***CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION*** ***THREE HUNDRED AND THIRD MEETING***

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station

Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on Monday, June 6, 2016, commencing at 1:03 p.m.

SITTING:

Richard Delaney, Chairman Bob Summersgill

Don Nuendel Lilli Green Joseph Craig Sheila Lyons Maureen Burgess

Bill Clark, alternate

Also present:

George Price, Superintendent Lauren McKean, Park Planner

David Crary, Fire Management Officer

Nicole Taylor, Safety and Environmental Officer Steve Smith, Plant Ecologist

Courtney Butler, Centennial Volunteer Ambassador

Scott Greene, Army Corps of Engineers Project Engineer, New England District

Heather Sullivan (via telephone), Army Corps of Engineers FUDS Program Manager, New England District

Audience members

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

1. MR. DELANEY: Good afternoon, everyone. And it is
2. a good afternoon. It's beautiful out there. It's a
3. Cape Cod National Seashore kind of day.
4. MS. LYONS: It is indeed.
5. MR. DELANEY: I'm happy to see all of you again
6. here for the 303rd meeting of the Cape Cod National
7. Seashore Advisory Commission. And I'd like to let the
8. record show that one of our former members, Bill Clark,
9. has retired, but he just can't leave us alone. He's
10. happy to join us.
11. Thank you, Bill. Good to see you.
12. MR. CLARK: I have my position. I'm still holding 14 --
13. MR. DELANEY: Oh, you're still officially. That's
14. right.
15. MS. LYONS: That's right. He is our alternate.
16. MR. DELANEY: Oh, I'm sorry. The record should
17. stand corrected. He's still officially part of us, and
18. I'm glad to see you.
19. MR. CLARK: Yes.

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. MR. DELANEY: Okay, so there is, as always, some
2. materials sent out in advance, and that includes the
3. agenda. Unless I hear a motion to amend the agenda, I
4. would ask for an adoption to -- a motion to adopt the
5. agenda.
6. MS. BURGESS: So moved.
7. MR. DELANEY: So moved. Second?
8. MS. GREEN: Second.
9. MR. DELANEY: All those in favor.
10. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
11. MR. DELANEY: Good.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (MARCH 14, 2016)

1. MR. DELANEY: You also have the minutes from our
2. previous meeting, which was March 14.
3. I look to our trusty scribe from Eastham to let us
4. know if he's found any discrepancies.
5. MR. NUENDEL: I read them all, and it all seems
6. fine to me. I didn't see anything stand out, so I
7. recommend we adopt them.
8. MR. DELANEY: Anyone else with a correction or
9. addition?
10. (No response.)
11. MR. DELANEY: Good. So that's a motion to adopt
12. the minutes as printed.
13. MS. GREEN: Second.
14. MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by saying

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BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DELANEY: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. DELANEY: Then it carries.

# REPORTS OF OFFICERS

MR. DELANEY: Reports of Officers. None

8 immediately. 9

# REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

1. MR. DELANEY: So we'll go to reports from
2. subcommittees and ask Maureen to update us on the
3. Pilgrim Nuclear Plant Emergency Planning Subcommittee
4. and, in addition to the agenda, the Nickerson Fellowship
5. award.
6. So, Maureen, thank you.
7. MS. BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
8. UPDATE OF PILGRIM NUCLEAR PLANT
9. EMERGENCY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
10. MS. BURGESS: So I've handed out just some updates
11. relative to the subcommittee on Pilgrim Nuclear Plant
12. Emergency Planning, our subcommittee. You can look at
13. those with me.
14. Some significant events. May 23rd *Cape Cod Times*
15. reported Pilgrim fails again. Pilgrim failed the second
16. Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspection of the three
17. required based on its demotion to being one of the three
18. worst reactors in the country. In the report the
19. federal regulators cited Entergy for a lack of follow-
20. through on maintenance of important systems. This was
21. also an issue during the first inspection in January,
22. and the infraction involved the breakdown of bearings on
23. one of the pumps used to draw millions of gallons of
24. seawater from Cape Cod Bay into the plant to cool the
25. reactor through a closed system which in turn cools
26. other emergency equipment, safety-related systems.
27. Unfortunately, there is no fine or penalty beyond
28. the violation issued. Four federal inspectors from the
29. NRC handled the first two inspections. For the third
30. one, there will be twenty, but it's not really -- in
31. other words, they have time. They're allowed to tell
32. the federal regulators when they're ready to be
33. inspected for thorough scrutiny the third time.
34. I think one of the concerning things especially was
35. that the federal report noted that control room
36. temperatures in the facility could climb to 114 degrees
37. Fahrenheit with a loss of normal ventilation and air-
38. conditioning due to a leak in the system that cools the
39. reactor and after a sudden shutdown. So you can see
40. that if that were to occur, people couldn't tolerate
41. being in the reactor room.
42. A good thing. May 24 Congressman William Keating
43. -- and I have a copy of this amendment. If you'd like,
44. you can get it from me later. But our congressman,
45. William Keating, a member of the Homeland Security and
46. Foreign Affairs Committee, introduced an amendment to
47. provide funding to the NRC to ensure safe and effective
48. decommissioning of nuclear power plants along with
49. Congressman Peter Welch of Vermont. And you know that
50. Vermont Yankee is in the process of decommissioning.
51. The amendment was included in the Energy and Water
52. Development and Related Appropriations Act, which is
53. currently being debated in the U.S. House of
54. Representatives.
55. Following Entergy's announcement in October that
56. Pilgrim would be decommissioned, Keating also sent a
57. letter to the NRC requesting that the NRC ensure that
58. there was adequate decommissioning funds for Pilgrim to
59. support the inclusion of state and local officials in
60. the process of decommissioning. I recently spoke with
61. Representative Peake, and she said that there's work
62. being done in the general court, in the legislature
63. about actually having something in the budget, as I
64. understand it, to form a decommissioning committee, you
65. know, of local state representatives to be part of this
66. decommissioning process as we move towards 2019 when
67. Pilgrim is slated to be decommissioned.
68. So I have Congressman Keating's bill here if you'd
69. like to see that. You can pick it from me.
70. Just a couple of other pertinent things that are
71. recent. We have a letter from Karen Vale -- I received
72. -- I was copied a letter I wanted to share with you from
73. Karen Vale-Vasilev of Cape Cod Bay Watch and Pine
74. duBois, executive director of Jones River Watershed.
75. And after over 20 years of being out -- of not having an
76. appropriate Mass. DEP and EPA certificate or permit for
77. discharging water from Pilgrim into Cape Cod Bay, there
78. is a draft proposal for a new permit. And as I said,
79. it's 20 plus years overdue, but the draft -- many people
80. feel that the draft permit -- and I'm sure our chairman
81. can speak to this -- falls short in several areas which
82. could be much better to reduce the impact on marine life
83. in Cape Cod Bay, which has been designated a critical
84. right whale critical habitat.
85. And maybe, Mr. Chairman, you'd like to say
86. something about what you know about the report.
87. MR. DELANEY: Certainly. Thank you.
88. Well, we have been following this lack of a permit
89. for many years, and it was good to see EPA finally
90. reissue it. We too feel it comes up short, and we --
91. our comments particularly have been that the right whale
92. habitat has actually shifted in the last three or four
93. years from the eastern part -- primarily being the
94. eastern part of Cape Cod Bay -- to the western part
95. right off of Plymouth and Duxbury. So this year all
96. through the month of May we had five mother calf pairs
97. in the bay in that section, and they're all on the
98. western side. So this intensifies the potential impact
99. -- our concern about the potential impact from that
100. (inaudible).
101. MS. BURGESS: And the concern is that the water
102. coming into the bay is so warm, correct?
103. MR. DELANEY: Yes.
104. MS. BURGESS: That they don't seem to have anything
105. to provide additional adequate cooling.
106. MR. DELANEY: The questions are many, but one of
107. them would be, of course, what does the warmer
108. temperature of the water do to the zooplankton, which is
109. the food for the whales. So if just a degree or two
110. temperature change affects that food supply that's when
111. the whales are there, that means they may lose a major
112. source of food during the growing period. Baby right
113. whales grow 30-40 feet in (inaudible). They need a lot
114. of copepods. And so if the temperature in the water is
115. changing slightly, that could be a major impact on an
116. endangered species.
117. MS. BURGESS: Right, right.
118. So Karen has -- I have her letter here that you're
119. welcome to look at, and what she's asking for is a
120. hearing, the EPA and DEP to offer a hearing where people
121. can give input. And I know that they are drafting a
122. letter, and if we wish to do something like that, we can
123. certainly also let our feelings be known if we wish to
124. draft a letter. It would be going to the Mass. DEP
125. Bureau of Water Resources. And I have Karen's letter
126. here if you'd like to see it afterwards. So those are
127. two important things.
128. Another important thing that's going on was noted
129. in the *Cape Cod Times*, and I have that article if you'd
130. like to look at it. It was entitled *Fuel for Fear*.
131. Last Thursday the United States Department of Energy
132. held a meeting in Boston to solicit local thoughts on
133. what's called constant consent-based siting, which is a
134. plan to create storage facilities around the country in
135. communities willing to accept nuclear waste. And as we
136. know, there is no national site. Yucca Mountain has
137. been ruled out as a waste deposit site. And as we know,
138. there's plenty of nuclear waste up in Plymouth. So the
139. DOE is coming up with this consent-based siting while
140. waiting for Washington to try to develop a comprehensive
141. solution.
142. There are over 70,000 metric tons of radioactive
143. waste that have been generated by plants like Pilgrim
144. during the past few decades. And some of the concerns
145. about the consent-based siting, of course, are
146. transportation of the nuclear waste and how safe is that
147. going to be traveling through different communities. Is
148. there a potential that that would be vulnerable to,
149. let's say -- I hate to say it, but terrorists? And the
150. other concern is, will the waste be put in low income
151. areas much like the Love Canal toxic waste dump? Is
152. there a possibility that they'll choose low income areas
153. where people perhaps aren't as well-informed to, you
154. know, have these sitings for the radioactive waste?
155. So just something to be aware of. It's going to be
156. a problem for our region coming up in 2019 as we close
157. Pilgrim.
158. Do you want to say something?
159. MR. DELANEY: Question?
160. MR. NUENDEL: My understanding is that Yucca
161. Mountain is out of -- out of the view because of not my
162. backyard-type deal.
163. MS. BURGESS: I just know that it's no longer -- I
164. think Harry Reid was not really in favor of having it in
165. Nevada.
166. MR. NUENDEL: I wonder if they shouldn't reassess
167. why because the government spent a whole lot of money
168. developing that for very -- a lot of years, and it came
169. to a stop because of something like that.
170. MS. LYONS: It was a NIMBY.
171. MR. NUENDEL: Huh?
172. MS. LYONS: It was NIMBY. It was at Yucca
173. Mountain.
174. MR. NUENDEL: Yeah, yeah. It seems to me this may
175. open the door because, I mean, they're talking about you
176. can put waste in there that will last 10,000 years the
177. way the caverns are all concrete. I mean, I could go
178. into a little bit of detail on that, but maybe -- I
179. don't know how that happens. We certainly can't do
180. that.
181. MR. DELANEY: No, but it was my understanding, like
182. Sheila, that it was clearly a political call because
183. Reid was there. It's his state. He's got the power,
184. and it'll go until he leaves.
185. MR. NUENDEL: So we're going to go in different
186. backyards?
187. MS. BURGESS: That's what they're talking about.
188. MR. NUENDEL: Something doesn't --
189. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, I know. It's frustrating. And
190. you're right. It does seem from -- and I haven't
191. studied it in detail, but it seems like an ideal
192. location, remote, all kinds of backup to salt mines and
193. caverns.
194. Sheila, are you going to add to that?
195. MS. LYONS: No, I mean, I just think that this is
196. really unfortunate because as bad as nuclear power is
197. because of the waste -- I mean, I think that is the key
198. -- and the potential of human screw up if something
199. happened -- but it is a clean form of energy and a
200. powerful form of energy. If we had treated it not
201. politically but in a strategic way as part of our energy
202. from the beginning and reinvested in it and did research
203. and development -- I mean, in Europe they are way ahead
204. of us on a lot of things, but even on this they have
205. been able to reuse -- they recycle their waste product.
206. Up to almost 90 percent of that waste is recycled and
207. reused in a form of energy. And when it's put into dry
208. casks, it's shot into the ground somewhere, probably
209. like at the base of a Yucca Mountain somewhere. And who
210. knows how ideal that is. We won't know probably for
211. another 500 million years as an aftereffect or
212. something. But this is just us not being able to deal
213. with these things. And once the Love Canal -- not the
214. Love Canal, but the big meltdown that we had in --
215. MR. DELANEY: Three Mile Island?
216. MS. McKEAN: Three Mile Island?
217. MS. LYONS: Yeah, right. I mean, that was like
218. everybody kind of then pulled away from that, and we
219. really didn't deal with it in an adult-like way. I
220. think it just became a political thing that they wanted
221. to kick off. So it's unfortunate, but this is where we
222. are.
223. And I did want to say that I think the Advisory --
224. you know, I think back at the base. This is something
225. people don't come to willingly, like the military. I
226. mean, like they never really had a deal if they don't
227. want to deal with their civilian population, but they
228. did. And I think that that is a very good model for
229. legislators to look at. There was an advisory committee
230. of the cleanup of the base because that was another --
231. what? How many billions did it cost to clean the
232. military base? So that was a partnership that was
233. formed that wasn't really a normal partnering, and they
234. came together, and they've worked on it for years. And
235. that relationship -- I serve on that committee as well.
236. That is still ongoing as far as the military working
237. with the towns and, you know, built a good relationship.
238. So it should be looked at as the model.
239. MR. DELANEY: So we have, whether it's good policy
240. or not, Yucca Mountain has been put aside for the time-
241. being, replaced by this consent-based siting.
242. MS. LYONS: Right.
243. MS. BURGESS: Right.
244. MR. DELANEY: Do you suggest an action we should
245. take with regard to consent-based siting?
246. MS. BURGESS: I don't have anything in mind right
247. now. I think we should probably stay informed about
248. what hearings are going on and what -- you know, where
249. we might have a voice. Actually, I think we just missed
250. -- I think something just happened last week, as I
251. recall, where there was a hearing about this in Boston,
252. so we kind of missed that one. The one place -- there
253. is one firm that came forward offering itself as a waste
254. host site, and it's in Texas, but not much is known
255. about it, and it's only four years old. Of course, they
256. also do a lot of fracking in Texas, so that's another
257. concern, but I will stay informed and keep you apprised.
258. And please, if anybody else does, please let us know if
259. there's something we need to do.
260. By the way, speaking of need to do, when I looked
261. on our website, I saw that these letters weren't
262. included. In the fall of 2015 as the news about
263. decommissioning was coming out and as Representative
264. Peake and our senator, Dan Wolf, were putting forth
265. legislation -- and I will circulate one of these on each
266. side -- I did draft on behalf of the committee letters
267. to the appropriate chairmen of the committees. So I
268. wanted you to know that that was done.
269. MS. McKEAN: Are these the ones you testified on?
270. MS. BURGESS: Yes.
271. And I noticed, Mr. Superintendent, they're not on
272. the website, so maybe we can add that under our advisory
273. commission. And also I did -- and I have my testimony
274. here if anybody would like to see it. In October I did
275. testify in support of, first, a speak out about the
276. decommissioning process and our belief that Pilgrim was
277. going to be shut down but also the concern that
278. decommissioning was done correctly and that local people
279. would have a voice in it. I have those comments as well
280. as comments that I made when I testified in support of
281. Dan Wolf's Bill 1797. And I have a little legislative
282. update you'll see in your handout just to tell you where
283. the various bills are.
284. House Bill 2167 from Representative Peake looks
285. like it may be alive, and it's gone to Ways and Means
286. Committee, which is an important step; 230, which asks
287. for local radiation monitoring even out here on the
288. Cape, was put into study, which basically means rest in
289. peace, by the Joint Committee on Public Health. They
290. used preemption; in other words, saying that's federally
291. regulated, the state doesn't have a say. Sarah Peake's
292. Bill -- House Bill 2031 is not dead yet, and you can
293. contact the chairs of the Joint Committee on Public
294. Health to request a favorable vote out of committee.
295. Dan Wolf's bill that I testified in favor of which would
296. have, if you recall, put a $10,000 fine on every fuel
297. rod that was left in the cooling pool and not put into
298. dry cask storage, again, was put into study using
299. preemption saying that that was federally regulated.
300. But it looks like Senator Wolf's Bill 1798 has a chance,
301. and that's the one that's setting up the $25 million
302. escrow decommissioning account to be maintained by
303. Entergy. It was favorably voted out of the
304. Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy Committee, and
305. it looks like it may be going to Ways and Means. So
306. that may have a chance. And that's the one that I
307. think, you know, we need to all be focused on, that they
308. don't get away without having enough money to actually
309. ensure proper decommissioning so that the taxpayers of
310. Massachusetts are stuck with the bill as well as stuck
311. with a facility for 60 years.
312. So that's it.
313. MR. DELANEY: Well, once again, thank you for an
314. extensive service on behalf of our commission here as
315. chair of this committee. It's keeping very busy. You
316. may have prompted a couple questions.
317. Lilli?
318. MS. GREEN: Thank you.
319. Maureen has made some suggestions as far as action
320. steps are concerned, and I notice the letters that she's
321. passed around date from the fall of 2015. Perhaps it
322. would be helpful to update these letters in relation to
323. how the bills have moved. So it looks like there are
324. three bills that may have some forward motion, and it
325. might be helpful for us to follow the same protocol to
326. write a letter to the legislators urging passage of
327. these three bills and also writing a letter to DEP, at
328. least DEP, if not EPA about those other concerns as
329. well. I would think that that would be a good, positive
330. action step for this commission to take.
331. MR. DELANEY: I'll defer to Maureen. The policy is
332. that since you have our authorization to speak, write,
333. author letters on this issue, if these are something
334. that makes sense.
335. MS. BURGESS: If I could make a suggestion, Mr.
336. Chairman, Lilli. How about if I check with Seth
337. Rolbein, who is an aide to Senator Wolf --
338. MR. DELANEY: Yeah.
339. MS. BURGESS: -- and check with Dottie Smith from
340. Sarah Peake's office, see where they are, and see what
341. they think would be useful for us to do. I could then
342. get back to you all by e-mail and let you know whether
343. they think that would be worthwhile.
344. As far as the EPA, DEP permit, I think it's a good
345. idea. It couldn't hurt to add our voice to Cape Cod Bay
346. Watch and Jones River.
347. MS. LYONS: Yeah, I think that would be -- I agree.
348. MR. DELANEY: All right.
349. MS. BURGESS: So I could draft something --
350. MR. DELANEY: Please, yes.
351. MS. BURGESS: -- and run it by the chair and then
     1. report to you.
     2. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, that's our protocol so far. So
     3. that's good. Thank you.
     4. Anyone else on this topic?
     5. (No response.)
     6. MR. DELANEY: Once again, thanks, Maureen.
     7. MS. BURGESS: You're welcome.
     8. MR. DELANEY: And on a little more fun note, the
     9. Nickerson Fellowship.
     10. MS. BURGESS: Oh, yes, I almost forgot that.
     11. NICKERSON CONSERVATION FELLOWSHIP
     12. MS. BURGESS: Well, the last meeting we had just
     13. met and I couldn't divulge the names of the recipients,
     14. and so now I can. I have what is a draft contract to
     15. pass around so you can just see what it looks like, but
     16. our two recipients of the Nickerson Conservation
     17. Fellowship were Mr. -- or is it Dr.? -- Mr. Owen
     18. Nichols.
     19. MR. DELANEY: He will be Dr. probably next week.
     20. MS. BURGESS: So technically now Mr. Owen Nichols,
     21. a fisheries scientist at the Center for Coastal Studies,
     22. has been selected by the committee to receive the 2016
     23. fellowship award. He will be conducting a study
     24. entitled *Shellfish and Horseshoe Crab Flux at the East*
352. *Harbor Tidal Restoration Site*. And this Nickerson award
353. will provide supplies and support for the applicant to
354. do this pilot study at the Cape Cod National Seashore.
355. So we were delighted to have something go to a member of
356. Coastal Studies.
357. So his award of $1,800 will be made in two
358. payments, one payment at the start of the project and
359. the final upon receipt of the project deliverables,
360. which include a final report and science presentation
361. summary, and that's often done in August at our North
362. Atlantic Coastal Lab in the way of a presentation. And
363. also we're asking them to do some sort of educational
364. product as well that could be posted on the website of
365. the Coastal Lab.
366. The other recipient receiving, again, this year is
367. Mr. Derrick Alcott, a PhD student at UMass Amherst, and
368. he's received the award. His study is entitled *Predator*
369. *Prey Interactions of River Herring Spawning Migration*
370. *and Anthropogenic Obstacles Prior to Restoration*. So
371. I'll just translate that a little bit because I'm
372. familiar with his work.
373. In terms of anthropogenic obstacles, they basically
374. are the little culverts that go over the river. And I
375. know George took us out to see early migration a couple
376. of years ago, and it was very obvious how they hesitated
377. just by the shadow being cast on the water. And it
378. startled them, and they were hesitant to go through or
379. to go through these culverts. Well, Derrick has also
380. noticed that when that happens raccoons and different
381. predators hang out at these culvert sites, and the
382. herring become easy prey for them. So that's what his
383. work has involved. And when he says prior to
384. restoration, what he means is Herring River restoration
385. of tidal flow. And I would hope that these will become
386. less of an issue as we get, you know, full restoration.
387. So that's what his fellowship work is concentrating
388. on. It's very interesting, toads and raccoons and other
389. predators that get these herring on the way through the
390. culverts.
391. So I'll pass this around so folks can see it.
392. MR. DELANEY: Good.
393. MR. PRICE: So the next studies will be how
394. raccoons and turtles and everything like these shadow
395. areas and the anthropogenic thing.
396. MS. BURGESS: Right. Turtles too. I forgot the
397. turtles.
398. MS. LYONS: I was there that day too. Maybe we
399. were on the same tour.
     1. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, we were.
     2. MR. DELANEY: Good. Well, thanks again. And it's
     3. exciting to have the fellowship continue, and I'm sure
     4. on behalf of Owen -- I'll say it -- we're thrilled.
     5. Owen's really one of our really good rising young PhD
     6. scientists and does excellent work, so that will be a
     7. nice project to contribute to.
     8. MS. BURGESS: Good.
     9. MS. LYONS: Great.
     10. MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you, Maureen.
     11. Moving to the Superintendent's Report.
     12. MR. PRICE: Sure. We're going to take about two
     13. minutes to hook up the PowerPoint before I give you the
     14. introductions.
     15. MR. DELANEY: Okay.
     16. (Short recess was taken.)
     17. (Heather Sullivan, FUDS program manager, New
     18. England District, is on via teleconference.)

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

* 1. MR. PRICE: I'm just going to do a quick
  2. introduction. We've had some other Commission business
  3. up until now, and Scott can fill you in on everything
  4. you wanted to know or didn't want to know about the
  5. Pilgrim power plant and how it affects Cape Cod National

1. Seashore.
2. MR. GREENE: And the herring runs.
3. MR. PRICE: And the herring runs, that's right.
4. UPDATE FROM U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ABOUT NEXT STEPS
5. FOR FUDS (FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES) EXAMINATION OF
6. UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE, FORMER CAMP WELLFLEET
7. MR. PRICE: But before I introduce you, Scott, so
8. basically talking about -- we were just talking about
9. governmental responsibility when it comes to cleanup and
10. specifically nuclear issues.
11. Stepping back a little bit, many of you are aware
12. that this is known as Camp Wellfleet. It was a military
13. facility for a real long time, and basically since the
14. Seashore came in in '61, they've been working with the
15. Army Corps of Engineers on a number of different
16. projects having to do with taking a look at the former
17. military facility under a couple of different programs.
18. We became aware recently that the Army Corps of
19. Engineers was embarking on yet another phase of this
20. cleanup, and we talked a little bit. One of their
21. requirements is that they would actually speak to a
22. community group about the program, and knowing that the
23. Commission meeting was coming up, we thought that this
24. would be an appropriate way to do it.
    1. And you ought to know that there are actually two
    2. representatives from Wellfleet specifically, this town,
    3. but everybody represents the Outer Cape as well as the
    4. Governor, the County, and the Secretary of the Interior.
    5. So that's what this particular commission is about.
    6. I'd also like to introduce Dave Crary. Many of you
    7. know him as our fire officer. Dave is the one that has
    8. been our liaison with the Army Corps of Engineers over
    9. the previous work. And I want to introduce you to
    10. Nicole Taylor who many of you know. She's our safety
    11. and environmental officer, and she's been involved with
    12. these pieces as well.
    13. So it is real. We often will come up with pieces
    14. of ordnance. Most of them are duds. Or we'll come up
    15. with other facilities, especially as the bluffs erode.
    16. Since I've been here, I think in the earlier days there
    17. was still a lot of activity in terms of our contractors
    18. but not so much in recent times.
    19. So, Scott, I'll ask you to introduce yourself and
    20. your team and Heather on the phone.
    21. MR. GREENE: Well, thank you very much. First of
    22. all, I'd like to thank you for inviting me to come and
    23. speak today. It's a pleasure to be here in a beautiful
    24. place like this, and it was interesting to hear some of
25. the previous discussions. I'll probably stick around
26. for a little bit more of that as well.
27. My name is Scott Greene. I'm a project engineer
28. with the Army Corps of Engineers. Heather Sullivan,
29. you've heard her. She's on the phone as well, and she's
30. the FUDS program manager for the region.
31. Mark, are you on as well?
32. (No response.)
33. MR. GREENE: Okay, so Mark Anderson is my direct
34. supervisor, and he may or may not be calling in as well.
35. I'm relatively new to this project. I've been with
36. the Corps of Engineers since about 2004, though. One of
37. my major projects is one that you guys mentioned
38. already, the Joint Base Cape Cod project. I'm the
39. engineer on that project as well.
40. So this is an overview of what the presentation
41. will be about. Introductions I've already kind of gone
42. through. What the FUDS program is, you see FUDS
43. referred to all the time by its acronym. Because we're
44. in the military, we always use acronyms. But it's
45. Formerly Used Defense Sites. I'm going to do a very
46. quick site history, what work's been completed so far
47. and then what steps are left to do, and then what the
48. current status is and what the schedule will be for
49. those remaining steps. And then the last task is the
50. Restoration Advisory Board, so I'll do a little
51. discussion about that as well.
52. So as I mentioned, my name is Scott Greene.
53. There's my contact information there. I can send
54. anybody that wants a copy of the slides so you'll have
55. my contact information. Also, we're working with the
56. Baltimore District because they're the Munitions Design
57. Center, and so they're the ones that we're working with
58. and are arguing the contract action for us. The FUDS
59. program manager, as I mentioned, is Heather Sullivan,
60. and there's her contact information as well. We will be
61. hiring a contractor. We don't have a contractor right
62. now. We're in the middle of that process right now.
63. So these are some of the applicable laws that drive
64. the cleanup here. So CERCLA, of course, which is
65. basically the Superfund Act. And then it was amended in
66. 1986, and then within that amendment also there was the
67. DERP, which is Defense Environmental Restoration
68. Program. And that's where the Formerly Used Defense
69. Sites came in. In 1980 they said, "Okay, you know,
70. Superfund sites, all those private industry sites that
71. have to be cleaned up," and the Army said, "Okay, good,
72. we don't have to do anything," and then this came
73. around, and they said, "Oh, yes, you do." So all these
74. sites that were old sites that were formerly used, we
75. had to clean those up as well.
76. So within the FUDS program itself, there are three
77. program categories, the Installation Restoration
78. Program, Building Demolition/Debris Removal Program, and
79. then the ones applicable here is a Military Munitions
80. Response Program. Within the Military Response Program,
81. there are two components. So the first one is Munitions
82. and Explosives of Concern, and that's really the work
83. that we've done so far, is focus on that. So that would
84. be unexploded items, discarded military items, things
85. like that. The second component of that is munitions
86. constituents. So within those explosive rounds,
87. sometimes they get cracked open, or if there was a fire,
88. there might be release of explosives that gets into the
89. groundwater. So that's munitions constituents, and
90. that's what we're going to be focused on for the next
91. phase of this project. And that's a lot of what we're
92. doing down at Joint Base Cape Cod, is (inaudible) and
93. also munitions constituents wherever the plumes develop
94. from.
95. So this is the CERCLA process, and I'm going to go
96. through the steps we've already completed where you see
97. the red arrow there. And that's where we are right now.
98. So that's the remedial investigation. So that's what
99. we're going to be looking at, is where are these
100. munitions constituents, are there any here at all, and,
101. if so, have they impacted the groundwater, and what are
102. potential receptors, that kind of thing. So that's what
103. we're going to be focused on. After that you get into a
104. feasibility study, so if there are contaminants that are
105. residual there, then what are we going to do to clean
106. those up? And then we develop a plan for that, and we
107. present the proposed plan to the stakeholders. And from
108. there, there is a decision document that's completed,
109. and then we do the remedial design and the cleanup
110. itself.
111. So this is the site history, and I won't go through
112. all these things. Obviously it talks about 1943 when it
113. was constructed and then when Camp Wellfleet was closed
114. and the property was transferred in 1961 to the National
115. Park Service and then some things that have been done
116. since then in terms of cleanup action, investigation and
117. that kind of thing. You'll notice in 2000 the EE/CA,
118. Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis, and Remedial
119. Investigation and Feasibility Study. So that was
120. started in 2000, and it's never actually been completed
121. because it only looked at the munitions and environment
122. -- munitions and explosives concerned. It didn't look
123. at munitions constituents. So we only did half the job
124. at that point, so we couldn't actually close out that
125. phase. But in terms of the MEC, we had a decision
126. document in 2003 and then removal actions that were done
127. in 2006, and then the five-year review report was
128. completed for the MEC in 2013.
129. So this is kind of a little bit more detail in
130. terms of what's been completed so far. I mentioned the
131. EE/CA and for MEC in 2001. Again, MEC is Munitions and
132. Explosives of Concern. There was a site-specific
133. removal report in 2006, and these are the things that
134. were done. So Area A, which is a beachfront area, is
135. about 74 acres. So MEC was cleared to depth during that
136. action. Also, in Area B, which is 27 acres, again, the
137. beachfront area. And I'll have a map following this.
138. You'll be able to see what Area A and B are. And then
139. Area C, a smaller area, five acres, same thing, any
140. munitions and explosives of concern were removed at that
141. time.
142. So the results of that were like over 3,000 pounds
143. of nonmunitions-related scrap metal because if you're
144. looking for metal with a metal detector, in geophysical
145. you're going to find metal. And there was some and that
146. was removed. And then about 2,000 pounds of stuff that
147. was really related to munitions. It doesn't mean it was
148. explosive, but it was related to munitions. So one of
149. those items -- I just picked up a couple of things that
150. were of interest. This 1,000-pound bomb, of course,
151. would be of interest. You can see that took up half the
152. total weight. It was plaster filled, so it wasn't
153. really a concern as far as explosives go, but still it
154. was found. And then these flash tubes from 106-
155. millimeter cartridges, I think there were like 136 of
156. those found, and those were addressed then and removed
157. off site. So those aren't still there, but it is
158. something that would have been of concern. There were
159. really no explosive materials found during that
160. investigation, so that's good news.
161. I know this is sideways, but it's kind of pointing
162. to the right way in terms of where the water is and the
163. shoreline there. So you can see -- let's see if I can
164. do this.
165. Did I do that, or it just --
166. MS. BUTLER: No.
167. MR. GREENE: -- happened to me at the same time?
168. MS. BUTLER: Yeah.
169. MR. GREENE: That's pretty good. All right.
170. Area A is right here, Area B is right here, and
171. this is Area C (indicates). So those were the three
172. areas that munitions were investigated for.
173. MS. LYONS: So where is that -- oh, it's Marconi.
174. I see. Okay.
175. MR. GREENE: So all the other areas, all that are
176. shown here, there was a lot of site investigation work
177. and tons of historical reviews and things like that, but
178. out of those historical reviews, they really didn't find
179. any indication that would indicate that there would be
180. munitions or explosives of concern there. So those
181. areas were determined not to -- not to require intrusive
182. investigation to find MEC items.
183. Yes?
184. MR. DELANEY: Is that true for the beach as well?
185. MR. GREENE: So the beach here (indicates)? Area
186. A?
187. MR. DELANEY: In between --
188. MR. GREENE: Area B? This area here (indicates)?
189. MR. DELANEY: Yeah. Whatever the -- it looks like
190. you (inaudible).
191. MR. GREENE: Yeah, so this is Area I, I guess, and
192. Area A and Area B were the areas. So the Area I they
193. determined, because it's intertidal, there probably
194. wasn't anything there. That was discarded, so...
195. MS. GREEN: How far down does Area A go towards
196. Wellfleet?
197. MR. GREENE: That's it right there.
198. MS. GREEN: But how far is that? Is that Lecount
199. Hollow Road?
200. MS. BURGESS: It says Wireless Road.
201. MS. GREEN: Oh, Wireless Road, okay.
202. MS. BURGESS: Does that ring a bell?
203. MS. GREEN: Yes.
204. MS. McKEAN: It looks like it's this side of Cook's
205. Camps maybe as far as when you're out on the beach.
206. MS. GREEN: All right, where the road walking back
207. through the White Cedar Swamp Trail?
208. MS. LYONS: Right, right, it comes out there.
209. Yeah.
210. MS. McKEAN: You can see there White Cedar Swamp.
211. MR. GREENE: Yeah, you guys are definitely going to
212. have -- you've got a leg up on me as far as where all
213. these things are.
214. MS. McKEAN: There is K, White Cedar Swamp. So
215. that's the Wireless Road from Lecount.
216. MS. LYONS: Right.
217. MS. McKEAN: And that's Lecount, and then Cook's
218. has a major acreage over here (indicates).
219. MS. LYONS: Right.
220. MS. BURGESS: Excuse me. Why would you have a
221. plaster bomb?
222. MR. GREENE: So they would drop dummy bombs just to
223. see -- they don't want them just to explode because
224. maybe it's close to their troops or whatever like that,
225. but they still want them to be able to practice and can
226. they drop the bomb in an area to target practice
227. basically.
228. MS. BURGESS: I see. Thank you.
229. MR. GREENE: Yeah?
230. MR. PRICE: So do you know or, Dave, do you know is
231. the outline of this map totally inclusive of Camp
232. Wellfleet? That location?
233. MR. CRARY: I believe the yellow polygon, the large
234. one is the former Camp Wellfleet area. However, I
235. recall that they have an offshore area which wasn't part
236. of Camp Wellfleet, but it's larger than that Area I.
237. And that area out there goes out past the quarter-mile
238. limit, which I believe is the green line, and there was
239. no investigation there. However, there are materials
240. out there as they do wash up in Area I.
     1. MR. DELANEY: That's kind of what I was going with.
     2. The cliff was two or three -- you know, I want to say
     3. 50, 60 -- now 50 years ago times two or three feet.
     4. There was a lot more solid land where they were doing
     5. that, which is now the beach.
     6. MR. GREENE: Right. Like I said, they didn't
     7. really find very much in terms of Area A and Area B. So
     8. that whole coastline when it was investigated, you know,
     9. they didn't really find very much at that time.
     10. MR. DELANEY: Good.
     11. MR. GREENE: So it stands to reason that -- I'm not
     12. going to say it can't happen or doesn't happen, but
     13. chances are not very likely that it would happen.
     14. So as I mentioned, the remaining FUDS steps are
     15. related to munitions constituents, and they're going
     16. through the remedial investigation phase. I kind of
     17. went through this slide before, but it kind of
     18. highlights a little bit more about what we're going to
     19. be doing for each one of those phases.
     20. So the remedial investigation is investigation of
     21. the site and evaluating the risks that are associated
     22. with anything that we might find. And then we would do
     23. a feasibility study, and we would look at all different
     24. regional alternatives if we find something and then
241. identify what we think is the best remedial alternative
242. to address that situation. And we will present that to
243. the public and all stakeholders and get feedback, and
244. then we would proceed to a decision document. We
245. actually select what a remedial alternative will be.
246. And then we would do a remediation action, and we would
247. close out the site. So those are kind of the steps
248. we're trying to get through, and we're trying to get
249. through them a lot quicker than we have to this point.
250. MS. LYONS: So what would your timetable -- what
251. are you sort of realistically looking at from the first
252. step to even just getting to a proposed plan?
253. MR. GREENE: So a lot depends on what we find. In
254. an ideal situation, if we don't really find anything, it
255. can go very quickly. If we do find stuff, it will drag
256. out a little bit, a couple years maybe.
257. MS. LYONS: Okay.
258. MR. PRICE: So excuse me. Is that in the nature of
259. the scope for the contractor as well, or does the
260. contractor have a short window in a close?
261. MR. GREENE: No, the contractor is going to be very
262. long, has I think it's 36 months. So the contract is
263. being written such that they will need to do everything
264. they need to do in order to get to closeout. So they
265. read all the records we have, and they're kind of taking
266. a little bit of risk. They're saying, "Okay, based on
267. what we know right now, this is what we think it's going
268. to take to close out the site."
269. Yeah?
270. MS. GREEN: Looking at the map, is it true that the
271. entire Camp Wellfleet is within the bounds of the
272. National Seashore?
273. MR. PRICE: With some exceptions. Dave's really
274. the expert. Wellfleet has a so-called landing strip.
275. Is that what that red is?
276. MR. CRARY: That is.
277. MR. PRICE: So Wellfleet owns inclusive in the red,
278. but isn't pretty much the rest of it our property as
279. well as in the boundary?
280. MR. CRARY: Yeah, pretty much, yes. It's -- I'm
281. sorry -- a little bit on the north end, which is on the
282. left side. I'm not sure. There's a little Cook's
283. Cottage ownership. And Lauren will know about this. I
284. don't know if Camp Wellfleet went up farther on to the
285. private property or not. It wasn't really addressed
286. twelve years ago, but everywhere else is pretty much
287. government ownership, federal government ownership.
288. MS. McKEAN: I agree with Dave.
289. MS. GREEN: So are you saying that there are no
290. properties that are owned? Private cottages?
291. MS. McKEAN: There are no private properties.
292. MS. McKEAN: No private properties. Are there
293. people living within this area at all?
294. MS. McKEAN: There are people on Wireless Road,
295. those camps on the south.
296. MR. GREENE: So maybe over here (indicates)?
297. MS. McKEAN: Yeah, right over there. There are
298. three cottages in there.
299. MR. GREENE: Thank you.
300. MS. GREEN: Thank you for clarifying.
301. MS. McKEAN: Sure.
302. MR. GREENE: So just to highlight again where we
303. are with the remedial investigation for munitions
304. constituents. So we're in the contractor selection
305. phase right now. We've already received proposals.
306. We've already evaluated the proposals. We made a
307. technical determination in terms of who we want to hire,
308. but the contract folks haven't completed the contract
309. action yet. We're hopeful that it will be done by the
310. end of the month, and that would be great.
311. And after we get that contractor award, then we go
312. into the next steps where we'll have a kickoff meeting
313. internally with Army Corps first so we can kind of meet
314. the contractor, tell him what we want them to do, and
315. they'd give us feedback in terms of what they plan to
316. do, and then they'll prepare an RI, a remedial
317. investigation work plan. That will take a couple of
318. months probably to prepare, maybe as much as three
319. months, and then we'll have a planning meeting with the
320. stakeholders, including yourselves, and kind of discuss
321. what the plan is, get your feedback, maybe have some
322. different ideas about parts that we need to be focusing
323. on more, whatever or cultural resources things. Things
324. like that we need to talk about. Of course, you know,
325. during the process when the contractor is preparing the
326. work plan, if you have things you want to share with me,
327. I'm more than open to talk to you about things like
328. that.
329. So we would like to -- I think Mr. Price mentioned
330. that the next Advisory meeting is in September, I think,
331. right? So that might be a good opportunity to give you
332. guys an update in terms of how we're doing and what
333. we're planning on for the next steps. And hopefully, if
334. all goes well, we could be out in the field in the fall,
335. so October, November, something like that. We don't
336. want to be here during the summer season when all the
337. tourists are here and stuff like that, but, you know, of
338. course, if there are sensitive habitats or if there's
339. ecological concerns that may affect our schedule a
340. little bit, we can be more than flexible in terms of
341. accommodating that.
342. Yes, sir?
343. MR. SUMMERSGILL: Do you have a sense of how the
344. degree of hazard represented by the remaining
345. constituent materials?
346. MR. GREENE: I've only been on the site for the
347. past couple of months, three months, but in reading the
348. history and reading what they found as far as the first
349. phase, munitions and explosives of concern, not very
350. much was found in terms of explosives. So my guess is
351. we're not going to find that much, but I can't say for
352. sure.
353. Yes, ma'am?
354. MS. GREEN: Are there any documents that would give
355. you insights as to how much was dumped here or put here
356. or dropped?
357. MR. GREENE: There's a repository that's been set
358. up with the Wellfleet Public Library, so all the
359. documents related to the site have already been put
360. there. But that's part of the job of the contractors
361. when they were hired previously, was to look at
362. historical site information and trying to evaluate where
363. would be the best places to look, and that's how they
364. came up with those locations A, B, and C, for example.
365. MS. GREEN: And have you been in touch with the
366. board of selectmen, let's say, in Wellfleet or any other
367. town committee or entity in the town?
368. MR. GREENE: No. So that's one of the things we're
369. hoping to generate out of this meeting, is for other
370. stakeholders, if they can start participating in this,
371. then we can kind of update everybody at once.
372. MR. PRICE: Lilli, it depends on basically how we
373. want to proceed here on it and whether we want to use
374. this body because none of those -- even this body, as I
375. understand it, Dave, was not actually involved in all
376. the previous phases.
377. MR. CRARY: Correct.
378. MR. GREENE: Actually, the next slide is kind of a
379. good lead. No, not the next slide. The slide after
380. this I think is.
381. So you asked about what is likely or whatever, but
382. this is what's likely as far as the field activities
383. that we're talking about for the fall. So there will
384. probably be some soil sampling looking for munitions
385. constituents. And there will be some that are targeted,
386. but there will also be some random ones just in case,
387. okay, you know -- you know, they didn't find anything.
388. There was nothing to report in the old site history, but
389. still we'll do some random samples and see if we find
390. anything in those random samples.
391. So there will be some sediment sampling, and that's
392. in that intertidal zone. So we'll collect samples from
393. there as well and then groundwater sampling. So there
394. are existing monitoring wells within Camp Wellfleet.
395. They were at one time viable and could be used, though
396. we'll need to go back and look at those again to see if
397. they still can be sampled. Samples that were collected
398. previously, though, were for metals. They didn't
399. actually look for munitions constituents, so that will
400. be something that will need to be done. And then if we
401. need to, they'll install some additional monitoring
402. wells.
403. Yes?
404. MS. BURGESS: Would you be looking at any volatile
405. organics of the wells when you're doing this monitoring?
406. MR. GREENE: We'd probably target -- we might do a
407. few, but we'd probably target towards munitions
408. constituents. We'll probably be looking for what's
409. called RDX, which is one of the constituents within
410. munitions for chlorite, which is usually associated with
411. any kind of a flash type of munitions.
412. MS. BURGESS: And do you know which way the
413. groundwater flows?
414. MR. GREENE: I think it's fairly radial here, so I
415. think --
416. MS. BURGESS: I think that information is available
417. from the Cape Cod Commission.
418. MS. LYONS: Right, I was just going to ask, have
419. you interacted with the Cape Cod Commission on any of
420. the information they have?
421. MR. GREENE: I have not yet.
422. MS. LYONS: Because I just happen to know from
423. experience, you know, that there was a situation
424. recently where a homeowner had indications on their
425. property. So I went to the Cape Cod Commission, and Tom
426. Cambareri really does have mapped out every spill,
427. everything that has been known and they're aware of on
428. Cape Cod where it's happened. And I'm not sure what
429. they have on the base because I'm not sure what the
430. interaction is with how far they can go in with the
431. National Seashore because everybody has their turf, but
432. they really do have extensive maps and how the water
433. flows in certain areas because of the watersheds. You
434. think it's like in a direction, but each -- there are
435. different watersheds. So it would be good to speak to
436. Tom Cambareri at the Commission and see if there's
437. anything there. Just it might save you steps going down
438. the line.
439. MR. GREENE: Absolutely. I mean, there is a short
440. write-up in some of the historical information. They
441. talk about some of it goes south, some of it goes north,
442. some of it goes east, some goes west. I think they're
443. kind of in a radial situation here, but absolutely, it
444. would be a great resource to talk to.
445. MS. LYONS: It might just be helpful and save you.
446. MR. PRICE: And we have all that information as
447. well.
448. MS. LYONS: Right, okay. So you interact quite a
449. bit too.
450. MR. GREENE: Great.
451. So this is what we started to talk about a couple
452. of slides ago. So we're required to evaluate public
453. interest in forming a restoration advisory board. It's
454. part of the FUDS process. And the purpose really is to
455. provide the framework to keep everybody informed about
456. what we're doing in the cleanup and make sure that
457. people are comfortable with what we're doing. But you
458. don't have to set up a new advisory board if you already
459. have an existing meeting that the public is invited to
460. attend and can participate in. If you want to use that
461. mechanism instead, that's okay. So Mr. Price has
462. indicated that would be his preference. Heather's on
463. the phone, and that's one of the things that she'll
464. probably address a little bit more, but there's no sense
465. in having two separate meetings to talk about the same
466. kinds of things. If these are the people that need to
467. be informed of stuff and they're already attending
468. meetings, then it makes sense to combine them.
469. MR. PRICE: Just to build on that, Heather, just so
470. that you can hear this. So this advisory commission --
471. this is a designated commission by the Secretary of
472. Interior for the National Seashore. And I just wanted
473. to let you know and then, Lilli, let you know that the
474. other opportunity that this commission has is the chair
475. has the option to have other meetings outside of the
476. formal Commission meeting. So for instance, say there
477. was a more general interest or very specific technical
478. meeting required on something that was coming up. So
479. say you come to us in September and there's a long list
480. of things that want to be talked about and where we
481. might have a broader interest, say, than town officials,
482. then Rich should be able to set up in essence a
483. subcommittee or a meeting outside of the normal cycle of
484. these meetings where obviously there's a long agenda
485. with a lot of other topics on it.
486. MR. GREENE: Sure.
487. MR. PRICE: So you would still be able to use this
488. group on this particular topic outside of just the every
489. other month meetings we have in the winter.
490. MR. DELANEY: This table represents a
491. representative from each of the towns because Wellfleet
492. is central in the county, so we have a good cross-
493. representation.
494. So I think, unless I hear differently from my
495. fellow members, we would be happy to serve as the
496. advisory forum. Again, as George has pointed out,
497. should you need to focus a little bit more deeply on an
498. issue, we could create the forum for that.
499. MR. GREENE: Okay.
500. MR. DELANEY: Is that okay with everybody?
501. MS. BURGESS: Yes.
502. MS. LYONS: Yes.
503. MS. GREEN: Rich, with your permission, I would
504. like to go back to my town, Wellfleet, to the officials
505. in my town and run this by them and get back to the
506. Seashore, especially since the Town of Wellfleet does
507. own property within the bounds of this area.
508. Personally I don't know how they would feel about
509. it. I don't anticipate that there would be an issue as
510. long as they're included, but I don't know the answer to
511. that. So I don't know what the process I should use
512. going forward would be. Would I report back to George
513. or report to you? But I would like to bring this up to
514. them.
515. MR. DELANEY: That's fair.
516. So right now the standing offer is we will serve as
517. the primary advisory committee, and explain that to the
518. selectmen. If they or we or the Army Corps comes up
519. with a particular issue that needs a little more, we'll
520. also provide that forum. If the selectmen would like to
521. do more in addition to that, that's their prerogative
522. and they should tell that to George, myself, and
523. directly to Scott or probably to Heather as well.
524. MR. PRICE: I actually have a meeting coming up
525. with the town administrator pretty soon on a number of
526. different topics. We can put that on our agenda. And
527. the other thing that I'll mention is apparently this was
528. a requirement when the Army Corps started this process,
529. and there hasn't been such a separate advisory board
530. specifically requesting this at this point.
531. MS. GREEN: And I would also request a copy of the
532. slideshow. I'm sure everyone would probably benefit
533. from seeing it.
534. MR. GREENE: Yeah, I don't know. Can you just
535. forward it to her? Is that right?
536. MR. PRICE: I can.
537. MR. GREENE: If you have a contact list already,
538. just copy me on and I'll do that contact list as well.
539. MR. PRICE: I'll do that.
540. MR. DELANEY: Okay, anything else, Scott, in your
541. presentation?
542. MR. GREENE: I think that's it.
543. Questions? You guys were asking me questions all
544. along.
545. MR. PRICE: I'd say the one thing that the staff
546. has to be involved with is apparently the previous
547. visits and the previous Army Corps individuals and
548. contractors had a working relationship and understood a
549. lot of the issues that we would have. And that
550. institutional memory apparently doesn't exist at this
551. point, so we have to reestablish that with Scott and the
552. new folks that are on board because obviously if there's
553. going to be any ground disturbance, we have all kinds of
554. issues. We have almost six issues. We have Native
555. American consultation as well as dealing with the
556. various environments out there as to what we can do and
557. what we can't do at some point. So we will certainly be
558. working with the Army Corps staff on that.
559. MR. GREENE: Yeah, I'm not so familiar with it
560. here, but we had a little bit of that during
561. (inaudible).
562. MS. LYONS: Right.
563. MR. DELANEY: One more question. Bill?
564. MR. CLARK: Off topic a little bit, but I'm just
565. curious. I didn't even know we had a Wellfleet camp.
566. But what about Truro? Has this been done for Truro, or
567. is it going to be done?
568. MR. PRICE: Well, Truro is a different animal
569. because of the nature of the way it was turned over to
570. us, and apparently anything left we own. They did
571. alleged media -- Heather, just so you know, he's talking
572. about the North Truro Air Force Station, which was
573. turned over to the National Park Service in the '90s.
574. MS. SULLIVAN (VIA TELEPHONE): Okay.
575. MR. PRICE: And we're in the process of trying to
576. demolish some of the buildings with asbestos, and we've
577. dealt with at least one monitoring for an underground
578. situation.
579. Nicole, what was the material they found?
580. MS. TAYLOR: I think it was TCE and PCE.
581. MR. PRICE: Did you hear that, Heather?
582. MS. SULLIVAN (VIA TELEPHONE): I did, yes. TCE and
583. PCE?
584. MS. TAYLOR: Yes.
585. MR. PRICE: So whatever the deal was with the
586. government at that time, maybe because it wasn't the
587. sexiest ordinance because it was a radar station, the
588. Air Force allegedly cleaned up the hazmat before they
589. turned over the site to us.
590. MS. McKEAN: And it was not a FUDS site, a Formerly
591. Used Defense Site, because that was a BRAC for years and
592. it wasn't a BRAC site, Base Realignment and Enclosure
593. Act. It fell in the middle, and it doesn't have its
594. remediation money and whatnot. We did have the Air
595. Force come back in. Well, the Army Corps on behalf of
596. the Air Force come back in and do some remediation of
597. metals and wastewater system. They had done underground
598. storage tanks and some other things right before we did
599. the transfer (inaudible), all of those things. And we
600. did get them back for one big issue, but those building
601. hazardous materials issues we'll never get them back
602. for.
603. MS. TAYLOR: Did you mention that we got it after
604. the FUDS deadline started?
605. MS. McKEAN: Yes.
606. MS. TAYLOR: Okay.
607. MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you, Scott. We
608. appreciate it.
609. Thank you, Heather.
610. MS. SULLIVAN (VIA TELEPHONE): Thanks, everybody.
611. MS. LYONS: Thank you.
612. MR. PRICE: Thank you, Heather.
613. MR. GREENE: Heather, you don't have anything else,
614. right? Are you good?
615. MS. SULLIVAN (VIA TELEPHONE): No, you covered
616. everything great. Unless anyone has any questions, I'm
617. good.
618. MR. GREENE: Okay, thank you.
619. MR. PRICE: Okay, Heather, thank you.
620. MS. SULLIVAN (VIA TELEPHONE): All right, thanks.
621. Take care.
622. MS. LYONS: Thank you.
623. MR. DELANEY: Superintendent, back to you, but are
624. we also going right to Lauren?
     1. MR. PRICE: No, we're going to a special guest, a
     2. second special guest.
     3. MR. DELANEY: Oh, all right.
     4. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS -
     5. SALT MARSH VULNERABILITY - CLIMATE CHANGE
     6. MR. PRICE: As you know, over the last couple of
     7. meetings, I've invited different staff people in to give
     8. us an update on various special programs that are
     9. happening. And this is a twofer basically because this
     10. is the first time we've asked Dr. Steve Smith to address
     11. us. Steve has really been focused a lot on plant
     12. ecology and a lot of the wetland restoration.
     13. This morning we were fortunate to have him take the
     14. field trip out to The Gut, so we talked a little bit
     15. about the wetlands around the Wellfleet Harbor area. So
     16. that was pretty neat. What really brought it to my mind
     17. to bring it to you all was the video that he's going to
     18. introduce. At I believe one of the last meetings I
     19. showed a couple of videos that are up on our website
     20. just so that you're aware that you can access them and
     21. show them to your friends and family and extended guests
     22. this summer, but this particular one really caught my
     23. eye and I asked Steve to come in and introduce it, show
     24. the video, and then if you have any questions for
625. dialogue afterwards, we can do that.
626. Steve?
627. MR. SMITH: Thanks, George.
628. Thanks, everybody. I'm delighted to present to you
629. what I think is a really neat short video that the
630. Natural Resource Management and Science division put
631. together. It's put together by a chap named Chris
632. Green, who's our science communicator. He's done a lot
633. of -- as the science communicator, he's done a lot of
634. this type stuff in wet work and that sort of thing, and
635. it's really -- you know, salt marshes are, as you guys
636. all know, incredibly important. They constitute almost
637. 10 percent of our total land area, and they're extremely
638. valuable ecologically, recreationally, economically,
639. that sort of thing. They provide a lot of protection of
640. our coastline. So many species rely on that resource
641. for either part of their lives or all of their lives.
642. They also play a big role in carbon sequestration,
643. photosynthesizing and burying carbonous peat, which is
644. basically storage underground, and that ameliorates
645. global warming to some extent.
646. Prior to I'm going to say 2002, the Seashore staff
647. were really, really focused on salt marsh restoration,
648. particularly the Herring River and for a long time the
649. Hatches Harbor restoration, which has been a very, very
650. successful tidal restoration project. In about 2002 in
651. concurrence with our long-term ecological monitoring
652. program, we started looking at these nonrestricted
653. marshes that have no hydrological issues, and the
654. primary factor that's affecting our marshes or those
655. kinds of marshes is sea level rise. And we've seen over
656. the last 30 years -- we've just put out a couple of
657. publications on this, and I'll just say that our entire
658. staff is involved in this kind of work, and it involves
659. contributions from virtually every person in our
660. division.
661. So we've seen huge changes in species composition.
662. We're losing an area of marsh at the higher elevations
663. called high marsh really rapidly, and that's its own
664. unique community of organisms and physical parameters
665. and a fair number of shorebirds and listed species,
666. listed bird species that really need that habitat to
667. survive. One is the Saltmarsh Sparrow. And we recently
668. constructed a model to predict what's going to happen to
669. our salt marshes with various scenarios of sea level
670. rise, and one of the most conservative scenario, we're
671. going to lose virtually all of that high marsh and up to
672. 25 percent of the low marsh with just 50 centimeters of
673. sea level rise by the year 2100. And if it's a lot
674. more, as most people predict, like 100 centimeters or
675. more, it's a lot. It's a lot of that resource that will
676. be gone.
677. So anyway, I don't want to be redundant here.
678. We'll watch this video. It explains a lot of what I've
679. just been talking about, and if there are any questions
680. at the end, I'll be happy to field them.
681. (Video is shown.)
682. MR. SMITH: Okay, so there's the short version of
683. sea level issues affecting our salt marshes.
684. Does anybody have any questions?
685. MS. BURGESS: Nicely done.
686. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, it's a great production. It's
687. startling, the 34, 26, then 37 percent loss already in
688. just 30 years on the low marsh.
689. MR. SMITH: In the last 30 years, there's been very
690. little low marsh lost. It's high marsh.
691. MR. DELANEY: It's high marsh?
692. MR. SMITH: Yeah, yeah, and, you know, we did this
693. GIS analysis on aerial photography, and fortunately it's
694. very easy to distinguish between high and low marsh when
695. looking at aerials because they have a very distinct
696. color signature and it is a fairly straightforward
697. process to do that. But, yeah, we're becoming almost
698. all low marsh, and as I said, high marsh has its own
699. unique community associated with it, and it represents a
700. pretty significant loss ecologically. We also have
701. things like changes in the way carbon and nutrients
702. cycle around the system as well.
703. Yes?
704. AUDIENCE MEMBER: Does effluence into marshes
705. protect high and low marshes? The effluence and the
706. flushing of a marsh?
707. MR. SMITH: Right. So you're probably talking
708. about nitrogen and groundwater. Yeah, so it depends,
709. like so many other chemical constituents -- it depends
710. on the level. So a little bit of nitrogen enrichment
711. might be a good thing for marshes is the sort of general
712. consensus because it allows a little bit more increased
713. production, but higher levels of nitrogen enrichment --
714. and there have been a lot of studies done at Plum Island
715. up in the Newburyport area where they fertilized areas
716. of marshes. And they've shown that it alters the way
717. the plants grow. So you get less root growth because
718. the plant doesn't need to invest a lot of resources
719. looking for roots, searching for nutrients in the soil.
720. So you have less root growth because it doesn't need to
721. -- you know, it's already all there. And more
722. aboveground biomass. And that kind of -- that makes the
723. plants more susceptible to physical forces, wave energy,
724. and storms and so forth. So what they've seen with
725. nitrogen enrichment in many areas of the Plum Island
726. system is a collapse of the creek banks. They just
727. crack and collapse into the channel. So it sort of
728. depends on -- and then, you know, with extreme nitrogen
729. enrichment you also get -- tend to get a lot of
730. Phragmites growth, tend to get a lot of macroalgal
731. growth which can form these big mats and smother
732. vegetation and so forth. So like so many other things,
733. it just depends on the level.
734. MR. PRICE: And the other thing, at the field trip
735. today, Steve, we spent a lot of time talking about the
736. crab damage, which was pretty startling.
737. MR. SMITH: Right. Yeah, so one other thing that
738. has come up -- it's been over a decade now. What this
739. is, we have a species of native herbivorous crabs,
740. *Sesarma reticulatum*, a purple marsh crab. They're
741. nocturnal. You don't normally see them during the day,
742. but they -- they consume the aboveground vegetation,
743. leaves and shoots and so forth. They're really the only
744. crab in the marsh that does that. We have lots of
745. fiddler crabs. They sift through the soil for microbes
746. and to try to get soil algae and things like that. And
747. there are green crabs which may eat a little bit of
748. vegetation but tend to go after the animal, fiddler
749. crabs, snails and so forth.
750. But these *Sesarma* crabs have just exploded in
751. numbers here. Their numbers are about ten times the
752. normal. They are a normal part of a lot of salt marshes
753. along the East Coast, but they don't do much because
754. they're at low density. So we have very high densities,
755. and they completely denuded a lot of vegetation. It's
756. very hard to see when you're looking over a marsh from a
757. roadside or something. You just don't see it. But when
758. you walk through a marsh and you go to Audubon even,
759. parts of it look like a moonscape because the plants are
760. lost. You don't have the stabilization of the root
761. systems anymore, and all that peat that's been building
762. up over hundreds to thousands of years just gets eroded
763. away or cleaves off and falls into the channels or falls
764. off the edge. And in an era where even a few
765. millimeters of accretion can help salt marshes keep up
766. with sea level rise, that's a pretty significant change
767. in elevation that has really, really altered the
768. structure of many marshes.
     1. MS. BURGESS: Do you know why you're getting this?
     2. These *Sesarma* crabs?
     3. MR. SMITH: Right, right. So this issue attracted
     4. a lot of interest from outside researchers, and one of
     5. them, Mark Brown -- or Mark Bertness from Brown
     6. University, has done a lot of work on this. And he's
     7. got -- the consensus is that some of this crab's
     8. predators, namely some recreational fish species or fish
     9. species that are fished recreationally, like striped
     10. bass and cod, have been overfished and they don't have
     11. that predation pressure on them to keep their densities
     12. low. I won't get into it, but he's done some predation
     13. experiments which strongly suggest that may be the case.
     14. So, you know, there's a little bit of skepticism around
     15. that because it's hard to -- it's hard to really
     16. quantify recreational fishing pressure per se, but he
     17. did correlate -- he came up with some metric to do that
     18. and correlate fishing pressure with the extent of
     19. dieback in the adjacent marsh all up and down the south
     20. coast of Cape Cod and Rhode Island.
     21. I'll just mention this is happening across southern
     22. New England and into Rhode Island. These crabs are
     23. doing their thing. So we have two things going on
     24. there, which is really, really altering some of our
769. marshes. And it's interesting in that we really don't
770. have these crabs at all or they're present in such low
771. numbers you can't notice anything in the Nauset Marsh
772. system or Pleasant Bay or in Provincetown yet, but
773. they're really, really abundant in Truro through
774. Wellfleet Bay and the south coast of Cape Cod. Parts of
775. it have been just decimated.
776. If you ever go to Saquatucket Harbor in Harwich and
777. eat at that Brax Restaurant there, you'll look out at
778. the view, and it's just all bare salt marsh. It's been
779. just completely eroded away. That's from the *Sesarma*
780. crabs.
781. MR. PRICE: So one of the reasons I was interested
782. in Steve speaking and addressing this group was the fact
783. that since I've been here my focus has been with the
784. same work group on the restoration efforts, whether it's
785. Hatches Harbor, East Harbor, and obviously Herring
786. River. And all of a sudden Steve has been both talking
787. about it and put together this presentation about
788. harbors that are not dammed off or not restricted by
789. human activity and yet they're still in peril. At least
790. that's the way we've defined them up until now.
791. So, Steve, thank you very much for coming in.
792. MS. GREEN: Thank you.
793. MR. SMITH: Thanks. I appreciate it.
794. MR. DELANEY: So it does highlight this whole
795. trend. It highlights the importance of doing the
796. restoration projects like Herring River whenever we can 5 --
797. MR. PRICE: Yes.
798. MR. DELANEY: -- to try to offset some of the
799. natural losses that we're seeing.
800. MR. SMITH: Yeah, that's a lot of my thinking, a
801. lot of people's thinking, that it places additional
802. value on restoring salt marshes because that can offset
803. some of these big losses.
804. MR. DELANEY: Good, okay, thank you.
805. MR. PRICE: I have a number of topics, and
806. depending on your interest depends on how long we stay
807. on them. While we're speaking, however, I'm going to
808. pass around just a little survey. Several meetings ago
809. the question was, did you all want to get a copy of the
810. minutes in hard copy or just on e-mail or both? And I
811. didn't get very many responses, but I'll pass this
812. around for you to give us some indication.
813. STORM DAMAGE/EROSION UPDATE
814. MR. PRICE: First item I want to talk about, the
815. storm damage and erosion update.
     1. Since our last meeting, I did have a meeting in
     2. Provincetown and in Eastham talking specifically about
     3. the two big topics. In Provincetown obviously we still
     4. have the issues with the North parking lot. The bottom
     5. line is that we're working with a contractor who has yet
     6. to actually start, and the goal is to have at least half
     7. of the parking spaces restored and then the rest of the
     8. area safely set aside. The way we would do that is
     9. basically turn it into a one-way action and just change
     10. around the parking spaces quite a bit. This is required
     11. because up until now we've been spending about $3,000 --
     12. $300,000 on the repair. That's what we're going to
     13. invest again this year, but this year in order to take
     14. care of all the damage, it could be a million three
     15. because of all the extensive damage this year.
     16. In Eastham, a similar model. I met with the board
     17. of selectmen on a Monday, had a public meeting, and we
     18. talked about, number one, we're moving forward with
     19. replacing the stairs. Number two, we're embarking upon
     20. what's called a value analysis with our Denver Service
     21. Center on exploring what retractable stairs would be.
     22. Everybody thinks that's the simplest thing, "Why didn't
     23. you do this years ago?" The bottom line is that with
     24. the bluff retreating as much as 18 feet as it did the
816. year before last it's very difficult as an engineer to
817. look for a solid base to put a footing if you can't even
818. figure out where the end is going to be.
819. We did have an engineer firm come in and take a
820. look at the facility. Number one, we needed to get some
821. support to justify demolishing the facility after the
822. beginning of the summer. The side of the septic tank is
823. within ten feet of the bluff, so we're having 18 or 12
824. feet of erosion in one year. The septic tank is not
825. going to last another winter. Graham Giese and Mark
826. Borrelli have done an assessment of both Herring Cove
827. and Nauset Light. Nauset Light is -- you know, from a
828. scientific point of view, they're all excited about it
829. because it's a hotspot. There's no sandbar setting up
830. right off the beach, so consequently it's this
831. tremendous focus of erosion at that particular location.
832. And it's amazing to me because this beach at Marconi is
833. not that far away. And South and Coast Guard is not
834. that far away. And neither one of those are getting the
835. attention of the wave action as Nauset Light Beach is.
836. So it's pretty dramatic, and we're working on it.
837. We have our fingers crossed and hope both projects will
838. be done by Fourth of July. However, as we're trying to
839. work through our contracting processes, neither project
840. has actually started yet, so yes, I'm getting a little
841. nudgy.
842. SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - UPDATE
843. MR. PRICE: The shorebird management plan, we're
844. still going through all the comments. We don't
845. anticipate any rollout of anything until the fall.
846. NAUSET SPIT UPDATE
847. MR. PRICE: Nauset Spit. I don't have any personal
848. reporting other than to let you know that apparently
849. there was a ruling that overturned I guess the Eastham
850. Conservation Commission.
851. Am I right on that?
852. MS. McKEAN: Yes.
853. MR. PRICE: Therefore, there was a judge that said
854. for the particular reasons the Eastham Conservation
855. Commission voted the way they did, they didn't feel it
856. was warranted. So that's back in the court of Eastham
857. and Orleans again as we speak.
858. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL
859. MR. PRICE: The National Park Service Centennial,
860. we're well into our centennial year. We've actually
861. begun some centennial activities. You all will be
862. receiving a rather extensive press release that Sue
863. Moynihan and our folks put together. It's actually
864. pretty neat all the stuff we have going on. Whether
865. it's the *Every Kid in the Park*, whether it's the *Healthy*
866. *Parks, Healthy People*, whether it's an original concert
867. that's coming up, whether it was the program that you
868. missed last Thursday. The famous Rich Delaney gave a
869. presentation about his trip to Paris, and that was
870. matched with our rotating quilt exhibit on climate
871. change that came out of Key Biscayne. We've got
872. additional programs happening up at the Highlands
873. Center, the Highland Light, all kinds of things.
874. One of the things I'd also bring your attention to,
875. on August 25, which is actually what we call Founders
876. Day -- that was the day President Wilson signed the
877. Organic Act into existence -- we're going to have a full
878. day at the Salt Pond Visitors Center. So that morning
879. it's going to be a science kind of a street fair where
880. there are folks who have exhibits out on the lawn. You
881. can touch and try all kinds of things to really get a
882. look behind the scenes at what happened. In the
883. afternoon there's going to be a science symposium, which
884. still blows my mind because here it is the last good
885. Thursday in August for beach day and the last three
886. years we've done it it's been standing room only all
887. afternoon. And basically we'll have a number of
888. visiting scientists give a little synopsis of their
889. research, and it really has been really something.
890. Then that evening Jung-Ho Pak and about 18 members
891. of the Cape Cod Symphony will be performing at the
892. amphitheater. Now, what's particularly interesting
893. about this is the amphitheater is in pretty bad shape,
894. and after Labor Day we have a contract ready to actually
895. restore that entire area. So he's the one that wanted
896. to do it there. He thought this would be kind of neat,
897. you know, this plaster face that's all falling apart.
898. The benches have to be changed. I mean, it's just
899. really -- it's nothing to be proud of at this point, but
900. he thought it would be neat to have the centennial
901. concert there in anticipation of the new activities
902. coming up.
903. So please write down August 25. There'll be a lot
904. of stuff going on, and I'm really pumped about it. I
905. think it will be great. We've been working with them at
906. Nauset High School for a rain backup location and all
907. kinds of things, so it will be a busy day for sure.
908. Then you're also aware of -- I had already
909. mentioned the amphitheater projects. We have a number
910. of projects taking place as part of our centennial
911. program as well. If you haven't noticed the Marconi
912. parking lot, it's been totally resurfaced. The Race
913. Point parking lot is totally being resurfaced as part of
914. this. We have the amphitheater coming up. We have
915. completion of a full sign plan to replace all the signs
916. at the Seashore. The signs are looking pretty shabby
917. and pretty worn, so we really want to do a facelift type
918. of activity.
919. And we're really getting off to a great start with
920. Cape Cod Healthcare and *Healthy Parks, Healthy People*
921. *Program*. So five days during the week you'll see a
922. healthcare professional at the Salt Pond Visitors
923. Center, and there's going to be a whole potpourri of
924. activities, everything from *Walk With a Doc* to a *Talk*
925. *With a Doc* to other youth-type programs, the Ninja
926. Ranger program. That's kind of interesting. That's for
927. sure.
928. IMPROVED PROPERTIES/TOWN BYLAWS
929. MR. PRICE: We don't have anything specific under
930. the improved properties and town bylaws. I know there
931. has been a group in Truro that's been trying to mimic
932. the Wellfleet success, but that's still a work in
933. progress, shall we say.
934. But we did want to mention that under just the town
935. activities -- Lauren, if you just wanted to give a pitch
936. on the bike planning.
937. MS. McKEAN: Oh, sure.
938. OUTER CAPE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN UPDATE
939. MS. McKEAN: So the towns of Wellfleet, Truro, and
940. Provincetown have been involved with the Outer Cape
941. bicycle pedestrian master plan. We've got a steering
942. committee with two members, one member of staff, one
943. member of committee, Cape Cod Commission planners,
944. myself, Karst, and bringing in all the science staff and
945. rangers along the way.
946. We've gotten to the point where this summer we'll
947. have a draft master plan. Right now we have an official
948. alternatives report. It's available to the public.
949. There's a final workshop. There have been a series of
950. three workshops already. So the fourth workshop, the
951. Truro Community Center. It's in -- I gave you a press
952. release. It's at the Truro Community Center Wednesday,

18 June 15. I believe it's 6 to 8 p.m.

1. Is that correct? 6:30, excuse me. There was a
2. room availability thing that made for that time change. 21 It's 6:30 p.m.
3. So it's looking really good. There's a lot of
4. great consensus on our primary and secondary network.
5. So please join us. And we'll be looking to meet with
6. the town selectmen in July. We have Provincetown all
7. set up, and they're in the process of setting it up.
8. The Cape Cod Commission has done a good job for us, so
9. we feel very happy about that.
10. MR. PRICE: Speaking of Truro, Lauren, I just want
11. to mention another Truro-sponsored program coupled with
12. the Centennial. It's the roundtable.
13. MS. BURGESS: Yes, I have a handout for everybody.
14. MR. PRICE: (Inaudible)?
15. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, the roundtable, yeah. So may
16. I?
17. MR. PRICE: Sure.
18. MS. BURGESS: The Friends of the Truro Meeting
19. House have sponsored a roundtable, and I have a handout
20. for you so you can see exactly what it is. And make
21. sure you save the date. It says: (Reading) The
22. Friends honors the National Park Service Centennial with
23. a major public event. To join the celebration, the
24. Friends of the Truro Meeting House (end reading) --
25. that's the nonprofit that, you know, can raise money for
26. the Meeting House -- (reading) the Truro Historical
27. Society and the Friends of the Cape Cod National
28. Seashore are hosting a roundtable entitled *The National*
29. *Park Service at 100 - Its Legacy and Challenges*. The
30. roundtable will be held on Saturday, July 16, from 10 to
31. 11:30. A blue-ribbon panel of speakers will be on hand
32. to mark this auspicious occasion. Jonathan Moore, a
33. distinguished diplomat, government official, and
34. academician, will speak about being one of the creators
35. of the Cape Cod National Seashore as legislative aide to
36. Senator Leverett Saltonstall. George Price,
37. superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore, will
38. address meeting challenges through creative public-
39. private partnerships. Noted author Robert Finch will
40. read from his writings about the glories of the
41. Seashore's natural wonders, and former Cape Cod National
42. Seashore superintendent, co-chair of the Wellfleet
43. Historical Commission, Maria Burks, will moderate the
44. panel and question and answers afterwards (end reading).
45. Carlotta Zilliax, who is actually associated with
46. the congregation up in the Meeting House, has done a
47. nice overview of the whole National Seashore history.
48. So I think you'd all enjoy this, so I brought it to
49. pass out.
50. UPDATE ON TWO PRIVATE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
51. RELATED TO THEIR CSCs
52. MR. PRICE: So speaking of continuing with Truro
53. and moving to a different topic -- and this has to do
54. with commercial properties -- as you all know, one of
55. the specific duties that is in the legislation for this
56. advisory commission is for advice on the commercial
57. certificates of suspension of condemnation. And I've
58. asked Lauren to come and give us an update on two that
59. have been in the news lately.
60. MS. McKEAN: First I'll give you the one that's not
61. had any controversy or anything. So basically right now
62. we have five-year permits or certificates that have been
63. issued through 2018 for most of the properties. So
64. we've got three campgrounds, two restaurants -- one's a
65. restaurant/nightclub, the Beachcomber -- a gas station,
66. and a hotel. So we have eight commercial properties
67. that we're tracking at this point.
68. Surfside Cottages here right at LeCount and Ocean
69. View Drive is a commercial property. It's on three
70. different tracts of land, and our concern when they were
71. converting over to condo was that they didn't become 17
72. single-family residences on these tiny little lots. As
73. you can imagine, all of the intensity of use of the dog
74. and the cat and the 3.5 cars or whatever it is now of
75. people visiting Cape Cod. And so they give us the
76. rental records. We have rental records from each
77. cottage and sort of proving that somebody isn't there
78. all summer as a residential unit. So we're confident
79. with this. I can pass it around, and you can be
80. confident of that as well. That's going very well.
81. MR. PRICE: Lauren, so this is truly just an
82. update?
83. MS. McKEAN: That's truly just an update.
84. MR. PRICE: And they won't come before this group
85. again until?
86. MS. McKEAN: Until 2018. But they submit every
87. single year. I didn't have to call them. They've been
88. really good about that.
89. MR. PRICE: Great.
90. MS. McKEAN: So every spring we get the update
91. usually.
92. So the other one you got in your packet a whole
93. bunch of information on Adventure Bound Camping Resort
94. at the old Horton's Campground on South Highland Road.
95. Adventure Bound Campground also bought the old Ed
96. Francis campground known as North Truro Camping Area on
97. Highland Road. The last you guys saw it, we reviewed
98. the central wastewater treatment plant that was going to
99. link the two properties and be at Horton's. They talked
100. in a fuzzy manner about, as I check the records -- about
101. maybe transferring 50 RV sites from one more intense use
102. area, North Truro, to Horton's, but nothing ever became
103. of that. Well, they started building this summer -- I
104. mean, this spring. It looked like they were taking
105. stuff out. They were getting ready for this wastewater
106. plant. And then all topsoil broke loose or something.
107. So here are some photos. Then the Town of Truro issued
108. a stop work order. There was never any zoning
109. compliance that was done, never any site plan review
110. under Truro zoning.
111. When we issue our -- you help us issue our
112. certificates of suspension from condemnation, some of
113. the factors are -- well, one of the main factors is have
114. they continued to meet zoning requirements. So we don't
115. have an outcome yet. We have a tentative meeting later
116. this week, George and I, with the attorney for the
117. property to give us an update. There isn't anything to
118. act on now. Hopefully there can be some backpedaling
119. and backing up of this project and going through the
120. proper processes. Some of the damage, as you can see,
121. is already done.
122. MR. NUENDEL: Just a comment on that.
123. MS. McKEAN: Do you have a question?
124. MR. NUENDEL: There is an article in the *Cape Cod*
125. *Times* starting on the front page about this whole
126. ordeal.
127. MS. McKEAN: Today?
128. MR. PRICE: Yes.
129. MR. NUENDEL: Yes.
130. MS. McKEAN: Yes, so the story broke.
131. And so you've got all the chronology. You've got
132. almost as much as we have, and we'll just keep you up to
133. date. I would think you might be having something to
134. potentially vote on in the fall at your next meeting in
135. terms of, you know, has the zoning been met. We don't
136. know the status at this time, whether that's going to be
137. the case.
138. I think Maureen had a couple of questions.
139. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, if I could just
140. ask a couple of questions and make some comments.
141. I was just curious from the Park's perspective with
142. regard to your relationship with the campground. What
143. exactly have you approved in terms of what can go on at
144. the campsite? In other words, was it your understanding
145. that it would be primitive camping or did they indicate
146. that they were going to RV use?
147. MS. McKEAN: They did not indicate when they were
148. going to do a change. They said there was a potential,
149. but they never went through that process.
     1. MS. BURGESS: With you?
     2. MS. McKEAN: Yes, with us and you all because you
     3. guys had the briefing when we did. And when was this?
     4. Back in 2013 is when we last issued a letter. You all
     5. voted. We concurred that we would go through the end of
     6. 2016 with these guys, knowing that this year was the
     7. year the wastewater system had to be in according to
     8. DEP. So they don't have a 2018 deadline. They have a
     9. 2016, the end of 2016. So we were sort of preparing,
     10. knowing they were going to have to be seen anyway by
     11. this committee this year, but now it's for a bigger
     12. reason than that.
     13. MR. PRICE: So, Maureen, just again to follow up,
     14. specifically what you just said, so during the process
     15. when the campgrounds were joining under a single owner
     16. and knowing what was going on with the wastewater
     17. treatment, we were informed early on about the
     18. combination of the two campgrounds with their own
     19. wastewater treatment system, and philosophically we were
     20. onboard with that right away. And I let them know
     21. verbally, and if they needed any help with any
     22. permitting with the town and everything or DEP, we just
     23. philosophically thought it would be a good thing,
     24. recognizing that there was going to be some serious
150. construction issues.
151. So frankly, when we started to see the construction
152. up there on the way to the lab in the Highlands Center,
153. I saw the pipes on the ground and everything. And it
154. was the clearing, so we're thinking, oh, it's finally
155. happening. I thought this was a good thing, but the
156. landscaping and clearing, just the clearcutting and the
157. scraping of the topsoil, and then they broke through an
158. access point to Old Dewline Road, which they were not
159. authorized. Something was going wrong here all at the
160. same time, and that's when the town was made aware that
161. there had been no check-in with the town. So Lauren
162. started sending them notes saying, "Wait a minute. This
163. is way beyond what we had agreed to," encouraging them,
164. frankly, thinking it's a good thing for the wastewater
165. treatment. So I start with the single focus on the
166. wastewater treatment. All of this other stuff has just
167. kind of slipped under the tent, which obviously the town
168. is pretty much up in arms. We don't even know how much
169. up in arms we need to be yet, but it's not as if we
170. would have to give them the same detailed oversight
171. permitting that the town would have to do, the
172. conservation commission or any other of those bodies.
173. That wouldn't be something that we would do. We would
174. be generally at the higher level as presented to you all
175. as to what their intensity and use would be and all that
176. sort of thing.
177. So, as Lauren said, there was some talk about
178. swapping some of the RV sites. And we all thought that
179. was within when a business would be able to do to keep
180. as a viable business, but obviously what they're doing
181. is way, way different than that.
182. MS. BURGESS: So I did not attend, but I, thanks to
183. Truro TV, watched the planning board meeting, and I have
184. to say listening to Attorney Nagle was pretty painful.
185. And he kept reiterating that he had -- that they had all
186. they needed and Mr. Klekamp had all they needed because
187. they had the DEP permit for the wastewater. They had
188. done nothing in terms of any permitting of a site plan
189. review, and he kept misinterpreting a nonconforming pre-
190. existing use saying that they believed that was a waiver
191. to avoid site plan review, which, of course, is not when
192. you start dealing with change of use, which it seems to
193. be. And listening to Mr. Nagle, he made it very clear
194. that they seemed to be moving in the direction in both
195. sides of going totally to RV sites. So I did hand you
196. something else out as well with regard to the clearing.
197. Finally, my understanding is that the Attorney
     1. Nagle has finally understood and agreed that they have
     2. to go through the town site planning process, which they
     3. had done nothing about. And a concern that I have --
     4. I'm not an arborist, but I think in terms of our focus
     5. in terms of land within the Seashore -- I think they
     6. have potentially destroyed a forest here. And the
     7. reason I say that is if you look at these pictures, you
     8. will see that the loam has been removed, topsoil has
     9. been removed, the underbrush has been removed, all of
     10. the things that would moderate water temperature to
     11. protect these trees. In addition to the trees that were
     12. removed ostensibly because the contractor said that to
     13. dig the trenches they had to disturb the tree roots and,
     14. therefore, as a precaution he took the trees down so
     15. they wouldn't later fall down. Now, I have a problem
     16. with that. I think it might be just because they want
     17. to get big tall RVs in there, and I think that there
     18. should have been some consultation with an arborist
     19. before this was done. And again, they seem totally
     20. unaware that they had to go to the town for anything.
     21. My other concern -- and again, I'm not an arborist,
     22. but I did include something from the University of
     23. Michigan Department of Natural Resources about the
     24. construction damage and how it can be so harmful to
198. trees. If you look at the picture I gave, you'll see
199. that they've removed -- I don't know. Where is the
200. loam? Where is the topsoil? Where are the trees that
201. were taken down? Did the contractor just take that
202. material and sell it? I have no idea. It sure looks
203. that way. And if you just look at the piddly amount of
204. topsoil, the little circles around the trees in the
205. first picture, you'll see what was left. And if you
206. look at the reading material, you'll understand how much
207. of the root system extends out beyond the tree line so
208. that these superficial roots, these feeder roots have
209. probably been disturbed in the process here by removing
210. the loam and the topsoil and then putting down hardener.
211. So what we've seen with regard to the trees being
212. removed may, in fact, in a couple of years be -- we may
213. be looking at the death of all of these trees because of
214. the damage to the feeder roots and the removal of the
215. protection that the loam afforded them.
216. And they're still -- I understand he was asked for
217. a barrier to be put up at Dewline Road. There's no
218. barrier.
219. MS. McKEAN: It's still not there.
220. MS. BURGESS: It's still not there. So this is
221. just blatant over, you know, lack of -- lack of any kind
222. of vision of knowing what they should have done within
223. the town and any kind of caution with regard to what
224. they've done to the forest. So it's a big concern. And
225. supposedly now they're going through site plan review,
226. but I think a lot of people in town -- well, for
227. example, our comprehensive plan -- whenever there is a
228. change in use or there's commercial or residential site
229. plan development, our comprehensive plan calls for
230. retention of a vegetative barrier around the perimeters,
231. and obviously that's been removed. You can see all the
232. way in. Obviously there's not going to be primitive
233. camping there now.
234. So it's been startling to see what they've done
235. here, and I guess I'm just wondering if the Park, when
236. you feel it's your turn, maybe wants to find out really
237. if this is where they're going with both sites to RVs.
238. Is that really something that you find acceptable?
239. MS. McKEAN: Well, we expected that would come up
240. in this. I mean, if you look at the four items that the
241. town has in the package we sent you at home, the May 4
242. letter from the building inspector, a stop work order,
243. included the zoning violations. And no site clearing
244. shall be initiated on any site, blah, blah, blah without
245. commercial site plan approval, et cetera. And then
246. uses, permitted uses: (Reading) Lawfully pre-existing
247. nonconforming commercial uses may continue but in no
248. case shall the use be altered. We have yet to analyze
249. whether or not the total number of camping sites have
250. changed from the original because it's clear what was
251. primarily a primitive tent camping area is being altered
252. for full-service recreational vehicle camping (end
253. reading).
254. When we were talking like conceptually five years
255. ago about a swap, I mean, if they got five -- fifty at
256. the other site that's a very dense site as well, we were
257. amenable, but again, you'd want to see the site plan and
258. see what it looked like on the ground and know about
259. that beforehand. The Park Service is the direct abutter
260. of that. It looks like they've cleared right up to the
261. Park land, and I'd like to see a property line, et
262. cetera.
263. But this is our time to be in the process. We
264. submitted this letter you have in your packet to the
265. planning board, and they've started the review. Rae
266. Ann, the town administrator, and Carole Ridley, the town
267. planner, are keeping us in the loop. So we have the
268. ability to stay in the loop.
269. MS. BURGESS: So we would be voting on whether we

1 wanted to continue the suspension from condemnation by

2 December of this year?

1. MS. McKEAN: Yeah.
2. MS. BURGESS: At any rate?
3. MS. McKEAN: At any rate you were going to be doing
4. that, and now there's specific concerns about whether
5. you're going to want to.
6. MR. DELANEY: Joe?
7. MR. CRAIG: There's a letter here that you sent
8. that's dated December 3, 2013.
9. MS. McKEAN: Yeah.
10. MR. CRAIG: You signed it, George, and there's a
11. section in here that says: (Reading) Please note that
12. any alteration or additions to the existing structure
13. require written authorization from the Secretary of the
14. Interior. In addition, the proposed plans must be
15. submitted with the superintendent and the town (end
16. reading). That in itself is enough to stop it.
17. My previous life I was involved in this business.
18. I worked for Volvo, and we made motor homes. Part of
19. what we made were motor homes. I was involved in this,
20. exactly what they're doing, and I will tell you what
21. they're doing because I saw them doing it in a number of
22. places in California and Florida. They'd clear an area,
23. and then they'd go back in and replant so that they can
24. make spots for 40- and 45-foot motor homes. That's
25. exactly what they're doing here. And when I read
26. everything and look at the pictures, that's what they're
27. doing. And this is evidently a company from Florida
28. who's done this in the past, and they're going to do it
29. here.
30. MS. McKEAN: Well, they're doing business as
31. Adventure Bound Camping Resort, but it's A/C Mobile Home
32. Park that's the owner.
33. MR. CRAIG: From Florida?
34. MS. McKEAN: From Florida.
35. MR. CRAIG: So that's exactly what's happening
36. here, so the Town of Truro has got to be on their toes.
37. That's what's happening here.
38. MS. McKEAN: Right. Again, there was something in
39. some paperwork -- and maybe it was that article from
40. today that said, "Oh, yeah, we decided we'd have the
41. hookups right at the campsite instead of the pump out."
42. MR. CRAIG: Well, that's exactly what --
43. MS. McKEAN: (Inaudible) changes. That means --
44. MR. CRAIG: And the next thing, there'll be
45. concrete pads, driveways.
46. MS. McKEAN: There'll be decks and patios.
47. MR. CRAIG: That's what's going to happen.
48. MS. BURGESS: I'm glad you brought that up, Joe,
49. because I have been in the site over on Highland Road,
50. and they have -- another question is permanent
51. structures. That is like a little city. There are
52. people who have patios, decks constructed.
53. MS. LYONS: They become permanent homes.
54. MS. BURGESS: They're permanent. They could
55. potentially become. I mean, are we talking seasonal
56. here or are we talking --
57. MR. CRAIG: They rent them a pad or they sell them
58. a pad, and they have utilities there, and that's where
59. they'll buy their million dollar motor home, bring it
60. there and park it, and that's where it stays. I've been
61. through it. I've seen it.
62. MR. NUENDEL: They do that down at Peter's Pond
63. down in the Sandwich area.
64. MS. BURGESS: Well, you know, the other thing is
65. this is within National Heritage endangered species
66. territory, so again, and this disturbance, that wasn't
67. (inaudible).
68. MR. CRAIG: Their idea is to do it first and then
69. look for forgiveness.
70. MS. BURGESS: Oh, absolutely. Absolutely.
71. And I envy you dealing with Mr. Nagle.
72. MR. CRAIG: Mr. Nagle is getting paid to do what
73. they want him to do. I mean, that's what he's being
74. paid to do.
75. MS. McKEAN: Yeah, it's frustrating. We get
76. letters from Mass. Natural Heritage, and we try to
77. answer them to the tee. And then (inaudible) saying --
78. you know, we've heard like one little thing that we're
79. trying to do because we're just as frustrated to not see
80. it, and hopefully that's something (inaudible).
81. MR. PRICE: So basically two things. Number one,
82. obviously we'll see how these first meetings go. We're
83. meeting with the campground for the first time or at
84. least their representative, and then before the closeout
85. of this year, you all will hear a presentation from
86. them, but you'll also get a recommendation from the
87. Seashore of what our assessment is.
88. MS. BURGESS: Do you think that they should be
89. operating at all given that they're in violation of town
90. zoning? It looks as though the town is allowing them.
91. They have their camp store. They have another area that
92. they're using.
93. MR. PRICE: Right.
94. MS. BURGESS: My question is, should they be
    1. (inaudible)?
    2. MR. CRAIG: A cease and desist order probably
    3. applies to just what you're talking about.
    4. MS. BURGESS: Right.
    5. MR. CRAIG: And that's probably what's going to
    6. have to stop them. The rest of it is not included.
    7. MS. McKEAN: They did also pitch that they had a
    8. hardship with the season coming up and they already had
    9. sites rented, so I don't know how that's -- I think it
    10. is kind of a town thing. The town is determining
    11. because they do business licenses within the Seashore,
    12. so I think they're figuring it out.
    13. MR. PRICE: Yeah, I think my preference will be to
    14. take the lead from the town, at least where we are right
    15. now, which is what happened already with the cease and
    16. desist. We didn't initiate that with the town. We were
    17. kind of perplexed when we first started to see the
    18. clearing. What the heck did that extensive amount of
    19. clearing have to do with the wastewater treatment? And
    20. obviously they've gone well beyond that. So we'll have
    21. to see what the attorney says and then work with our
    22. solicitor on what our options will be.
    23. MS. LYONS: Have they done anything with the
    24. wastewater treatment?

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| 1 | MS. | McKEAN: Yes. |
| 2 | MR. | PRICE: Well, I saw the -- I saw the sewer |
| 3 | pipes. |  |
| 4 | MS. | LYONS: So they did take care of it? |
| 5 | MS. | McKEAN: I don't know if it's finished. |
| 6 | MS. | BURGESS: No, it was not finished. |
| 7 | MS. | LYONS: It's not finished, so -- |
| 8 | MS. | BURGESS: But they do have a previous system in |

1. place, but that's not finished. He was making a very
2. strong case opening obviously for the season because the
3. water is also turned off to the bathhouse, and so
4. there's been disturbance of other area as well. So I
5. don't know if that bathhouse water is still off, but no,
6. it's not finished. They even went and without an
7. electrical permit put electrical wires to each of the
8. sites. They're just hanging there.
9. MR. CRAIG: That's an extension of use.
10. MS. BURGESS: Yeah.
11. MR. CRAIG: I mean, the town should be all over
12. them.
13. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, yeah.
14. MR. PRICE: Right. Well, they are now.
15. MS. BURGESS: They are now.
16. MR. CRAIG: What will happen if we do not renew?
17. MR. PRICE: Well, that's a good question, and that
18. presents a whole nother discussion about the value of
19. the certificate of suspension from condemnation. I know
20. where it stands for private living quarters. I don't
21. know, frankly, where the --
22. MS. McKEAN: Well, we've had them expire in the
23. past or have not renewed them.
24. MR. PRICE: Right.
25. MS. McKEAN: At the last renewal, the Advisory
26. Commission did not recommend that the superintendent
27. renew Jack's Gas & Firewood's certificate of suspension
28. from condemnation because of the activities that had
29. gone on on that Park parcel. So there is not one now
30. for that property.
31. MR. PRICE: So it means a couple of things. It
32. means that if we had a blank check we could go after our
33. condemnation, which we don't. If they're relying on
34. financing, then the financier often wants them to be in
35. compliance with the Seashore and everything else.
36. MR. CRAIG: And insured as well.
37. MR. PRICE: Yeah.
38. MR. DELANEY: I'd like to suggest then hearing this
39. conversation -- first, Joe, thank you for some very
40. helpful insights. Lauren, thanks for some good factual
41. information.
42. I would like to suggest, if my fellow commissioners
43. agree, that we enter a note in our minutes in the record
44. of this meeting that can be conveyed to Mr. Nagle and
45. the camp owners through your meetings, Lauren and
46. George, that this body has some extremely high concerns
47. about the recent development at the campsite; that,
48. number two, we intend to learn more in the coming
49. months; and that at this point our preliminary
50. understanding would suggest that a number of violations
51. have -- a number of actions have violated the spirit in
52. which we initially entered into their agreement; and
53. furthermore, it looks like factual -- legal and
54. regulatory violations as well, all of which would lead
55. us to seriously question whether or not we will continue
56. the certificate of suspension at our December meeting.
57. THE COURT REPORTER: Did you say December or
58. September?
59. MR. NUENDEL: September.
60. MR. DELANEY: At our December meeting.
61. MR. NUENDEL: September.
62. MR. DELANEY: September meeting, yeah. Thank you.
63. MS. BURGESS: So, Mr. Chairman, you just want that
64. in the minutes? You don't want any kind of statement to
65. go out?
66. MR. DELANEY: Well, that's another option. We
67. could take that -- make that, if you accept it as a
68. motion.
69. MR. NUENDEL: I'll second.
70. MR. DELANEY: Okay, we have to second it, discuss 7 it --
71. MS. LYONS: I think it would be a good idea.
72. MR. DELANEY: -- and approve it.
73. Let's just think it through a little bit.
74. MS. LYONS: A formal alert that we are on -- that
75. we're watching and we're not happy.
76. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, a motion takes it -- a motion
77. would take that up a notch in terms of immediacy, and
78. we're free to make motions on issues that come in front
79. of us. And if it does capture the feeling of the group
80. at this point, we could vote on this, but I would like
81. more discussion at this point, including hearing from
82. the superintendent.
83. MR. PRICE: Well, just a clarification. Again, the
84. timeline. So we intend to give you an update in

22 September based on what we find and how it progresses

1. with the town, but as far, Lauren -- so this official
2. presentation, the question was September or December,
3. and I'm just trying to get a clarification of what might
4. go in a letter, for instance. So the December one would
5. actually be having the campsite come before this group.
6. MS. McKEAN: Well, actually, what we had done in
7. the past was we did it -- we brought them in in the fall
8. so they could give a presentation if they had changes,
9. unless they had no changes and it wasn't -- you know, we
10. had a listing of each one and whether anything had
11. happened. If nothing had happened there, then they
12. didn't come. It was fine. But the ones where they had
13. had a change did want to come and answer questions.
14. MR. PRICE: So what we could do, Mr. Chair -- I'm
15. just trying to make sure we get all our ducks in a row
16. here. So we could request this group to come before the
17. Commission at the September meeting, which would have
18. been a normal course of action for any holder of a
19. certificate, and then this body would then review and
20. then either -- so the next meeting would be September,
21. and then we need two months for the next meeting, which
22. would be December.
23. So then this body would actually be making a vote
24. in the December meeting?
25. MS. McKEAN: Yes, unless they wanted to do it in
26. September, if they felt they had enough information.
    1. MR. PRICE: Right. Well, you're all supposed to
    2. get hard information ahead of a vote. So that's why the
    3. one-two punch on the previous; that you would have a
    4. presentation one meeting, any additional document or
    5. homework before the next meeting, and then the next
    6. meeting would have been the vote, which we're often
    7. involved more with consensus. We're often involved more
    8. with votes that have less significance to them than this
    9. one because it involves a business directly.
    10. So I think that would be a good way to put it, that
    11. we would ask them to present themselves before the next
    12. meeting in September, and then we actually don't have to
    13. get specific in our communication or a press release
    14. even as to when the vote is, when it isn't, I suppose.
    15. MR. DELANEY: What I'm trying to better know -- so
    16. the timing of this, that allows several more months,
    17. maybe quite a few more months for this kind of activity
    18. to continue. I know there's a cease and desist, but so
    19. far they don't show any -- they haven't shown much
    20. respect for anything else. But there could be a lot
    21. more damage and a lot more progress, their kind of
    22. progress made on the site. The destruction may be
    23. (inaudible) before we get to ultimately using our vote
    24. in December.
        1. I would like to reserve the option of maybe not
        2. approving this as soon as September if things don't
        3. improve.
        4. MR. PRICE: Okay.
        5. MS. LYONS: Right.
        6. MR. PRICE: So you want us to as part of this -- as
        7. the result of the motion on the table right now, would
        8. you like us to draft a letter for you to come from the
        9. Commission?
        10. MR. DELANEY: I'm looking to my commissioners here.
        11. MS. LYONS: Yes.
        12. MR. DELANEY: Yes?
        13. MS. BURGESS: Yes.
        14. MS. GREEN: Yes.
        15. Are there any legal ramifications of doing
        16. something like that?
        17. MR. PRICE: Not on an advance notification.
        18. MS. LYONS: No, I think that, you know, in there we
        19. can say that the town has taken action, we concur with
        20. the action of the town, and we're following -- you know,
        21. we're letting them take the lead on this and looking for
        22. whatever -- but we also are very concerned, you know,
        23. we're weighing in, and hopefully the right things are
        24. done between now and September because we are going to
27. review this in September. And if we don't like what's
28. happening, we can take action then as opposed to
29. December.
30. MR. PRICE: So this is a specific charge in the
31. legislation for the Advisory Commission, is to weigh in
32. on this type of a matter.
33. MS. McKEAN: I have one more suggestion just
34. quickly. And maybe in addition to that say that you
35. want to be brought along with all the process that
36. they're going through with the town specifically.
37. MS. LYONS: Right, that we want to be informed and
38. that we want to be made a partner in that without taking
39. the lead of it for now.
40. MR. DELANEY: Joe?
41. MR. CRAIG: I would suggest a site visit on behalf
42. of the Seashore between now and then, in fact, as soon
43. as possible to let them know --
44. MR. NUENDEL: A field trip.
45. MS. LYONS: Yeah, that would be nice.
46. MR. CRAIG: And I'd be more than happy to go on
47. that site visit with the Seashore.
48. MS. BURGESS: There would be no way they could
49. prevent you from coming onto the site, would there be?
50. MS. McKEAN: I think we'll ask them when we meet
    1. with them.
    2. MR. PRICE: Sure, there would. It's private
    3. property.
    4. MS. BURGESS: Yeah, that's what I was wondering.
    5. MR. DELANEY: Okay, just finish this thought.
    6. MR. CRAIG: I'm not so sure under Massachusetts law
    7. because, as a zoning official, I can go on private
    8. property.
    9. MR. PRICE: You're a zoning official.
    10. MR. CRAIG: Well, I'm saying I'll help.
    11. MR. PRICE: Yeah.
    12. MR. CRAIG: But a zoning official from the town or
    13. a planning official for the town has the right under
    14. Massachusetts law to do that.
    15. MS. BURGESS: Right.
    16. MS. McKEAN: We can just ask if we can come out.
    17. MS. LYONS: Yeah, we can ask if someone would come
    18. out.
    19. MR. DELANEY: One or all of us might want to
    20. perform a site visit.
    21. MS. LYONS: No, I think it would be good to have
    22. en masse.
    23. MS. McKEAN: You might want to consider everyone
    24. visiting there in the fall.
        1. MR. DELANEY: Bill?
        2. MR. CLARK: If they hypothetically work out their
        3. problems with the Town of Truro, they can open for
        4. business this summer even if this group is not happy
        5. with that result? So I guess the question is, if the
        6. town is happy and we're not necessarily happy, then how
        7. does this resolve?
        8. MS. BURGESS: I think this is a unique situation
        9. for the town, and they're also looking to the Seashore,
        10. trying to figure out what role they play. You know, the
        11. other thing is making them happy going through the
        12. process. What about the damage that they've done?
        13. MR. CLARK: Well, that's what I'm wondering, if
        14. they could somehow resolve some of their issues and let
        15. them open for business but the damage has not been
        16. corrected.
        17. MS. BURGESS: Right. And more damage may occur in
        18. the next few years.
        19. MR. CLARK: Yes.
        20. MR. DELANEY: Both the town and the Commission have
        21. two different mandates here, two complementary and some
        22. overlap, but we have a mandate to protect the natural
        23. resources of the Park. The town has the mandate to do
        24. the implemented zoning and public health and all of
51. those issues.
52. At this point, from what we know, the actions that
53. these people have taken on this property are detrimental
54. to both entities, and both of us are going to have to
55. make decisions. I think we may want to make --
56. hopefully the town and we will see it the same way in
57. the end, but we still may want to reserve the right to
58. make our own decision independent of the town.
59. MS. LYONS: Right.
60. MR. DELANEY: I think that's our responsibility.
61. MS. BURGESS: I think it is too.
62. MR. CLARK: That might be in the next month or so
63. if they chose to issue permits, right? If the town
64. decides, "Gee, we're going to give you electrical
65. permits, water permits, wastewater permits" and we're
66. still not happy with what they did environmentally, then
67. who's on first base?
68. MR. DELANEY: That's why -- Bill, I'm sorry.
69. That's why I want to make sure we have a shot at this in

20 September and not December.

1. MR. CRAIG: We still don't have to issue the
2. certificate. Isn't that our mandate?
3. MR. PRICE: Yes.
4. MS. McKEAN: You recommend.
5. MR. PRICE: You're still recommending to the
6. superintendent.
7. MS. McKEAN: To the Secretary of Interior actually
8. basically.
9. MR. NUENDEL: Right now it sounds like the town is
10. pretty -- they got pretty upset with how they managed
11. what they've done so far, but that is a possibility. I
12. think it's remote right now.
13. MS. LYONS: What's your sense?
14. MR. NUENDEL: But that's a good way to protect --
15. you know, if they do something that we -- if the town
16. does something that we don't really agree with, we can
17. have that action like you were saying, Rich.
18. MR. DELANEY: I think this action I see is a
19. message to the developer, to the town, to our
20. constituents, to everyone, DEP, others. There are
21. several layers of potential decision-makers in this, and
22. I think rather than sitting back and letting others take
23. all the lead, we should make a stand right now, at least
24. express our initial concern.
25. MS. LYONS: I agree with that, and I think in there
26. the town can know that we're not fighting them as long
27. as they're pursuing all the right steps. We're in
28. tandem with them in supporting those actions, but we're
29. also giving that signal to the town that we want them to
30. take this seriously and do what they have to do, as
31. painful as that may be sometimes, because this, as we
32. all know, becomes a political situation in the end of
33. taxes and, you know, money and all of that, which always
34. gets in the way of doing the right thing. So but this
35. would be a good opportunity for Truro to stand strong
36. here.
37. MS. BURGESS: I think, Sheila, the sense I get from
38. the planning board is that they are pretty outraged, and
39. they realize clear -- you know, they know what they have
40. to do in terms of they made it very clear. It took
41. hours to get through to the attorney about what the
42. process they needed to go through and there weren't
43. waivers, but I think there's also a sense from the town
44. planning board of like "Gee, what role does the Seashore
45. play here?" You know, that's why it might be useful to
46. know that we're supporting them.
47. MS. LYONS: That we're supporting them as long as
48. we're in agreement -- you know, that we're agreeing that
49. they're taking the really serious actions that they
50. should and, you know, set the bar for future endeavors
51. such as this.
52. MR. DELANEY: Okay, so the motion on the table has
    1. been amended a little bit but, as I believe it would be
    2. now, a motion to ask the superintendent to draft a
    3. letter on our behalf for our recommendation to all
    4. appropriate parties expressing our very serious concerns
    5. about the development -- on the developments that have
    6. been happening on this or the actions that have been
    7. happening -- activities happening on this site, that at
    8. this point we're anxious to learn more via a site visit
    9. and for being kept in the loop of discussions that are
    10. about to unfold, and that based on what we know now, we
    11. would foresee having great difficulty in -- no, and what
    12. we basically now -- we foresee enough violations of the
    13. fact and the spirit in which we issued our first
    14. certificate of suspension that a reissue of the
    15. suspension is in doubt.
    16. MS. LYONS: Is in doubt, exactly.
    17. MR. NUENDEL: Oh, that's a good way to put it.
    18. MS. LYONS: That's good, yeah.
    19. MR. CLARK: Could we include that we may want
    20. restoration before they're open for business?
    21. MS. LYONS: Yeah, that was the other thing. How
    22. are they going to fix it?
    23. MR. CLARK: I mean, I haven't seen the property, so
    24. I don't know. But I mean, I've seen pictures, which are
53. pretty dramatic.
54. MS. LYONS: Right. What are their plans?
55. MR. CLARK: How are they going to restore things if
56. there are possibly endangered species there?
57. MS. LYONS: I'm sure there were.
58. MR. DELANEY: I think the solution ultimately is
59. going -- I mean, the only way that this is going to be
60. resolved for the town is a major restoration project.
61. That's what usually happens, Joe, right? They go in and
62. clearcut, get their hands slapped. They say, "Okay,
63. we'll replant some trees. We'll do a little cutback
64. from 50 to 40." Everyone seems like they're happy, but
65. in the end we've lost.
66. MR. CRAIG: (Inaudible).
67. MR. DELANEY: So I know that's where they -- I
68. suspect that's where this is going to head, but let's
69. not put words or thoughts in their head yet. Let's send
70. this.
71. MR. PRICE: And then what I anticipate -- so we'll
72. draft up a letter for you, Rich, representing the
73. Advisory Commission, and then we'll reserve our letter
74. based on our conversations with their representatives
75. and then our discussion with our solicitor as to what
76. additional oomph we may or may not have.
    1. MS. BURGESS: May I ask a question? Maybe this is
    2. jumping the gun, but if we don't issue a renewal and
    3. then the Department of the Interior has the option of
    4. taking it by eminent domain, that would involve buying
    5. them out; is that right?
    6. MR. PRICE: Yes.
    7. MS. BURGESS: And so then there would be possibly a
    8. question of funding for that.
    9. MR. PRICE: Not possibly.
    10. MS. BURGESS: Well, everybody seems to be getting
    11. the low interest loans from the Federal Reserve, so I
    12. don't know why -- and then investing it, so I don't know
    13. why the Department of the Interior can't. But --
    14. MR. PRICE: No, it's also the political issue of
    15. actively moving forward on a condemnation action.
    16. MS. LYONS: Right.
    17. MS. BURGESS: Sorry, you lost me there.
    18. MR. PRICE: Moving forward on a condemnation action
    19. is not the general course of business --
    20. MR. NUENDEL: (Inaudible) press.
    21. MR. PRICE: -- with the National Park Service in a
    22. long time.
    23. MS. BURGESS: Right.
    24. MR. PRICE: It happens, but very intermittently.
77. MS. BURGESS: Could Mr. Klekamp if he was not
78. allowed to have a campground, let's say -- could he do
79. something else with the land?
80. MR. CRAIG: He'd have to apply for a change of use
81. with the town first.
82. MR. PRICE: And our requirement would be it would
83. have to be grandfathered as the same type of business.
84. MS. McKEAN: Or single-family residential use.
85. MS. BURGESS: Well, that's what we're afraid of,
86. that it's going to be single-family residential.
87. MS. McKEAN: When it was on the market, we had a
88. lot of inquiries about condo uses. We have some zoning
89. board town attorney reviews of things like a tower at
90. Jack's Gas or a convenience station at the Citgo station
91. there, the Head of the Meadow Citgo station. And it
92. gets fuzzy. Like how is business intensity of use?
93. They're looking at those legal opinions now because
94. there's one commercial use that's allowed there, and
95. that's the pre-existing use. It isn't for turning it
96. over for some other commercial activity. They can't
97. start a nightclub or anything else.
98. MS. BURGESS: But possibly residential.
99. MS. McKEAN: Right.
100. MR. CRAIG: How is it residential? It's a
     1. pre-existing, nonconforming use, right?
     2. MS. McKEAN: As yes, but the only other use that's
     3. authorized is residential.
     4. MR. CRAIG: Authorized by who?
     5. MS. McKEAN: In the zoning.
     6. MS. BURGESS: Whose zoning?
     7. MS. McKEAN: In the town zoning and in our
     8. legislation. It's commercial -- pre-existing commercial
     9. and residential use in the town zoning.
     10. MR. CRAIG: If it's a pre-existing, nonconforming
     11. use, then they would have to apply and not necessarily
     12. receive a special permit to change the use. It doesn't
     13. necessarily mean they would get it. The town could say
     14. no.
     15. MS. McKEAN: But if they go through the subdivision
     16. requirements, it would be hard for a town to say no.
     17. When we were deciding the value of North of
     18. Highlands Campground -- they all have like similar names
     19. -- and, you know, without the conservation easement,
     20. they drew up a subdivision plan that was the basis of

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| 21 | the fair | market value. And they could have -- because |
| 22 | that was | the highest and best use. |
| 23 | MS. | BURGESS: So you turn them down in price? |
| 24 | MS. | McKEAN: Yeah. |

* + 1. MS. BURGESS: Complicated.
    2. MS. LYONS: And everybody's looking at the National
    3. Seashore land. I mean, the other big thing is housing
    4. is the big concern this year. So I'm sure the town -- I
    5. hope they don't look at this as an opportunity.
    6. MS. McKEAN: There are three (inaudible).
    7. MR. DELANEY: Okay, so I think we have reached
    8. (inaudible) or at least the wording of the motion.
    9. Is there any other discussion on the motion?
    10. (No response.)
    11. MR. DELANEY: All those in favor signify by saying
    12. aye.
    13. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
    14. MR. DELANEY: Those opposed?
    15. (No response.)
    16. MR. DELANEY: Abstentions?
    17. (No response.)
    18. MR. DELANEY: It carries unanimously. Thank you.
    19. Thank you, George, for drafting the letter and
    20. Lauren.
    21. HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION
    22. MR. PRICE: A couple of things to wrap up here.
    23. One is Herring River Wetland Restoration.
    24. Two things. One, the town successfully grappled
        1. with the High Toss Road issue. You might recall they
        2. did some press. There is a dirt road that goes across
        3. its own dike called High Toss Road that connects to
        4. North of Highland. It's really become -- it's a
        5. (inaudible), except for some hikers, hunters, and
        6. occasional equestrian activity.
        7. I made a statement early on in my arrival here
        8. after reviewing it. It's interesting that the Park owns
        9. the road but the town has a deeded interest in the road.
        10. And we polled our staff at the time, and the Seashore
        11. was not interested -- did not have the need to continue
        12. with the road. So right off the bat it wasn't being
        13. magnanimous about it. The town had a deeded access to
        14. it. So our position was then and continues to be that,
        15. as far as the Seashore was concerned, we'd demolish the
        16. road as part of the project. In fact, we'd be able to
        17. use the fill elsewhere in the project looking at
        18. recreational access at a later time. However, my stance
        19. to every town administrator since then has been the town
        20. was interested in the road, however, and wanted to
        21. either maintain it or figure out how it would be still
        22. usable for the project, i.e., the bridge, and the
        23. Seashore would support that use. It's just that we
        24. wouldn't be able to use Seashore funds for that road for

1. the reestablishment on the road maintenance of it
2. because it's nothing that would be on our priority to
3. have or maintain. So it was strictly a town
4. responsibility.
5. The town has gone back and forth over the years,
6. but they had a formal vote recently that said they also
7. agreed that the road could be eliminated. So that was a
8. big juncture point. I certainly appreciate all the time
9. and attention the town and the board of selectmen spent
10. on this. It was not an easy decision, but I think for
11. the future -- I think it's a good decision.
12. MS. LYONS: Can I ask one question on this?
13. MR. PRICE: Yes.
14. MS. LYONS: So I'm going towards Great Island and
15. I'm at the cut there, the split road where we're going
16. to build a new bridge.
17. MR. PRICE: Yes.
18. MS. LYONS: This road -- I'm looking now at this
19. road (indicates). It's on either side of this? Where
20. is this road?
21. MR. PRICE: It's not visible. It's further deep
22. into the marsh itself.
23. MS. LYONS: Does it start there on that road?
24. MS. McKEAN: No.
25. MR. PRICE: No.
26. MS. GREEN: No.
27. MS. McKEAN: If you go up Duck Harbor Road so you
28. get just to the other side of the dike, either you go to
29. the little landing or you go up Duck Harbor Road around
30. the side. (Inaudible) goes around the edge of the
31. marsh, and it's up with High Toss. It goes out towards
32. the DPW.
33. MS. LYONS: Okay.
34. AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's also the second right after
35. the DPW road of Old Dike Road.
36. MS. LYONS: Okay, so it is -- all right, so High
37. Toss Road.
38. AUDIENCE MEMBER: So if you go past the DPW
39. building in Wellfleet, actually your second left, that
40. will take you all the way out there.
41. MS. LYONS: Okay, so it's that one?
42. MR. PRICE: Right.
43. MS. LYONS: And it is marked High Toss Road?
44. AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's High Toss Bridge Road after
45. Old High Toss Bridge Road, which is the first one.
46. MS. LYONS: Then there's an older High Toss Bridge
47. Road.
48. MR. PRICE: The other information about the -- we
    1. can anticipate some joyous celebration at some point
    2. this spring or summer. It's now summer, isn't it?
    3. This summer. So the finish of the environmental
    4. impact statement will be completed for this project.
    5. It's my understanding the record of decision is out
    6. in the Federal Register at this point, and at some point 7 --
49. MS. McKEAN: Not yet it isn't.
50. MR. PRICE: I thought it was --
51. MS. McKEAN: I spoke to Jackie this morning.
52. MR. PRICE: Okay, the regional director thinks that
53. went out.
54. MS. McKEAN: It's delayed.
55. MR. PRICE: But he signed off on it allegedly.
56. MS. McKEAN: We still have to do that whole
57. surnaming process.
58. MR. PRICE: Okay, he thinks he signed it on Friday.
59. Just FYI.
60. MS. McKEAN: Okay.
61. MR. DELANEY: Is this the new process -- the new
62. bureaucracy?
63. MR. PRICE: It's interesting, but at some point
64. we'll have a record of decision, which is a major
65. benchmark in this entire thing for sure.
    1. HIGHLANDS CENTER UPDATE
    2. MR. PRICE: On the Highlands Center, Lauren's been
    3. working on a couple of projects. You'll see some
    4. (inaudible) projects up there currently.
    5. But also, Lauren, what's the latest on what we
    6. think might be the building demo?
    7. MS. McKEAN: The building demolition projects, the
    8. director's approval form did just Friday go to the
    9. director's office (inaudible) as the surname, and check
    10. that box. The physical year '16 funds were released.
    11. We're waiting for that, so now it's like the final step
    12. before we can contract. The contract has been written.
    13. It's a design build contract. Design build sounds funny
    14. because it's a deconstruction, but they have to figure
    15. out how they're going to go about that and tell us how,
    16. then do it, and so he said, "You're fine." We're on
    17. track for after Labor Day because we weren't going to
    18. have buildings demo'd at this time of year. So that's
    19. going to be fall or winter probably at this point.
    20. MR. PRICE: So we're still talking about a minimum
    21. of ultimately seven buildings or more, depending on how
    22. far the money goes.
    23. MS. McKEAN: Six to twelve, depending on how far
    24. the money goes.
        1. MR. PRICE: Six to twelve.
        2. MS. LYONS: And these are all around the Payomet?
        3. MR. PRICE: Two of the dormitories immediately to
        4. the left.
        5. MS. McKEAN: The worst ones, the power plant
        6. with the smokestack and three to nine housing units of
        7. the ones that are asbestos sided. It was the asbestos
        8. costs that may be a certainty on how many we can take
        9. out.
        10. MS. BURGESS: Did the funds come from the
        11. Department of the Interior?
        12. MS. McKEAN: Line item construction program.
        13. MS. BURGESS: Can the Park Service via the
        14. Department of the Interior qualify for any like ground
        15. field site monies because it's toxic?
        16. MS. McKEAN: I don't think we really want that
        17. designation for that site. I don't think we need the
        18. designation for a ground field site for the Highlands
        19. Center. So much of what was happening there was
        20. happening off site. It wasn't -- if it had been in a
        21. Naval Air Station, there might have been more
        22. pollutants, but it really isn't that polluted. A lot of
        23. stuff in buildings, and, you know, there's a lot of
        24. military buildings all over the country, former, that
66. are full of hazardous materials and whatnot.
67. MS. BURGESS: Okay.
68. MR. PRICE: So just two pieces of information I
69. want to share with you.
70. NAUSET LIGHT BEACH UPDATE
71. MR. PRICE: We already talked about Nauset Light
72. Beach and the public meeting. There are definitely some
73. people in Eastham who have a lot of concerns that were
74. expressed to me at the public meeting that I had. About
75. 80 some individuals showed up, and the topics went far
76. and wide. And I think they're still going to be talking
77. to us and to the town about their desires and issues,
78. especially considering it's going to be very soon that
79. we're going to have to start not only removing the
80. bathhouse, but we're actually going to have to start
81. reducing the parking lot because that first edge of
82. parking is pretty darn close to the edge. So we'll be
83. pulling back the parking lot at the time, which will
84. then also reduce Eastham's access to it.
85. At some point in the future, I fully anticipate
86. activating a plan that the Volpe Center did a number of
87. years ago where we maybe cut a deal with Nauset Regional
88. High School for parking and then set up a remote shuttle
89. similar to what we do at Coast Guard Beach. So I'm
90. going to start actually some of those conversations with
91. the high school principal and with the superintendent of
92. schools just to put some building blocks in place. It
93. doesn't have to happen right away. It doesn't have to
94. happen after we remove the first line of parking, but we
95. just need to be talking about it and anticipating it in
96. the future.
97. MS. LYONS: What's the plan with the bathhouse? So
98. you're going to have to move the bathhouse back?
99. MR. PRICE: Well, the bathhouse, the entire
100. facility that you see there now will be demolished after
101. this season, and we'll probably have to go with two
102. seasons of porta johns of some sort. We'll be
103. investigating kind of the 18-wheeler type of things as
104. opposed to lining up a whole bunch of stalls. We might
105. do stalls. I'm not sure.
106. MS. LYONS: Right.
107. MR. PRICE: And then we'll do a design build
108. contract like Lauren just talked about to build probably
109. a smaller facility on the Ocean View Drive side part of
110. the area. We anticipate that we'll have a lot of years
111. before that actually, and therefore, it would be
112. available for the drop-off opportunity at some point.
113. It's not a full-fledged parking lot.
     1. So the money for that is over 2 million bucks?
     2. MS. McKEAN: Yeah, in 2019.
     3. MR. PRICE: 2019.
     4. MS. McKEAN: With Herring Cove being 2018.
     5. MR. PRICE: Right.
     6. KITEBOARDING UPDATE
     7. MR. DELANEY: Okay, and the last one?
     8. MR. PRICE: Finally, the other voice from the
     9. public. If you happened to see, there was a full-page
     10. article in the *Herald* yesterday. Some of our
     11. kiteboarding enthusiasts filed a lawsuit objecting to
     12. the summer ban on kiteboarding on the Atlantic seaport
     13. side. So this started several years ago. We observed
     14. kiteboards zipping up and down specifically Coast Guard
     15. South right near the shorebirds, and after much
     16. discussion with our staff, we determined that there was
     17. no way to safely allow kiteboarding on the Atlantic side
     18. during the bird nesting and fledging season. So
     19. therefore we banned it between March 15 and October 15.
     20. It's available for kiteboarding after that. And the one
     21. exception is to go out to the harbor in Wellfleet.
     22. MS. McKEAN: Duck Harbor.
     23. MR. PRICE: Duck Harbor straight out beyond 200
     24. feet and then go out on the bay side of that area.
         1. But we've met with representatives of the
         2. kiteboarding community numerous times and obviously have
         3. not been able to satisfy them. So I haven't seen the
         4. lawsuit yet but will be talking with our solicitor about
         5. that.
         6. That's it, Mr. Chair. Thank you.
         7. MR. DELANEY: That is a lot. We covered a lot of
         8. ground today. You've got a lot on your plate.
         9. Thank you all for participating.
         10. That moves us to *Old Business*.
         11. THE COURT REPORTER: Rich, can you hold it? I need
         12. to make a new file.
         13. MR. DELANEY: Oh, okay.
         14. (Pause off the record.)

# OLD BUSINESS

* + 1. MR. DELANEY: Okay, so we're back in business, and
    2. I call for any items of old business from any of our
    3. members.
    4. (No response.)
    5. MR. DELANEY: Hearing none, I'll move to *New*
    6. *Business*.

# NEW BUSINESS

* + 1. MR. DELANEY: Anyone want to put a new business
    2. item on the table now?
       1. (No response.)
       2. MR. DELANEY: If not, I will go to the date and
       3. agenda for the next meeting.

# DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

* + - 1. MR. DELANEY: And as we've been saying, that would
      2. probably be the second or third Monday in September, the
      3. first being, I think --
      4. MR. PRICE: The 5th is Labor Day, so we're talking
      5. about the 12th or the 19th, I would assume.
      6. MR. DELANEY: Yeah. Are Park personnel available
      7. for both of those dates?
      8. MR. PRICE: Yes.
      9. MR. DELANEY: Any member have a major objection
      10. schedule-wise?
      11. (No response.)
      12. MR. DELANEY: So jump right into the 12th?
      13. MS. BURGESS: Sure.
      14. MR. DELANEY: Oh, wait a minute. I have to answer
      15. my own question. I do have a slight conflict on that
      16. date then.
      17. MS. GREEN: What about the next?
      18. MR. DELANEY: Do you mind the 19th?
      19. MS. LYONS: No.
      20. MS. GREEN: No, that's fine.

1. MR. DELANEY: All right, thank you.
2. MR. NUENDEL: Changed to the 19th?
3. MR. DELANEY: Yeah, change it to the 19th. At the
4. line of scrimmage, I made that call.
5. Okay, and the agenda? You know how the agenda
6. fills up. Is there anything in particular that we --
7. MS. LYONS: Well, we'll be reviewing what we just
8. discussed, so it is important to be here.
9. MR. DELANEY: Okay, no other new items for the
10. agenda. Those will evolve.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

1. MR. DELANEY: Then I will go to the public comment
2. of this agenda and ask anyone from the public who wants
3. to comment to please identify themselves and make a
4. comment for the record.
5. Suggestions? Questions?
6. (No response.)

# ADJOURNMENT

1. MR. DELANEY: Then I will ask for a motion to
2. adjourn.
3. MS. GREEN: So moved.
4. MS. LYONS: Second.
5. MR. DELANEY: Second. All those in favor, signify
6. by saying aye.
   1. BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
   2. MR. DELANEY: Good. Thank you very much.
   3. (Whereupon, at 3:30 p.m. the proceedings were
   4. adjourned.) 5

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

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