. DELANEY: Oh, Beth Israel.
           20. MS. GREEN: He may come home this week, but the
           21. regiment calls for treatments well into late spring,
           22. early summer. They're hopeful. And he is responding,
           23. and he is getting better.
           24. MR. DELANEY: That's good. That's good. It's a
               1. serious disease obviously.
               2. So just if you'd care to sign a note to him, that
               3. would be terrific.

# REPORTS OF OFFICERS

* + - * 1. MR. DELANEY: No other reports from officers.

# REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

* + - * 1. MR. DELANEY: And then we will go to our reports
        2. from subcommittees, and I will ask Maureen to update us
        3. on the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Planning
        4. Subcommittee.
        5. UPDATE OF PILGRIM NUCLEAR PLANT EMERGENCY
        6. PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE STATE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS
        7. MS. BURGESS: Mr. Chairman, we have a new member to
        8. the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Planning
        9. Subcommittee. Lilli Green would like to be involved in
        10. that subcommittee.
        11. MR. DELANEY: Terrific.
        12. MS. BURGESS: And Lilli is going to be reporting on
        13. a meeting that she had representing us to some other
        14. folks up at the State House, which occurred the day
        15. after our last meeting.
        16. But before I go to Lilli, I'll just point out that
        17. in your packets you have the most recent bills, and
        18. Lilli will probably speak to that a little bit. You

1. should have the most recent bills that are all around
2. the issue of safety at Pilgrim, and they include bills
3. put forward by our representative, Sarah Peake, and our
4. senator, Dan Wolf. And they have to do with a number of
5. things, including real-time radiological monitoring that
6. we could be aware of out here on the Cape if there was
7. an event rather than being reliant on sources on the
8. mainland. And they also have to do with expanding the
9. emergency planning zone to 50 miles, and I'll let Lilli
10. when she reports go into that a little bit further.
11. Since our last meeting, shortly thereafter there
12. were two events that affected Pilgrim, two storms; first
13. on the 27th, Juno. And during that storm, Pilgrim had
14. an unplanned shutdown, and then it was followed shortly
15. thereafter, after they had just been back online a
16. couple of days after being off-line for a while -- it
17. was followed by storm Neptune, which they did power down
18. for. And basically you're probably all familiar with
19. those events, but if anybody wants a real description
20. other than my layman's description of what the events
21. were around Neptune, I do have a handout with schematics
22. from a scientist named David Lochbaum. And if anybody
23. would like more detail on what happened, I'd be happy to
24. copy that for you.
    1. But basically four things happened. The first
    2. thing that was responsible for that scram was a loss of
    3. electrical input to the plant, which just goes to show
    4. you that it does not require a seismic event or a
    5. tsunami. Anything that interrupts electrical input to
    6. the plant is a problem. So that was the first blow, and
    7. then that was followed by a problem with the injection
    8. of coolant into the system. And again, I'm not an
    9. engineer. Then there was a problem with a safety valve
    10. again. There was a problem with a safety valve. And
    11. finally the last problem was instrumentation where they
    12. were not able to discern accurately the amount of cool
    13. water coming from the bay. So as a result of all four
    14. events, the plant was powered down and was off-line for
    15. over a week as I recall.
    16. So in short, shortly thereafter the NRC inspectors
    17. did come in, and the plant has been degraded even
    18. further. I think last year we were talking about it
    19. being one of the ninth most problematic plants in the
    20. country, and now it's been downgraded to one of the four
    21. worst-performing plants in the country.
    22. So again, if anybody wants -- and you also have
    23. received some other information in your packet which
    24. includes the bills. And we did get that letter out to
25. the Governor, which I think Larry suggested at the last
26. meeting. That went out. You have a copy of that. It
27. went out to Governor Baker on the 12th. And then we got
28. a response because I guess it was cc'd to Elizabeth
29. Warren. We got a response from Senator Warren. So that
30. was very nice.
31. I see that there is a familiar face some of you may
32. vaguely remember who may want to speak up during public
33. comment. Mr. Thomas is here in the audience today, our
34. former alternate from Wellfleet. So I think he has some
35. additional information for us.
36. Maybe you'll share it during *Public Comment*, Ted.
37. AUDIENCE MEMBER (TED THOMAS): Sure.
38. MS. BURGESS: So may I just ask Lilli to tell us
39. about her visit to the State House.
40. MR. DELANEY: Sure, Lilli. Go ahead.
41. MS. GREEN: Thank you. And I'll be very brief.
42. Maureen had asked if I was interested in going, and
43. I did have available time. I ended up going with Diane
44. Turco from the Cape Downwinders and several of the
45. people that have been working with Diane, and it was
46. really interesting just the ride up and back because
47. they were talking about the problems in more depth than
48. what Maureen has talked about. But what's fascinating
49. was the meeting with Sarah Peake and Dan Wolf, you know,
50. our representative and our senator. Not only were they
51. receptive to Diane's request for bills, but Senator Wolf
52. actually had his staff researching this topic and had
53. prepared two additional bills on his own initiative.
54. So they expressed their appreciation to this body
55. and to the Seashore for expressing concerns about
56. Pilgrim, and they actually requested that we continue to
57. do so, if we'd consider to take further action at the
58. next meeting, that the letters and the support in the
59. direction of trying to move this plant to a place where
60. it's shut down would be much appreciated.
61. So the bills are in the packet, and if anyone has
62. any questions, I'd be glad to...
63. MS. BURGESS: Lilli, Larry was asking when would
64. you think that there'd be any movement on them.
65. MS. GREEN: I don't know exactly, but from other
66. bills that I've worked with Representative Peake on,
67. they've been introduced one year and then they've been
68. assigned to committees, and it's not until the following
69. year when the hearings are held. But I think that
70. especially Senator Wolf would appreciate if we would
71. support a letter -- we would write or we would give --
72. if George was directed to write a letter on behalf of
73. the Advisory Commission in support of the legislation
74. expressing concern about the safety of the visitors to
75. the Park and that we were concerned about people within
76. our towns.
77. MS. BURGESS: So actually, Lilli, we did write a
78. letter to Dan Wolf on January 12 expressing our support
79. for legislation to expand the radiological plume
80. exposure emergency planning zone.
81. MS. GREEN: And Sarah Peake expanded that to 50
82. miles, and she felt that that would be drawing in other
83. legislators that, rightfully so, would be concerned
84. about that for their communities. So they're asking us
85. to go beyond that too, that they expressed an interest
86. in us going beyond that.
87. MR. DELANEY: Thanks.
88. Mark?
89. MR. ROBINSON: Do you know the committee's
90. schedule? I mean, which committees it will stop at?
91. MS. GREEN: I don't know. The copies that you have
92. are the latest copies that Senator Wolf's office had.
93. They were forwarded to me at the end of last week.
94. MR. ROBINSON: I was just wondering if it was the
95. Environment Committee or Public Safety.
96. MS. BURGESS: Well, last year when Ted and I went
    1. up to -- the summer before this to speak in favor, it
    2. was Public Health.
    3. MR. ROBINSON: Public Health.
    4. MS. BURGESS: But if you notice -- and I was saying
    5. this to Larry -- what's nice is more senators and
    6. representatives are getting on board with this. You'll
    7. see that there are bills that are not only coming from
    8. Peake and Wolf, but Cantwell and different people with,
    9. you know, a little different spin on them and some being
    10. somewhat redundant, but I know previously it was Public
    11. Health, Joint Committee on Public Health.
    12. MR. ROBINSON: Right, I just know the new vice
    13. chairman of the Environment Committee is Brian Mannal,
    14. who's the state rep from Barnstable, so he might be
    15. useful.
    16. MS. BURGESS: Well, we can stay on top of that.
    17. And if I may, Mr. Chair, this is not an exclusive
    18. club, our subcommittee. Anybody is welcome to join.
    19. Originally it was Sheila and Mary-Jo, myself, and Ted.
    20. Now we've got Lilli. But we're not meeting formally,
    21. but if people wanted that, we could do that. We did in
    22. the beginning. But anybody is welcome to do some work
    23. on this and share.
    24. MR. DELANEY: Thanks.
97. George?
98. MR. PRICE: Just as a point of information, Lilli
99. mentioned if we could write a letter or if you could
100. advise me to write the letter or what have you. Just so
101. you know how it works, the Advisory Commission writes
102. their own letter and it's signed by your chair. That's
103. the role of the Advisory Commission. And then what my
104. letters have been has been in concurrence and support of
105. these particular initiatives. So it's really two
106. different actions; one coming from the Advisory
107. Commission, one coming from me as the Park
108. superintendent. And I've written my letters in
109. consultation with our regional office that the Park
110. Service has said yes. Obviously the Cape Cod National
111. Seashore has a legitimate concern here and has agreed
112. that I should send these letters on our own.
113. MR. DELANEY: So there are several letters. We're
114. on record, as you know, several places, several times
115. with letters. They can always be referenced back to, so
116. as you make your grounds or if you find that you need
117. some support for legislation, you know, any of those
118. previous letters are still germane. They can be reused
119. and referenced, but if you think there's a new angle
120. that we need to specifically address, we'd be happy to
121. do that too. So you let us know either way.
122. Mary-Jo?
123. MS. AVELLAR: And I think it's also important to
124. keep on the selectmen and involve all of our towns, of
125. course, but maybe even through the County Selectmen's
126. Association to keep sending letters of support to all
127. these bills that keep getting proposed at the General
128. Court so that they understand that it's not just our
129. seashore area that's worried about it, but everybody on
130. Cape Cod is affected by it.
131. MR. DELANEY: Good point.
132. MS. GREEN: Might I ask a question --
133. MR. DELANEY: Yeah.
134. MS. GREEN: -- to one of the members at the table?
135. (To Mr. Spaulding) I mean, is there an angle that
136. we could write the letter that you see?
137. MR. SPAULDING: I just looked at the bills 15-20
138. minutes ago, so I can't really say without --
139. MS. GREEN: Or just even the letters that we've
140. written in the past to make the language more cleaner?
141. MR. SPAULDING: My gut reaction is I think you need
142. to have this process go a lot further so we don't start
143. getting involved too early. When it's actually getting
144. to a committee stage, then I think it would be worth
145. taking another look at it and moving forward.
146. MS. GREEN: Would there be any opportunity for us
147. to write a letter just expressing concern without
148. referencing the bill?
149. MR. DELANEY: That's my point. We've done that
150. several times.
151. MS. LYONS: Yeah, we've done that several times.
152. MR. DELANEY: So rather than become a broken
153. record, I think Larry was suggesting strategically
154. placed future letters would be -- that's why you can
155. always -- you can always bring those back up and
156. reference them again.
157. MS. AVELLAR: I'm always of the squeaky wheel
158. mentality, that you just have to keep on them all the
159. time.
160. MS. GREEN: And that's why I think that if we wrote
161. yet another letter and if we followed it up, I mean,
162. that might help move things along.
163. MR. DELANEY: I would be happy if Maureen as chair
164. could always send one of our letters with a note saying,
165. "By the way, so-and-so, this is a letter that was sent
166. out that's germane."
167. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, we can just go all the way back
168. to January of 2012.
     1. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, you could resend them around.
     2. You could put a cover letter on them as chair of the
     3. subcommittee. That's fine. Because those are the
     4. official positions that we've taken, and there's no
     5. reason we can't use them strategically as the committee
     6. moves forward.
     7. MS. LYONS: Right, because once it starts to get
     8. into committee work, that's where changes start to occur
     9. or things start to be added or subtracted, and that's
     10. where we want to be able to say, "No, it should be the
     11. way it's written or not written. It should be added or
     12. subtracted" and voice it there.
     13. And I have no problem authorizing our subcommittee
     14. to write a letter. Say we're not going to meet now
     15. until two more months and something starts to occur,
     16. you know, all you would have to do is contact the
     17. advisory board through Rich, I guess, and say, "Can I
     18. respond on behalf of --" -- I mean, I have no problem in
     19. giving that authority since we're all in agreement that
     20. this is an issue and "Just give us your draft" and
     21. everybody say, "Fine, send it" and that you don't have
     22. to wait for another meeting. We might miss an
     23. opportunity if it's in committee. Maybe not between now
     24. and the next meeting, but between -- you know, once it
169. starts revving up into the year.
170. MS. BURGESS: Yeah.
171. MS. LYONS: I don't have a problem with that. So
172. we might want to think about that as well.
173. MR. DELANEY: I'm agreeing. I'm saying we're all
174. clear that the position of this group is 100 percent
175. absolutely clear. Your subcommittee is our strategic
176. guide and tactical guide, so if you see opportunities
177. either, as I say, an old letter send again or if you
178. think it does call for a new letter, I'm happy to do
179. that.
180. MS. LYONS: Right.
181. MR. DELANEY: But think strategically, as Larry
182. suggested and Sheila is reinforcing. If one of these
183. bills starts to have some legs and it's moving or it's
184. being derailed, we need to weigh in at that critical
185. point with a new letter.
186. MS. BURGESS: There is the opportunity to testify
187. at the committee meetings. That's what Mr. Thomas and I
188. did when Sarah Peake tried to get this bill -- one of
189. her bills through a previous session, and that was the
190. Joint Committee on Public Health. So we can always do
191. that too.
192. MS. LYONS: Right. So when they do that, just send
     1. that out. If I'm available, I'm happy to...
     2. MS. BURGESS: It's an interesting process.
     3. MR. DELANEY: Okay, Maureen, thank you.
     4. Lilli, thank you.
     5. Let's keep moving then to the Nickerson Fellowship.
     6. NICKERSON FELLOWSHIP
     7. MS. BURGESS: Okay, there's been a little flurry of
     8. activity around that lately.
     9. Krista Lee from the Park Service is taking in the
     10. proposals for the fellowship, these research proposals,
     11. and there seems to be a small number coming in. We're
     12. still waiting for a few, but basically we're hoping to
     13. get those, read them, and then meet as a committee
     14. probably it looks like the end of April.
     15. So again, not an exclusive committee. If anybody
     16. else wants to join me on this, you're welcome to. I
     17. guess I'm the chair, but the other people -- and I think
     18. Mr. Hurter is here. Mr. Hurter is on the committee from
     19. the Friends. Ms. Parmelee from the Friends. Mr. Riehl
     20. from Friends of Herring River; is that correct? And
     21. John Portnoy we've enlisted. Did I forget anybody? I
     22. think that's it. But anybody who wants to read
     23. proposals, come on in.
     24. MS. LYONS: Were there specific parameters around
         1. the proposal, or was it just, you know, "Give us your
         2. proposal"?
         3. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, there is a parameter, and I can
         4. -- it's referenced on the -- it's actually on the Cape
         5. Cod National Seashore website under Atlantic Research
         6. Lab, I think, the Nick-- -- or, no, no, sorry. It's on
         7. the Friends, isn't it? It's on the Friends website.
         8. Yeah, there are. It has to deal with things
         9. germane to the natural resources, or it could be
         10. cultural resources. But from my few years on it, it's
         11. been natural resources. I mean, where else are you
         12. going to -- how would I know that ants actually
         13. transported broom crowberry seeds if I hadn't gotten
         14. involved in this?
         15. MS. LYONS: You didn't have a chance to read that
         16. proposal?
         17. MS. BURGESS: Oh, yeah, that was two years ago.
         18. MR. DELANEY: That presumes you can find all the
         19. reports, of course, which raises another topic that Mark
         20. has spotlighted for us that I think is important. And
         21. I'll ask Mark to comment, but I will preface this by
         22. saying the Nickerson Fellowship is a very special part
         23. of our existence. It's been around for a long time
         24. honoring Joshua Nickerson, and it's really important to
193. have an outreach -- it's an outreach mechanism for us.
194. And I'm a little disappointed to hear the lack of
195. proposals or the small number because this really should
196. be an important opportunity for young researchers to
197. really compete.
198. So I know that sort of side discussions have been
199. going on with several of you. Can we increase its
200. visibility? Can we bring out some of the past reports
201. and make them more visible for people and accessible for
202. people and potentially raise some more money so there
203. may be more incentive for people?
204. MS. BURGESS: That may be one of the reasons
205. there's not more --
206. MR. DELANEY: I know there's some of that
207. discussion going on.
208. Mark, do you want to elaborate on that?
209. MR. ROBINSON: Well, I opened my big mouth last
210. time, and I said, gee, we should raise more money and
211. get some more research being done or bigger research
212. projects or more research projects and tie it into a
213. theme around the 100th anniversary of the Park Service;
214. working title, Centennial Fund or whatever. So I wanted
215. to put together a little summary of what this fund would
216. be, what the fund is for and why we want to boost it,
217. and how it's been helpful in the past.
218. So that just led us to kind of a treasure hunt to
219. find the old reports that I could summarize in a one-
220. page format. And eureka, Bruce found them. Apparently
221. they're up at the Highlands Center.
222. MR. DELANEY: Oh, good.
223. MR. ROBINSON: Did you have any luck?
224. AUDIENCE MEMBER (BRUCE HURTER): No.
225. MR. ROBINSON: No? And they're not. So the
226. mystery continues.
227. This is Bruce Hurter from the Friends of the
228. National Seashore.
229. MR. DELANEY: Since this is germane to this
230. particular topic, go ahead since you're a member of the
231. subcommittee. Please help us.
232. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): So I started last
233. year. I'm Bruce Hurter. I'm a member of the Friends,
234. and I'm the Friends' representative on the committee.
235. So Maureen's the chair. And this is all broken down in
236. some of the historical records. What's up there is the
237. historical records and a few of the old papers that were
238. done, mainly the ones that have been published. The
239. newer ones weren't there, so that remains an issue.
240. I just wanted to address a couple of things that
     1. the Friends are doing because what -- this fund has like
     2. $57,000 right now in it. And that may sound like a lot,
     3. but basically it was set up with 50,000 with the thought
     4. that at 6 percent we could fund a $3,000 project per
     5. year. So at 6 percent it did. At 1.25 percent, which
     6. is where it is right now, that doesn't work. So what
     7. the Friends has done is we've put some money into it.
     8. So we've put a couple thousand dollars over the last
     9. couple of years. This year we're putting it, along with
     10. the Penniman House, on our envelopes. So it's just
     11. those two funds. Some of the other less useful funds
     12. we're not doing. And then what we do is to try to
     13. manage that money above the 50,000. Some of this stuff
     14. in the history would go below 50,000 when we'd give the
     15. money out. There was actually a letter. None of this
     16. -- maybe you know, Maureen, but for me it's like trying
     17. to figure out how this works. There isn't a legal
     18. format that I've found. It's kind of "This is the way
     19. it is, and what do you think about 50,000?" That went
     20. to the Nickerson family who said, "Sounds good. Let's
     21. kind of keep it at that."
     22. Right now we're not -- we have enough for a couple
     23. of years, but when Mark said, gee, it may be a
     24. possibility, my excitement was, boy, if we could get
241. $10,000 for this fund, it would be terrific. Even
242. though the last couple of years we just had a few
243. people. Now we have three, and I just read them.
244. Have you read them, Maureen, yet?
245. MS. BURGESS: No, not yet.
246. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): But I think both
247. last year and this year, even though we only have three,
248. they've been great projects. I really thought all three
249. of them have been good this year, same thing. And I
250. think if John's on the committee, that in itself -- John
251. Portnoy is on the committee -- I think that in itself
252. will raise the profile of this.
253. So I think that there are some reasons -- there may
254. be other ways to handle the RFP in some things, but I'm
255. not as discouraged. Getting it on the computer has been
256. -- finding those has been an issue. And there are three
257. of them that are on; two that are really on and one
258. that's sort of a fuzzy summary. All these have to be --
259. the papers are all done because the way we handle it is
260. we have, say, thirty-five to give out -- thirty-five
261. hundred. Three thousand will go to the person for test
262. tubes or whatever they're doing. The other five hundred
263. we hold until the paper is done.
264. So somewhere out there papers are done.
     1. Unfortunately, it hasn't gone into a computer site. And
     2. in talking with Mark, I wholeheartedly agree -- and I
     3. know Jason could talk to this, but really what should
     4. happen is -- we have a meeting that's now at the Visitor
     5. Center where people present a lot of the projects that
     6. are done at the Seashore. The Nickerson -- the person
     7. who got the Nickerson scholarship always presents. So
     8. just download it and we're good, but right now it hasn't
     9. been. And people probably know Megan Tyrrell, who was
     10. responsible, has left for a different job, so things are
     11. kind of up in the air.
     12. So good news and bad news. The bad news is that
     13. even though there are some papers, the most recent ones
     14. are not in those -- in those files, and it remains an
     15. issue.
     16. MR. ROBINSON: So some of it might be to go back to
     17. the original researchers and just say, "Hey, can you
     18. e-mail us a copy of your report?" If you can find them.
     19. They may be students who have moved on. Who knows,
     20. but...
     21. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): And I think for the
     22. last few, '14, '12, and '11 are in there. And I think
     23. for last year -- or '13. And I think for last year
     24. Alexis Fischer is still at WHOI, and she had her own
265. website, and it should be very easy to get her to give
266. us a summary. My understanding is that there's going to
267. be someone working on this. I'm happy to make some
268. calls, but I think --
269. MR. ROBINSON: So what you found are some paper
270. reports in the Truro lab?
271. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): Correct. When there
272. has been a published report, there have been some
273. published reports that are up there, but it's very hit
274. and miss.
275. MR. ROBINSON: So they're not digital? They're
276. paper?
277. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): Well, there are some
278. digital. Again, three years out of the last four, there
279. are digital reports on the computer, and I'll give you
280. the thing for that.
281. MR. ROBINSON: Okay.
282. MS. LYONS: Can I?
283. MR. DELANEY: Sure.
284. MS. LYONS: Where do you send this RFPO to? I
285. mean, how do you do it?
286. MS. BURGESS: There's a list server that Megan
287. Tyrrell used to use and I guess Krista did.
288. Is that correct, Jason?
289. MR. TAYLOR: Yeah, yes. And all of the science
290. staff by the Seashore distributed it to all of their
291. professional networks and associations. I don't have
292. the list with me, but I asked everybody to respond back
293. to me with the complete list of where they sent it.
294. There are many, many dozens of places this advertisement
295. was distributed.
296. MS. LYONS: But it's mostly research centers in
297. themselves? They're not universities or anything like
298. that?
299. MR. TAYLOR: Well, they're either research
300. (inaudible) or academic professionally (inaudible) at
301. universities. They're basically using their
302. professional networks to distribute this.
303. MS. LYONS: Okay.
304. MS. BURGESS: Just on the Atlantic Research
305. webpage, there is a listing of the previous reports, but
306. it only goes up to 2/12. So the most recent ones aren't
307. listed there, and there's no link.
308. MR. ROBINSON: So those lists of titles could be
309. hyperlinked to a PDF that's stored on a server somewhere
310. so that anybody could look at it at any time. That's
311. what I'm trying to accomplish.
312. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): Some of the old
     1. reports are. I have a couple. I brought one with me,
     2. in fact. In fact, the broom crowberry is just to say it
     3. sounds -- it's not as sexy as many of the projects that
     4. have been funded, but actually what's important is the
     5. coastal heathlands, restoration of coastal healthlands,
     6. and there's something in there that really talks about
     7. the right time to burn. And it may or may not be
     8. something that pans out, but sometimes these things that
     9. look like the Ig Nobel awards really can have some --
     10. MS. BURGESS: Merit.
     11. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): Some merit.
     12. MS. BURGESS: And, Mr. Chairman, one of the reasons
     13. maybe we're not getting the papers is because the award
     14. is small, and if we could get more money, we might
     15. attract more people to apply.
     16. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, yeah. Good. Well, I just
     17. applaud the fact that you guys are paying more
     18. attention. And it's a great resource, as I said. If
     19. more money could be generated, it certainly I would
     20. think would solicit more numbers, but I'm glad to hear
     21. those who are submitting proposals are submitting
     22. quality proposals. That's excellent.
     23. And I don't know if we need to take any direct
     24. actions as a group, except to say thank you for your
313. efforts, Bruce and Mark and Maureen and others who are
314. involved.
315. MR. ROBINSON: I need the committee to assign me
316. the task, set a deadline of making up the promo piece
317. for the Centennial Fund.
318. MR. DELANEY: Oh, okay, so that's how this thing --
319. that's the genesis?
320. MR. ROBINSON: Tell me.
321. MR. DELANEY: Okay, so get --
322. MR. ROBINSON: So tell me to do this. He used to
323. be my boss. He can tell me.
324. MR. DELANEY: Mark, you're going to have to get --
325. since the centennial's coming up next year, you will
326. need to have all of this Nickerson fellowship papers and
327. references in shape by our next meeting in September.
328. MS. BURGESS: Not May? Not May, right?
329. MR. DELANEY: No, no, May.
330. MS. LYONS: He needs to direct Mark to do all that
331. work? Is that what he's asking for?
332. MR. DELANEY: I'm just giving him the business. He
333. used to tell me what he was going to do, and I'd say,
334. "Go ahead and do it," except after he wrote the first
335. oil spill contingency plan for Cape Cod 30 years ago.
336. Okay, so good. Thanks, Mark and Maureen and Bruce
     1. and others.
     2. But please, if you want, read them.
     3. How can other members of this advisory commission
     4. access the current proposals if you'd like to read? Or
     5. do you want readers of the current?
     6. MS. BURGESS: Oh, do you mean do we want more
     7. people on the committee?
     8. MR. DELANEY: Yeah.
     9. MS. LYONS: The ones that have already been
     10. published?
     11. MR. DELANEY: Is the committee comfortable right
     12. now --
     13. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): The ones that came
     14. out are here.
     15. MR. DELANEY: The ones you're about to review and
     16. select from, do you want others to read them or are you 17 --
337. MS. BURGESS: I think we're pretty good now, but
338. you're welcome to.
339. MR. DELANEY: Jason's team reads them too, right?
340. MR. TAYLOR: (Nods.)
341. MR. DELANEY: So you've got enough readers. You're
342. fine. You have Jason and Bruce and --
343. MS. BURGESS: The Park doesn't usually weigh in on
     1. the recipient, though.
     2. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. HURTER): They run the meeting
     3. but do not --
     4. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, they don't -- they don't advise
     5. us.
     6. MR. DELANEY: So if someone does want to be a
     7. reader and comment, please contact Maureen and Bruce.
     8. Okay, great, thank you.
     9. That would move us to the *Superintendent's Report*.
     10. Superintendent Price, please?
     11. MR. PRICE: A couple of things. First of all,
     12. maybe the hard copy of the broom crowberry and the ants
     13. wasn't that sexy, but when we actually saw the
     14. presentation, because I saw the PowerPoint at the
     15. science symposium last summer, and I thought it was
     16. fascinating. In fact, I was almost going to interrupt
     17. Dave Crary on a walk-around this morning when he was
     18. talking about broom crowberry and the points of fire and
     19. that. That was directly related to the findings that
     20. were (inaudible), so it was pretty cool.
     21. So our job in this, just so you know, we basically
     22. provide technical assistance. So that's why our people
     23. aren't into direct which research paper you choose and
     24. all that sort of thing, but certainly when it comes to
344. the housekeeping of, you know, trying to keep track of
345. the reports and whatnot, we can do that. And I do know
346. that all the past recipients are listed on our website.
347. I've been told that the new website format for the Park
348. Service coming out is going to be more user-friendly, so
349. maybe even I can figure out some of those things in the
350. future.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT PLANNING
2. MR. PRICE: I want to jump into this a couple of
3. ways. One is -- the first thing I want to report on is
4. the Shorebird Management Plan.
5. If you recall, in January I had hoped and thought
6. that we actually might use this meeting to spend a lot
7. of time talking about the Shorebird Management Plan. In
8. fact, because of the contract and some other issues,
9. that had to be postponed. What I would like to do is
10. try to coordinate on what our next meeting will be and
11. have that be the time when the Shorebird Management Plan
12. is being rolled out, and then we would use this
13. opportunity to really lay out to you as to what the
14. preferred alternative would be.
15. Part of the issue is that this has been going on
16. now for several years. So we had our public meetings.
17. Then we had all kinds of presentations a couple of years
18. ago. Now we've spent this time calculating what the
19. (inaudible) would be, what the preferred alternative
20. would be and all of that. So that's what I was going to
21. ask Jason and his crew to do at our next meeting.
22. And at this point we're talking about the end of
23. May, beginning of June?
24. MR. TAYLOR: July.
25. MR. PRICE: July.
26. MR. TAYLOR: End of May/June for an internal draft
27. and July for our public release draft.
28. MR. PRICE: July for public release draft.
29. MR. DELANEY: So the meeting after next probably.
30. MR. PRICE: The meeting after next, if we decide to
31. have a July meeting, which you've done in the past,
32. mostly for actually issues just like this. I think when
33. there was a particular EA, for instance, that we needed
34. to work on, we had almost a special meeting just devoted
35. on that.
36. MR. DELANEY: So I'm not closing the door then.
37. Maybe we will. At the end when we decide our next
38. meeting, this might be the way to go. Okay.
39. MR. TAYLOR: I'll grab the schedule.
40. MR. PRICE: Okay, good. So I just want to let you
    1. know that.
    2. And we've had a regular attendee representing the
    3. Humane Society of the United States, Sharon Young, and I
    4. let her know what our schedule is because I didn't want
    5. to schedule a meeting and her not be aware. She was
    6. attending every meeting, and there wasn't any progress
    7. report. So I just want to let you know that's
    8. happening.
    9. HYDRO-CLAMMING UPDATE
    10. MR. PRICE: We'd like to do an update about the
    11. hydro-clamming up in Provincetown off of Herring Cove
    12. Beach.
    13. In your packet there were a couple of letters, and
    14. there have been some news reports about this. Basically
    15. after our last meeting my personal call had to do with
    16. the presentation that I saw with Rex McKinsey, who's the
    17. harbormaster in Provincetown, and Mark Borrelli, who's
    18. the coastal geologist for the Center for Coastal
    19. Studies. Prior to that, I was reading about the hydro-
    20. clamming in Provincetown, and you all might recall that
    21. in our legislation specifically shellfishing is
    22. permitted within the boundary of the Cape Cod National
    23. Seashore managed by the towns. The state basically
    24. reserves the right to manage surf clams. Towns are
41. instrumental -- instrumentalities of the state. So from
42. where I sit, I kind of felt like it wasn't necessarily
43. my business, frankly, because it's pretty clear that the
44. state and the towns have this responsibility. However,
45. I have been starting to be approached by our science
46. staff, Jason specifically and some of his colleagues,
47. that the technique of the hydro-clamming process was
48. really having a major detrimental effect to the sea
49. bottom and the habitat within the boundaries of the
50. Seashore. Well, I listened to it, and I knew that they
51. were talking more about it and knew our rangers were
52. seeing if they were coming within the boundaries of the
53. Seashore up in the Provincetown section of the Seashore
54. and all of that. However, that presentation did two
55. things for me. Number one, it talked about the extent
56. of the damage to the seafloor. It talked about the
57. efficiency now with these hydro-clamming boats and the
58. GPS. They have the ability to actually do it in
59. furrows, just like plowing a field. Each boat can cover
60. the equivalent of ten football fields a day, and we were
61. having at least three boats out there. If you like
62. clams and you were a supporter of the surf clam
63. business, this is a win-win.
64. We are now believing that it's having maybe an
    1. overwhelming effect on the habitat in that particular
    2. area. The other part -- now, there's new information to
    3. me -- was that Mark, supported by Graham Giese, is
    4. believing that all of this disruption of the seafloor
    5. bottom creates really a plume of sand behind the boats,
    6. which is logical, and that in Provincetown specifically
    7. off of Herring Cove Beach shortly after the boundary of
    8. the Seashore, which is a quarter of a mile, you have a
    9. ledge that drops about 150 feet. So their assessment is
    10. that with all of this material raised off a sea bottom,
    11. it's no longer a stable sea bay. It's no longer a
    12. predictable shoreline change calculation that they can
    13. estimate. And you all are very aware of all of the
    14. development that we've done up there, specifically with
    15. the new bathhouse, specifically with the proposal for
    16. the parking lot for the North parking lot, and obviously
    17. it's one of our six lifeguarded beaches and one of the
    18. most popular areas for recreational use.
    19. So what both Mark and Rex are saying is that once
    20. that material gets suspended and with that area being
    21. such a turbulent sea area, that a quantity of the sand
    22. basically will settle not back where it was disturbed
    23. from but will fall off the ledge. So basically that
    24. means it's taken out of the system that would have been
65. a stable system if it had stayed in place. So
66. therefore, the impacts of erosion up there really could
67. be dramatically changed from all the work they've been
68. doing up until now. We actually engaged them to be part
69. of our process for the replacement of the parking lot
70. and all that sort of thing. So both of these combined
71. said, "Wait a minute. This is well beyond just
72. shellfishing out here. This technique for shellfishing
73. is the issue."
74. So with that in mind, that's when I wrote the first
75. letter to the Secretary, originally directly to the
76. Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. That's
77. in your packet. And then I was responded to by Director
78. Diodati, which I appreciated. It was a very, I thought,
79. thoughtful and complete response. It wasn't a brush-off
80. at all. He actually went point by point. And just so
81. that you know, we've been talking to Representative
82. Peake's office and Senator Wolf's office, and I'm now
83. writing another letter in response back to Director
84. Diodati basically saying "Thank you for all this
85. information, but we still have these concerns. Our
86. concerns are not addressed." And what we're seeking
87. actually is a face-to-face meeting, number one, and,
88. number two, that we reinforce our request that the
89. activity be suspended at least within the Seashore
90. boundary, if not out to the shelf at Herring Cove.
91. So that's about where I am right now. Now, in all
92. fairness, I did say to Jason -- if you recall at the

5 January meeting, Bill Clark was here, and Bill is the

1. backup from the county. He's with the Extension
2. Service.
3. MS. LYONS: Cooperative Extension.
4. MR. PRICE: And he expressed even at that meeting
5. that the state's position is that this activity is not
6. harmful to the environment and, in fact, allows for the
7. propagation of surf clams, which is one of the reasons
8. that there are so many surf clams out there. Because of
9. a variety of reasons, no one has been using hydro-
10. clamming technology out there since 2007, as I
11. understand it.
12. MS. LYONS: May I?
13. MR. DELANEY: Mary-Jo had her hand up a minute ago.
14. MS. LYONS: All right.
15. MS. AVELLAR: I was -- quite frankly, I appreciated
16. the fact that he addressed all the issues he raised in
17. your letter, but I was really quite, to be frank about
18. it, really annoyed by his response, especially since
19. he's relying on studies that were done in 2007, which
20. are eight years ago, and basically saying that your
21. statements were unsubstantiated and highly speculative.
22. I'm really quite offended by that. The problems that
23. we're having out in that area notwithstanding, this is a
24. really -- I see these 3,000-pound crates on MacMillan
25. Pier. They fill tractor-trailers. It's a hideous way
26. of -- you know, to me it's no better than the Japanese
27. whaling industry, you know, going out there and killing
28. all the whales.
29. So I think we really need to support the
30. superintendent in demanding a face-to-face meeting. And
31. I've had people come to me saying that they know those
32. boats are really close to shore. They're really close
33. to shore. And given the instability of the area to
34. start with, for him to not even recognize what's going
35. on out there, he needs to see it. He needs to take a
36. walk and see what's happened to the parking lot. It's
37. even worse than it was two years ago when the parking
38. lot was damaged. It's a mess, which is also what I'd
39. like to have an opportunity to address on behalf of the
40. town.
41. MR. PRICE: Just two things --
42. MR. DELANEY: Are you talking about the police --
43. are you going to talk about the arrest? Go ahead.
    1. MR. PRICE: Well, two things. Number one, first of
    2. all, Mary-Jo, just so that you know, I'm not making the
    3. accusation that just starting the surf clamming since

4 December has accelerated the damage to the Park.

1. MS. AVELLAR: Oh, I know.
2. MR. PRICE: To me, they're two different things.
3. So even though he makes the case that that's what the
4. newspaper said, when I spoke with the reporter, I said
5. to the reporter, "I am not making that connection. It's
6. too soon." Number one. Number two, the closeness to
7. the beach. So coincidently, something like 86 percent
8. of the Seashore boundary is within what's called the 12-
9. foot contour. The state law prohibits them doing hydro-
10. clamming within this 12-foot contour anyway. So
11. obviously they were even going beyond their legal
12. ability to where they should be doing the hydro-
13. clamming.
14. So several weeks ago, I think it was, the first
15. boat was pulled in by the environmental police. And was
16. it just over this weekend two more boats were pulled in
17. fishing within the 12-foot contour? So the state was
18. already exercising its legal responsibility of
19. monitoring that. They were too close. And then the
20. third piece was because of work done by Mark Borrelli
21. and others and Rex, they were able to present the fact
22. that, in fact, they were going through the Eel Bay
23. section out on Long Point.
24. MS. AVELLAR: On Long Point, yeah.
25. MR. PRICE: And the Secretary or the director talks
26. about that in the letter, how they stopped that. So
27. yes, they have been too close. Yes, the state has been
28. very cooperative and responsive in stopping that
29. practice.
30. MR. DELANEY: Sheila?
31. MS. LYONS: Okay, so my question was -- you know, I
32. can appreciate our state legislature, you know, the
33. government giving it to the states in the local
34. knowledge, and I'm assuming that the protection of
35. shellfishing in Massachusetts is mainly for those who
36. live off of shellfishing and, like our residents here --
37. and recreational shellfishing. I don't know any
38. shellmen that have gone to hydro-clamming as they
39. shellfish. So with that ability, you're keeping it all
40. within its natural state of harvesting.
41. Since there wasn't hydro-clamming since 2007, was
42. there ever a bill stating you couldn't hydro-clam within
43. a certain distance or there was a ban on this type of
44. activity or --
    1. MR. PRICE: As I understand it, once hydro-clamming
    2. came into being -- this is not vetted information yet.
    3. One of our staff people has done some research.
    4. Apparently because of Provincetown's successful pushback
    5. when hydro-clamming first came into practice in the
    6. 1950s, it's my understanding there hadn't been hydro-
    7. clamming at least off of Herring Cove since like 1982 --
    8. or excuse me -- until 1982. I'm not exactly sure what
    9. happened on that date, but I think that was just the
    10. pushback by Provincetown to begin with. And then at
    11. 2007, again, it was the harbormaster in Provincetown
    12. basically citing the hydro-clamming boats under
    13. Provincetown's authority, ConsComm, which at that time
    14. the boat owners were still contesting, but they settled
    15. and they just didn't touch them. So what's happened now
    16. since this past December is that several boat owners are
    17. believing and feel encouraged by the state that it's
    18. actually a state prerogative of the town; hence, that's
    19. why they've (inaudible).
    20. MR. DELANEY: Larry?
    21. MR. SPAULDING: George, in reading his letter, the
    22. response, the statements about what you were talking
    23. about in terms of the erosion and then it goes on.
    24. MR. PRICE: Yes.
45. MR. SPAULDING: It says the statements are
46. unsubstantiated and highly speculative. Has there been
47. any scientific evidence, or has somebody done a report
48. in this area?
49. MR. PRICE: Two things. Number one, not
50. specifically in that area about that topic. This is the
51. professional assessment of Mark Borrelli and Graham
52. Giese, who have studied coastal systems as their career.
53. Interestingly enough, in the new letter, we already
54. had an agreement through a contract with the Center for
55. Coastal Studies that there is going to be some studies
56. out there. It wasn't directed at this initially. It
57. was basically mapping the shore bottom having to do with
58. funding that we received from Hurricane Sandy.
59. Maybe I could ask Jason just to talk about the
60. parameters with that study a little bit.
61. MR. TAYLOR: Right, so it's a coastline resilience
62. study as part of the Hurricane Sandy funding, and
63. basically what we're going to do with Center for Coastal
64. Studies is effectively create subsurface maps. We're
65. going to actually map the seafloor, the topography,
66. habitats, archaeological resource, and the sediment
67. types so to create a baseline inventory of the resources
68. that are out there and then be able to start to feed
69. those kinds of characteristics that we're learning about
70. at the bottom into the resilience models from the
71. shoreline. So it will serve multiple purposes. We tend
72. to just understand resilience, but we don't really have
73. very good maps of even the eelgrass beds there except
74. for the ones off Long Point. So as we do this work over
75. the course of the summer, we will be able to feed this
76. information directly to this issue and really use it as
77. kind of a seed for a larger conversation about science
78. needs at that place.
79. MR. PRICE: Now, I do know that hydro-clamming has
80. been controversial up and down the East Coast, as I've
81. been told by my harbormaster friends. What I don't know
82. is that there's been a very similar geology situation
83. that we have at this location because I have heard of
84. other issues with hydro-clamming, for instance, between
85. Freezer Point in Truro and Long Point, but in talking to
86. my scientists, that's a very different set of
87. hydrodynamic currents than you have out at Herring Cove
88. and then with the shelf right there.
89. So I think what one of the things that we're going
90. to continue to be doing, especially with Mark and
91. Graham, is to try to glean from their expertise either
92. what kind of a professional assessment we can have
93. beyond their professional opinions right now and then
94. what kind of studies would be needed or gain the support
95. from the state to really focus on some of our requests
96. at this point.
97. MR. DELANEY: Lilli?
98. MS. GREEN: Might I ask, Jason, so how far out are
99. you doing the research in and in what areas? Is it in
100. Cape Cod Bay as well as the outer shore?
101. MR. TAYLOR: Yeah, so the Hurricane Sandy
102. resilience project really wraps the entire Seashore all
103. the way from Pleasant Bay all the way out to Jeremy
104. Point and even in The Gut up in Wellfleet. We're not
105. doing every square foot of the nearest shore boundary,
106. the marine boundary of the Seashore, but we've selected
107. those areas that are most dynamic and most likely to be
108. impacted by future storms. That's the focal areas for
109. the mapping effort.
110. MS. GREEN: And how far out is that?
111. MR. TAYLOR: It goes out to the quarter-mile
112. boundary.
113. MS. GREEN: Thank you.
114. MR. PRICE: What's interesting here, though, just
115. if I can because you said quarter-mile boundary, the
116. issue with the Herring Cove piece is -- and I'm not
117. going to remember exactly the acreage, but yes, we've
118. got the quarter-mile boundary we're particularly
119. interested in right off the beach. However, from the
120. quarter-mile boundary to the ledge, that is the system
121. that we're talking about. So even though, yes, I can
122. ask to have within the boundary protected, it's in our
123. interest to have it out to the ledge protected just for
124. what I said for both reasons; number one, for the
125. habitat and, number two, this potential sand loss.
126. MR. DELANEY: Mark?
127. MR. ROBINSON: Just to follow up on Larry's
128. comment, could we get Mark Borrelli and Dr. Giese to
129. write a letter that you could reference in your
130. response?
131. MR. PRICE: Actually, I'm going to have them come
132. to the meeting.
133. MR. DELANEY: They'll also provide the science that
134. the decision-makers could provide.
135. I saw Joe's hand a second ago.
136. MR. CRAIG: I was going to ask that while you're
137. doing this Hurricane Sandy study, can you keep the boats
138. out of that area while that's being done?
139. MR. TAYLOR: That's a very good question.
140. MR. CRAIG: And why not?
141. MR. PRICE: We don't have the legal authority.
142. MR. CRAIG: But you do you have the legal authority
143. after the quarter-mile?
144. MR. PRICE: Not to interfere with shellfishing.
145. MR. CRAIG: By the time that got to court, it would
146. be over.
147. (Laughter.)
148. MR. DELANEY: That could be part -- I don't know if
149. that's part of the request, just not to enforce it, but
150. you in this next letter could ask DMF to put a temporary
151. moratorium in place until the science is done. I know
152. some of my colleagues at DMF are talking about the need
153. for more science, more information as (inaudible).
154. MR. PRICE: Right.
155. MR. DELANEY: Because in the past it's -- because
156. the issue of hydro-clamming has been kind of
157. controversial and the science on both -- papers on both
158. sides of it, they have used that basically as a reason
159. not to take direct action. So now if we provide
160. information, it should help I think get to a real good
161. decision.
162. Sheila?
163. MS. LYONS: I just wanted to know what is the
164. distance between the quarter-mile and the ledge. Do we

1 know?

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MR. TAYLOR: No.

MS. MOYNIHAN: It varies.

MS. LYONS: Oh, I'm sure it does vary from -- MR. PRICE: It's not that far. I don't know if

1. it's -- it's less than the quarter-mile or...
2. MR. TAYLOR: I don't know exactly.
3. MR. PRICE: I feel like going into my map and
4. looking at the contour line. It's not that far.
5. MS. LYONS: So if they could even extend it to
6. where that is --
7. MR. PRICE: Yes. That's what the request is.
8. MS. LYONS: So that's the request, the first
9. request. The second request would be a moratorium until
10. they can come up with that answer.
11. MR. PRICE: Yes.
12. MS. LYONS: And the third would be that they
13. enforce it judiciously. All right. Well, good luck.
14. MR. DELANEY: We should add -- maybe you already
15. said this, Superintendent -- that after the first letter
16. DMF amended the licenses for all of the hydro-clammers
17. to tell them definitively to stay out of eelgrass beds,
18. especially the one --
19. MR. ROBINSON: Yeah, so something got accomplished.
20. MR. DELANEY: So at least that started the ball
21. going in the right direction. That was progress. It
22. has to be enforced, but that's their problem.
23. Mark?
24. MR. ROBINSON: Are there catch limits for the surf
25. clams?
26. MS. AVELLAR: I don't think so. Not from what I've
27. seen, Mark. You should see it.
28. MR. ROBINSON: Well, that's what I mean.
29. MS. AVELLAR: It's unbelievable what they take. I
30. mean, my grandson fills a little bag in the summertime.
31. I still have some in my freezer. He dives for them, you
32. know? I mean, we're talking boxes that are like this
33. big (indicates), and then they fill a whole semi, semi
34. tractor-trailer truck.
35. MR. ROBINSON: So if it's unsustainable, the amount
36. they're taking, isn't that affecting the resources that
37. you see on shore?
38. MS. AVELLAR: The little ones go through, so
39. supposedly they're reseeding.
40. MR. ROBINSON: Yes, I read that.
41. MR. DELANEY: They're pretty much cleared out in
42. one season, and then two or three years later they come
43. back again.
    1. MR. PRICE: What they're claiming is because this
    2. area had not been disturbed since '07, that's why
    3. they're such a strong catch in population.
    4. MR. ROBINSON: A bonanza.
    5. MR. PRICE: It's a bonanza. I've been told that by
    6. others.
    7. MR. DELANEY: The plowing the field analogy is part
    8. of that side of the argument too, that it just churns up
    9. in the habitat along with the resettlement of seed and a
    10. big crop three, four, five, six years later.
    11. MR. PRICE: Right. Two things about it. Number
    12. one, it appears to us that this is really disturbing the
    13. habitat for a single source, and our policy certainly is
    14. looking at a holistic habitat. And as Rex McKinsey has
    15. said, "You're not going to find soft-shell crabs.
    16. You're not going to find soft-shell clams. You're not
    17. going to find razor clams or any of these other
    18. materials, and you're not going to find the
    19. invertebrates that are part of the whole food cycle in
    20. order for it to be a healthy environment," which should
    21. be what's inside the Seashore boundary.
    22. So in any case, I just wanted you to be aware of
    23. what's happening on that. And this week I ought to be
    24. sending out another letter (inaudible) and that sort of
44. thing. I certainly appreciate Mark Borrelli's
45. assistance on this.
46. MR. DELANEY: Good. That's what we're here for.
47. NAUSET SPIT UPDATE
48. MR. PRICE: Next topic, Nauset Spit. I don't have
49. a lot to report on this other than to say that the Town
50. of Orleans obviously still asserts their ownership on
51. the spit. We've received some correspondence from some
52. of their legal counsel furthering -- presenting their
53. views, which we're sharing with our solicitor's office.
54. And also, I understand that the Town of Eastham will
55. have a town meeting warrant question asking their
56. citizens if they want to retain their no-vehicle ban
57. within the town boundaries or not.
58. So that's I think a big legal landmark coming up.
59. MR. DELANEY: Okay. Any other updates from Orleans
60. or Eastham that's worth mentioning?
61. (No response.)
62. MR. DELANEY: Thanks, George.
63. PROPOSED RECREATIONAL FEE INCREASE
64. MR. PRICE: Just on the recreational fee increase,
65. I actually had expected that we would hear from
66. Washington soon, and I expect we will shortly, and we'll
67. be sending out the information on that.
    1. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL
    2. MR. PRICE: The National Park Service Centennial.
    3. Mark, I didn't want to put pressure on you, but
    4. just so that you know, there ought to be press coming
    5. out April 2 that the Park Service is going to start its
    6. *Find Your Park* campaign.
    7. MR. ROBINSON: He gave me a deadline of the next
    8. meeting.
    9. (Laughter.)
    10. MS. GREEN: I was thinking he might say tomorrow.
    11. MR. ROBINSON: He's a pushover as a boss.
    12. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, too easy.
    13. MR. PRICE: The April 2 launch is going to be
    14. happening down in New York City, and they're going to
    15. have a tour, and there's going to be a lot of materials
    16. that we're going to be putting on display. We'll have
    17. to bring it around and set it up in the room here at the
    18. next meeting when we see it. Basically the focus here
    19. is really towards the millenniums and towards the young
    20. people and really tries to encourage the next generation
    21. of Park supporters and advocates and visitors, so
    22. there's a lot of focus on that.
    23. As I mentioned at the last meeting, we have a
    24. number of things that we're going to be doing
68. specifically here in the Seashore, including a lot of
69. interpretive programs; some displays; a, quote,
70. traveling centennial quilt exhibit. The Visitors Center
71. will be having a lot of our programs focused on the
72. theme of the centennial. Some of the other specific
73. things, we are actually going to get some additional
74. staffing, some centennial seasonals that we will be able
75. to put on our maintenance crews specifically to help
76. with some of the backlog. We will specifically have a
77. position just to help expand our volunteer program.
78. We've got a number of facelift projects in the works
79. thanks to the Friends. We'll be doing a painting of the
80. Penniman House. We have the funds to do the
81. amphitheaters, both amphitheaters, and we are completing
82. a Park-wide sign -- sign plan. So we'll try to give a
83. big gigantic facelift to the Seashore.
84. There are a lot of projects that we still have in
85. the works that we have to see where the funding is going
86. to lie, including the permanent fix for the parking lot
87. in the North and the permanent relocation of the
88. bathhouse at Nauset Light Beach. Those are still things
89. that we're working on, but I'm particularly excited
90. about a project I've mentioned, *Healthy Parks, Healthy*
91. *People* with Cape Cod Hospital and Healthcare, and we
92. also have a group from Johnson & Wales University,
93. students that are actually working this trimester with
94. us and with the health care providers on developing a
95. three-year plan on how that program could actually
96. evolve. So we're actually talking about things like on
97. certain days you could come to a trailhead and actually
98. have your blood pressure taken, take the trail walk,
99. come back, have your blood pressure taken again and see
100. how it's working, and a number of pieces all related to
101. that.
102. So there are a number of things that I'm
103. particularly excited about for the centennial that I'm
104. going to see happening, and our director is particularly
105. excited about them as well.
106. HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION
107. MR. PRICE: Most of the other things I think are
108. pretty straightforward. We're continuing to work with
109. Wellfleet and Truro and the Friends of Herring River on
110. drafting MOU-3. We have a number of different projects
111. on that. I know they've been having some public
112. meetings about some specific -- specifically High Toss
113. Road and some other issues that I think the public is
114. particularly interested in.
115. We'll be having a briefing with our senatorial
     1. delegation coming up next month about the Herring River.
     2. CLIMATE FRIENDLY PARKS
     3. MR. PRICE: And I just did want to give a shout-out
     4. about our *Climate Friendly Parks*. I think a while ago
     5. we had a presentation about what does *Climate Friendly*
     6. *Parks* mean. And I've recently seen a new presentation
     7. with some data updates about the emissions reductions
     8. that we've actually done at the Seashore. And I would
     9. recommend at the next meeting that I ask that Lauren and
     10. the AmeriCorps people who are working on that give a
     11. presentation to you all so that you can understand what
     12. that's about. That's one of the behind the scenes
     13. infrastructure pieces that's very important. It's kind
     14. of like the Park Service not just saying what we do, but
     15. we're trying to do what we say as well.
     16. Mr. Chair, I think that's it.
     17. MR. DELANEY: Okay, perfect.
     18. How about questions on any other topic or these as
     19. well?
     20. MS. GREEN: I had a question about something you
     21. raised at the last meeting, which was working with NStar
     22. or Eversource, I believe now, to use the Park as a
     23. staging area.
     24. MR. PRICE: For emergency services.
116. MS. GREEN: Right. What is the progress of that?
117. MR. PRICE: That's still in the early planning
118. phases. They were looking for a place to stage a large-
119. scale emergency response location in the event of a
120. major catastrophic event. We're talking -- not just
121. talking a few trucks, but they'd bring out the
122. facilities, they'd bring out office trailers, they'd
123. bring out shower trailers, dormitory trailers, all that
124. sort of thing because what everybody has learned, that
125. these large-scale emergency events require a lot of
126. time. So we're seriously looking at the Marconi parking
127. lot here in back as that location, and it will be self-
128. contained.
129. MS. GREEN: Is that for snowstorm disasters or for
130. more like -- I mean, like, for instance, the snowstorm
131. that we had at the beginning of this year?
132. MR. PRICE: Right.
133. MS. GREEN: Would that come into play?
134. MR. PRICE: I think it's more (inaudible) than
135. that.
136. MS. AVELLAR: Like a hurricane?
137. MS. GREEN: A hurricane kind of thing?
138. MR. PRICE: Large-scale hurricane.
139. MS. GREEN: So does that mean that they're
     1. interested and you're interested and you're going to be
     2. moving on towards an agreement?
     3. MR. PRICE: I'd say we're still in the early
     4. stages. I think we have some issues we still have to
     5. resolve before we continue to proceed.
     6. MS. GREEN: Thank you.
     7. MR. DELANEY: Mark, you had a question?
     8. MR. ROBINSON: George, I read something in the
     9. newspaper about the storm damage this winter.
     10. MR. PRICE: Yes.
     11. MR. ROBINSON: But I don't think -- for this
     12. record, I don't think we've heard an official assessment
     13. since our last meeting, which was prior to January, I
     14. think.
     15. MR. PRICE: Well, basically we've had our two big
     16. pieces were the Herring Cove North parking lot, which
     17. has had even more damage than we've had in the past two
     18. previous years, and then the loss again of the stairs at
     19. Nauset Light Beach. So two things about it. Number
     20. one, both projects have longer-term fixes on the shelf,
     21. as an idea. The first one is the Herring Cove Beach
     22. North parking lot. We spent a lot of time. You all
     23. were presented with the EA. Rich was the chair of that
     24. group, and we met for about a year up in Provincetown,
140. came up with the project where we'd pull it back 125
141. feet, raise it and all that. We believe that that's a
142. sustainable fix for a 50-year (inaudible).
143. This past August I actually had a crew come out
144. from the Denver Service Center and from Washington.
145. They were taking a look at projects throughout the
146. Northeast, and they actually came out on a field trip
147. just to physically see the parking lot. They also
148. wanted to see the bathhouse because that's also a
149. success story, we believe, of resilient shoreline
150. facility management. So they all were very, very
151. excited about it. The question is, where does it end up
152. on a priority list?
153. (To Ms. Tevyaw) The cost of that's about $4
154. million?
155. MS. TEVYAW: The parking lot?
156. MR. PRICE: The parking lot.
157. MS. TEVYAW: Between four and five.
158. MR. PRICE: Between $4 and $5 million. So it's a
159. substantial amount of money.
160. If you recall, the bathhouse was also $5 million,
161. and what was fortunate about it, even after that made a
162. priority list, because so much of the documentation and
163. the compliance and everything had been completed for the
164. bathhouse, we were bumped up on the list about two
165. years. So that's why that came through so quickly.
166. So we're still working with our Denver and
167. Washington offices as to when that, you know, priority
168. for what we believe will be a long-term fix actually is
169. known. In the meantime, we now have to deal with the
170. short term, and the short-term issue is, do we apply for
171. emergency funding for this? But for the North parking
172. lot obviously and for the replacement of the stairs,
173. they're saying, "Well, if this is happening every year,
174. how can this be an emergency?" and "Is this a good use
175. of government money, especially if we've got a long-term
176. fix in the pipeline?" So we're continuing to talk with
177. our officers about what we're going to do for Herring
178. Cove North for this particular season.
179. MR. DELANEY: Mary-Jo?
180. MS. AVELLAR: So that means that we still -- I
181. can't report back to the selectmen that it's going to be
182. repaired in time for the summer season?
183. MR. PRICE: I assume it will, but I can't tell you
184. definitively today. And we have a meeting coming up on
185. the 13th. I hope I'll be -- I hope I'll be more
186. definitive then, but I'm not sure.
187. MS. AVELLAR: They've also asked me to ask you --
     1. if you're finished, Mark?
     2. MR. ROBINSON: Well, I have another question about 3 --
188. MS. AVELLAR: Go ahead.
189. MR. PRICE: Well, let me finish. So the other
190. piece then is the Nauset Light stairs. So the Nauset
191. Light stairs would also have what we believe will be a
192. better future fix, and that is to pull the bathhouse to
193. basically the street side of the parking lot and then
194. try to design removable stair permanent, but again,
195. that's nothing that we can do for this particular
196. summer. So we're seeking the funds to replace those
197. again in kind just as we have the last two years as
198. well.
199. So most of the other storm damage was minor, some
200. roofs and some other things, but those are still the big
201. things, and it's like déjà vu all over again, multiple
202. projects.
203. MR. ROBINSON: My other question was at Ballston,
204. and I heard at least one Truro selectman -- and I don't
205. know if it represented the board's feeling -- but the
206. town may be becoming resigned to the washovers instead
207. of panicking every time.
208. MS. BURGESS: Yes.
209. MR. ROBINSON: I wondered if the Seashore had a
210. similar policy of encouragement of letting nature take
211. its course.
212. MS. BURGESS: We have. The Town of Truro has
213. engaged the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies to
214. help us with some more information. One of the things
215. that was pointed out in the meeting where Mark Adams and
216. Mark Borrelli originally in planning for this was that
217. what seems to be happening is that -- well, first of
218. all, the last time in 2013 there was sand that was
219. brought from Herring -- from Head of the Meadow that was
220. available, and there was some dune repair that was done.
221. I think we're coming to the conclusion that that is
222. foolish to try to keep doing that, and we don't have the
223. sand anyway to do it. So what nature wants to do is to
224. with these overwashes -- wants to move water and sand
225. into the parking lot, which is the lowest point. So,
226. like Mary-Jo's concern for Herring Cove this summer,
227. there's a plan to get as many spaces available as
228. possible, but we're waiting for the data from Coastal
229. Studies to show more -- give us more information as to
230. exactly what happened in the 2015 storm and the two
231. washovers that occurred. And then the long-term plan is
232. -- one thing that this has forced us to do, which was I
233. think good because in August of the previous year there
234. was a meeting with Truro and I believe Graham Giese and
235. people from the Park, and, you know, the consensus was
236. that we really needed to look in the long term about
237. restoring tidal flow. There are two restrictions to
238. tidal flow of the Pamet. One is by Jams, and there is
239. another culvert under Route 6. So although that is not
240. what we're targeting right now, right now we're just
241. trying to look at the area of the parking lot and what's
242. happened most recently, but I think the long-term plan
243. now has been resurrected where it had sort of been left
244. hanging, and I believe we're going to be moving towards
245. getting more scientific information about the part that
246. restoring tidal flow in the Pamet would play. And I'm
247. hoping that -- you know, some people were precipitously
248. recommending, "Well, let's just open the two culverts
249. and maybe everything will be fine," but they're two
250. separate issues. And from looking at the executive
251. summary that Mark Adams gave us -- and I think that
252. study was an executive summary from 1998 of the Army
253. Corps of Engineers -- even they were cautious to say
254. that it should be done like Herring River in a
255. controlled and measured way because if you just opened
256. it, there could be some unforeseen flooding to
257. properties.
258. So we've got two things going on, but the short
259. answer is no, we're not going to restore that dune. We
260. don't have the sand, and the science is telling us that
261. it's just foolish to do that.
262. MR. ROBINSON: I think up and down the Cape we have
263. these asphalt parking lots built on dunes next to the
264. beach; Sandy Neck in my area being the prime example.
265. They've spent $250,000 in the last three or four years
266. to put what they call sacrificial sand, meaning they
267. know it's going to leave in front of the parking lot,
268. and it's all gone. They went out this month and put in
269. another $50,000 worth of sacrificial sand. They think
270. they need another $400,000 worth of sand for the next
271. three to five years. It's just crazy. I mean, these
272. parking lots on dunes with sea level rise, it's just --
273. it's unsustainable financially, let alone
274. environmentally. I mean, we're going to have to bring
275. these parking lots back, shuttle services, whatever it
276. takes, but I mean, as a taxpayer, this continuous
277. dumping sand in front of asphalt parking lots is just
278. maddening to me.
279. MS. LYONS: If I can just add to this?
280. MR. DELANEY: Sheila?
281. MS. LYONS: Right after I believe it was the first
282. -- I don't know if we had had the dual -- no, we were
283. facing the second blizzard within ten days, and there
284. was a Selectmen's Association meeting here being held in
285. Orleans one morning. And they had from Conservation
286. Trust Paula -- I'm blanking on her name -- anyway and
287. also the resource person from the Town of Barnstable.
288. So she was talking about -- and they were just talking
289. that that weekend everybody was putting out the sand
290. because they knew the sand was coming. In one weekend,
291. a million dollars across the Cape gone. And if you just
292. added up all the towns, what all the towns did, it was
293. just over a million dollars.
294. So it is unsustainable. Just to talk -- I shared
295. some of these photos, and I'll send you these, just
296. these four that I have, but I have lots of pictures that
297. I took of even Newcomb Hollow. So I have like from

18 December 8 to February 5 of the same shot so you can

1. actually see the erosion and the difference in these
2. pictures. But having gone -- attended -- I can't speak
3. for the other towns on the Outer Cape, but having
4. attended Wellfleet's State of the Town, they're losing
5. -- at just Newcomb Hollow alone, they figured probably
6. eight spots, eight parking spots.
   1. I started taking pictures because I knew as a
   2. summer resident you'd come and everything looks the
   3. same, but you don't see any difference. So once I lived
   4. there, I started to see that there's really a difference
   5. day to day almost. So I've been sort of taking lots of
   6. pictures.
   7. So I just don't know. I mean, at this meeting the
   8. selectmen from Chatham and some from Sandwich, "Well,
   9. we've got to -- there are homes on here, and we've got
   10. to -- this is armament. We've got to arm. Arm it.
   11. We've got to defend ourselves." You know, I mean, it
   12. was -- and I got up and I said, "You can say all this
   13. you want. You can arm for how many, but it's not going
   14. to get you that much more time. And what are you going
   15. to ruin on the other side? I mean, we already know that
   16. there are pros and cons." I said, you know, "We have to
   17. accept the fact that we are surrounded by the largest
   18. force -- the most powerful force of nature." Between
   19. wind and water, what more can you get? I mean, there's
   20. not much you can do about it, and we're seeing it.
   21. MR. ROBINSON: In terms of the Seashore, I just
   22. think that the more leading by example. For instance,
   23. the pullback of Herring Cove, I mean, that's a great
   24. example.
       1. MS. LYONS: Yeah, right.
       2. MR. ROBINSON: Maybe we haven't got the word out
       3. enough. Maybe because we haven't done it yet. But that
       4. idea I think is going to have to take hold with more of
       5. the towns, and the Seashore can be a great -- you know,
       6. leading by example, getting paid for this kind of --
       7. MS. LYONS: Well, the Beachcomber is doing that now
       8. from White Crest. They take people from White Crest and
       9. bring it down to the Beachcomber and down to the beach
       10. because they've lost a lot of parking spaces as well,
       11. and I'm sure they lost several more this year. So they
       12. have actually contracted, and they pay that service to
       13. bring people to and from the beach, and it just keeps
       14. going back and forth, if it's one person on the bus or
       15. the whole thing is full.
       16. MR. DELANEY: Don?
       17. MR. NUENDEL: It's not just -- most likely it's not
       18. just sea level rise. You take a look at all these
       19. storms we had, particularly this winter, and that's the
       20. biggest problem. I mean, the sea level rise -- and as
       21. you said, this place is fragile, and sooner or later --
       22. I've seen -- five years ago I saw a computer model
       23. generation of what the Cape would look like in several
       24. hundred years, and it shows these islands like
7. Provincetown here and then Truro and then down by the
8. narrowest part in Wellfleet.
9. MS. LYONS: Little ferries. We're going to be the
10. Keys. It'll become the Florida Keys.
11. MR. NUENDEL: So I think you're right, Mark. We're
12. wasting our money.
13. MR. ROBINSON: There will be more storms, larger
14. storms, sea level rise.
15. MR. DELANEY: A combination.
16. Lilli?
17. MS. GREEN: And it's not really a combination of
18. the natural process of erosion. I saw a presentation
19. that Graham Giese did last year in Wellfleet for one of
20. the events that we had, and he showed that in the last
21. hundred years it's been recorded that it's an average of
22. three feet a year that has eroded on the outsider beach.
23. So I mean, it has that -- and it's -- perhaps added into
24. the equation too is that both Rich and I were directors
25. of the NEEDS collaborative in Truro, and Rich put
26. together this marvelous workbook for the children. That
27. was in the '70s even, and it did have the three feet a
28. year as an average of the erosion of the outer shore.
29. MR. ROBINSON: Has the Creek Road parking lot been
30. successful as a shuttle service, or do people accept it

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| 1 | or not? |  |  |
| 2 | MR. | NUENDEL: Yeah, I think so. |
| 3 | MR. | DELANEY: Which one is that? |
| 4 | MR. | NUENDEL: The shuttle down to Coast | Guard |
| 5 | Beach. |  |  |
| 6 | MR. | ROBINSON: Creek Road. |  |
| 7 | MR. | PRICE: Little Creek. |  |
| 8 | MR. | ROBINSON: Little Creek. |  |
| 9 | MR. | PRICE: It depends on who you ask. | There are |

1. some locals that still won't do it. They resent it and
2. et cetera, et cetera.
3. Part of the issue with the Little Creek shuttle
4. after the *Blizzard of '78* when that 350-car parking lot
5. was just wrecked, I think it's fair to say that it took
6. until 2005 for the Park Service to really for a variety
7. of reasons get a shuttle system in place that worked
8. because they involve the different shuttle systems. The
9. first ones, the one that I remember coming with my kids
10. was just yellow school buses. They got a bunch of
11. people off the beach in sandy swimsuits with kids and
12. buckets and everything. It was a nightmare. Then the
13. first couple of generations of the shuttles that they
14. got were not adequate, and then when they finally did
15. start to get some adequate ones, there weren't enough.
16. So frankly, the legend and lure you hear that I hear
17. regularly in Eastham about the shuttle system is that
18. evolution to what we got today. So what you have today
19. is very successful by all measures. I don't think
20. there's more than a 10-minute wait on either end, and if
21. there's a thunderstorm coming, they can -- the staff
22. rallies to be able to unload the beach very quickly,
23. which is our standard for safety issues, not having
24. people out there in a wild thunderstorm.
25. So now we have a shuttle system we can be proud of,
26. but it frankly took many, many years. So when you hear
27. war stories about them, I think they had legitimate
28. concerns back in the day.
29. MR. ROBINSON: So this is how lessons learned here
30. you could tell the Town of Barnstable, "Hey, shuttles
31. can work. You don't have to throw a million dollars at
32. sacrificial sand."
33. MS. LYONS: That's right. It is a prototype, a
34. model here, a template that you can tell them.
35. MR. PRICE: We need a place to build a parking lot.
36. MR. ROBINSON: Yeah, right.
37. MR. PRICE: So for instance, one of our future
38. transportation plans, we did a transportation study, and
39. Nauset Light Beach has continued to erode.
    1. MR. NUENDEL: That's next.
    2. MR. PRICE: And it won't be too far down the road
    3. when we'll actually have to sacrifice like the furthest
    4. row of parking at Nauset Light Beach, and then ten or
    5. fifteen years after that, it will be another one.
    6. At some point, I envision that it will be a shuttle
    7. drop-off, and I think if we can work out a deal with the
    8. high school, have that be the summer parking, we could
    9. have the shuttle -- have an additional shuttle go from
    10. there as a possibility.
    11. MS. LYONS: I would be happy to have that because
    12. there are many times I park at that parking lot and walk
    13. to the beach because it's so full and the line is so
    14. long. I say, you know, it'll be time to go home by the
    15. time we get up there, so I just put my chair on my back.
    16. MR. PRICE: Principal Conrad would like you to pay
    17. the high school while you do that.
    18. MS. LYONS: Well, I'd be happy to. I should have
    19. gone up to the window.
    20. MR. DELANEY: Back to Mary-Jo who has been
    21. patiently waiting for a question.
    22. MS. AVELLAR: Well, all these people who want to
    23. let nature take its course, I have to remind you of a
    24. fellow named Rich Leblanc (phonetic), who lived in
40. Provincetown somewhere in the late '70s, early '80s, who
41. talked the National Park Service into wrecking the high
42. dunes in Provincetown by planting them because the dune
43. was coming across Route 6 before Snail Road. And the
44. last ride -- I've told the story a million times, and
45. I'll tell it again. When people tell me let's let
46. nature take its course, one of the last rides I took my
47. father on before he died, we were coming by East Harbor
48. heading back into Provincetown, and he said to me, "And
49. they ruined the high dunes." So when all you people
50. talk about letting nature take its course, I want to
51. remind you that the dunes of Provincetown are
52. practically flat now thanks to Cape Cod National
53. Seashore and Richard Leblanc (phonetic), who no longer
54. lives in Provincetown, another one of these people who
55. comes to the Cape, has all these great ideas, and then
56. they leave and we're stuck with it.
57. But so you're telling me now that we're not going
58. to know about the New Beach parking lot until sometime
59. in mid-April? Okay. Then we have the other question
60. about Race Point Road.
61. MR. PRICE: This is the status. The status is we
62. had a coastal engineer out there last week working with
63. Karst to figure out what our options are to be able to
64. talk to our regional office as to what the cost would be
65. for repairs for the summer.
66. MS. AVELLAR: And then the Race Point Road has been
67. delayed because of the storm?
68. MR. PRICE: Yes, yes.
69. MS. AVELLAR: And then somebody brought to my
70. attention today knowing I was coming here -- they said
71. that -- and this is another example of the Seashore.
72. This is when Provincetown gets upset. The view at Race
73. Point, I've told you a million times before you used to
74. be able to sit in the parking lot at Race Point and see
75. the Atlantic Ocean. You cannot see it anymore because
76. it's been so built up. Somebody told me that the
77. restrooms out there are covered with sand.
78. MR. PRICE: They are.
79. MS. AVELLAR: So I imagine that's (inaudible).
80. MR. PRICE: Yes.
81. MS. AVELLAR: Okay.
82. MR. PRICE: Actually, going back to the dynamic
83. nature of the Cape --
84. MS. AVELLAR: And so sand moves is the dynamic
85. nature of the Cape.
86. MR. PRICE: Well, and it goes offshore. Graham
87. says the Race Point area is the most dramatic, dynamic
88. location on the entire Cape for sand accretion. And
89. basically you can't even drive to the top end of the
90. parking lot now because there's so much sand. And Craig
91. Thatcher tells me that the sand is above the doors of
92. the bathhouse that we're talking about.
93. MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.
94. MR. PRICE: And that all blew up there this season.
95. Last season they were only halfway up to the doors
96. before we dug them out.
97. MS. AVELLAR: But as far as the parking lot is
98. concerned, I mean, if they're not going to consider it
99. an emergency because it happens every year, isn't it
100. more in their best interest just to give us the money
101. now and get it over and done with?
102. MR. PRICE: That's what I said. You're right.
103. MS. AVELLAR: So have we enlisted our congressional
104. delegation to light a fire under these people? Like
105. Senator Warren? And, God rest his soul, Ted Kennedy,
106. we need him now. And Markey and all these folks?
107. MR. PRICE: Everybody has been informed.
108. MS. AVELLAR: They should be more than informed.
109. They should be like coming to our aid.
110. MR. PRICE: As you may or may not know, I'm not
111. legally allowed to lobby.
     1. MS. AVELLAR: Oh, but we are, aren't we?
     2. MR. PRICE: Yes, the town obviously can speak to
     3. whoever they want to speak to.
     4. MS. AVELLAR: So we can have Rich write a letter to
     5. get us the money?
     6. MR. PRICE: I'm not sure it's the Advisory
     7. Commission as much as the towns.
     8. MS. AVELLAR: Okay.
     9. MR. DELANEY: The town would be more effective by
     10. far, the towns.
     11. MS. LYONS: Yeah.
     12. MR. ROBINSON: So I pushed Mary-Jo's button, so I
     13. need to respond.
     14. (Laughter.)
     15. MR. ROBINSON: Because, Mary-Jo, you served on the
     16. New Beach Committee.
     17. MS. AVELLAR: I did, yes.
     18. MR. ROBINSON: And I thought you were very
     19. satisfied --
     20. MS. AVELLAR: I am.
     21. MR. ROBINSON: -- that the Seashore had taken the
     22. long view of graceful retreat so that nature could take
     23. its course at the Herring Cove parking lot and we would
     24. still have the experience available, the views
112. available. So if that's the example of the idea that
113. you can do both sometimes, sometimes you can let nature
114. take its course and still have the experience that
115. everybody wants.
116. MS. AVELLAR: Oh, I'm very happy with that.
117. MR. ROBINSON: Good.
118. MS. AVELLAR: I really am. I'm very happy with
119. that process, and I even --
120. MR. ROBINSON: I'll declare a victory and get out.
121. (Laughter.)
122. MS. AVELLAR: I even bit my tongue at the prospect
123. of berms building up so that we're not -- and sand and
124. beach grass and we won't have that lovely (inaudible).
125. But I bit my tongue on that because the parking lot's
126. important to me.
127. MR. PRICE: Now, Mary-Jo mentioned the Province
128. Lands. I just want to talk about that. So the road
129. that goes basically from the top from the Visitors
130. Center out to the Herring Cove area. So we started work
131. on that last year. We were very pleased to get the same
132. contractor that we've had. He's been very successful.
133. So if any contractor can work quickly, it's going to be
134. them.
135. This particular contract is under the Federal
     1. Highways people, so this isn't our contract per se. So
     2. the road was to re-pave and to work on the drainage on
     3. the sides and to repair two of the tunnels. So the
     4. weather was so bad unlike other winters -- I mean, the
     5. winter of the bathhouse they worked out there all year.
     6. They were able to work out there. But this winter they
     7. were not able to work. So as soon as the weather broke
     8. at all is when they were able to go back to the tunnel
     9. work because that wasn't on the road surface.
     10. Karst has or is in the process of meeting both with
     11. the Federal Highways supervisors and with the
     12. contractors to figure out when a new schedule is going
     13. to be, and we'll be putting that out as a press release
     14. because obviously that's going to be a different time
     15. frame. And we're under pressure because of the
     16. amphibians out there. That's where the spadefoot toads
     17. like to cross the road once the weather changes. And
     18. when the wet weather comes at certain times of the year
     19. is when they're out there running on the road all the
     20. time, which we're not supposed to have equipment out
     21. there when that's happening.
     22. MS. AVELLAR: Because of cars running over them.
     23. MR. PRICE: Because of all the cars running over
     24. them.

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MS. AVELLAR: So do we have an ETA on that? MR. PRICE: I'm sorry. Kathy?

MS. TEVYAW: Substantial completion by mid-May. MR. PRICE: Substantial completion by mid-May. So does that mean there won't be any access until

MS. TEVYAW: It doesn't say. MR. PRICE: Okay.

MS. AVELLAR: Thank you.

MR. DELANEY: One more Graham Giese footnote on the

1. long-term studies that the Park has been collaborating
2. with Graham on to do the sediment budget on the Outer
3. Beach here. He figures it's now 1.1 million cubic yards
4. of sand moved every single year along the beach down to
5. PTown. So that's -- I mean, that is talking about one
6. of the most dynamic sand budgets in the world probably.
7. It's unbelievable.
8. MS. AVELLAR: Provincetown before they built the
9. breakwater in the harbor, sand used to come away from
10. one end of town in the winter and come back in the

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| 21 | summer. | And since the breakwater was built, there's |
| 22 | been a | lot of accretion down towards Beach Point. But |
| 23 | George | Bryant and I walked along the beach one day back |
| 24 | in the | late '60s or '70s, and you could see where the |

1. seawalls, you know, there was less and less sand. And
2. then in town when they built the beach nourishment, they
3. were able to bring it back, you know, in the dredging
4. for the finger piers. But it was going away in that
5. (inaudible) area of town.
6. MR. DELANEY: Okay, George, thank you, unless there
7. are any other topics. Are there any other topics for
8. the superintendent to report on?
9. MS. AVELLAR: What's the *Live Lightly Campaign*?
10. MR. ROBINSON: That's me.
11. MR. DELANEY: That's coming up next. That's after
12. *Old Business*.

# OLD BUSINESS

1. MR. DELANEY: Any old business? I don't think we
2. have.
3. LIVE LIGHTLY CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT
4. MR. DELANEY: Mark, would you like to update us on
5. *Live Lightly*?
6. MR. ROBINSON: Yeah, this is the outreach to
7. private landowners within the Park, encouraging them to
8. set aside some of their property for natural habitats.
9. And I reported last meeting of Bill Carlson and
10. Lonni Briggs who donated a conservation restriction on
11. their back acre. So that was completed. And we've just
12. started working with a couple in Eastham to preserve
13. three acres under conservation restriction, so that's
14. also within the Park. As it becomes more public
15. knowledge, I'll let you know about it.
16. MR. DELANEY: Good.
17. MR. ROBINSON: We're making --
18. MR. DELANEY: That's good. No, that's good. Thank
19. you.

# NEW BUSINESS

1. MR. DELANEY: Any new business from the members of
2. the Commission? Maureen?
3. MS. BURGESS: I don't suppose there's anything the
4. Commission could do with regard to DMF and Marine
5. Fisheries and the issue? Is there anything? We're not
6. a group of scientists, so I don't know if there's any
7. support that we can offer the superintendent in
8. response.
9. I noticed that Mr. Diodati did not in his responses
10. to George -- did not address the ledge. I don't recall
11. whether you pointed that out in your letter to him, but
12. he did not address that. I'm just saying I don't know
13. if there's anything we can do to support you.
14. MR. DELANEY: Larry?
15. MR. SPAULDING: I'd like to get some scientific
    1. evidence and then do something to support them if that's
    2. what this scientific evidence is.
    3. MS. AVELLAR: We need to have a moratorium until
    4. the scientific evidence is in because then they're still
    5. out there doing it.
    6. MR. DELANEY: That is common. Jason referred to
    7. some of the standard mapping that we'll be doing to
    8. provide the seafloor map.
    9. MR. PRICE: Yeah, I have to talk to Mark Borrelli
    10. because what they were working on, will that answer
    11. these questions? And that I don't know. Because I
    12. think they were looking at kind of an (inaudible) type
    13. of mapping, so will that help us be able to determine if
    14. when (inaudible) rises (inaudible) that's a commonsense
    15. type of thing? And there's a picture of that they just
    16. sent me of a hydro-clammer traversing Herring Cove from
    17. the air, and there's just a plume of brown behind it
    18. where all the sands are. So it's kind of a commonsense-
    19. type thing. So how many dollars and how many years do
    20. we need to spend studying for it to be able to prove
    21. something? I'm not sure.
    22. MR. DELANEY: I don't know if you plan to do this,
    23. but if your letter -- if your letter, George, were to
    24. inquire or ask DMF what studies they would benefit from
16. to make a decision because I think part of their
17. response has been the science is not clear either way.
18. So a direct question is, what science do you need and
19. could we partner with you, the state?
20. MR. PRICE: That's actually part of that next
21. letter.
22. MR. DELANEY: That would at least invest them in
23. the science as well as us. Between the two sides
24. getting together, we might be able to get at least
25. agreement on the scientific situation.
26. It will take some time, Larry. You're right. It's
27. not going to happen overnight.
28. But don't forget. This has been a controversial
29. issue since the 1950s.
30. MR. PRICE: Yes.
31. MR. DELANEY: This is not the first time this has
32. come up.
33. MR. PRICE: Well, Rex Peterson told me a little bit
34. -- not Rex Peterson. Rex McKinsey told me prior to the
35. hydro-dredging, the dry dredging wasn't in great shakes
36. either because he was saying that technology also just
37. laid waste to the harbor bottom. That was part of his
38. presentation.
39. MR. DELANEY: So there are jurisdictional
    1. questions. There are conflicts between gear types.
    2. There's a management issue about whether you're managing
    3. for a single species, the sea clam --
    4. MR. PRICE: Right.
    5. MR. DELANEY: -- or managing for the ecosystem for
    6. all species.
    7. MR. PRICE: In the meantime, number one, I'm pro
    8. fisherman. So obviously we're not trying to have a
    9. damaging impact on the fishing industry. Number two, I
    10. like clams. So I'm a happy end-user.
    11. (Laughter.)
    12. MR. DELANEY: Happy as a clam.
    13. MR. PRICE: So it's not as if we're trying to turn
    14. the fishing industry upside down and prevent this across
    15. the board. It's just that in this particular
    16. environment I think it's very important.
    17. Provincetown also has other ancillary issues
    18. involved with this as far as jurisdiction of ConsComm
    19. and all that sort of thing. It just so happens on a
    20. number of these issues we're overlapping. That's kind
    21. of -- when I was asked by a reporter are we supporting
    22. Provincetown 100 percent, are they supporting us, I
    23. think we both have common interests is the point in that
    24. particular area.
        1. MS. AVELLAR: Provincetown was thrilled with your
        2. letter, by the way.
        3. MR. PRICE: When we have the opportunity to
        4. overlap, I think that's a good thing.

# DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

* + 1. MR. DELANEY: That brings us to date and agenda for
    2. the next meeting, and I guess we started to tackle this.
    3. Typically we go every two months. So we're at the end
    4. of May -- I mean, we would be -- let's see. Be the end
    5. of May, beginning of June, but then we heard Jason say
    6. the bird -- shorebird management plan maybe should be
    7. July.
    8. MR. PRICE: Yes.
    9. MR. DELANEY: So what are you thinking, George?
    10. MR. PRICE: I was playing with dates, and our
    11. limiting factor here is our ability to get it into the
    12. Federal Register. Two dates.
    13. So, Nancy, do we think -- if we had a May 11
    14. meeting?
    15. MS. DOUCETTE: No, that's not enough time. It has
    16. to be in the Federal Register for two weeks before the
    17. meeting.
    18. MR. PRICE: How about May 18?
    19. MS. DOUCETTE: I think it's still tough. We asked
        1. for a quick turnaround last September, and we were told
        2. in the future to give two months. So to me that means
        3. all of April and all of May. Depending on how much you
        4. want to push it, we can certainly ask, but it's kind of
        5. calling in a favor to get it. It has to bounce back and
        6. forth between three or four different people like eight
        7. different times before it can get in the Federal
        8. Register.
        9. MR. PRICE: How about -- well, what's the pleasure
        10. of the group? Because the possibility would be like

11 June 1.

1. MS. LYONS: That's fine with me.
2. MR. PRICE: And then May --
3. MR. DELANEY: George, weren't we building this next
4. meeting in part around the availability of the shorebird
5. management plan?
6. MR. PRICE: Well, we're not going to be able to do
7. the shorebird management plan until July.
8. MR. ROBINSON: Does it have to be done in July?
9. Could it wait until September, or is there some time
10. sensitivity?
11. MR. PRICE: It's time-sensitive. It's going out
12. for public review, and just I'm assuming you all want to
13. be part of the public review. Maybe that's an
14. assumption on my part.
15. MR. DELANEY: No, we do. We do. I think that's
16. our --
17. MR. ROBINSON: Maybe we can have a special meeting
18. this summer.
19. MR. DELANEY: So you're trying to see if we can get

7 June in, then we do another one later in the summer, and

1. then we can --
2. MR. PRICE: Well, frankly, it's the will of the
3. group, Mr. Chairman. So we could --
4. MR. ROBINSON: It's going to be a hot button. We
5. should be involved in it.
6. MR. PRICE: Here's the question. Do you want to
7. have an interim meeting? Do you want to have a May
8. meeting -- I mean, June? Or just for July?
9. MS. GREEN: Could we just have the July meeting?
10. MS. BURGESS: A special one in July.
11. MR. DELANEY: A July meeting and no June?
12. MR. SPAULDING: It's only a month later. If we

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| 20 | want | to have a July meeting, does it make sense to have |
| 21 | a -- |  |
| 22 |  | MS. LYONS: Well, our next meeting would be May. |
| 23 |  | MS. BURGESS: May. |
| 24 |  | MR. SPAULDING: We can't do it in May. |

1. MR. PRICE: Actually, we're not at this point.
2. MR. SPAULDING: We can't get it in the Register.
3. MS. LYONS: Oh, I see what you're saying.
4. MR. SPAULDING: So by then if we have a meeting in
5. the beginning of June, I guess we'd have a meeting in
6. the beginning of July. So it seems to me to make sense
7. just to go to July.
8. MR. PRICE: So it would be July 6 or July 13.
9. MR. DELANEY: That's where I was going. We usually
10. go every two months. We have one more month. This
11. particular time it gets us into July, and then we get to
12. hear about the shorebird management plan.
13. MS. LYONS: Yeah, that's fine.
14. MR. DELANEY: So it would be July. Then we'd go

15 September for the last one, August/September. But we

1. want to make sure that the plan is ready in July. If
2. we're doing all this changing around, we want to be
3. pretty darn sure that we're going to hear about it. And
4. I heard Jason kind of hesitating on when in July.
5. MR. PRICE: I think we're talking about -- the
6. safest day according to Jason is July 13.
7. MR. DELANEY: Is that good with everyone?
8. MR. NUENDEL: As far as I can tell.
9. MR. PRICE: Or would it be the 13th or the 20th?
10. MS. LYONS: Let's go make it the 20th. I mean,
11. it's a week later. That way you'd be more certain
12. you'll have it as opposed to, say, the 13th. I mean, I
13. have no problem with it. If we're going to go all the
14. way to July, let's go with July 20.
15. MR. DELANEY: I'm happy to go to July, and if we're
16. making sure -- if we're building this around the plan,
17. let's give him the extra week.
18. MS. LYONS: Right.
19. MR. DELANEY: So that would be the 20th. Then the
20. only question then is, are there other issues that we
21. may want to hear about --
22. MS. BURGESS: In the interim.
23. MR. DELANEY: -- in the interim?
24. MS. BURGESS: Right.
25. MR. DELANEY: So just think about that for a
26. minute. I had noted down the *Climate Friendly Parks*,
27. but that's more of an informational --
28. MR. PRICE: That could be --
29. MR. DELANEY: Centennial plans are something we
30. want to hear about. Can they wait till July?
31. MR. PRICE: That's informational. The only other
32. -- Lauren, let me just ask you, the Outer Cape bike
33. plan?
    1. MS. McKEAN: The bicycle/pedestrian master plan is
    2. going to be done at some point this summer, July or
    3. August, for public review, and I don't have a specific
    4. date on that.
    5. MR. PRICE: And that's the plan we've been working
    6. with the county. There have been a number of public
    7. meetings that have gone very well, so nothing else. An
    8. update on that plan would be useful for this particular
    9. group. The good news is that's been going well.
    10. MS. McKEAN: There's a chance it could -- as Kathy
    11. just asked, he -- something to talk about in September.
    12. MR. DELANEY: And then the other things that we
    13. talked about today, the sea -- the hydro-clamming,
    14. that's -- you're going to take that action anyway. We
    15. can follow that. The Nauset Spit, Orleans/Eastham, that
    16. seems to be moving on its own pace. Nothing immediately
    17. for us to focus on.
    18. So I think we're okay in terms of interim issues.
    19. Larry?
    20. MR. SPAULDING: Yeah, I'd be interested -- George
    21. was going to check to find out if this study they're
    22. doing actually is going to take into account the ledges
    23. and the erosion from the sea clamming.
    24. MR. PRICE: Right.
34. MR. SPAULDING: Whether or not that would be part
35. of it. And for an agenda item, I'd just be interested
36. to see what you found out about that.
37. MR. PRICE: Right. Me too. I'm not assuming
38. because all that work was put together -- scoping it
39. out, the contract with the Center and everything was
40. done a long time before the sea clamming topic came up.
41. Mark Borrelli can tell us if there's something that can
42. piggyback on that or if there's something he can glean
43. from that that would be pertinent. I think it's going
44. to be very important to us.
45. MR. DELANEY: But again, that won't impact our
46. scheduling the next meeting in June or July necessarily.
47. MR. PRICE: Right.
48. MR. DELANEY: All right, so it looks like we're
49. heading towards July 20.
50. MS. BURGESS: So a hiatus until then?
51. MR. DELANEY: A hiatus until then. It's a little
52. bit unusual. We're usually pretty religious to go with
53. every two months.
54. MR. PRICE: Well, we are pretty religious.
55. However, we've often ended at that. May or June has
56. often been the last meeting for the summer.
57. MR. ROBINSON: We skip the summer season.
58. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, that's true.
59. MR. PRICE: We have met in July, but I think it was
60. over both EAs. I think it might have been over the
61. Herring Cove parking lot and then going all the way back
62. to the dune shack management plan. I think that was a

6 July date as well, but those were more special times.

1. And I think the way it fell wasn't this juggling among
2. the months in order for us to get the Federal Register
3. notice.
4. MR. DELANEY: Okay, July 20 it is.
5. And the agenda will be primarily shorebird
6. management plan; maybe an update, informational item on
7. *Climate Friendly Parks*; and anything else on the
8. centennial plans. And maybe there'll be the next
9. chapter of the sea clam adventure.
10. MR. PRICE: So just so you know, basically at that
11. point the EA for the shorebird plan would be put out for
12. public comment for 30 days. This would be the last time
13. the comment would go out. We'd be collecting all the
14. public comment in order to put a response together. We
15. will be doing a draft, what's called a FONSI, and then
16. theoretically we'd be ready to file a decision on that
17. plan by September 3. So that's why I've really been
18. wanting you all to have it presented to you so that you
19. can see what it was and also have any comment if you're
20. particularly interested.
21. MR. DELANEY: Good, good. Thank you.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

1. MR. DELANEY: So let's move to *Public Comment*.
2. Ted, you've been patient. Glad to have you back
3. with us. Do you have a couple of things to add to any
4. topic?
5. AUDIENCE MEMBER (TED THOMAS): A couple topics.
6. One, Tom Reinhart. I spoke with Tom yesterday. I've
7. been in touch with him. He's in good spirits, but he
8. had been diagnosed with a very aggressive lymphoma, and
9. the treatment is very aggressive. So he may come home
10. this week. That would be for a couple of days, and then
11. he's back on to a five-day on, five-day off treatment,
12. which is five days on, 24 hours of chemotherapy. And so
13. just by telling you that, you can see how aggressive
14. this is.
15. But he was in good spirits, and he said please say
16. hello to everyone and thank you for being here because
17. he feels it's an important place to be. And he had a
18. special shout out to Rich and George.
19. MR. DELANEY: Good, thank him.
20. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. THOMAS): And then the only
    1. other thing I had is I had sent Maureen some
    2. information. I attended the NRC Pilgrim Annual
    3. Assessment Meeting on March 18 of this year. Last year
    4. it was in May.
    5. And, Maureen, if you think it's imperative to say
    6. something, I would.
    7. MS. BURGESS: If you could, Ted. I just handed out
    8. the e-mail that you and Shelly sent. And I gave
    9. everybody a copy, but if you could report, that would be
    10. great.
    11. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. THOMAS): Sure. I went to
    12. this meeting. It was very similar to the meeting of
    13. last year.
    14. Quick take-away points, a change from last year to
    15. this year, the Governor, Peake, Markey, Wolf, Warren,
    16. and MEMA were not in attendance. The previous year they
    17. all were there. It was mentioned that there was a State
    18. Senators dinner that night, and quite a few people have
    19. to be there. Baywatch, Pilgrim Watch, Downwinders, Down
    20. Cape Downwinders, Jones River Association, and four
    21. other individuals along with a state senator -- direct
    22. from a state senator and a representative from
    23. Congressman Keating's office all drove solid, well-
    24. documented points, and there was little to no
21. overlapping. So I don't know if they joined hands, but
22. when they spoke, they had points and they were all
23. different. And they were all, like I said, well
24. documented.
25. The difference from last year's meeting to this
26. meeting, this year there were 19 proponents for Pilgrim;
27. 19 different people stood up and spoke in favor of
28. Pilgrim being there. The year before there were none.
29. This year there were many more green buttons,
30. George, and they still weren't glowing.
31. The NRC Regional Director, being a Bill Dean, has
32. moved on to the Reactor Regulation's office. He was
33. replaced by Dan Dorman. Dan Dorman was originally a
34. native of Hingham, Mass.
35. The power station has moved from the ninth worst in
36. a field of 104 to fifth worst in a field of 100. In the
37. bottom five plants in the U.S., the owner of Entergy
38. also owns three others of the bottom five. The long
39. list of equipment repair/updated, updated clean water
40. certificate from the EPA, and the financial viability
41. statement for Entergy still remains a promise. That
42. clean water certificate is 12 years in coming. And I
43. will just give you an idea. If you had an exhaust pipe
44. in your car and your car wouldn't pass inspection,
45. eventually you'd be in there really pretty quickly so
46. you'd have a legal car on the street. Twelve years they
47. have not had a certificate of clean water.
48. It was stated at this meeting that every time a
49. plant goes through an elected or a mandated shutdown and
50. startup it contributes greatly to the aging process
51. through large amounts of physical stress to the
52. mechanics, structure, and the employees. That one
53. shutdown that they had, that scram that they went
54. through -- granted, I was not here, but you had two
55. storms, Juno and Neptune or whatever the second one was
56. -- the reason they elected to shut it down is because
57. they have a circuit board that faces the Northeast or
58. faces nor'easters, and that's where all this arcing was
59. taking place, and they were concerned that once again
60. they would lose power so they elected to shut it down.
61. So the Region 1 Director, Dan Dorman, was asked if
62. the Governor of Massachusetts -- if the Governor of
63. Massachusetts was able to close Pilgrim. He answered
64. with no. That was a question that a lot of people had:
65. "Well, why doesn't the Governor step up?"
66. "Well, he can't do it. He doesn't have the power."
67. And also Dan Dorman was asked if he felt that it
68. was safe to move his family within a 50-mile radius of
69. Pilgrim, and he said yes, he would feel safe in doing
70. that.
71. MR. NUENDEL: What happens if it was south 50
72. instead of north 50?
73. MS. LYONS: Yeah, exactly.
74. MR. NUENDEL: He never answered that question, I
75. bet.
76. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. THOMAS): So there you go.
77. That's what I have in short.
78. MS. BURGESS: Thank you, Ted.
79. MR. DELANEY: Thanks, Ted. Keep up the good work.
80. Lilli?
81. MS. GREEN: Just as a point of clarification, you
82. mentioned that the senators were -- actually, Senator
83. Wolf and the senator from the Plymouth area were at
84. something called the Commonwealth Conversations. The
85. new Senate president had this listening tour across the
86. state. I was in attendance, and actually Ed DeWitt, the
87. president of the Association for the Preservation of
88. Cape Cod, spoke in favor of shutting down Plymouth --
89. shutting down Pilgrim in Plymouth at that particular
90. evening event. And there were actually 15 out of the 40
91. senators in attendance, so that was a great opportunity
92. as well. So I know that Senator Wolf probably would
93. have been at that other event if the Commonwealth
94. Conversations were not happening. But that was a very
95. worthwhile event.
96. Thank you.
97. MR. DELANEY: Good. Any other comments from the
98. public? Seeing -- George?
99. MR. PRICE: This is a little out of order, Mr.
100. Chair, but I think a future topic, maybe next season's
101. meetings, I attended a major kickoff of Plymouth 400,
102. which is going to be a large event coming up in 2020.
103. It seems pretty far out, but it was very well attended.
104. And I know the Town of Provincetown had a large
105. committee that's working on this as well. And perhaps
106. at some time in the future, we could have a session on
107. that with the Advisory Commission inviting some of the
108. people from the Provincetown committee just to give an
109. update on what some of the future --
110. MS. AVELLAR: It's called the 2020 Committee.
111. MR. DELANEY: Provincetown -- we could probably ask
112. the people from Plymouth to come over so they could
113. disabuse themselves of any first claim on the Pilgrims
114. and get the historical record set straight before --
115. MR. PRICE: At the dedication for the Pilgrim
116. Monument, what was the reverend's name? Who was the
117. fellow who spoke at the Pilgrim Monument? The Reverend?
118. MS. LYONS: Oh, yeah, he just died.
119. MR. PRICE: Yeah, he just died. From Plymouth.
120. MS. LYONS: The one that was at the ceremony.
121. MS. AVELLAR: I haven't been to any of the
122. meetings.
123. MS. LYONS: No, it was --
124. MR. DELANEY: Peter Gomes. Peter Gomes.
125. MS. LYONS: Peter Gomes. Peter Gomes.
126. MS. AVELLAR: Oh, Peter Gomes died?
127. MR. PRICE: Yes.
128. MS. AVELLAR: Oh.
129. MS. LYONS: He died shortly after that.
130. MR. DELANEY: A couple years, yeah.
131. MR. PRICE: But he was terrific at the Pilgrim
132. Monument dedication and all thrilled and full of
133. comparisons between Plymouth and Provincetown.
134. MS. LYONS: And puritanical -- puritanical living
135. for today.
136. MS. AVELLAR: But, you know, those people have been
137. very good about coming down to Provincetown and working 22 --
138. MR. PRICE: Yeah.
139. MS. AVELLAR: George Bryant, God rest his soul,
     1. always said, as Sheila just reminded me, that Plymouth
     2. has been stealing all the glory.
     3. MS. LYONS: He used to say that when he was in the
     4. assembly in 2006.
     5. MR. PRICE: Well, I've got to tell you. This
     6. session that I attended, it was packed. It was almost
     7. standing room only, and it was all -- all the
     8. communities, as you can imagine, in and around Plymouth,
     9. down all the way through the Cape, the Cape Chamber of
     10. Commerce.
     11. MS. AVELLAR: A big deal.
     12. MR. PRICE: And Plymouth, the Provincetown Chamber
     13. of Commerce, and the Pilgrim Monument. I saw Rex again.
     14. So it is a big deal, and it just seems like this would
     15. be an appropriate thing to present to this group at some
     16. point.
     17. MR. DELANEY: Good, all right. Thank you.
     18. MS. AVELLAR: One of those big churches in Plymouth
     19. was vandalized or an arson fire, one of the old Plymouth
     20. churches.

# ADJOURNMENT

* 1. MR. DELANEY: Okay, I'll entertain a motion to
  2. adjourn.
  3. MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

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| 1 |  | MS. LYONS: Second. |
| 2 |  | MR. DELANEY: Those in favor, signify by saying |
| 3 | aye. |  |
| 4 |  | BOARD MEMBERS: Aye. |
| 5 |  | MR. DELANEY: Thank you very much, everybody. |

1. (Whereupon, at 2:58 p.m. the proceedings were
2. adjourned.) 8

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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 29th day of June, 2015.

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