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

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station

Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on Monday, September 14, 2015, commencing at 1:06 p.m.

SITTING:

Richard Delaney, Chairman Larry Spaulding

Don Nuendel Lilli Green Joseph Craig Sheila Lyons Mary-Jo Avellar

Judith Stephenson Maureen Burgess

Robert Summersgill, alternate

Also present:

George Price, Superintendent Lauren McKean, Park Planner

Susan Moynihan, Chief of Interpretation & Cultural Resources Audience members

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

1. MR. DELANEY: Good beautiful afternoon to
2. everybody. What a day, huh? It's exciting.
3. It's an honor to call to order the 299th meeting of
4. the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.
5. We're approaching that big number. We'll talk about
6. that later today.
7. I would like to welcome all of you, of course. And
8. we have a couple of people in the audience who will make
9. some comments later, but I believe we have a new town
10. administrator.
11. MS. AVELLAR: We do, town manager.
12. MR. DELANEY: Town manager from Provincetown here.
13. MS. AVELLAR: David Panagore, our new town manager,
14. and he's my alternate, I believe.
15. AUDIENCE MEMBER (DAVID PANAGORE): Yes. Yes, and
16. I'm just here to say hi, if you're looking for a face
17. with a name, and now I'm going to head out the door and
18. leave everything to --
19. MS. AVELLAR: He's our second bowtie wearing town
20. manager.
21. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): But I was told to
22. draw the line at wearing a boater hat.
23. MS. AVELLAR: Keith used to wear a boater hat,
    1. seersucker suit.
    2. MR. DELANEY: Well, congratulations.
    3. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Thank you.
    4. MR. DELANEY: We'll be looking forward to working
    5. with you in the future. You'll see. This is a group,
    6. and we've been around for 299 meetings.
    7. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): 299 meetings.
    8. Maybe you'll make it to 300.
    9. MR. PRICE: David, just so you know, federal
    10. advisory commissions don't come that easy to be
    11. established, and this is the first one that was
    12. established with the National Park. Most of them have
    13. sunset clauses. Most of them are around like just for
    14. the establishment of the Park or during a general
    15. management plan, but I've certainly been of the opinion
    16. that this one is significantly different because of the
    17. communication that has to happen even though the Park
    18. has been around for some years.
    19. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Right.
    20. MR. PRICE: So this is a big deal. So the 300th
    21. piece about it I think is a big deal.
    22. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Why I asked.
    23. MR. PRICE: That's right.
    24. MR. DELANEY: And you will hear back through
        1. Mary-Jo's capable hands on what we do and any issues you
        2. want to give to us. So that's how each of these people
        3. representing the town or the county, in the case of
        4. Commissioner Lyons.
        5. MS. LYONS: Nice to meet you.
        6. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Nice to meet you
        7. as well.
        8. Well, thank you all very much, and again, it's just
        9. the beginning. But I need to go.
        10. MS. LYONS: Take care.
        11. MR. NUENDEL: Nice to meet you.

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA

* + 1. MR. DELANEY: Okay, we have an agenda that's been
    2. distributed in advance, and Maureen would like to add
    3. one other report under the Nickerson Fellowship.
    4. Does anyone want to add or change any other items
    5. on the agenda?
    6. (No response.)
    7. MR. DELANEY: All right, I'll entertain a motion to
    8. adopt the agenda as written.
    9. MS. BURGESS: So moved.
    10. MR. SPAULDING: Second.
    11. MR. DELANEY: All those signify by saying aye.
    12. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1. MR. DELANEY: Okay.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (MARCH 30, 2015)

1. MR. DELANEY: We have minutes distributed in
2. advance, as always. And I would ask for any comments,
3. corrections, additions, or anything like that.
4. I'll go to our Eastham representative, as tradition
5. calls.
6. MR. NUENDEL: Yeah, they were healthy. I had a
7. couple days to read them, and they're accurate as far as
8. I can remember. I didn't see anything glaring, and we
9. were busy that day.
10. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, I know. Yeah.
11. All right, anyone else see any or have anything
12. else to change?
13. (No response.)
14. MR. DELANEY: All right, hearing no additions or
15. corrections, I'll ask for a motion to approve the
16. minutes.
17. MS. AVELLAR: So moved.
18. MR. SPAULDING: Second.
19. MR. DELANEY: All those who approve, signify by
20. saying aye.
21. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
22. MR. DELANEY: Good, okay.

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| 1 |  | **REPORTS OF OFFICERS** |
| 2 | MR. | DELANEY: And there is no report from the |
| 3 | officer. |  |
| 4 |  | **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES** |
| 5 | MR. | DELANEY: And there are some -- two |

* 1. subcommittee reports, and I'll ask Maureen to start with
  2. -- well, both actually, the update on the Pilgrim plant.
  3. NICKERSON FELLOWSHIP
  4. MS. BURGESS: So I wanted to give you a little
  5. update on the Nickerson Fellowship because if you
  6. reviewed the minutes, you'll know that we spent some
  7. time on that, and I know Mark has been very interested
  8. in getting the links on the Atlantic Coastal -- I always
  9. say this wrong -- Atlantic Research and Learning Center
  10. website. And all of the papers are now listed. And
  11. about four of them have links, so you can actually get
  12. into the finished product. And I've had communication
  13. with Chris Green over the summer, and my understanding
  14. is that they're working on getting more of them up.
  15. (Judith Stephenson enters the room.)
  16. MS. BURGESS: I gave you a list of all the
  17. proposals so you might get an overview of the nature of
  18. topics that were submitted to the committee, and again,
  19. the committee consists of myself, a representative from

1. the Friends, and some other members at large, former
2. scientists like John Portnoy and John Riehl.
3. So number one is the one that was selected for the
4. fellowship, and it was by Kate Morkeski, and the
5. proposal was selected after much discussion. It has to
6. do with -- very pertinent to the Herring River
7. restoration plan, which, as you know, when completed,
8. the adapted management plan will restore natural flow
9. into areas where it has been interrupted. So it is seen
10. as a potential ecological experiment in terms of these
11. upswing marshes reverting back to salt marsh, and this
12. research may really aid in determining the benefits of
13. wetland restoration.
14. Kate also presented in August at the science day at
15. the Salt Pond Visitors Center. So she's measuring CO2
16. gas emissions, all greenhouse gases, nitrous oxide, and
17. methane. And I don't know if you're all familiar with
18. the term *blue carbon.* It's something you're going to be
19. hearing more about, but basically the notion is that
20. coastal grasses, mangroves, mangrove groves, these sort
21. of things have the potential for really sequestering a
22. lot of atmospheric nitrogen even to a greater extent
23. than forests do. And there's the potential that with
24. increased coastal grasses we may be able to really have
25. a negative effect on nitrogen and greenhouse gas
26. emissions, particularly nitrogen. That's as I
27. understand it.
28. So Kate was awarded the fellowship, but we also did
29. have enough funding to give -- you'll see that we really
30. zeroed in on the Herring River restoration. We did have
31. enough money to give a PhD candidate, Derrick Alcott,
32. some money for cameras for his work on the migratory
33. delay response to predators and passage success in the
34. Herring River restoration -- estuary rather -- in the
35. Herring River estuary. So we were able to give him the
36. cameras that he wanted to determine the level of
37. predation at some of the culverts where there seems to
38. be a delay as the herring migrate, which when we went
39. out with George -- I guess that was two springs ago --
40. we actually did observe that.
41. So you can look over. You can see the nature of
42. the submissions. They were all very, very interesting,
43. and I thought I'd leave you that since you usually don't
44. get to hear about what we actually review and who
45. received the fellowship.
46. So that's it.
47. MR. DELANEY: Any comments on the Nickerson
48. Fellowship award?
    1. MS. LYONS: Just that I thank Maureen for providing
    2. us all of the descriptions of the applicants and those
    3. who won because they -- I'm sure it was kind of a hard
    4. decision.
    5. MS. BURGESS: It was. It was hard.
    6. MS. LYONS: They're very interesting and good.
    7. MS. BURGESS: It was hard. We do have criteria
    8. that we try to stick to, but it's always a lot of
    9. interesting discussion.
    10. Judy just asked how much. I believe it was around
    11. $3,000, and I think for Kate Morkeski -- I think 500 is
    12. held back until her paper is completed.
    13. MR. DELANEY: I think so, yeah.
    14. MS. BURGESS: And then we did have a little money
    15. -- we had $1,000 to give to Derrick for his cameras.
    16. His work is already funded by U.S. Geological Service
    17. and the National Park Service, but this was an
    18. additional piece that he thought would aid his research.
    19. But it is hard, and they were interesting.
    20. MR. DELANEY: This just illustrates the extent of
    21. science that goes on at the Cape Cod National Seashore,
    22. not only within the staff, which is terrific, but other
    23. people who want to be involved in it. And I'll just
    24. mention. I've had a number of people from UMass-Boston
49. ask me recently about the upper stream, the upper
50. reaches of the Herring River for some reason. I tried
51. to find it the other day. I don't even know where it
52. is. But I will try to put those people in touch with
53. Kate.
54. MS. BURGESS: Oh, yeah, great.
55. Oh, one other one I just want to point out because
56. this was really amazing. No. 3, Alex Coban, a high
57. school senior submitted a very, very impressive
58. submission. Dr. Sophia Fox, the Park aquatic ecologist,
59. was working with him and was very, very -- so impressed
60. that she actually recommended him. His hypothesis is
61. that oyster aquaculture significantly stimulates --
62. again, we're talking about nitrogen -- stimulates
63. sediment, microbial nitrogen removal in the underlying
64. sediments.
65. It was really a really top-notch submission, so I
66. just was -- we were all kind of blown away by that one,
67. but we had to come down on one. So it would be nice if
68. we could fund more, but that was --
69. MR. DELANEY: Yes, Mary-Jo?
70. MS. AVELLAR: A question on No. 6. What is
71. eutrophication?
72. MS. BURGESS: Oh, yes. So it's when your pond gets
    1. stinky.
    2. MS. AVELLAR: We don't have ponds in Provincetown, 3 so...
73. MR. DELANEY: Well, there was some eutrophication
74. going on in the East Harbor until the Park opened up
75. some of the flow.
76. MS. AVELLAR: Right.
77. MR. DELANEY: It's still an issue there.
78. MR. PRICE: Well, in talking with Truro, it was
79. joint.
80. MR. DELANEY: Or Truro.
81. MR. PRICE: Yeah.
82. MS. BURGESS: Agnes Mittermayr, who's doing that,
83. George, she's continuing to work on that, her fatty acid
84. research. I think it's ongoing because she submitted
85. before. Maybe Sue knows.
86. MS. MOYNIHAN: I don't.
87. MS. BURGESS: No? Okay.
88. MR. DELANEY: All right, great. Good report.
89. UPDATE OF PILGRIM NUCLEAR PLANT EMERGENCY PLANNING
90. SUBCOMMITTEE STATE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS
91. MR. DELANEY: On to the power plant issue.
92. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, so on the Commission's behalf
93. and with the permission of the chairman since we were
94. not in session, I did submit on the Commission's behalf
95. -- I added the name of the Seashore Advisory Commission
96. to a coalition of 24 groups which were supporting Cape
97. Cod Bay Watch in calling on the EPA and the DEP to
98. suspend the long-expired -- for 19 years it's been
99. expired -- water discharge permit at Entergy's Pilgrim
100. Power Station.
101. Their report was entitled "Entergy, The Bay Is Not
102. Your Dump." It was released in -- the 8th of June, and
103. it documents Pilgrim's thermal pollution of the bay.
104. And as you know, Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station dumps 500
105. million gallons of hot water into the bay, and that
106. includes pollutants killing millions of fish and sea
107. life every year. And their full report is available if
108. you go to the *capecodbaywatch.org* site. They're based
109. in Plymouth. And to my knowledge, I don't know if
110. they've gotten a response yet from EPA.
111. MR. DELANEY: I don't think they have, no.
112. MS. BURGESS: And then, once again, Sheila, the
113. water in the bay is like up to 75 degrees.
114. MS. LYONS: Right.
115. MS. BURGESS: To the point that they wouldn't be
116. able to use it for cooling.
117. MS. LYONS: Exactly.
118. MR. DELANEY: Mary-Jo?
119. MS. AVELLAR: Where is Save the Harbor, Save the
120. Bay on this issue?
121. MR. DELANEY: They haven't really focused on the
122. power plant. They've been in Boston and the outfall
123. pipe, of course, but they haven't looked at this
124. particular one.
125. MS. AVELLAR: Maybe they should. Maybe we should
126. be sending them a letter.
127. MR. DELANEY: We could bring it to their attention.
128. MS. AVELLAR: I know the person in charge. Her
129. name is Pat Foley. She used to work for John Kerry.
130. Maybe we should send her a notice.
131. MS. STEPHENSON: What is the name?
132. MS. AVELLAR: Save the Harbor, Save the Bay.
133. MS. STEPHENSON: Where are they based?
134. MS. AVELLAR: Boston.
135. MS. STEPHENSON: Boston?
136. MS. AVELLAR: It's only a matter of time, you know,
137. if anything went wrong.
138. MS. LYONS: Right, and it is getting more
139. awareness, I think.
140. MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.
141. MS. LYONS: I just read it in one of the newspapers
     1. that I was reading over the weekend, but it was a new
     2. focus on that that was beyond the bridge. And I was
     3. happy to see that.
     4. MS. GREEN: And I think it would be appropriate
     5. given that our state representative has increased the
     6. area around up to 50 miles, which brings it into Boston.
     7. MS. AVELLAR: Right.
     8. MS. GREEN: I would agree with sending a letter.
     9. MS. BURGESS: That's a good idea.
     10. MR. DELANEY: I think you should feel free to send
     11. any information to them, and both Mary-Jo and I have
     12. their contacts.
     13. MS. BURGESS: Okay, if you can give me the
     14. contacts, I'd have something.
     15. MR. DELANEY: Yes?
     16. MR. SPAULDING: Wouldn't it be more appropriate to
     17. send copies of our prior submissions?
     18. MS. BURGESS: I think we talked about --
     19. MR. SPAULDING: Do it that way?
     20. MS. BURGESS: Yeah.
     21. MR. SPAULDING: Because then we all agreed on.
     22. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, because you mentioned that last
     23. time.
     24. MR. DELANEY: Thank you for the process advice.
         1. And I said to Maureen anything that we've already agreed
         2. upon, she should feel free to use and should. This fits
         3. that bill perfectly.
         4. MS. BURGESS: So we could do those previous letters
         5. that we've done and our report on the study.
         6. MS. GREEN: And I would suggest also sending Sarah
         7. Peake's bill, a copy of the bill with that as well so
         8. they see it. It does extend into Boston.
         9. MS. BURGESS: That's a good idea.
         10. So there's been a flurry of activity or, I should
         11. say, press around Pilgrim, as you've all seen in the
         12. last -- what? -- week. The NRC downgraded it even
         13. further in terms of safety because of the multiple
         14. shutdowns going back into 2013, and I think also because
         15. they just haven't followed through on fixing the
         16. problems correctly. So they've been degraded to the
         17. lowest three plants -- one of the lowest three in the
         18. country, which are all owned by Entergy. So that says
         19. something.
         20. MR. NUENDEL: They're consistent.
         21. MS. BURGESS: They're consistently neglectful,
         22. right.
         23. And as Lilli said, there are -- you have some
         24. information in the packet outlining various pieces of
142. legislation pertaining to Pilgrim. We're fortunate that
143. both our representatives, Sarah Peake and our senator,
144. Dan Wolf, are so active here.
145. So with regard to Sarah's bills, which Lilli
146. mentioned, you'll see on the Cape Downwinders sheet that
147. I gave you, one idea is to have monitoring stations
148. around the plant out to about 50 miles and have a better
149. evacuation plan. In other words, extending the
150. emergency planning zone to 50 miles instead of the 10
151. miles that they are required to. And another of Sarah's
152. bills is -- oh, yes, radiological monitoring, which
153. right now is done by the Massachusetts Department of
154. Public Health, but nowhere out this way. So her idea is
155. to increase the radiological monitoring and to have a --
156. as I understand it, to have a $400,000 fee put up by
157. each power plant to defray costs of this monitoring that
158. the additional stations would require. So those are two
159. important bills that she had.
160. Her bills are going through Joint Committee on
161. Public Health, as they did when she attempted back in
162. 2013 to get these through, and there was testimony,
163. you'll have on one of the sheets you can see, by a lot
164. of grassroots organizations back in July who spoke in
165. favor of her bills. So that testimony has already been
166. put forward, but anybody should feel free to let her
167. know of your support, or if you have friends in other
168. areas, you know, who are represented by different
169. representatives and you can encourage them to step up
170. and support her bills, I think that would be very, very
171. useful.
172. Also, Senator Wolf has a couple of bills in the
173. Senate, and he seems to be taking the tack of economics
174. rather than public health. There is a new lobbying
175. group in Harwich that has come up with a strategy for
176. really lobbying with people -- other senators to try to
177. get their support in getting these bills through. Now,
178. they're with Joint Committee on Telecommunications and
179. Energy, and I don't know that they've had a hearing on
180. that yet.
181. Do you know?
182. MS. LYONS: I don't know.
183. MS. BURGESS: You were at one of the meetings?
184. MS. LYONS: I was. I was at the (inaudible), so I
185. had plenty of take on that.
186. What I found encouraging -- and I'm remembering
187. back where I did hear this conversation over the
188. weekend. I was reading things in the paper, but it was
189. on a Boston news station. I think it was WGBH where
190. they do these little clips. So it was talking about
191. energy and energy in the state, what the Governor is
192. tackling. And it did mention that now that he's
193. recognizing Pilgrim, that there is this problem with
194. Pilgrim, he's been up to Canada and trying to make some
195. sort of understanding -- you know, memorandum of
196. understanding with the Canadian hydroelectric to see
197. what other sources you can bring down. So I think he is
198. also seeing that this is an inevitable thing and trying
199. to line up what the alternative methods would be to keep
200. our power going in the event that this is now going to
201. go away. So I think that it has a crucial piece. They
202. do have to have that in place before something else is
203. -- even though it's there just released for the
204. overload, it doesn't always work on the overload as we
205. see on the hottest days, so -- because of the climate.
206. So I do think that there is a lot of momentum going
207. on. I think it was great that they did downgrade, and
208. unfortunately, his staff obviously didn't read the paper
209. that morning to make sure he knew that. And he kind of
210. blew it a little bit.
211. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, a little bit.
212. MS. LYONS: So I think that brought his full
213. attention to the problem. I do think that there is
214. great momentum. I think that this is the time to keep
215. up that pressure. And, you know, I think -- you know,
216. I'm sure it's going to feel quick, but this has been
217. years in the making, but I do think that once things
218. catch it's going to go very fast.
219. MS. BURGESS: And Dan's bills have to do with
220. having basically I guess you'd call it a tax on the
221. spent fuel assemblies of $10,000 per assembly per year.
222. That's Senate Bill 1797. And then Senate Bill 1798
223. would be a very important piece, which would be a $25
224. million per year fund on each station in Massachusetts
225. to ensure proper decommissioning because that's
226. something that -- you know, we can say shut it down, but
227. the decommissioning is very, very important, and if you
228. read through some of this information, you'll see that
229. they don't have anywhere near an adequate amount based
230. on what they're coming up with for Vermont Yankee as to
231. what they would need to ensure, you know, dry cask
232. storage of the spent rods and proper safety as the plant
233. is decommissioned.
234. So again, I don't know if this is something we want
235. to support as a group. My thinking is if everybody were
236. just to call in and offer their support, it might be
237. helpful, you know, as individuals. And if you have
238. friends in other parts of the state, you can ask them to
239. ask their representatives to support these bills, but --
240. MR. DELANEY: Well, we've supported them in the
241. past. I think all of the above is the way to go. They
242. can join us individually, and groups that are connected
243. to the towns we represent can all weigh in. I don't
244. need to resubmit our letters again this year. That's
245. the easiest thing for us to do. Maybe that's what Lilli
246. is going to suggest.
247. What were you going to say, Lilli?
248. MS. GREEN: I was there for the hearing at Public
249. Health.
250. MS. BURGESS: Oh, you were there?
251. MS. GREEN: I was, yeah, and there were, I would
252. say, between 15 and 20 people that testified on that
253. bill. From what I could see in the audience, it seemed
254. that the members that were present at the time seemed
255. sympathetic and really were very attentive. They really
256. paid attention.
257. And the next step is for it to move out of
258. committee. So if we could write another letter or
259. support it in other ways directly, I think it does have
260. impact. I think this commission does have impact. From
261. what Senator Wolf has told me, this body does have
262. weight, so whatever we can do to support it moving out
263. of committee and moving forward I think will --
264. MR. DELANEY: There is momentum now, so we might as
265. well keep adding to that momentum. Why don't we
266. authorize you, the chair of the subcommittee, to restate
267. our support of each and every one of these bills as
268. we've done in the past.
269. MS. BURGESS: So you mean to the Joint Committee,
270. the two chairs?
271. MR. DELANEY: Yes.
272. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, I'll find that --
273. MS. LYONS: And I'll be happy to work on that with
274. you because the meeting that I attended prior to the
275. last, Mary Lampert was speaking, and she really has -- I
276. remember a few years ago I was talking to Congressman
277. Keating about this, and he said it's really going to be
278. the economics that's going to finally bring it to
279. everyone's attention. And I think she's really grasped
280. onto that and has researched it and has made a very good
281. argument that this isn't just a coastal issue for
282. Massachusetts. If something happens to that power
283. plant, it's just going to have an economic effect
284. throughout the state. It's going to take ten years to
285. decommission, and there will be jobs in place for that
286. decommissioning. Now, whether they're going to be local
287. expertise -- however, it's still going to be generating
288. some sort of economy, and you have ten years to shift
289. that economy to a new thing.
290. So her argument is very logical, very -- very
291. sound, very economic, and as we all know, once it hits
292. the purse strings, that's when people pay attention.
293. You can tell them it's going to kill them, but that
294. doesn't matter.
295. MR. DELANEY: Sheila, thank you for helping
296. volunteer.
297. MS. LYONS: She's really doing most of the work.
298. MR. DELANEY: Just so we get this to the right
299. people because you understand the legislative process
300. well. So we can get this to the right people. Thank
301. you.
302. Mary-Jo?
303. MS. AVELLAR: And this I think all goes hand in
304. hand with our real need to get out of the grid and get
305. into wind power and get into solar and get into anything
306. that reduces carbon footprint, that reduces the
307. possibility of people being killed. And, you know,
308. viewsheds in my opinion be damned because telephone
309. poles weren't around 100 years ago and they're all over
310. the place now. So I think that we really need to step
311. up our commitment to these other sources of energy hand
312. in hand with trying to get Pilgrim shut down. I think
313. it's critical.
314. MS. BURGESS: Excuse me. And if you saw the e-mail
315. that I sent you of the nice paper that was done by Brian
316. Boyle, it comes down to they're supplying two percent to
317. the grid.
318. MS. LYONS: It's a big risk for two percent.
319. MS. BURGESS: Yeah.
320. MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.
321. MR. DELANEY: That's well said, yeah.
322. Lilli?
323. MS. GREEN: And although I agree with a lot of what
324. you said, I think you know my stand on wind power. It
325. has impacts on the health and safety of the people
326. nearby, and we need more research on that. And Sarah
327. Peake has also sponsored a bill to study the health of
328. people living near wind turbines. But I think it's a
329. huge issue, and until we know more, I think it's a huge
330. mistake to move forward in that direction. I do support
331. solar, and there are a lot of other things that we can
332. be doing.
333. MR. DELANEY: Point made. I think the intent was
     1. appropriately situated wind and solar. That's the
     2. assumption.
     3. MS. LYONS: Right, renewable.
     4. MS. AVELLAR: I'm not just saying put one anywhere,
     5. but I mean, I think that there's just this urgent need.
     6. And I just found out the other day that if you're over
     7. 65 or whatever age bracket, you can get a reduced
     8. electric bill. So needless to say, I sent in the
     9. application. I mean, we are paying so much for our
     10. energy. We're not allowed to have our own energy here
     11. anymore like Hull has, and anything we can do to get out
     12. of these dangerous and expensive energy things, I think
     13. we should do. But I'm more inclined, as you say,
     14. especially when it presents a clear and present danger
     15. to our community, our livelihood, our real estate
     16. values, our everything. I mean, we're going to get
     17. slaughtered by Pilgrim if anything goes wrong.
     18. MR. DELANEY: So I think the action item for your
     19. committee is to go ahead, and I'll ask for approval from
     20. the committee -- from the Commission as a whole that we
     21. authorize the subcommittee to bring our concerns in
     22. writing -- our support for the various piece of
     23. legislation in writing to the chairs of the two
     24. committees.
         1. MS. BURGESS: Two committees.
         2. MR. DELANEY: And other appropriate legislators as
         3. we've done in the past.
         4. MS. BURGESS: Okay.
         5. MR. DELANEY: Okay. I don't know if that's an
         6. official motion, but is there --
         7. MS. AVELLAR: So moved.
         8. MR. DELANEY: Okay. Is there a second?
         9. MS. GREEN: Second.
         10. MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by --
         11. MR. SPAULDING: I have a question.
         12. MR. DELANEY: Yes, you have a question. Thank you,
         13. Larry. You saved me.
         14. MR. SPAULDING: My question comes more in the
         15. ignorance of the process. There are a bunch of
         16. different bills.
         17. MS. BURGESS: Yes.
         18. MR. SPAULDING: They all do a different thing.
         19. Does it make sense to pick one that we think is the most
         20. important one? Would that have a greater effect than
         21. just to say there are seven bills or eight bills and
         22. we're in favor of all?
         23. MS. LYONS: Mmm-hmm.
         24. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, I know what you mean because,
             1. for example --
             2. MR. SPAULDING: So is it better to prioritize, you
             3. know, this one or these two are really important? Would
             4. that have a greater effect? I don't know, but I'm
             5. proposing the issue.
             6. MR. DELANEY: Maureen?
             7. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, I noticed what you were saying,
             8. Larry. For example, Cantwell is -- Representative
             9. Cantwell -- I think he's from Marshfield -- is
             10. requesting monitoring stations for 20 miles around the
             11. plant where Sarah's recommending 50. So there seems to
             12. be movement coming from different directions.
             13. My thinking is that the two bills by Wolf are so
             14. stand on their -- each stand on their own, as do
             15. Sarah's, but that's -- you know, so I would pick those
             16. four if it were my call, but I'm open to whatever.
             17. MR. DELANEY: Good point, Larry. I guess I have to
             18. admit I was assuming we were just talking about our
             19. representatives and our senators.
             20. MS. LYONS: And I happen to agree because what
             21. Sarah's really taking is, as stated, the public health
             22. approach.
             23. MR. DELANEY: That makes sense.
             24. MS. LYONS: So you're talking about the effect, but
                 1. the one that will be heard is the economic approach, and
                 2. that might be able to push them further.
                 3. MR. DELANEY: So the motion's been modified to
                 4. emphasize to support Senator Wolf's and Representative
                 5. Peake's.
                 6. MS. BURGESS: And I don't know when this will come
                 7. up for testimony. I don't know. I'll have to stay on
                 8. top of that because we would like -- some of us would
                 9. like to go.
                 10. MS. LYONS: Yes.
                 11. MR. DELANEY: Any more discussion? Lilli?
                 12. MS. GREEN: And I understand what Larry's talking
                 13. about, and I think it's really a valid point to bring
                 14. up. However, my understanding from the meeting that was
                 15. held at the State House with Representative Peake and
                 16. Senator Wolf was that his feeling was that this body has
                 17. weight and that he would like us to support the bill --
                 18. the bills, all of the bills. So I think that would be
                 19. important to do.
                 20. MS. BURGESS: Sarah's and his?
                 21. MS. GREEN: Sarah's and his, yes. Yes, that's
                 22. right.
                 23. MR. DELANEY: That's the motion that we have. That
                 24. is the motion.

So we have an amended motion to support both our

representative and senator's bills. All those in favor,

signify by saying aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DELANEY: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you very much for your

good work, continued good work, Maureen. There is

progress, and it feels like there's some momentum.

MS. LYONS: Yeah, there's momentum.

MR. DELANEY: And it's wonderful to see the

Governor recognize that. To his credit -- to his

credit, he said, "Okay, now I see and I understand." I

don't see that happen too often.

MS. AVELLAR: I don't know what rock he's been

living under.

MR. DELANEY: Well, he may be --

MS. AVELLAR: He's the Governor.

MS. LYONS: He's not alone.

MR. DELANEY: Be careful. You're talking to a

Governor's representative sitting next to you.

(Laughter.)

MS. AVELLAR: Yes, but I know where she stands. I

know where she votes.

MR. DELANEY: So moving along. Thank you, Maureen.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MR. DELANEY: We now come to the Superintendent's

Report.

MR. PRICE: Great, I'll try to move this along

because we're going to be ending up the report with a

short video talking about sustainable energy.

SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

MR. PRICE: First of all, I just wanted to

apologize. In the March meeting, if you recall, I was

attempting to set up our next meeting, which originally

was going to be July and then it was going to be in

September, on the shorebird management plan rollout.

Frankly, just the complexity of the environmental

assessment process through NEPA and everything we have

to do with our solicitor's office and our planners and

our compliance people and the fact that Jason Taylor,

our chief of science and research -- resources, has

moved on. He took a position in Alaska since I think we

all saw you last. We're just not able to get it right

to you at this moment. We do believe we'll get it ready

for November.

So you saw in the note that I sent you I spoke to

Rich because it's critical that we have a review process

1. bridging when the Advisory Commission meets, so that's
2. why the next meeting for the Commission we already
3. preset to November 16. So therefore, the public comment
4. would probably come out -- the public comment period
5. would be earlier, say November 7 or 8. We have our
6. meeting on the 16th. We have a public session on the
7. 17th at the Salt Pond Visitors Center, and then it is
8. open for a 45-day comment period all told. So that's
9. why the bridging is important.
10. We also learned that that will be the same
11. approximate comment period for the Outer Cape bike plan,
12. and Lauren's been working with our office, with the
13. County Commission, which has taken the lead on the
14. planning, as well as with the various town bike
15. committees on that process. So that November meeting is
16. going to be pretty busy because we need a good amount of
17. time to review the shorebird management plan as well as
18. the Outer Cape bike plan.
19. So they're not -- neither review here is intended
20. to be a soup to nuts review of every sentence and
21. paragraph, but it's mostly to give you an overview of
22. what the NEPA process is, an overview of what the
23. alternatives are, and then focusing on it specifically
24. on the proposed alternative that we're recommending.
25. After the public comment period, all the public comments
26. are received from the individuals, and then the writers
27. of the document then have the opportunity to alter and
28. craft that final alternative with material edits which
29. support the project goals that have come back from
30. public feedback.
31. We're also going to identify the fact that both of
32. these processes have had public meetings already. It's
33. just the shorebird management plan is taking a long time
34. to get to this point. So this isn't the first time it's
35. come out in front of the public, but it would be the
36. first time now that we have a final product to present.
37. Okay, so that's basically where we are with that
38. process.
39. MR. DELANEY: George, excuse me. A question from
40. Larry.
41. MR. SPAULDING: George, is there an executive
42. summary of the plan? Will there be an executive summary
43. of the plan?
44. MR. PRICE: You know, I think it's mostly the
45. preferred alternative.
46. Lauren, is it generally -- is that --
47. MS. McKEAN: Generally, the executive summary is
48. very, very short, and it doesn't give you a lot of
49. information.
50. MR. SPAULDING: I raise the question. It would be
51. helpful without having a mass of material.
52. MR. PRICE: Right.
53. MR. SPAULDING: To have something before the
54. meeting that we'd have a chance to look at, even if it's
55. just the preferred alternative so we can kind of have an
56. idea ahead of time, if that's possible.
57. MR. PRICE: I'm sure we can. We can't present --
58. we have to send it out at the same time as the public
59. comment.
60. MR. SPAULDING: That's fine. And I don't mean a
61. huge, but it just would be helpful.
62. MR. PRICE: Okay, I think we can do that. I don't
63. know how long the preferred alternatives are in both
64. documents.
65. MS. McKEAN: Yeah, we may just send you pages then.
66. MR. SPAULDING: Sure.
67. MS. McKEAN: Because they're not producing a
68. separate preferred alternative, only the documents.
69. MR. DELANEY: That would be helpful. That would be
70. helpful for all of us. Good.
71. MR. PRICE: And we'll make sure we mail it early
72. enough so that you're not getting it on the Saturday

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| 1 | mail | before the Monday meeting. |
| 2 |  | (Laughter.) |
| 3 |  | MS. LYONS: Thank you. |
| 4 |  | MR. NUENDEL: I appreciate that. |
| 5 |  | MS. AVELLAR: Yeah. |
| 6 |  | NAUSET SPIT UPDATE |
| 7 |  | MR. PRICE: I put on here the *Nauset Spit Update*. |
| 8 | This | has been an important topic all along, and |

1. basically the Town of Orleans continues to pursue its
2. access with opportunities with Eastham. The NPS still
3. retains its land ownership interest, so there's nothing
4. to change with us.
5. I asked Lauren just to kind of highlight what the
6. documents are that we've been seeing passing, and
7. obviously our representatives from Orleans can comment
8. as well.
9. MS. McKEAN: Last spring, late spring the Eastham
10. Conservation Commission was reviewing the Nauset Spit
11. ORV program that was presented by the Town of Eastham --
12. I mean, the Town of Orleans for ORV management and use.
13. They ultimately denied an order of conditions under
14. Mass. Wetlands Protection Act and the Eastham wetlands
15. bylaw.
16. In July, Mass. DEP was asked -- through an appeal
    1. by the Town of Orleans, Mass. DEP issued a superseding
    2. order of conditions, which means they're overturning the
    3. denial by the Eastham Conservation Commission. So that
    4. was late July. So then in August there was some back
    5. and forth, and now Eastham has appealed that superseding
    6. order. Orleans last week just submitted what they
    7. needed to submit on time, but that was a court action
    8. that's -- Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution.
    9. Mass. DEP is handling it, so it's a back-and-forth
    10. proposal at this time.
    11. Separately the Town of Orleans has also filed in
    12. land court to move the town line to include all of
    13. Nauset Spit, and we haven't heard anything more on that.
    14. We've just seen the paperwork that was submitted to the
    15. state land court on that.
    16. MS. LYONS: Isn't there a private individual who is
    17. also staking a claim there?
    18. MS. McKEAN: Yes, that's the Hannah family, the
    19. Hannah Trust.
    20. MS. LYONS: And where is that?
    21. MS. McKEAN: That is south of the Park -- of the
    22. land owned by the USA.
    23. MS. LYONS: Okay.
    24. MS. McKEAN: That's south of the town line of
        1. Eastham. The property that the USA owns is north of the
        2. town line.
        3. MR. PRICE: So that basically about sums it up.
        4. Obviously Eastham and Orleans continue to do the
        5. activities that Lauren laid out. And the NPS still
        6. contends that we own the lots that we have had ownership
        7. of but the Town of Orleans disagrees due to the fact
        8. that through accretion and evolution the situation may
        9. have changed.
        10. So that's about where it stands at this point.
        11. MR. DELANEY: Questions? Judy?
        12. MS. STEPHENSON: Could you just clarify for me the
        13. five lots that you own and where they're located? And
        14. is it the Hannah family that owns the one lot?
        15. MR. PRICE: No.
        16. MS. STEPHENSON: Okay. Could you clarify?
        17. MS. McKEAN: So as of the town line, basically --
        18. it's a little hard to see on here, but as of the town
        19. line here, there are five lots north that are owned by
        20. the NPS, and there is a town-owned lot in between.
        21. MR. PRICE: The Town of Eastham.
        22. MS. McKEAN: But basically the five lots are north
        23. of the town line of Eastham.
        24. MS. STEPHENSON: Okay, so they're located in what
            1. Eastham is claiming as their land, right?
            2. MS. McKEAN: As within their town. Orleans is
            3. contesting this now, their town.
            4. MS. STEPHENSON: Okay, I understand that, yeah.
            5. MR. PRICE: Judy, one of the things in the
            6. newspaper, it's been misstated that the land north of
            7. the Eastham boundary Eastham claims as their property.
            8. That's not the case. They claim it as their
            9. jurisdiction.
            10. MR. NUENDEL: The town.
            11. MR. PRICE: The town boundary, but there's, in
            12. fact, only one lot north of that that the Town of
            13. Eastham owns and there are five that the U.S. owns.
            14. MS. STEPHENSON: Does the U.S. own anything south
            15. of the old Orleans/Eastham line on the spit?
            16. MR. PRICE: Not on the spit. We still have
            17. property in Orleans and in Chatham.
            18. MS. STEPHENSON: But not on the spit?
            19. MR. PRICE: But not associated with the spit.
            20. MS. LYONS: So there are properties, there are
            21. developments on those lots. This isn't just an open
            22. barrier beach.
            23. MR. SPAULDING: It's a barrier beach.
            24. MS. LYONS: It is a barrier beach. That's what I
                1. thought.
                2. MR. PRICE: There's no improved structures.
                3. MS. LYONS: That's what I thought.
                4. MS. McKEAN: There are some lots that USA owns as
                5. you come around this bend (indicates). Where is it? At
                6. Nauset Heights. So right in --
                7. MS. STEPHENSON: They do?
                8. MS. McKEAN: Yeah.
                9. MS. STEPHENSON: In Nauset Heights?
                10. MS. McKEAN: Near Callanan's Pass, yes.
                11. MS. STEPHENSON: Really?
                12. MS. McKEAN: There are a couple of lots, yeah.
                13. MS. STEPHENSON: So they're an abutter? USA is an
                14. abutter to Callanan's Pass?
                15. MS. McKEAN: To Aspinet Road, not to Callanan's.
                16. MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.
                17. MR. DELANEY: Oh, I'm sorry. Don?
                18. MR. NUENDEL: I thought I read someplace -- and I
                19. don't know how long ago -- that the Town of Eastham is
                20. considering having an article the next town meeting or
                21. next town vote to see what the population thinks of as
                22. far as banning the ORV.
                23. MR. PRICE: Well, they did in their May town
                24. meeting. It was a 3 to 1 vote against rescinding the
17. bylaw.
18. MR. NUENDEL: That's what it was. That's right.
19. And so that's been done.
20. MR. PRICE: Yes.
21. MR. NUENDEL: So what does that do for the
22. Seashore?
23. MR. PRICE: Well, it simply reinforces their 1970
24. bylaw which they enacted prohibiting ORV within the town
25. boundary. The point of Orleans continuing to have ORVs
26. within the town boundary in Nauset Spit was -- the term
27. that I've used is that both the Town of Eastham and the
28. National Park Service acquiesced to that activity.
29. Neither party activated their jurisdiction at that time.
30. MR. DELANEY: Larry?
31. MR. SPAULDING: If Orleans would like the 1797
32. boundary to be the inlet so it moves, we'll see if
33. they're successful in that, which means that the spit
34. would not be in Eastham. Of course, Orleans would like
35. to take the position that your land disappeared in
36. erosion and that our land accreted so we own the land
37. and it's in the Town of Orleans, but there's a long way
38. to go before we get the answer to that.
39. MS. STEPHENSON: That's in the land court, right?
40. MR. SPAULDING: Yeah.
41. MR. PRICE: Well, no.
42. MS. STEPHENSON: No, not the land court?
43. MR. PRICE: The boundary's in the land court.
44. MS. STEPHENSON: Yes.
45. MR. PRICE: Not the land ownership rights.
46. MS. STEPHENSON: No, I understand. Larry was
47. talking about the boundary.
48. MR. SPAULDING: And the inlet.
49. MS. STEPHENSON: And the inlet.
50. MR. SPAULDING: Yes.
51. MS. STEPHENSON: And that particular issue is in
52. the land court, yes?
53. MR. PRICE: Uh-huh.
54. MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.
55. MS. AVELLAR: So Orleans is trying to take
56. Eastham's land; is that what you're saying?
57. MR. SPAULDING: No, Orleans is trying to say that
58. Eastham has been in error for years and they don't own
59. it because the boundary's somewhere else. So we'll see
60. what happens.
61. MS. AVELLAR: I don't live in any one of those
62. towns.
63. MS. STEPHENSON: Orleans claims that the sand has
64. accreted from Orleans' land; now north of the town
65. boundary belongs to Orleans because it's from where it's
66. accreted.
67. MS. AVELLAR: Oh, my God.
68. MS. STEPHENSON: And Eastham claims that it's been
69. accreted into our land so now we own it.
70. MR. SPAULDING: Well, we need to revisit this about
71. five years from now because that's how long it's going
72. to take.
73. MR. NUENDEL: Provincetown could have a problem.
74. With all that sand you guys are getting, somebody's
75. going to say --
76. MS. STEPHENSON: It's our sand.
77. MS. AVELLAR: All I know is that we're getting so
78. much sand at high tide.
79. MR. DELANEY: One at a time. This is a fascinating
80. topic. It's worth a couple more minutes just to make
81. sure we get the best understanding we can, and I'll let
82. you get in all questions.
83. Judy, go ahead.
84. MS. STEPHENSON: I just wanted to clarify. So
85. right now the town boundary that separates Orleans and
86. Eastham, the National Seashore USA doesn't claim that
87. they own any of that; is that correct?
88. MR. SPAULDING: I don't think that the National
    1. Seashore has any position on the town boundary. That's
    2. between the towns.
    3. MR. PRICE: Correct.
    4. MR. SPAULDING: They have a position that they own
    5. some of the land.
    6. MR. PRICE: Yes, that is --
    7. MS. AVELLAR: But if the boundary changes --
    8. MR. PRICE: That doesn't matter.
    9. MS. AVELLAR: It doesn't matter? Okay.
    10. MR. SPAULDING: If the boundary changes, then
    11. Eastham's bylaw prohibiting ORVs wouldn't be enforced if
    12. it's in the Town of Orleans.
    13. MS. STEPHENSON: Yes, but I still --
    14. MR. PRICE: It wouldn't be enforced by the Town of
    15. Eastham. The National Seashore has to make a decision
    16. as to whether ORVs would be allowed on its property or
    17. not, and we have to go through a NEPA process in order
    18. to determine that. And we just expedited the NEPA
    19. process for the shorebird management plan, and it took
    20. us five years and I have no idea how much money.
    21. MS. STEPHENSON: We may choose not to.
    22. MR. DELANEY: So an attempt at a quick summary.
    23. There are at least three issues, and probably more, but
    24. one is the conservation commission wetlands management
89. piece, and you heard Lauren describe that. This is
90. assuming there are boundary and ownership issues that
91. the land courts will be dealing with. And then
92. potentially after the dust settles on both of those
93. there still may be a National Park need to do an off-
94. road vehicle management plan for that section of beach
95. which had not been included in the original negotiated
96. rulemaking ten or fifteen years ago because at that
97. point there was no need to because the bylaw in Eastham
98. said no ORVs, so there was no need to manage them. So
99. that still may come forward as a future issue, as George
100. just alluded to.
101. MR. SPAULDING: Well, if it's determined that the
102. Seashore, in fact, does own land out there, that will
103. come forward or we're not going to -- nobody's going to
104. be driving out there without the whole NEPA process.
105. MR. PRICE: NEPA, right.
106. MS. STEPHENSON: And out there you mean to the
107. point?
108. MR. SPAULDING: Right.
109. MS. STEPHENSON: Because I'm still clarifying that
110. Orleans may still have half of the spit with nobody
111. claiming they own it except Orleans.
112. MR. PRICE: So the Orleans boundary and the only
     1. other person to claim it now is this --
     2. MS. McKEAN: Hannah.
     3. MR. PRICE: -- Hannah family.
     4. MS. STEPHENSON: Near the point, right? At the
     5. Orleans boundary?
     6. MS. McKEAN: Yes.
     7. MR. PRICE: Pretty close.
     8. MS. STEPHENSON: So that will be in the Orleans
     9. town?
     10. MR. PRICE: Yes.
     11. MS. McKEAN: (Inaudible).
     12. MR. SPAULDING: Right.
     13. MR. PRICE: I didn't put it on here, but it's
     14. appropriate that I bring it up because it will probably
     15. be hitting the news sooner than later, another topic
     16. where the Park Service and Orleans are I think more
     17. cooperative on. I was asked during the course of the
     18. winter to attend a board of -- it was actually a joint
     19. board of selectmen meeting about the possibility of some
     20. dredging that could take place at the Nauset Marsh area,
     21. specifically on the passageway out from Town Cove. And
     22. I took a look at our legislation. I took a look at some
     23. other topics, and my position basically is that if the
     24. Town of Eastham and Orleans or just Orleans chooses to
113. dredge for a navigation channel because of public
114. safety, the National Park Service would support that.
115. That is pretty clear that, number one, safety and,
116. number two, navigation is the responsibility of the town
117. and the harbormasters. We did the exact same thing with
118. Chatham. So the Chatham area, whether it's in or
119. outside of the boundary, is the responsibility of the
120. town and with the Army Corps of Engineers, et cetera.
121. The issue with Chatham -- the issue with Orleans
122. would be where to put the dredge material because we're
123. not then agreeing that all dredge material would go
124. either in the boundary or on NPS property. So we always
125. play the stance -- Ted Keon, who's the head of the
126. natural resources down there -- on how to -- how and
127. where this would go.
128. I also said -- and I'll just mention it because
129. obviously the Town of Orleans has citizens that believe
130. different things, and that is there are some people that
131. believe that the dredging would actually assist with the
132. flushing and, therefore, the clarity of the water. Our
133. scientists do not believe that's the case, and that is
134. not something that we would support the dredging for.
135. Now, you might say it doesn't really matter because if
136. you're going to support it for navigation, then the
137. clarity or the quality is fine. That's neither here nor
138. there, but we do not believe that that is scientifically
139. sound discussion, that that's actually going to help.
140. And then the final caveat we mentioned at that
141. meeting was that it's such a dynamic system, everybody
142. has to question the wisdom of dredging as to how quickly
143. it's going to slip silt back in. Even at that meeting,
144. which I was meeting some of the people for the first
145. time -- even over the history of Orleans marking the
146. channel, sometimes the channel markers have to change
147. every week. So consequently, if the dredging is done,
148. it could be undone in a fairly short period of time, not
149. even waiting for the next storm.
150. So almost everything I just -- two-thirds of what I
151. just said, by the way, is outside of my knowledge base.
152. I'm just parroting what I've been told. So I don't
153. personally have expertise in navigational channels and
154. what happens with the silting. To me it's kind of
155. commonsense, but that's what I've been told by others.
156. So then if Orleans and Eastham want to pursue the
157. channel dredging, the only thing I'm here to say is that
158. if it's a public safety issue, we support it, and then
159. it's up for everybody else to try to figure it out. So
160. that hasn't changed. I bring it up because we just
161. received some documents from the town about some
162. proposals and studies just last week that we're taking a
163. look at, but that's really my position, and that hasn't
164. changed.
165. MR. DELANEY: And, George, I'll add that the
166. scientific staff at the Center for Coastal Studies
167. agrees with your scientific staff and assessment that
168. this is not a water quality improvement project even if
169. it were dredged. The dynamics are so dynamic -- the
170. process is so dynamic that you might wonder how long any
171. dredging will last. In fact, the inlet opening, the
172. change in the tidal prism might actually increase the
173. flow of sand into the area as opposed to what they think
174. they're going to achieve.
175. So again, a complicated set of science. But there
176. was a town vote in Orleans, and they are going to at
177. least take a look at it. So we'll see.
178. MR. PRICE: Right, okay.
179. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL
180. MR. PRICE: I'd like to talk a number of things
181. about the Park Service Centennial.
182. EVERY KID IN A PARK - PROGRAM
183. MR. PRICE: The first thing, which is kind of a fun
184. thing -- you might have heard of it -- there's been a
185. national program announced that even the Secretary of
186. the Interior has gotten into. It's called *Every Kid in*
187. *the Park* for 2016.
188. I asked Sue Moynihan to give us a heads-up as to
189. what that's about and what does it mean for us.
190. MS. MOYNIHAN: So I'll attempt to relieve your
191. milkshake headache about the Nauset Spit with something
192. fun that you can easily wrap your minds around, I think.
193. How many of you have started hearing the radio ads
194. or TV ads about the Park Service Centennial? They're on
195. NPR. Subaru's a big sponsor. A lot of the promotional
196. materials have the tagline engaging the next generation
197. of Park stewards, and George I think has mentioned that
198. in previous meetings. And that's one of the big focal
199. points of the Centennial, which is passing the torch of
200. Park protection to young people. So a lot of the
201. activities that you'll see around the Centennial are
202. really focused on that audience. The Centennial
203. ambassadors, who are those -- what do you call them? --
204. the superstar ambassadors, the folks who are the SCAs.
205. MR. PRICE: The SCAs?
206. MS. MOYNIHAN: No, not the (inaudible) volunteers.
207. Whoever the folks out there in popular culture. There
208. are some musicians and --
     1. MS. AVELLAR: Are they famous people?
     2. MS. MOYNIHAN: They're very famous people who have
     3. signed on to help promote the Centennial. There are
     4. young people who I don't know, but my kids know of them.
     5. There's a lot of use of social media, Instagram,
     6. Facebook, platforms that we don't even know exist but
     7. young people are using, and then this other very fun
     8. program which George mentioned. It's called *Every Kid*
     9. *in a Park*, and it launched in September.
     10. And it's got really three legs to it. It's like a
     11. three-legged stool. First of all, one leg is the
     12. education programs that parks are already doing, and you
     13. know we've had a long-standing *Parks as Classrooms*
     14. program that focuses on sequential visits to the
     15. National Seashore with our staff for primary grades all
     16. the way up through high school. So those education
     17. programs are going to continue. There's also
     18. transportation money as part of this initiative to get
     19. kids to parks for their classroom visits.
     20. And then the part that you'll hear about on the
     21. news which people are getting very excited about is the
     22. park pass. The ambitious goal of the President's office
     23. is to get every fourth-grader and their family onto
     24. public lands, every family in the nation who has a
209. fourth-grader or a home-schooled 10-year-old into
210. federal lands in 2016. So if you go online to
211. *everykidinapark.gov* and you do a fun little activity and
212. you give your zip code, you print out a voucher that
213. looks like this (indicates), and you take it to any
214. federal lands, and you can get it traded in for a
215. durable pass like the America the Beautiful passes that
216. some of you have or the senior passes.
217. So this is a free program. If you have any friends
218. who are teachers, if you have any friends or if you have
219. neighbors who are in fourth grade, this is the best deal
220. going because these kids and their families -- and the
221. kids have to be with the car. You can't just take
222. advantage of your fourth-grade neighbor and then you
223. take their pass and come to the Park. When they visit
224. the Park, the kid will need to be in the car because the
225. kid owns the pass. But the pass is good for a year, all
226. the way through August 31 of 2016. There are some
227. rumblings that this is just the first of many years that
228. this initiative will be underway.
229. So right away on September 2 we had a couple of
230. kids show up and get their passes, and I'll leave these
231. materials with you guys to pass around. And we feel --
232. we're very excited about it. We feel like it's very
233. complementary to what we're already doing, which is to
234. educate the kids within the Seashore boundary about the
235. resources that are here, and we'll be really excited to
236. see a lot of people from other areas coming into the
237. Seashore this summer with their passes for free
238. admission. And it's not just limited to national parks.
239. It's also the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and
240. Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service areas.
241. Anywhere that a federal entrance fee is charged, these
242. passes are good.
243. MR. DELANEY: That's great.
244. Lilli?
245. MS. GREEN: Have you let the fourth-grade classes
246. in the towns, the Seashore towns know?
247. MS. MOYNIHAN: Yes. Our launch comes September 1.
248. Not terrific timing for our education programs because
249. we don't really communicate with teachers until the
250. second or third week of school. I guess the word is out
251. there. There's also a provision here where a teacher
252. can go online and do the activity for the whole class,
253. and then everybody in the class gets a voucher. So yes,
254. we are spreading the word. We sent out a press release
255. that some of you -- all of you probably received. We
256. posted it on Facebook and Twitter. We're really trying
257. to get the word out. It's a fantastic, fantastic
258. program.
259. MR. PRICE: Thank you, Sue.
260. MR. DELANEY: Thank you, Sue. That was terrific.
261. Any other comments or questions?
262. (No response.)
263. MR. DELANEY: It's absolutely critical to get the
264. next generation of people involved in our parks and our
265. conservation movements to students, so thank you.
266. MR. PRICE: One of the things that people have
267. noticed is that a lot of Park visitors, it's an aging
268. population. So you'll be glad to know that Elizabeth
269. and her brother were at Shenandoah National Park. My
270. daughter's taking advantage of seeing our parks.
271. Just more things on the Centennial. So you're
272. certainly all aware that the Friends of Cape Cod
273. National Seashore donated $100,000 towards the painting
274. of the Penniman House, which is kind of one of our
275. landmark projects. What I also wanted to mention,
276. though, is as a result of us being able to demonstrate
277. that we had a Friends group ante up $100,000, the
278. federal regional office through their Centennial
279. initiative matched it with another $100,000, and we've
280. since also had additional monies put in our account to
281. go beyond the house, do the shutters, do the fence, do
282. some of the landscaping in the yard. And we most
283. recently learned that we'll be also teeing up in 2017
284. with even the barn. So basically that will give us an
285. entire complex right there that will be totally -- have
286. a facelift and a rehab. And our next step is working on
287. pricing out what it would take to do the interior of the
288. structure.
289. So that that would really be, I think, a
290. significant improvement for one of our very important
291. historic cultural resources for sure.
292. MS. AVELLAR: $100,000 to paint a house?

13 MR. PRICE: 200,000.

1. MS. AVELLAR: That's crazy.
2. MR. PRICE: You're right.
3. MS. AVELLAR: Who's hiring? I mean, I can't
4. imagine that it costs $200,000 to paint a house.
5. MS. LYONS: Well, my little house cost like 25,000.
6. MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, but I mean, 100,000?
7. MR. PRICE: No, two.
8. (Laughter.)
9. MS. AVELLAR: I mean, have these gone out to bid?
10. MR. PRICE: They will. Actually, they did.
11. MS. MOYNIHAN: There's also a lot of repair. If
    1. you see the architecture --
    2. MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, yeah, I know.
    3. MS. LYONS: It's replacing boards. That's what
    4. happened to me too.
    5. MR. NUENDEL: And shutters.
    6. MS. AVELLAR: The shutters were separate. They
    7. weren't even included. That's extra money.
    8. MR. NUENDEL: Oh.
    9. MS. AVELLAR: No, they got extra money after the
    10. two. I'm glad I have a brick house.
    11. MR. DELANEY: No, no, continue.
    12. MR. PRICE: Well, I think my point -- yes, it's a
    13. lot of money, and that's the government process to get
    14. there, but what it also -- I think our point or our
    15. success was the fact that this actually provided enough
    16. seed money to get enough attention and enough enthusiasm
    17. from our regional counterpoints in order to ante up
    18. funds for some of these other projects because what we
    19. were going to end up with, Mary-Jo, was just a painted
    20. house without shutters and without landscaping and a
    21. rotted fence and a falling down barn. So now the fact
    22. that we'll have an entire campus all set up and
    23. everything is really something that we're very excited
    24. about.
        1. MR. DELANEY: Judy?
        2. MS. STEPHENSON: Where do you get the -- where did
        3. the extra money come from? What sources that are
        4. regional partners?
        5. MR. PRICE: Well, it's from the region, and the
        6. region has various sources that they get them through.
        7. And the region has an initiative in order to do
        8. improvements throughout the region for the Centennial.
        9. So everybody's wrapping themselves around this as the
        10. Centennial project. So that's where it's at.
        11. MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.
        12. MR. PRICE: We also, as we have talked in the past,
        13. have a number of other what we're calling facelift
        14. projects. We've done a master sign plan. A lot of our
        15. signs as you ride around -- I mean, we see these signs
        16. every day, but if you're an outside visitor, a lot of
        17. them look pretty worn and it certainly doesn't look very
        18. tended to. So we'll be putting money towards that over
        19. time.
        20. We have some other things that probably aren't that
        21. sexy per se. We'll be working on some parking lots.
        22. We'll be replacing in kind at Marconi parking lot here,
        23. Race Point parking lot in Provincetown, and we'll also
        24. be rehabbing the Head of the Meadow bike path in Truro

1 in 2017.

* + - 1. MS. BURGESS: Oh, good.
      2. MR. PRICE: So that will be our last bike trail
      3. that we'll be fixing up. If you recall, we spent a lot
      4. of money on almost the 8-mile bike trail in Provincetown
      5. over a couple of years. We did the one here in Eastham.
      6. We finished up last year. So now this section we'll be
      7. doing in Truro, which we feel really, really good about.
      8. And although it's not technically a Centennial
      9. project, I mentioned to Mary-Jo before the meeting --
      10. drumroll, please -- that we just found out the end of
      11. last week -- did you know this?
      12. MS. MOYNIHAN: I was at the meeting.
      13. MR. PRICE: Oh, yeah, you were at the meeting.
      14. -- that we've been told that the repair, Mr. Chair,
      15. for the Herring Cove North parking lot -- I've said,
      16. quote, that it's been submitted to our line item
      17. construction program. It didn't have a priority. Now
      18. it has a priority, number one for 2018. Number one
      19. nationwide.
      20. MS. GREEN: Wow.
      21. MS. LYONS: Wow.
      22. MS. BURGESS: Wow. Boy, those people in
      23. Provincetown know how to pressure.
          1. MS. AVELLAR: That's great.
          2. MR. PRICE: Well, one of the things I have to say
          3. is, knowing -- for those of you that have heard me talk
          4. about these projects, I've been around long enough to
          5. know it doesn't matter what priority it is. From as far
          6. out as 2018, something could always happen. So I'll
          7. still put that caveat out there. However, that's
          8. usually when we are further down on the list. So if
          9. you're at 25, 55, 75 and you're looking at nationwide
          10. priority, you certainly have to assume it could slip,
          11. but the fact that it's number one nationwide, I've never
          12. seen that before. So I think this has to do with some
          13. of the people from Denver and Washington we took out on
          14. the field trip a year ago August and had them see the
          15. bathhouse and how successful that was and had them see
          16. the parking lot. We know the parking lot is going to
          17. have to be repaired after every winter.
          18. So that those are really, really big things that
          19. we're very excited about. We still have other beach
          20. facility projects we need to worry about. Nauset Light
          21. Beach, we're still talking to the same people about
          22. that. That does not have a priority yet, and those are
          23. very serious facilities that we haven't tied in, but as
          24. far as this is concerned, that's very exciting.

MR. DELANEY: That's very exciting. And I would

suggest that the people from headquarters and from

Denver recognize that this project is exemplary in terms

of coastal resilience, sea level rise. We did

everything right in that project; moving back,

retreating back from the rising shoreline, restoring the

natural system so they could afford more natural

protection and still maintain the recreational asset

that the town wanted. Three winners in one project. So

I think that's probably being recognized as a model for

other parks.

MS. AVELLAR: And, you know, it goes without saying

how much we owe Sarah Peake for getting everyone

together so that we could have those meetings and get

this project underway. As somebody who was out there

probably twice a week in the summer, unless you get

there early -- like by 10 o'clock in the morning, the

farther north you have to go when the tide is high.

There's no beach left. I mean, anybody that doesn't

believe in sea level rise should take a ride out there

because there's less and less and less beach at the high

tide and people literally have to put their beach chairs

on the tarmac and have a line going down from their cars

so that they can get on the beach.

So I'm really excited, and I will report this back

with the other information to the selectmen this

evening.

MS. BURGESS: Is the plan to ultimately take up the

road that's there?

MR. PRICE: Yes. So if you'll recall, we presented

all of this.

MS. BURGESS: Right, we had a subcommittee.

MR. PRICE: But basically it's to remove all the

macadam that's there now; so what's left of the old

road, the parking lot, and the revetment. The dune was

determined to be a non-contributing dune, which is a

Graham Giese term. So that whole thing is going to be

level, and then a new lot would be built 125 feet back

and 25 feet higher so that it will be a much gradual,

very long beach. And then the goal, my goal, my

personal goal was that this should have at least a

50-year lifespan, which also was the goal for the

bathhouse.

So the bathhouse, you understand, the 50 years

doesn't necessarily mean in that spot because that was

designed so it potentially could be disassembled or

relocated. This should have the 50-year lifespan

incentive with the caveat that Graham says because of

1. all the dynamic sand accretion that's happening at the
2. Race. He's not exactly sure what -- they can't
3. determine the rate of erosion that's truly going to stay
4. constant over the next 50 or 100 years like they believe
5. it will at the Outer Cape down here. So down here it's
6. on average of three feet a year. At that location it's
7. about two and a half feet a year, but as more sand comes
8. up along the Race, it may stop and it may actually
9. accrete at some point. But again, that's all
10. theoretical. So unless we're able to look back 50 years
11. from now, we're not sure if the water is going to be
12. lapping up on the new lot or if we're going to have 150
13. feet.
14. MS. AVELLAR: Well, it will be some other
15. superintendent's worry, won't it?
16. MR. PRICE: Probably several between now and then.
17. (Laughter.)
18. MS. GREEN: So the land is eroding at Herring Cove?
19. MR. PRICE: No, the land is eroding in Eastham,
20. Wellfleet, and Truro --
21. MS. GREEN: Right, right, right.
22. MR. PRICE: -- and heading out towards
23. Provincetown.
24. MS. GREEN: Yes, I understand that, but you just
    1. said something about the accretion at Race Point, but
    2. Herring Cove is not impacted by erosion? Or is it?
    3. MR. PRICE: Herring Cove doesn't have the same
    4. erosion rate right now.
    5. MS. GREEN: Two and a half feet. It's two and a
    6. half feet.
    7. And where is the sand going from Herring Cove? Is
    8. it going towards Race Point?
    9. MR. PRICE: No, it's going the other way towards
    10. like Long Point, around that way, or it's going down
    11. towards the ledge.
    12. MS. GREEN: Okay, that's my question.
    13. MR. DELANEY: Maureen's asked a question about the
    14. non-contributing dune.
    15. MR. PRICE: Yes.
    16. MR. DELANEY: That means it's not an active part of
    17. the natural ecosystem on the beach. If you were closer
    18. to the beach, it would provide (inaudible) to the beach,
    19. and that would be a contributing and a vital part of the
    20. ecosystem who have a different set of regulations under
    21. the Wetlands Protection Act and under the National Park
    22. management.
    23. MS. BURGESS: If it was contributing sand?
    24. MR. PRICE: Yes.
25. MR. DELANEY: Yes, but that's nonconnected to the
26. beach phase because now there's a parking lot. So
27. there's no real -- no ecological connection from the
28. pile of sand.
29. MS. AVELLAR: People are convinced that once sand
30. washes up in the parking lot -- this is Provincetown
31. talking -- when sand washes up in the parking lot, the
32. Park Service doesn't put it back on the beach, that it
33. created this dune because there are pictures when that
34. used to be the road to Race Point. When I was a little
35. girl, it was flat as a pancake there. There was no dune
36. at all if you were heading north on the right-hand side
37. of the road. Totally flat. So everybody says why don't
38. they push the sand back on the beach. George says they
39. do, but everybody in Provincetown believes that they
40. don't. So that's why we have that.
41. MR. DELANEY: That is just the wind alone --
42. MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.
43. MR. DELANEY: -- pushes it right across the parking
44. lot and up onto the beach.
45. MR. PRICE: So, Maureen, the next time you're up
46. there, if you go towards the northern end of the lot,
47. just kind of walk out on the beach to where you can see
48. where the dune connects and continues going up towards
49. the Race Point Light. You will see the natural dune
50. configuration. So all things being equal, if there was
51. never a development of a recreational beach there,
52. that's where the dune would be and it would have
53. continued that way all down to the front of the current
54. bathhouse and reconnect south of the bathhouse. So over
55. time even before the beaches, there were other
56. industries up there and that sort of thing. So it's not
57. like just since the '50s and the '30s when they first
58. developed the beaches for tourism. There was industrial
59. work up there besides before that too.
60. So it's really been a disturbed area for a very
61. long time, and if you were to see where that other dune
62. line would be, that would have been the natural dune
63. configuration, okay?
64. MS. BURGESS: Thanks.
65. MR. PRICE: Just a couple of -- the Centennial is a
66. big one obviously. We're really trying to focus on some
67. substantial improvement that we believe our visitors
68. would actually see. There are some things that our
69. visitors will not see. For example, we learned last
70. year that we had some significant structural issues with
71. the Highland Light, and the Highland Light is basically
72. our number one cultural resource in the Seashore out of
73. our 70-some historic properties identified as cultural
74. resources. And we have been fortunate enough to receive
75. some support from our historic preservation work group
76. called HACE. And we now have -- basically over the
77. course of the next three years they'll be doing rehab up
78. there of the structure, of the tower itself, so we're
79. not going to be having a critical issue with the tower.
80. They actually did some preliminary repair last
81. spring just to make sure it was safe for visitors and
82. staff to go into it this summer. So it's a pretty old
83. tower, and it requires a lot of tender loving care, but
84. it's even more than that at this point.
85. MS. LYONS: How old is the tower?
86. MS. MOYNIHAN: 1857. Right, Maureen?
87. MS. BURGESS: Right, the original one was 1797.
88. MR. PRICE: And part of what we're dealing with is
89. in order to move the tower is quite a challenge. I
90. spoke to the Coast Guard engineer at the time. One of
91. the things they did was they packed like the bottom
92. third of the tower and they really sealed it up in order
93. to make it stable enough to be able to go ahead and move
94. it. It had no foundation, which I was really surprised
95. about. And a lot of that action actually we learned the
96. hard way sealed off the natural ventilation for the
97. structure itself so that that tower of brick is actually
98. three layers with air space in between that was allowing
99. for the ventilation of it. So once you seal off that
100. ventilation access, then it allowed for moisture to
101. build up and it created a lot of problems. So they're
102. having to go back and redo a lot of those things.
103. MS. BURGESS: So, George, do you think the
104. structural work will interfere with seasonal visitors?
105. MR. PRICE: We hope not but we don't know.
106. MS. MOYNIHAN: We're not sure yet.
107. MS. BURGESS: Until they get in there?
108. MS. MOYNIHAN: Yeah.
109. MR. PRICE: Yeah. It depends on the type of work.
110. Some of the work they're going to need to do can't be
111. done in the dead of winter because we'll be dealing with
112. certain applications of materials that have to be done
113. in warmer weather. Then the question will be: Is that
114. going to interfere? Will it be safe for visitors while
115. that stuff's being applied? We just don't know yet.
116. MS. BURGESS: Okay.
117. IMPROVED PROPERTIES/TOWN BYLAWS
118. MR. PRICE: How about let's do a quick -- we've
119. always had a standing list of improved properties and
120. town bylaws, although it's not a town bylaw. Lauren is
121. just going to give us a quick update on something we're
122. working on with Wellfleet about a potential new
123. communication tower.
124. MS. McKEAN: In your packet, you have a copy of the
125. letter that George sent on September 8 to the Cape Cod
126. Commission. There is a development of regional impact
127. review process that has just been initiated for a
128. 90-foot multi-user monopole that would be located just
129. south of the Marconi entrance here at 724 Route 6. If
130. you know where that new handyman sign and water sign is,
131. it's that property down there right adjacent to the Rail
132. Trail and the Park boundary.
133. So there's a staff report that was really
134. well-written by the Cape Cod Commission staff. And the
135. letter basically supported their finding that the
136. viewshed, the scenic bay views from the Marconi Station
137. site platform are significant, and it would be
138. recommended or we -- and we would support some lowering
139. of the height of the monopole.
140. I attended a hearing last week at Wellfleet Town
141. Library. It was the first of the hearings, and the
142. public is not really aware of this process. So the
143. planning board was -- I think the Wellfleet Planning
144. Board was hoping to get people to be more aware that
145. this review was underway because they're not really sure
146. how the public does feel about this facility. And there
147. will be another hearing later this month that the Cape
148. Cod Commission will post as a subcommittee of the -- of
149. the commission that's reviewing it led by Roger Putnam
150. of Wellfleet.
151. MR. PRICE: Mary-Jo, just --
152. MR. DELANEY: Larry?
153. MR. SPAULDING: Who's the applicant?
154. MS. McKEAN: There are multiple applicants, but the
155. main applicant is something like Varsity Verizon
156. Wireless Communications. Yes, Varsity Wireless
157. Investors and Bell Atlantic Mobil.
158. MR. DELANEY: Joe?
159. MR. CRAIG: So this is a planning board issue and
160. not a zoning board issue?
161. MS. McKEAN: Yes. It's a planning board issue
162. because of the special -- the zoning bylaws with
163. telecommunications. They're specifically to be reviewed
164. by the planning board and the zoning board of appeals.
165. MR. CRAIG: Are you aware that it's federally
166. regulated that they have nothing to say about it, right?
167. MS. McKEAN: They are aware that -- they are aware
168. that it's a development in the regional impact, so the
169. Cape Cod Commission is the one that is holding the
170. hearings.
171. MR. CRAIG: It's like a 40B. They have nothing to
172. say about it.
173. MS. McKEAN: They have something to say about it if
174. it goes above their height, I guess, but it is above the
175. thresholds for the development of regional impact
176. because it's over the Commission's height limit.
177. MS. BURGESS: Are you saying this private utility
178. can trump anybody's concerns?
179. MR. CRAIG: Yeah, been through it in Chatham.
180. MS. McKEAN: The Telecommunications Act of 1994 was
181. pretty broad with that kind of authority to cite, and we
182. can seek alternatives, is pretty much where we can go.
183. MR. CRAIG: And a lot of conditions.
184. MR. DELANEY: And consequently, you might have
185. noticed a proliferation of towers all around our
186. landscape. Up and down Cape Cod, there are more and
187. more cell towers and radio towers, and they just sort of
188. come up. I know I'm driving down Route 6 and all of a
189. sudden, where did that one come from? So this is part
190. of the result of that really extensive power.
191. I'm glad -- I appreciate the Park raising concerns
192. in this letter. Thank you.
     1. MR. PRICE: The other thing, just to let you all
     2. know, some of us do care about viewsheds. And many
     3. years ago when we were talking about the wind turbine
     4. placements, we did a process -- Lauren and I worked with
     5. the town planners, and we had workshops and public
     6. meetings and talked to some of the board of selectmen at
     7. the time at this end of the Cape. And what we were
     8. looking at were viewsheds and would viewsheds really be
     9. of concern for the placement of wind turbines, and
     10. obviously it would or wouldn't depending on the
     11. perspective. And just for your information, to let you
     12. know in this area, what the committee did from here is
     13. we basically went to the viewing platform at Marconi.
     14. If you haven't been down there in a while, I suggest you
     15. do. And basically, at least in the workshops that we
     16. held that were certainly not what you would call binding
     17. -- the board of selectmen put their imprimatur on it; it
     18. was a workshop and it was feedback from all the
     19. community people that participated at the time -- is
     20. that our interest was, as you were at that platform,
     21. certainly everything to the east for that viewshed and
     22. everything directly back to the west where you can have
     23. a direct view of the Cape Cod Bay was our primary
     24. concern for protection, that if there was a National
193. Seashore experience, those would be the experiences that
194. we would choose to preserve. If you look farther to the
195. left if you're looking towards the bay, you already see,
196. for instance, our water tower, which is right here, and
197. some other towers in the distance. So it's already a
198. viewshed that's had some structures put on it. So for
199. instance, I'm not, other than just talking about
200. concerns really -- we're not trying to blackball per se.
201. It's just that for the previous discussion it seems to
202. be out of those two areas that we have identified in the
203. past.
204. MS. AVELLAR: I'd be happy if you didn't put a cell
205. tower at the airport.
206. MR. PRICE: If we did or didn't?
207. MS. AVELLAR: If you didn't. It's awful when
208. people are sitting -- you're sitting on the beach.
209. Every once in a while somebody can get cell service, and
210. you have to listen to their conversation. I'd be
211. thrilled if you didn't put one out there.
212. MR. PRICE: I was just approached by two long-term
213. Provincetown individuals about the safety issue of no
214. cell service.
215. MS. AVELLAR: Why don't you put a pay phone out
216. there or something?
     1. MR. PRICE: Okay. So anyway I just wanted to raise
     2. that as a just awareness for the Commission.
     3. MR. DELANEY: Thank you.
     4. MS. GREEN: I just wanted to clarify with Lauren.
     5. Just to be clear, has this letter in this packet of
     6. information been sent to the planning board in Wellfleet
     7. and the board of selectmen and the town manager?
     8. MS. McKEAN: No, actually, it hasn't. It was
     9. hand-delivered to that meeting, and it was delivered to
     10. town hall as well. The planning board has it, yes, and
     11. the commission, but the administrator and the selectmen
     12. do not.
     13. MS. GREEN: Thank you.
     14. HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION
     15. MR. PRICE: Just on the Herring River wetland, I
     16. just threw this in there. There was really a pretty
     17. extensive article last Sunday, a week ago Sunday. Becky
     18. Rosenberg's picture was right on the cover. Generally I
     19. thought they covered a lot of the issues. There's a lot
     20. of emotion about the Herring River. There were a
     21. tremendous amount of people that recognize that it's
     22. basically not a healthy situation the way it currently
     23. exists at all, and it's just going to continue to
     24. deteriorate. It's something that I don't think can be
217. overestimated. Obviously if we're going to do a
218. restoration and you're dealing with an area that's been
219. basically impaired for over 100 years and then
220. individuals were allowed to build on what had been
221. wetland. Therefore, they have personal property now
222. that would be impacted if the wetlands were to be
223. restored. In fact, there are some areas that are being
224. affected right now even without restoration because the
225. water table changes at sea level rise. So it's a very,
226. very complicated area. I thought Mary Ann Bragg did a
227. nice job talking to the different property owners and
228. expressing some of their points of view.
229. The exciting part about it from our perspective is
230. there was an announcement when someone at the state
231. presented the Friends of the Herring River with a check
232. for a million dollars, and that's going to be matched by
233. NOAA for another million dollars. So that's the Friends
234. of Herring River. Don Palladino is the president of
235. that group, and we really appreciate working with such a
236. professional organization.
237. HIGHLANDS CENTER UPDATE
238. MR. PRICE: The *Highlands Center Update*, Lauren's
239. been working on the demo of a number of buildings up
240. there.
     1. When you go up in the Highlands Center, it's a good
     2. news/bad news. The good news is the campus looks 100
     3. percent better than it possibly did when I first
     4. arrived. Lauren and AmeriCorps and the maintenance
     5. people have been doing a great job, but there are still
     6. some buildings that are in really awful shape. And
     7. we've received some funds to demo the first two dorms on
     8. the left that have way too much asbestos for us to deal
     9. with them all and a number of other buildings.
     10. MS. McKEAN: Including the old power plant as well.
     11. And right now the Denver office is finalizing the scope
     12. of work, so this fall they'll be putting out a contract.
     13. We're very hopeful to have everything done by next June.
     14. MR. PRICE: It seems like every time we turn around
     15. the price on that project goes higher. And, by the way,
     16. I forgot to tell you. The price tag for the Herring
     17. River -- Herring Cove North parking lot is $5.4 million.
     18. MS. GREEN: What were the uses for the buildings
     19. that you're going to be rehabbing at the Highlands
     20. Center?
     21. MR. DELANEY: Sorry. I didn't hear you. Say
     22. again, Lilli.
     23. MS. GREEN: What were the uses of the buildings
     24. that are being rehabbed at the Highlands Center?
         1. MS. McKEAN: These buildings that we're doing the
         2. contract for right now are just being demolished and the
         3. site restored just down to ground level. So we aren't
         4. rehabbing with this funding, which is line item
         5. construction like George was stating before. You set
         6. aside a specific pot of money for demolition.
         7. MR. DELANEY: Judy?
         8. MS. STEPHENSON: I'm sorry I don't know this, but
         9. what was the original reason for the dorms up there?
         10. MS. McKEAN: It was an Air Force Station, and their
         11. primary purpose was military radar and the development
         12. of radar. We had several Texas Towers out at sea with
         13. radomes on them.
         14. MS. STEPHENSON: When were they built?
         15. MS. McKEAN: Well, they were built in the '50s and
         16. the '60s.
         17. MR. PRICE: This was the Cold War era.
         18. Judy, did you ever have to crawl under your desk?
         19. MS. STEPHENSON: Of course. Of course.
         20. MR. PRICE: Well, these were the guys that were
         21. watching out for us at that time.
         22. MS. STEPHENSON: I see.
         23. MR. PRICE: So they had these Texas Towers out in
         24. the North Atlantic and radar rays there. They didn't
241. have any armaments at this Air Force. This was all
242. information. And then by the '80s it was obsolete. By
243. the '90s it was mothballed, and that's when it was
244. turned over to the Seashore.
245. We have had very ambitious plans for adaptive reuse
246. of the entire campus, and unfortunately it hasn't gotten
247. off the ground the way that we hoped. So we just have a
248. handful of individual properties that have been fixed up
249. to this point.
250. MR. DELANEY: Maureen?
251. MS. BURGESS: May I ask a related question about
252. use at Highlands Center? Because as Truro starts to
253. have more events, what we run up against are the parking
254. issues. And two popular events right now are the
255. farmer's market and the ag fair. And recently the town
256. administrator said, "Gee, I wonder if we could have the
257. farmer's market up on the ball field at the Highlands
258. Center?" And I said because I remember you saying this,
259. I believe -- correct me if I'm wrong -- that monies
260. cannot be exchanged, and her reaction was "Well, what
261. about Payomet?" So I did ask Lauren, and we kind of
262. thought it was because it's technically an arts
263. facility.
264. MS. McKEAN: Yeah, it is a specific authority that
     1. it's under, and that's interpretive and living exhibits
     2. authority. So we have an agreement with them. It's
     3. very different than issuing a permit for an activity
     4. where there's money changing hands.
     5. MS. BURGESS: And there would be no benefit to the
     6. Park in that instance anyway. So you're probably going
     7. to get asked from her.
     8. MR. PRICE: Okay. People ask all the time.
     9. CLIMATE FRIENDLY PARKS - NEW GREEN INITIATIVES
     10. MR. PRICE: So frankly, two things, I guess.
     11. Number one, this is generally the report that is I think
     12. a nice piece that we'd like to do next about Climate
     13. Friendly Parks.
     14. And we need to set up the video for that, so, Mr.
     15. Chair, we could actually stand up and stretch in place.
     16. If anybody had any other general questions about the
     17. Seashore over the summer or coming into the fall, we
     18. could entertain that while we set it up.
     19. MS. McKEAN: I'm not the best at this either.
     20. (Discussion off the record.)
     21. MR. DELANEY: Let's back up one step. You finished
     22. your report?
     23. MR. PRICE: Yes.
     24. MR. DELANEY: And asked for any other topics to be
         1. discussed?
         2. MR. PRICE: Yes.
         3. MR. DELANEY: And, Lilli, you wanted to raise a
         4. topic?
         5. MS. GREEN: I just wanted to know what plans there
         6. were for the Highlands Center at this point and --
         7. MR. PRICE: Yes. So basically since we took over
         8. the facility, basically the concept always was that it
         9. would be developed as a campus for education, art and
         10. science. That's been the theme. And there's been a
         11. standing nonprofit called the Highlands Center,
         12. Incorporated. And since that was established, we've
         13. gone through multiple executive directors, multiple
         14. members of the board, and we actually have many, many
         15. plans on the shelf that would approach these things.
         16. Unfortunately, they haven't taken hold, and the last
         17. director, president of the board we haven't seen in a
         18. while. So it's a great idea. It's something that could
         19. happen, but there's certainly nothing active right now.
         20. So what we're trying to do is we're trying to
         21. button the place up so that it's as safe as possible.
         22. We have developed a number of the buildings ourselves
         23. just for the NPS. So currently we have a science
         24. laboratory that we'll be testing. We have a classroom
265. that we do activities. We have our own offices for the
266. majority of our natural resource and science staff in
267. the old commissary. We then have two or three of the
268. buildings that are basically maintenance storage
269. facilities. We're just putting a roof on one that was
270. falling apart. We then have agreements with Payomet to
271. do their tent. They have an option on Building 5, which
272. is the old Officers' Club, which is right adjacent to
273. their tent that they're interested in pursuing. There
274. might be another space that they're interested in
275. pursuing as well. And then in the back, if you're
276. familiar with Castle Hill, it has the wood-fired kiln
277. that they've been doing.
278. So that's the core that we actually have off the
279. ground at this point. We've spent a lot of time and a
280. lot of effort trying to get interest beyond that, and we
281. have not been successful at this point.
282. MS. GREEN: Thank you.
283. MR. DELANEY: Other questions of the
284. superintendent?
285. (No response.)
286. MR. DELANEY: By the way, in case you think the
287. Park has not been busy since our last meeting, look at
288. the impressive amount of press that has been generated
289. by activities here at Cape Cod National Seashore.
290. MS. LYONS: Have you counted how many people
291. visited? Has that been calculated? Has it increased,
292. decreased from last year?
293. MR. PRICE: Because we had such a miserable winter
294. and spring, even though we had an uptick at the start of
295. the better weather, the last I checked we were still
296. pretty flat. I thought it was interesting. The paper
297. yesterday declared victory on the very productive
298. commercial season. I've talked to different people in
299. the motel business, and I understand it's a mixed
300. feedback.
301. Mary-Jo, do you know?
302. MS. AVELLAR: We were busy.
303. MR. PRICE: Busy?
304. MS. AVELLAR: Although not as busy -- I remember
305. when I first started working at (inaudible) we always
306. closed at 11 o'clock every single night from the Fourth
307. of July on. And we don't close -- we sometimes close
308. now at 10-10:30. But to me -- and I think it's just
309. because we have so many condominiums. People can eat at
310. home, but the people on the street, I mean, you can't
311. even walk anymore.
312. MS. LYONS: Just the line of cars every day coming

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MS. AVELLAR: It's unbelievable.

MS. LYONS: And then turning around and leaving. MS. AVELLAR: And now they're on Bradford Street.

1. Now all these walkers are in the middle of the street on
2. Bradford Street, on bikes and on the side streets. So
3. people are there. So I think we were busy. John's not
4. complaining.
5. MR. PRICE: I don't know what our figures are yet.
6. The last time I checked I think we were pretty dead even
7. with last year.
8. MS. AVELLAR: Because I remember doing the same
9. amount of baking every day, so they're eating dessert.
10. MR. PRICE: Okay.
11. MR. DELANEY: Okay, so now -- thank you, Lauren --
12. Climate Friendly Parks.
13. MS. McKEAN: Climate Friendly Parks. We have some
14. great news. We have a green team. We have
15. representatives from each division on the green team. I
16. think we've given you reports in the past. Not often.
17. We recently calculated our production of greenhouse
18. gases from 2011 through 2014 and found we had a 90
19. percent decrease. So we're really in good shape towards
20. our 2020 goal of 20 percent decrease. We wanted to
21. exceed that, but we wanted to also be realistic. And
22. probably later today -- so I'd ask not to get into all
23. the details on the solar contract, but we're releasing
24. the solar contract today for about 90 panels at the
25. Highlands Center, 40 on the classroom building, and 50
26. on the bio lab roof. So that's really exciting. I
27. think it's going to be -- I meant to say it's going to
28. be a 28-kilowatt facility producing about 35,000
29. kilowatt hours a year. So that's really exciting. It's
30. our first standalone solar project, but you'll see some
31. of the other things we've had implemented.
32. This is hot off the press.

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14 (Video is shown.)

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1. (Applause.)
2. MR. PRICE: By the way, that man is Jack Shields.
3. I think he rides his bike to the office every day,
4. except in the deepest snow days. I've seen him here in
5. the snow and the rain. He lives down near Nauset Beach
6. and takes the bike trail.
7. So anyway I wanted you to see that. We've been
8. doing a lot of green things that are going on our
9. YouTube site and available to the public on a whole
10. number of different topics, and one specifically just
11. about the green team.
12. And then I didn't want to have it slip unnoticed,
13. but you did hear that Lauren also talked about the fact
14. that we got some solar panels in place. The contract's
15. in place for the solar panels. So this then gets added.
16. So we'll have the solar panels on these two roofs as
17. well as the one up at Herring Cove Wharf. And we still
18. have other places that we'll look at.
19. One of the things that I just want to pass on to
20. you -- and I have no idea where this is going to go, but
21. Mary-Jo knows at the spring meeting when I attended the
22. board of selectmen meeting in Provincetown the chair of
23. the board of selectmen asked us to continue to pursue
24. the possibility of solar panels even at the town
25. landfill, which is actually on Park Service property.
26. We've gone round and round on this as far as the
27. complexity of how money gets transferred because we've
28. had other people come to us with ideas and then want to
29. use that money that gets generated for other things,
30. which legally we can't do. And I said to them, "If we
31. put solar panels on the town landfill up there like a
32. lot of the other towns have done, including my Town of
33. Barnstable, we wouldn't be able to share those revenues.
34. It would still just offset the bills for the National
35. Seashore." And the board of selectmen said at the time,
36. "That's fine as long as in Provincetown it's going
37. green."
38. So that is something we'll take a look at.
39. However, I've got to tell you, just as there are a lot
40. of critics of wind turbines in the national parks,
41. there's a lot of critics of solar panels, which also
42. then cover that many acres of the habitat and
43. environment as well. Those are the issues that we'll
44. have to face, but I did want to let you know that that's
45. where we are with that. Lauren's worked on getting
46. contracts in place, and in this era of everything we do
47. on our side to get anything done is pretty intense and
48. has to be doggedly followed in order to actually get it
49. across the finish line.
50. MR. DELANEY: George, you might just tell us a
51. little bit more about the recent addition to going
52. green, which is the work at the Highland Golf Course.
53. MR. PRICE: Oh, that's right. Did you see that in
54. the paper?
55. MR. NUENDEL: Yes.
56. MR. PRICE: There were a couple of nice articles
57. about that, and again, the first article I thought was
58. very complimentary. It talked about George Price being
59. the leader in it, and actually I said at the press event
60. it was the staff that brought me to the table because it
61. was Sophia Fox and it was Mary Hake who had talked about
62. the landscape. Lauren obviously is talking about
63. sustainable issues all the time. So here we had a
64. brand-new concessionaire on the golf course, Johnson
65. Golf. They operate about six golf courses in
66. southeastern Massachusetts, including picked up the
67. contract in Chatham. So I didn't want to be in a
68. position to insist that they use organic material if,
69. number one, it's not required in their contract and if
70. it was going to have an impact or expensive twist to
71. their operation.
72. And the background is I worked on the grounds of
73. the golf course for 11 years when I was in junior high,
74. high school, and college, so I've been there, done that.
75. So I have a sense of what these golf courses need in
76. order to keep themselves going. But Sophia and Mary
77. found this fellow, Chip Bishop, who had already been
78. working on green landscape issues elsewhere with the
79. Park Service.
80. Pardon?
81. MS. McKEAN: Chip Osbourne.
82. MR. PRICE: Chip Osbourne. Chip Bishop is the
83. marketing guy. I'm sorry, Chip Osbourne. And he
84. actually lives on the North Shore, so he lives here in
85. Massachusetts, but he's been working nationally on these
86. initiatives. He met with the Johnson Golf people. They
87. were intrigued by his approach, and they on their own
88. now have decided to do a pilot project on the entire
89. green and fairway and tee area at the Highland Links and
90. see what happens and then not only implement it
91. elsewhere on their golf course but implement it in their
92. other golf courses as well.
93. You also may know that there already is a 100
94. percent organic golf course out on Martha's Vineyard
95. that has been organic for 10 or 15 years. I learned
96. that that was the condition of that golf course being
97. designed, and they have been very successful with that.
98. So we've been in contact with them as well.
99. So that is really something because we spend a lot
100. of time talking about things and what gets added to the
101. environment. There's probably no larger volume of stuff
102. that gets added to our environment throughout the Cape
103. aquifer than fertilizers on lawns if you take a look at
104. the volume of material that gets put down. So here for
105. golf courses to lead the way to this kind of an organic
106. philosophy is probably a really good way to go. So you
107. need to know that. I thought it was important for you
108. to understand the dynamic just within the staff. These
109. people have already identified this as a possibility,
110. and people at Johnson Golf were very receptive. That's
111. how it got off the ground.
112. MR. DELANEY: That's great. Well, we've asked for
113. an update on the Climate Friendly Parks a couple of
114. times, and this was well worth hearing about.
115. Congratulations all the way around. It's pretty
116. exciting stuff.
117. Unless there are other questions for the
118. superintendent, I'm going to ask for us to move to Item
119. No. 6, *Old Business*.

# OLD BUSINESS

1. LIVE LIGHTLY CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT
2. MR. DELANEY: Mark Robinson, who has been heading
3. up the Live Lightly Campaign, is not here today, but I'm
4. sure he's working hard on soliciting other individuals
5. or partners to join that campaign. So we'll stand by
6. for his report next time, and we'll move to *New*
7. *Business*.
8. Would anyone, any member like to raise a new issue
9. that we haven't tackled yet?
   1. MS. BURGESS: Could we just go back one to *Old*
   2. *Business*?
   3. MR. DELANEY: We can go back to *Old Business*. I
   4. moved too quickly for you. Sorry.
   5. MS. BURGESS: When I was reading the minutes, it
   6. brought to mind again the hydro-clamming, and I was
   7. wondering if there was anything new on that.
   8. MR. PRICE: So two things. Number one, you recall
   9. all the activity last year. Basically the hydro-
   10. clamming season was over. We sent our letters to the
   11. state. They're in the process of replacing the head
   12. fellow for fisheries in Massachusetts. I don't remember
   13. if that's happened yet or not.
   14. MR. DELANEY: On Thursday a fellow named David
   15. Pierce was appointed to the position of commissioner of
   16. the Division of Marine Fisheries.
   17. MS. AVELLAR: By Baker? By Governor Baker?
   18. MR. DELANEY: By Governor Baker. No, no, by an
   19. independent commission, independent -- who's independent
   20. of the Governor.
   21. MS. AVELLAR: Okay.
   22. MR. DELANEY: Quite an interesting piece of state
   23. government. So Dan McKiernan was the other candidate,
   24. and Dan is the person who's been working with us on this
10. issue. But it's time to bring -- I think you're going
11. to say maybe it's time to bring it back in front of the
12. new commissioners potentially.
13. MR. PRICE: Yes. So basically -- basically there
14. was a hiatus because it was known that the previous
15. commissioner was retiring, and he had been there for a
16. real long time. Dan McKiernan has been there a real
17. long time and knows the issues, but there wasn't really
18. the opportunity to bring it up. When the Secretary of
19. Environmental Affairs and Energy was here with
20. Representative Peake and they presented a check to the
21. Herring River, I did happen to drop comment in, in a
22. pretty fresh way about the hydro-clamming and that was
23. something he was going to hear more about. But
24. basically it wasn't appropriate to bring it up at that
25. particular time. But I think you're right. So
26. basically, no, I wasn't aware that they did have a
27. replacement.
28. MR. DELANEY: It's still an issue that needs to be
29. attended to.
30. MS. LYONS: It is. The commissioners actually
31. wrote a letter to the Division of Marine Fisheries in
32. regards to the hydro-clamming. I'll send a copy of that
33. to you and George, and you can just -- it was a very
34. well done letter, quite frankly. I wish I could say I
35. wrote it, but I didn't. But anyway just Friday I was at
36. the Selectmen's Association meeting, and that came up.
37. And so they are all, all 15 towns, all of the boards are
38. now discussing writing something as well just to say
39. that this is a practice that they really don't endorse
40. and should be monitored, et cetera.
41. So it's kind of late for them to be weighing in,
42. but it's not too late for next year and to have that
43. voice be heard. So it's still in people's awareness and
44. maybe a little too late, but it's getting done.
45. MR. PRICE: Another point, Rich, just a point of
46. information. I obtained the information that was in my
47. letter from sources who were very close to the actual
48. activity, and on the first response back, specifically
49. from the clamming community, they poked holes in a
50. couple of the facts I was using. For instance, the
51. depth that the rakes actually go and disturb the
52. surface, I had been told it was like eight to twelve
53. inches, I believe, or whatever I said, and they're
54. claiming no, they're set at like five inches. To our
55. marine biologist, Dr. Sophia Fox, that's immaterial
56. because it's really those top few inches which is really
57. where the marine life rests, but I think even before I
58. send out a new verbiage we'll check it with your
59. scientists to make sure we're on a factual basis with
60. what's going on. Because what happens is that's a great
61. distraction. If one letter has one fact that's a little
62. bit off and there's a dispute, then that becomes the
63. talking point, and that's not at all what we're
64. interested in pursuing.
65. MR. DELANEY: And while this has been a spotlight
66. issue for Provincetown because they had back then proved
67. illegal hydro-dredging in the wrong places and citations
68. issued -- and there's some mapping and some photographic
69. evidence of this -- this is an issue in the whole state
70. of Massachusetts. Hydro-dredging is allowed on much of
71. the coast, especially for clams, and the issue, of
72. course, is habitat destruction in the process.
73. So this won't go away. I'd like to see the letter,
74. Sheila.
75. MS. LYONS: Yeah, I'll make sure that I get that to
76. you.
77. MR. PRICE: And, of course, as Mark Borrelli said
78. up at the Center of Coastal Studies, because the 180-
79. foot ledge is so close to Herring Cove Beach, it's like
80. less than a mile out. There's a drop of 180 feet, that
81. then once that sand gets put out into the water column,
82. it's just as likely that sand's going to flow over the
83. edge as opposed to remain in the system to replenish the
84. coast, and therefore, it could accelerate the erosion.
85. That's really what bothered me.
86. MR. DELANEY: Don?
87. MR. NUENDEL: Just one question about this
88. hydro-clamming. When I was reading the minutes, we
89. spent a little bit of time on that at the last meeting.
90. I thought I remembered reading that once they go through
91. an area they can't go back for a few years. Am I making
92. that up?
93. MR. PRICE: Well, there's no legal prohibition.
94. It's just to allow --
95. MS. AVELLAR: They clean it out.
96. MR. DELANEY: They wipe it out.
97. MR. PRICE: They clean it out. And it's to get the
98. sea clams back for the next harvest, but the contention
99. that I've heard from the people in the know is that it
100. wipes out all the other species. So razor clams, soft
101. shell clams, the rest of the species are gone.
102. MR. NUENDEL: For one species?
103. MR. PRICE: Right, for one. Right.
104. MS. AVELLAR: You should see the stacks of crates
105. on MacMillan Pier. I mean, they're six, seven feet tall
106. with semi tractor-trailers down there taking them away.
107. These people are greedy. They're horrible.
108. MR. PRICE: So it gets to be really murky. Our
109. legislation says it's up to the town and, therefore, the
110. state to manage shellfishing. However, it's against
111. Park Service management practices to manage for a single
112. species. And unlike the rest of the boundary of the
113. Seashore where down here our boundary goes out a quarter
114. of a mile, the state has jurisdiction on the ocean bed
115. down here. That particular area in Provincetown, the
116. United States actually owns in fee out to a quarter of a
117. mile because that was the deed that was transferred to
118. us by the state in the 1960s. So it actually is federal
119. property, but still what's shellfishing and what's
120. destruction of the environment? And that's what would
121. have to be demonstrated.
122. MR. DELANEY: Okay, stay tuned for more.
123. Any other old business?
124. (No response.)
125. MS. LYONS: No, but I would like to just say
126. something about national parks in general.
127. I was in Montana this past August, and I went there
128. to do my hike, which I wanted to recreate this memorable
129. experience I had last year at Glacier Park. And as I
130. landed -- my brother has a house not far from Glacier
131. Park. And as I landed, it was their first day of high
132. hazard air quality warning, and they were encouraging
133. everyone to go in because of the forest fire smoke. So
134. what had happened is the California fires, Canadian
135. fires went through Washington, really did a number on
136. Idaho and jumped over to Glacier Park as I got there.
137. They did get that under control by the time I had left,
138. so now would be a nice time to go according to people
139. there. But while I was there -- and I had pictures.
140. I'll send them. You can just forward them. I have a
141. picture of a view -- I sent them to Rich -- a view of my
142. brother's, you know, from his deck. So you can see the
143. valley, and then there were these beautiful mountains
144. beyond. And the time I was there in the days that were
145. really bad, you literally couldn't see from here to
146. maybe the entrance of the building. That's about as far
147. as you could see. The sky was -- it felt like sort of a
148. nuclear winter. The sky was kind of a brownish yellow.
149. The sun, if it was able to be seen, because of the
150. thickness of the smoke, not cloud cover, you know, it
151. also had a very strange color to it. At night the moon
152. would be like a blood red.
153. So it was an unfortunate experience in that I never
     1. really did get out of the house much. You could not go
     2. out. As part of my sinus problem, it seems like it's a
     3. continuation of it, and, you know, your eyes were bad.
     4. Your breathing was affected immediately. So it was
     5. really bad. And what was surprising to me is that
     6. nobody -- when I came back, nobody was really aware of
     7. the severity of the forest fires. And a third of our
     8. country -- and you're talking about climate change -- is
     9. burning. Now, it hit the papers this weekend because of
     10. the devastation in California and the entire communities
     11. and households, which had been happening, but they were
     12. smaller villages, smaller towns, say like the size of
     13. Truro, wiped out in Idaho. So livestock. And it's
     14. going to have a devastating economic impact on the whole
     15. country as they have to go through this because they
     16. depend on tourism. A lot of the people who are there
     17. struggle for those -- you know, those people that want
     18. to do the Whitewater rafting and the (inaudible) sails,
     19. and you're not going to go there to look at a bunch of
     20. burned sticks even if they're able to manage this.
     21. The other thing that was very disturbing is that
     22. they're really predicting that this is going to be kind
     23. of a perpetual thing the way the forest fires are going.
     24. It's not just annual and extended, but they're beginning
154. to fear that this is just going to be going on and on.
155. Some of it's not a bad thing because it's healthy
156. growth, but the majority of it is a bad thing. And I
157. think that we as citizens really have to look. The fact
158. that we had this conversation, you know, I think back in
159. the 1970s -- I think it was 1970 was our first Earth
160. Day, and that's when the country seemed to be united and
161. enlightened that we had a problem and we were taking the
162. initiative to take it, and over time the powers that be
163. and money and media has been able to manipulate and
164. stifle that conversation where I actually felt very
165. depressed when I was there because I said is this -- you
166. know, this is like another indication. I mean, I
167. actually was fearing like are we going to be seeing the
168. end of this. And we're a species too. There were five
169. species that were put on this endangered list, and I
170. think that we could add ourselves there, but nobody
171. really wants to admit that.
172. So that's my little editorial and comment on that,
173. but it was devastating. The national parks are under a
174. lot of stress, and it's not just here but it's
175. everywhere. And they need our support.
176. MS. AVELLAR: Is Glacier Park western Montana?
177. MS. LYONS: Yes, it's northern -- northern -- yeah,
     1. northern west. It's about 60 miles from Canada. You
     2. can see Big Mountain, Big Sky from there, but it's not
     3. part of the Big Sky.
     4. MR. PRICE: Just as a caveat to that, I just want
     5. to mention I think we've had Dave Crary here before
     6. talking about our fire management program, and depending
     7. on the weather conditions, we could have those same wind
     8. conditions here.
     9. MS. LYONS: Absolutely.
     10. MR. PRICE: With all the development that we've had
     11. in the United States in the Northeast, we haven't had
     12. those extreme weather conditions, but we could get
     13. there. I have to tell you, there was a time -- I forget
     14. which year it was -- the teens or the '20s -- there was
     15. a fire that went from Concord, New Hampshire, to the
     16. Atlantic Coast. Half of Mount Desert Island and Acadia
     17. were burned. A lot of Plymouth County was burned in one
     18. fire.
     19. And we probably have the most amount of vegetation
     20. on Cape Cod since Europeans settled here. If you take a
     21. look at the Penniman House we just talked about, you
     22. won't see any trees. When the Penniman girls were
     23. having a party and that was lit up, you could see it
     24. throughout the Cape. There were no trees. If you read
178. Henry David Thoreau's walks, there were no trees.
179. MS. LYONS: Right.
180. MR. PRICE: So once agriculture went, once horse
181. farming went, once all that went, all of the scrub pine
182. -- there's a picture of the staff out here in 1980. In
183. back of the headquarters, you can see the ocean. So
184. it's all happened fairly quickly, and even though we're
185. doing prescribed burns trying to manage our understory,
186. Dave will tell you we're not even close to keeping it
187. up.
188. MS. LYONS: No, and I really felt whenever you went
189. out, if you went into a store -- if you did venture out,
190. if you went to a store or you went to the gym, you could
191. smell this smoke everywhere you were. So when I came
192. back here, in looking at the conditions -- and I'm sort
193. of settled right on the edge of the National Seashore,
194. so I have nothing but woods behind me -- with the dry
195. conditions we've had -- and that was Montana's
196. situation. They've had 0.1 percent of rain in the last
197. six months. So they would have these lightning storms
198. go through with no rain and strike off these fires. So
199. smelling the campfires down at the ocean at night, you
200. know, that smell actually kind of gave me a panicked
201. feeling, and whenever I smell it now, I do start
202. thinking is that somebody's campfire or is there
203. something going on out there because it goes very fast.
204. And it's very deadly, and wildlife is being destroyed.
205. It's just a very sad situation.
206. So I just thought I'd give you that bad -- that
207. good news, a little cheerful thought as we go out.
208. MR. DELANEY: Thanks for sharing. And it does put
209. the whole thing, issue about parks are wonderful in
210. themselves.
211. MS. LYONS: Yes.
212. MR. DELANEY: But we don't live in isolation from
213. the rest of the environment.
214. MS. LYONS: Right.
215. MR. DELANEY: And everything that George and the
216. green stuff that's going in has to be replicated
217. throughout the country. And the world, for that matter.

# NEW BUSINESS

1. MR. DELANEY: Let me move on to the next item,
2. which is New Business.
3. (No response.)
4. MR. DELANEY: No, new business? All right.

# DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. MR. DELANEY: Let's move to *Date and Agenda for*
2. *Next Meeting*, which has already been set. I hope -- as
3. George explained, they're making an executive decision
4. about that date. I hope everyone can attend. It will
5. be an important meeting.
6. It also, by the way, will be our 300th meeting.
7. MS. LYONS: Wow.
8. MR. DELANEY: We've talked about this two or three
9. times. Let me just suggest, just to make this
10. manageable, perhaps we could -- unless anyone has
11. another idea -- we should certainly invite Congressman
12. Keating to attend. He's already indicated he would like
13. to join us at some point. That certainly would mark it.
14. We are a federal advisory committee, and we are his
15. district. So I think that would be appropriate.
16. And then we should at least celebrate in some
17. modest way. Maybe perhaps a little reception at the end
18. of the day out here in the main room.
19. MR. PRICE: Or at the beginning while we're still 18 --
20. MR. DELANEY: Or the beginning, maybe the beginning
21. or after where we can invite local officials and past
22. members who have served on this committee to just join
23. us for, you know, some milk and cookies or something. I
24. said after because it could be wine and cheese.
25. MS. LYONS: Yes. We could go across the street to
    1. do that.
    2. MS. STEPHENSON: They might come with the wine and
    3. cheese.
    4. (Laughter.)
    5. MR. DELANEY: So anyway, we had talked in the past
    6. about -- and Mark Robinson is trying to get some more
    7. scholarship money for Nickerson as a way to celebrate.
    8. Maybe that will happen. That would be terrific.
    9. MR. PRICE: Well, you can kind of take a look at
    10. the 300th meeting as kind of where we're looking at the
    11. Centennial for the Park Service. So we could give
    12. ourselves more room over the course of the year if we
    13. would like. If there is another type of landmark event
    14. you all would like to do as opposed to force-feeding it
    15. on the 16th, that's a possibility.
    16. MR. DELANEY: The 300th and the 100th would go
    17. together.
    18. MR. PRICE: Right.
    19. MR. DELANEY: Okay, unless there's someone else
    20. that has a brilliant idea right now.
    21. MS. BURGESS: It sounds nice.
    22. MR. DELANEY: Keep it simple.
    23. MS. BURGESS: Invite the town managers.
    24. MS. STEPHENSON: Is George -- George, you're

1 suggesting we don't do something on the 16th?

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| 2 | MR. | PRICE: No, no, no. |
| 3 | MR. | DELANEY: No, maybe other opportunities in |
| 4 | addition | to. |
| 5 | MS. | STEPHENSON: In addition? Okay. |
| 6 | MR. | PRICE: Yeah, in addition. |
| 7 | MS. | STEPHENSON: Okay. |
| 8 | MS. | LYONS: But I think it's important to highlight |

1. the advisory committee because it is an important
2. committee. It is a community -- you know, it's the
3. partnership of the communities, and I think that that's
4. a good thing to reinstate and to remind people that
5. there is a partnership, not just working solo.
6. MR. DELANEY: That's a good point. And 300 is a
7. significant number for any organization.
8. MS. LYONS: Yes.
9. MR. DELANEY: But we also are somewhat of a unique
10. organization in terms of the park system and elsewhere.
11. If perhaps we could get one of our friends in the press
12. to do an in-depth focus piece a week or two in advance
13. and really does a nice little history piece of the
14. Advisory Commission, big issues we've tackled over the
15. years, the representation of the Friends at the table,
16. and the nice working relationship with the Park Service
17. itself and really have a nice article that's kind of a
18. memorial piece, we could distribute that and use that
19. for sort of a major piece. So I could try to work with
20. you guys on -- I'm not sure it would be, but an in-depth
21. piece.
22. MS. LYONS: Some historical highlights.
23. MS. STEPHENSON: I like the issues of what they're
24. doing today in Plymouth and some of the things they've
25. resolved. I would like to see that.
26. MR. DELANEY: Yeah.
27. MS. LYONS: A success. And I think people need to
28. see success as opposed to division.
29. MR. DELANEY: I mean, the dune shacks have been a
30. big thing. The off-road vehicles have been a big piece.
31. We have dealt with some pretty major issues in
32. conjunction with --
33. MR. PRICE: Nude bathing.
34. MR. DELANEY: Nude bathing.
35. MS. AVELLAR: What's that?
36. MS. LYONS: Nude bathing.
37. MS. AVELLAR: Oh, gosh, yes.
38. MR. PRICE: It's this commission -- nude sunbathing
39. is not illegal in national parks. It's at Fire Island.
40. It's at Gateway. Cape Cod National Seashore in the '70s
41. because of what was happening, there were tour buses out
42. of New York coming out to look at the nude sunbathers at
43. Cape Cod.
44. MS. AVELLAR: Well, they were trespassing over
45. private property to get to the beach.
46. MR. PRICE: They were trespassing, so basically the
47. Commission at the time implored the superintendent to
48. try to enact a special rule that would prevent nude
49. sunbathing from being legal in Cape Cod National
50. Seashore.
51. MS. AVELLAR: So is it legal?
52. MR. PRICE: No, so it's your predecessors that made
53. that become a federal law here. It's not a federal law
54. elsewhere.
55. MS. AVELLAR: We own that spaghetti strip.
56. MS. STEPHENSON: There's still a very --
57. MS. LYONS: It still lives.
58. MS. AVELLAR: We still have the spaghetti strip,
59. you know, so if anybody wants to go nude sunbathing,
60. they can go there.
61. MR. PRICE: I'm keeping my bathing suit on,
62. Mary-Jo.
63. (Laughter.)
64. MR. DELANEY: So that sounds like a plan.
65. MS. GREEN: Are you going to be working with the
66. Park on this? Is there a budget for it?
67. MR. DELANEY: I don't know. The budget I think is
68. pretty modest. Maybe we can get a donation or two from
69. somebody in the Friends just to have a reception. The
70. press article, the in-depth article would be free. I'll
71. work with George and Lauren to get that done. The
72. reporter may want to talk to get our opinions. It may
73. be fun to do a little reminiscing maybe than for just
74. like federal stories. There are more, but I think --
75. MR. PRICE: Brenda Boleyn has been a long-time
76. member of the Commission.
77. MR. DELANEY: Brenda Boleyn. There are several
78. other people. Usually people don't leave this
79. commission unless they die. They like to stay with us.
80. MS. BURGESS: I know. That's been making me very
81. nervous.
82. (Laughter.)
83. MR. DELANEY: Some of the people who have been here
84. are still alive and kicking. We should grab them and
85. get some of their memories.
86. MS. GREEN: Rich, if you want any help, I'll be
87. glad to help out.
88. MR. DELANEY: Good, thank you.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

* 1. MR. DELANEY: So moving on to our last item, which
  2. is the public comment period. And it's a chance where
  3. we ask anyone -- I see two members of the public.
  4. Anyone -- either one of you like to make a comment
  5. or a statement? Yes, sir, would you please just
  6. identify yourself?
  7. AUDIENCE MEMBER (ED MILLER): Yes, my name is Ed
  8. Miller. I live in Wellfleet. I'm here primarily as a
  9. representative of the *Provincetown Banner*, of which I am
  10. now the associate editor since July, working with Kaimi,
  11. who I think probably you all know, who is now the
  12. editor. And both of us feel it's very important to
  13. report more on the work of the National Seashore.
  14. But what I wanted to say -- and I'll be very brief
  15. -- it has nothing to do with being a press person but
  16. just as a citizen resident of Wellfleet and property
  17. owner in the Seashore near Long Pond and Spectacle Pond.
  18. I've already mentioned this to George and Lauren, but
  19. I'm concerned about the conditions at Spectacle Pond and
  20. along the road that leads to it from Long Pond Road just
  21. because of -- well, there've been a number of incidents
  22. down at Spectacle Pond of vandalism and just disturbing
  23. kinds of uses, of people making messes down there and

1. not really treating it with respect.
2. Yesterday I was walking down that road and heard a
3. loud roaring sound. It turned out to be a couple of
4. young people in a very low-slung Audi from New York who
5. had gotten stuck on the road and were actually in the
6. process of ripping off their grill and underside of
7. their car trying to get out of a huge rut. I ended up
8. actually collecting a large number of car parts, which,
9. if anyone wants to see them, I have them in a big box in
10. the back of my car.
11. My comment is just that I think it's maybe been
12. considered before, but I think it might be appropriate
13. to think about making that access a fire road so that
14. all the people who read about the hidden ponds of
15. Wellfleet in the *New York Times* and other places aren't
16. going down that road in vehicles that can't make it and
17. leave parts of them there and just to keep what I think
18. is a very special place, obviously because I live near
19. it, a little bit more protected.
20. That's all.
21. MR. DELANEY: Thank you for bringing that issue to
22. our attention. Appreciate it. That's exactly what
23. we're here for.
24. And a couple of comments on this?
25. MS. GREEN: Yes, I'd like to make a comment. Thank
26. you for raising that issue. I've heard from a number of
27. people in the Town of Wellfleet about that *New York*
28. *Times* article and how they feel that the roads and the
29. access roads in the ponds have been impacted as a result
30. of that.
31. And to be quite frank, the reason why the nude
32. bathing became such an issue was because there was an
33. article in the *New York Times*. Someone in that area
34. lived there as a summer resident and wrote an article in
35. the *New York Times*.
36. MS. LYONS: Yes, and several years ago -- and this
37. was between Gull Pond and Higgins Pond there. That was
38. always considered by people in my little area as a
39. secret spot that you could walk down to, and you had
40. this little kind of little beachy area. And that summer
41. the *New York Times* not only had an aerial view of it but
42. with an arrow, you know, kind of giving you directions
43. to that spot. So for a couple of years there you could
44. not even get near there. There were too many cars. If
45. there was any combustion, that would have been the end
46. of everything, so that's been corrected by the town.
47. But thank you, *New York Times*. Now they're all going to
48. be coming here instead of Nantucket after the other
49. article they just did.
50. MR. DELANEY: Lauren, do you want to add to that?
51. MS. McKEAN: I have a comment on that being
52. corrected because it was closed down and the Seashore
53. built a couple of parking spaces.
54. MS. LYONS: Right, exactly.
55. MS. McKEAN: That area got absolutely trashed this
56. summer.
57. MS. LYONS: Did it really?
58. MS. McKEAN: It's not solved. We have a ponds
59. group that will go out and deal with it again. But
60. they're driving more into the woods now with their cars,
61. and they were knocking trees down.
62. MS. LYONS: It's terrible, yeah.
63. MS. GREEN: It's an issue.
64. MR. DELANEY: So I'm sure the Park is aware of the
65. management issues around the ponds. We've talked about
66. water quality issues in the ponds of Wellfleet. Now
67. we've got also use issues. So perhaps as you focus on
68. that, if you want to come back to us with some of the
69. actions that --
70. MR. PRICE: Right. I think it's pretty
71. complicated, and Lauren has been working with the towns
72. both in Truro and in Wellfleet on the ponds, and they
73. have -- you know, you could tell when you drove out
74. there it doesn't look like we've really maintained them
75. very well at all, anybody, whether it's the private
76. landowners, the town, or the Seashore. So I think there
77. have been a lot of improvements made over the last
78. number of years that we have seen. Unfortunately, it's
79. an uphill battle when you have this kind of active
80. vandalism. When it comes to the actual roads, the roads
81. get to be pretty complicated because basically it's the
82. responsibility of the town for maintaining, and there
83. are some roads that are private roads. So then the
84. question is the private road versus the public road
85. versus, you know, in the Seashore boundary versus not in
86. the Seashore boundary. So that continues to be a
87. conversation with the towns and the Seashore and the
88. landowners, especially when it comes to things like snow
89. plowing or no snow plowing.
90. MS. LYONS: And if I can add, I have friends that
91. are on private dirt roads, and they don't want any
92. maintenance on them because then people will come down
93. them, they think. But people are still going to come
94. down and experience what you've witnessed. So there has
95. to be a balance there and some sort of signage and
96. monitoring.
    1. MR. DELANEY: So again, Ed, thank you for raising
    2. it. I'm sure there's going to be more discussion and
    3. more focus on these as people use the Park, and we will
    4. be happy to weigh in as requested for recommendations.
    5. Congratulations on your position. Congratulate
    6. Kaimi. That's terrific.
    7. AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. MILLER): I will.
    8. MR. DELANEY: She's a steady attendee here and
    9. covered these proceedings well.
    10. All right, any other public comments?
    11. (No response.)

# ADJOURNMENT

* 1. MR. DELANEY: Then I will entertain a motion to
  2. adjourn.
  3. MS. BURGESS: So moved.
  4. MS. AVELLAR: So moved.
  5. MR. DELANEY: Second?
  6. MS. LYONS: Second.
  7. MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by saying
  8. aye.
  9. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
  10. MR. DELANEY: Thank you.
  11. (Whereupon, at 3:19 p.m. the proceedings were
  12. adjourned.)

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