

**CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING**

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station  
Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on  
Monday, September 10, 2012, commencing at 1:08 p.m.

SITTING:

Richard F. Delaney, Chairman  
Richard Philbrick  
Donald Nuendel  
Mark Robinson  
Judith Stephenson  
Mary-Jo Avellar  
Maureen Burgess  
William Clark

Also present:

George Price, Superintendent  
Kathy Tevyaw, Deputy Superintendent  
Susan Moynihan, Chief of Interpretation & Cultural Resources  
Lauren McKean, Management Assistant  
Leslie Reynolds, Chief Ranger  
Robert Cook, Acting Chief of Natural Resources Management

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

MR. DELANEY: I see we have a quorum this morning, so I'm pleased to call together the 285th meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission and welcome all of you to fall and Cape Cod on a beautiful day.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MR. DELANEY: So we have an agenda, and the first action calls for us to adopt the agenda or modify it should someone choose to, but if not, I'll --

MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

MR. DELANEY: So moved. Second?

MS. STEPHENSON: Second.

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. DELANEY: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. DELANEY: Okay, great.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (MAY 21, 2012)**

MR. DELANEY: You've also had distributed to you minutes from our previous meeting, which was way back in May 2012.

MS. BURGESS: Long time ago.

1           MR. DELANEY: And we generally have some hawk eyes  
2 review these. Anyone who's found any discrepancy?

3           MR. NUENDEL: I have a question -- well, maybe a  
4 discrepancy. On page 16 they're talking about the work  
5 at the PTown Airport, and they mentioned TSA moving in  
6 there, which was in 1991. Weren't they started after  
7 9/11, or were they always around?

8           MR. PRICE: They certainly were not all around in  
9 this particular configuration. I think what that's  
10 referring to is the work that was prescribed by TSA to  
11 modify the airport.

12          MR. NUENDEL: Oh, okay.

13          MR. DELANEY: That's what's driving this -- part of  
14 this whole project.

15          MR. NUENDEL: Right.

16          MR. PRICE: Similarly, I live near the Barnstable  
17 County Airport, and I saw major changes directed by TSA  
18 as well.

19          MR. DELANEY: So that's a clarification but no need  
20 to change.

21                 If there are no other comments on the minutes, I'll  
22 accept a motion to approve those.

23          MS. BURGESS: Just one, Chairman. Page 56, it has  
24 to do with Pilgrim, and it says that -- it quotes me as

1 saying it was four years old. That should be 40 years  
2 old.

3 MR. DELANEY: Oh, good. Good catch.

4 Okay, with that modification, a motion to approve?

5 MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

6 MR. DELANEY: Second?

7 MS. BURGESS: Second.

8 MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by saying  
9 aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. DELANEY: The motion carries.

12 MR. CLARK: Chairman, I'll abstain. I wasn't here  
13 for that meeting, so I'll abstain.

14 MR. DELANEY: Okay, Bill Clark will abstain from  
15 that.

16 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

17 MR. DELANEY: So now we'll move to Reports of  
18 Officers.

19 And I don't have an immediate report. Things that  
20 I will mention will be covered in the further agenda.

21 **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

22 MR. DELANEY: Any other subcommittee officers have  
23 not met, I guess, so we'll move right to -- the same  
24 with Report of Subcommittees. I don't believe we've had

1 any subcommittee activity in the summer.

2 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

3 MR. DELANEY: So let's go to Superintendent's  
4 Report.

5 MR. PRICE: Sure. Before I actually officially get  
6 into the report, I just wanted to bring closure to the  
7 workshop we had this morning.

8 I had sent information to all of you to invite you  
9 to what we call the Green Facilities Workshop. It was  
10 very well attended. It went between ten and noon this  
11 morning. Maureen and Don joined representatives of all  
12 six towns and the county, and basically our facility  
13 division went through a lot of the things they do, like  
14 actually how they operate their auto shop, what they do  
15 with their fuels, what they do with the oils, how they  
16 manage all that, what we do with the clean material for  
17 janitorial supplies. It was very impressive. I was  
18 very pleased. There was a lot of interaction, mostly  
19 DPW chiefs or people from the ConsComm or some of the  
20 other offices in town. So I thought that was pretty  
21 neat.

22 **CLIMATE FRIENDLY PARKS**

23 MR. PRICE: The second part of that then was a  
24 review of the Climate Friendly Parks Program. Lauren

1           and Nicole did that, and that is similar to a program  
2           we've shown to you all in the past as far as how the  
3           national initiatives come down to park sites and how we  
4           have to monitor our energy use and our recycled material  
5           and all of that. So we did really a one-two punch with  
6           that group today. I thought it was very well received.

7                     A number of the DPW chiefs are going to follow up  
8           by having their mechanics meet with some of our  
9           mechanics. And they started to take down a list of  
10          potential green material. And one of the specific  
11          outputs for the county actually -- I'll tell Sheila  
12          too -- a number of the DPW chiefs were impressed with  
13          some of the green materials we had, but like us they can  
14          only buy off their own supply, either the county or the  
15          state supply list. We can only buy off of our federal  
16          supply list. And they believe that sometimes the same  
17          material is not on their list. Sheila Vanderhoef, who  
18          was here from Eastham, said that would be pretty easy to  
19          rectify. So there are some follow-ups that we'll need  
20          to do in order for our people and the towns to have  
21          access to the same material, if they're particularly  
22          interested.

23                    MR. DELANEY: Yes, Judy?

24                    MS. STEPHENSON: Does this policy change at all

1 with a change in administration? Has there always been  
2 an emphasis in this Department of the Interior on these  
3 environmental concerns?

4 MR. PRICE: Yes, I think it's been a long-term  
5 concern of the Park Service in general. One of the  
6 things I emphasized this morning is that I was very  
7 impressed when I arrived here. I had been in charge of  
8 facilities before in other parks, but I had never seen  
9 what this park had already started. And I started here  
10 over seven and a half years ago. So it was when I saw  
11 what they had done with that auto shop, for instance,  
12 that long ago I became a fan of it. And Paul Morris,  
13 who was the DPW chief in Truro, for instance, I was  
14 talking to him over two years ago and said, "Geez, I'll  
15 have to see it someday." So I told Paul this morning,  
16 "It only took me two and a half years, but I jumped  
17 right on it." So we did the tour today.

18 In the meantime, yes, the Obama Administration has  
19 specifically given us a number of directives about  
20 reduction in energy and consumables and all that sort of  
21 thing.

22 And the due date for that -- is it 2030, did you  
23 say, or 2015?

24 MS. McKEAN: Well, basically 2020 is where our

1 predictions are.

2 MR. PRICE: So that's consistent with what we've  
3 shown as far as the Climate Friendly Park visitations.

4 MS. BURGESS: It was fascinating. Just I was so  
5 impressed, as George said, with the people in operations  
6 and maintenance and how really committed they are to use  
7 the right products and to research it. They were just  
8 extremely knowledgeable, and it's the cleanest shop I've  
9 ever, ever seen. It was just amazing.

10 MR. NUENDEL: I think they actually do work there  
11 too. No, their commitment impressed me as well. You've  
12 got a great group there, George.

13 MR. PRICE: Just two very quick examples. So you  
14 know when you get a spill? I don't know if any of you  
15 change your oil and you throw down this stuff. It's  
16 kind of like cat litter, and you collect it. Well, they  
17 have a material that they moved to that they spread it  
18 and they dry it out and they re-use it. They're using  
19 the same bucket after two and a half years because it's  
20 a volcanic material that attaches to the carbons, and  
21 then the water evaporates. So they don't have to throw  
22 it out. They don't have to worry about contaminated  
23 waste.

24 MS. STEPHENSON: It never gets absorbed to the

1 extent that it's --

2 MR. PRICE: Well, it hasn't after two and a half  
3 years.

4 MS. STEPHENSON: That's amazing.

5 MR. PRICE: It is.

6 And then the mops that janitors use, you know, one  
7 of our beach facilities, our guys use the mops. Well,  
8 Mark has said they go through a couple of mops a year  
9 usually with the traditional cotton because they get  
10 moldy and they're no longer usable. He's using the same  
11 recycled material mops now for over two and a half  
12 years.

13 MS. BURGESS: I think he said they were made from  
14 like --

15 MR. NUENDEL: These guys right here (indicates).

16 MS. BURGESS: Plastic bottles.

17 MR. PRICE: Plastic bottles, right.

18 So it was very impressive, and I was thrilled about  
19 it. If we have the need, if we have a brand-new  
20 audience that would like to go another time, we'd be  
21 glad to redo the tour, but in the meantime, it was nice.  
22 Glad you came.

23 MS. BURGESS: It was good.

24 MS. AVELLAR: It's interesting because back in 1978

1           when we had the gas station, the oil spill over there at  
2           the old --

3                     MR. PRICE:   Jack's Gas?

4                     MS. AVELLAR:  -- gas station, which is now down,  
5           you know, taken away in Truro, the company that the town  
6           hired to do the cleanup wanted to do bioreclamation, and  
7           they wanted to introduce elements into the ground that  
8           would attach to.  That would be the end of it.  And no  
9           offense, but the Park Service said no, and we had to,  
10          you know, dig it all out and, you know, filters and all  
11          that kind of stuff.  So I would imagine it's sort of  
12          along the same lines.

13                    MR. PRICE:  Actually, this was not a biomaterial.  
14          This was an inert volcanic material.

15                    MS. AVELLAR:  Isn't that amazing?  But it was sort  
16          of the same principle, and we weren't allowed to use it  
17          then.  Of course, it's a hell of a lot cheaper than the  
18          filters and all the things we had to do then, but I  
19          guess that the science hadn't caught up yet.

20                    MR. PRICE:  That and -- was that us or was that  
21          EPA?

22                    MS. AVELLAR:  I think this was '78.

23                    MS. McKEAN:  I think it was the Park with DEP.

24                    MR. PRICE:  Okay.

1 MR. DELANEY: That's great. Congratulations.

2 GREAT WHITE SHARKS

3 MR. PRICE: In the meantime, we've had a very, very  
4 busy and productive summer. One of the excitements, of  
5 course, was all about the great white sharks. Our  
6 colleague Chatham no longer cornered the market on shark  
7 issues, and we had a number of issues up here, more  
8 sightings, more carcasses come up on the beaches, and of  
9 course, Truro itself had an incident on one of their  
10 town beaches. So that's really raised the ante.

11 I'm going to ask our chief ranger, Leslie Reynolds,  
12 just to give us a quick update on what she's been doing.  
13 Our lifeguard program falls under our law enforcement/  
14 chief ranger program, so she's been on the case.

15 MS. REYNOLDS: Thank you. Good afternoon.

16 We have been taking the great white shark --

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Could you stand --

18 MS. REYNOLDS: Yes, absolutely, wherever you need  
19 me.

20 The sightings have increased, and we have had  
21 incidents from a shark wrestling with a buoy to the  
22 attack at Ballston Beach to sharks feeding on the seals  
23 pretty close to the beach up at the Race Point area.

24 So what we have done is we've contacted parks

1 throughout the country, particularly Golden Gate  
2 National Park, who's been dealing with great white  
3 sharks for about 20 years. They're a wealth of  
4 information, and they've been very helpful. We've taken  
5 their signage and implemented their signage. We've  
6 taken their shark sighting questionnaire and implemented  
7 that. They're helping to come up with ideas for  
8 developing a permanent sign. I'm trying to reach out to  
9 South Africa.

10 So far they're not calling me back yet, George, but  
11 I'm trying.

12 So there are other parks out there --

13 MR. PRICE: And there's no travel authorized for  
14 South Africa or Australia.

15 (Laughter.)

16 MS. REYNOLDS: Right.

17 We've also updated our lifeguard manual, the  
18 chapter that specifically addresses shark sightings and  
19 shark attacks. We've taken a few things out. Once upon  
20 a time, they used to teach you to punch a shark in the  
21 nose. They no longer suggest that. So we needed to  
22 update it, and we did. So it's a very good document.  
23 It always was, but it's better. It's updated now.

24 We have posted temporary shark warning signs at all

1 six of the beaches, and they'll stay up as long as we  
2 can keep ahead of the, I think, young kids who like to  
3 collect them for their dorm rooms. But we will be  
4 developing shark warning signs at the six beaches, and  
5 that will be what we'll be working on this winter.

6 I've been working as close as I can with Chatham,  
7 Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown,  
8 anywhere from the harbor master's office to the chief of  
9 fire to the police chief to the lifeguards. We've had a  
10 few meetings. We've had some presentations by the  
11 Marine Fisheries, Massachusetts Marine Fisheries.  
12 They've been great. We all want to have the same  
13 message out there that we're prepared to respond in case  
14 something happens. We want the message to go out to the  
15 public that it's safe to swim, you just need to be very  
16 vigilant when you do so. So we've developed a  
17 notification process that if there is a fin sighting or  
18 incident, whoever's town it takes place in would send  
19 out a blanket e-mail to all the response folks just that  
20 there's been a shark sighting at Nauset Light Beach so  
21 that the chief of police in Provincetown gets that same  
22 e-mail, so we can all say we knew about an event in a  
23 timely manner.

24 We have posted educational presentation. John

1 Chisholm from the Mass. Marine Fisheries came, did a  
2 wonderful hour-long presentation of how to differentiate  
3 between various sharks, mola molas, various whales. So  
4 he was wonderful just providing education to a lot of us  
5 who really just haven't experienced sharks.

6 So I feel good about our preparation. I know it  
7 needs to continue, and we hope that there will not be  
8 another incident involving a person, but if there is,  
9 we'll be ready to handle it.

10 MR. PRICE: One of the things, obviously the  
11 population of the great seal has really exploded in  
12 recent times. So at one point there was an actual  
13 bounty that was put out for seals, and then it wasn't  
14 until the 1970s when the Mammal Protection Act came into  
15 place that these same mammals were then protected. So  
16 it's taken a couple of decades for their populations to  
17 really rebound. We don't really know what the historic  
18 population was, but we know there was a serious historic  
19 population of seals on the Cape before the bounty  
20 program and there were white sharks. So basically what  
21 we're seeing is a reestablishment of that, of both of  
22 those populations.

23 And we have just been, I think, dodging the bullet  
24 frankly. I kept on waiting because you may have heard

1 reports in the last couple of years. We've had large  
2 pods of seals beach up in the Wellfleet Shore area and  
3 especially north of Head of the Meadow Beach, and now  
4 this season it was up near High Head. So we expected at  
5 some point to see sharks. We just assumed there were so  
6 many more sharks down on Chatham and Monomoy, why bother  
7 to come up here. John Chisholm really taught us that we  
8 can expect these sharks to be roaming up and down the  
9 coast all the time. So this is kind of the new norm for  
10 us, and we just have to learn how we're going to deal  
11 with it, how we're going to educate our visitors on  
12 what's going on.

13 MR. DELANEY: Any questions about the sharks or  
14 seals? Bill?

15 MR. CLARK: I guess the seals -- at the risk of  
16 sounding naïve, but is there a way we can discourage the  
17 seals? Is that something that you'd consider? I know  
18 they're a federally -- they're protected federally, but  
19 it seems like there's an issue with the sharks and also  
20 water quality which affects not only the Park but all  
21 the beaches on the Cape.

22 MR. PRICE: Well, let's keep the water quality  
23 aside for now, but we have fish. The seals eat the  
24 fish. The sharks eat the seals. So that's where we

1 are.

2 MS. STEPHENSON: Has the seal population increased,  
3 though, in the past ten years?

4 MR. PRICE: Yes, dramatically.

5 MS. STEPHENSON: So are they breeding here and  
6 that's why they're increasing? What's causing the  
7 increase?

8 MR. PRICE: They breed north, as I understand it.

9 MR. COOK: They may also breed south of us also.

10 MR. PRICE: Okay.

11 MS. STEPHENSON: But they come to Monomoy to eat?

12 MR. COOK: To eat and to --

13 MS. STEPHENSON: Lounge?

14 MR. COOK: Lounge and things of that sort.

15 MS. STEPHENSON: They like the beach.

16 MR. COOK: Well, yeah, that's where seals live, on  
17 the beach, and for them going to the beach isn't an  
18 optional behavior. That's sort of where they live, in  
19 the ocean and on the beach.

20 MR. PRICE: Dr. Bob Cook is our acting chief of  
21 natural resources management and a wildlife biologist,  
22 in case you haven't met him before.

23 MR. COOK: So they don't have the option to go to a  
24 swimming pool to cool off the way humans might.

1           MS. AVELLAR: I see them on the beaches. I see  
2           them on the beaches like in the harbor all the time.  
3           You know, in the middle of the winter, there will be a  
4           seal on the beach, and they just wait for the tide to  
5           come in and take them back out.

6           MR. COOK: See, I think the thing that we need to,  
7           as George is alluding to in terms of adjusting people's  
8           perspective and expectations -- is we've all in this  
9           room grown up in a world where seals were a very rare,  
10          if nonexistent, sight in the waters and beaches of the  
11          Northeast. And we all tend to think that the world that  
12          we grew up in is the norm, but the reality is that we  
13          all grew up during the period when there was an  
14          unnatural absence of seals. What you're seeing now is  
15          the return to the natural condition when there are seals  
16          and sharks. And this was all documented by Thoreau, who  
17          wrote about this in 1849, which precedes the seal  
18          bounty. So in many ways we're kind of returning to the  
19          good old days of how things were in the mid-19th -- the  
20          19th century.

21          MR. PRICE: Isn't that special?

22                   (Laughter.)

23          MR. DELANEY: I like that comment, and I think  
24          we've all had these conversations with our colleagues at

1 different times and friends about the population of  
2 seals being out of control. And I think my answer to  
3 that group has been similar to what you just said. And  
4 then I have a couple of times asked the people in my  
5 conversation to consider the fact that when the seals  
6 were down to next to zero in the '60s because of the  
7 bounty -- and you say from there, '60 to 19-- -- to  
8 2012, they went from whatever back to 15,000. Juxtapose  
9 that with how many people were on Cape Cod in 1960. I'm  
10 guessing, Mark, it might have been about 50,000, and  
11 it's about 225 to 250,000 now. So I turned that  
12 question around to, whose population is out of control  
13 here on Cape Cod? Is it human beings or seals? It's a  
14 fun way to inject some energy in that conversation.

15 MR. PRICE: It's hysterical.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. PRICE: Leslie, thank you very much.

18 UPDATE ON DUNE SHACKS

19 MR. PRICE: The next topic, just a number of things  
20 on dune shacks that I'd like to bring up.

21 The first thing is finally we have the long-awaited  
22 environmental assessment. Actually, it's been signed by  
23 the regional director. This had been a long time in the  
24 making because of our dialogue with the State Historic

1            Preservation Office. So it was shortly after the last  
2            meeting that we actually have a signed document. So  
3            what this means is that the preservation and use plan we  
4            all worked on for quite a long time with the  
5            subcommittee has now been codified as policy for the  
6            Seashore. So basically now what this means is we go to  
7            an implementation phase to review the policy in here.  
8            If you all recall, we talked about a percentage of  
9            shacks that would be managed by nonprofits. Those would  
10           be for long-term leases. Those would be for short-term  
11           leases. We talked about a gradual movement into that  
12           matrix, if you will. We talked about the establishment  
13           of a new subcommittee to the Advisory Commission to  
14           basically help with the longer term view of how this  
15           plan is actually being implemented. We talked about a  
16           number of things along those lines, so we're basically  
17           ready to do that.

18           I will announce today, one of the things that we'll  
19           be doing very shortly is we'll be communicating with the  
20           dune shack residents and specifically those that have  
21           year-to-year special use permits. Every year since I've  
22           been here we've given them the special use permit with a  
23           caveat. It's pending the implementation of the  
24           preservation and use plan. And at this point getting

1           this off the ground, we still have to do condition  
2           assessment reports. We're going to have to do leasing  
3           appraisals and that sort of thing. So I'm going to let  
4           them all know that come January we're going to be  
5           issuing another full year of special use permit, that  
6           there isn't going to be a change in that because we're  
7           certainly not going -- we're not going to be in a  
8           position to implement anything any sooner. So we'll be  
9           putting all the pieces in place during this next year,  
10          and then we'll communicate that with them what will  
11          happen further on from that.

12                 We also have the need to start this implementation.  
13          For example, we have two shacks that now have had  
14          changes. Ray Wells passed. She had lifetime rights.  
15          Right now we're asking the Peaked Hill Trust to manage  
16          that in the interim. And then we have one other shack  
17          where the permittee informed us that they're not able to  
18          continue management of that particular shack. So we're  
19          going to be approaching some family members on that, as  
20          is consistent with what we said in the plan.

21                 MS. STEPHENSON: When you say you're approaching  
22          family members, what are you approaching them with?

23                 MR. PRICE: If they're interested in picking up a  
24          year-to-year lease on the operation and maintenance of

1       the shack for the next year, similar to what the  
2       previous permit holder was doing. And if they're not  
3       able to, then we would approach one of the nonprofits to  
4       see if they could help us because our goal is to make  
5       sure we get them maintained, and they can only be  
6       maintained if they're occupied. If they're vacant for  
7       an extended period of time, then we know by definition  
8       they'll deteriorate. So there are a number of elements  
9       that we have to take a look in this.

10           I wanted also to mention that I know that Marianne  
11       is here and Peter's here, and there have been other  
12       members of the dune shack community that have approached  
13       us; that probably because of a lot of increased press  
14       and discussion about the dune shacks, it seems like  
15       interest in the dune shacks has really increased. And  
16       as a result, we're having many more people either being  
17       directed to go out there for hikes or they're going out  
18       there on their own. That wouldn't necessarily be a bad  
19       thing in itself. However, the volume of people that are  
20       going out there -- and in some cases it's been described  
21       as people that are really not sure what they're going to  
22       see and they're not really prepared for the experience.  
23       And sometimes they've literally been wandering around  
24       out there lost, and they didn't bring water with them.

1           They don't have the right shoes. Just somebody told  
2           them it was a cool place to go, and they started off on  
3           a hike.

4                     Some people are experiencing more and more  
5           encroachment on the dune shacks. People have told me  
6           they've been sitting in the shacks and people have  
7           looked in the windows. Sometimes people just walk right  
8           in. So we need to get more aggressive in our  
9           cooperative management.

10                    Rich, you might remember this was discussed in the  
11           Dune Shack Subcommittee talk. So we had talked about  
12           some things we were going to start to implement, but it  
13           really seems like the volume has caught up or outpaced  
14           what we had originally thought we were going to do.

15                    And before we talk about the subcommittee, I'm just  
16           going to ask Sue to talk a little bit about the wayside  
17           and some of the signage that we've moved ahead on  
18           working with some of the dune shack residents.

19                    MS. MOYNIHAN: There were two specific action items  
20           in the plan that we started working on over the winter.  
21           One was a wayside exhibit, and that's government jargon  
22           for an exterior exhibit. So we worked with two dune  
23           dwellers, Carole Carlson for the Peaked Hill Trust and  
24           Sally Adams, who's a long-time family member. And Jody

1           Anastasio of our staff developed this wayside exhibit.  
2           It is in reduced size. That's just a printer's proof.  
3           It's 24 inches by 36 on the horizontal. I know we have  
4           a lovely image that Stephanie Foster, the photographer  
5           who's had many gallery showings, graciously allowed us  
6           to use. So what that wayside attempts to do is to let  
7           people know that they're beginning to hike into a very  
8           special area. We want them to feel a connection like  
9           many people who have gone before have felt. It's a very  
10          unique place, but we also want to introduce them to some  
11          resource-sensitive behaviors; staying on the paths, not  
12          creating new paths, respecting the privacy of the dune  
13          shacks' occupants. And then also for their safety we're  
14          advising them that the paths are not marked, the sand is  
15          very hot, they need to carry water, dogs' paws can get  
16          burned. There are an awful lot of people who might hike  
17          with dogs.

18                 So the wayside has been installed at the Snail Road  
19          entrance where many people hike in, and the idea was to  
20          install it far enough down the trail so it wouldn't  
21          serve as an invitation for people who might see it from  
22          Route 6 and decide to just stop and check it out. So if  
23          you begin the walk down Snail Road, you'll see this on  
24          the right.

1           The other concern that we had heard during the  
2 planning was that even though a lot of the dune dwellers  
3 put small signs up around the cottages and the shacks  
4 asking people to please maintain a respectful distance,  
5 some of those signs are being taken, stolen. So there  
6 was a request that we develop some more official looking  
7 signs, the brown and white with the use of the  
8 arrowhead, and make them available to any of the dune  
9 dwellers who want to use them. So I think Sally and  
10 Carole have perhaps been spreading the word. We ordered  
11 15 of them for starters. We'll see how it goes. People  
12 are stealing our shark signs. They might steal our dune  
13 shack signs. But I invite you at the end to go up and  
14 take a look. It's the small aluminum sign on the bottom  
15 over there.

16           Then the only other thing I'll mention is to try to  
17 get a handle on the numbers of people who are walking  
18 out into the district. Another action item in the plan  
19 was for us to begin to develop baseline data. So  
20 starting about a week and a half ago, we set up a  
21 variable schedule, different days of the week, different  
22 times of the day. We have people standing inside the  
23 Snail Road entrance simply counting the numbers of  
24 people who are walking in and walking out. We can't

1           conduct a survey. We're not asking them, "Why are you  
2           here? Where did you come from? How long are you  
3           staying?" We're simply recording numbers. But people  
4           are very friendly. When they engage us in conversation,  
5           after they leave, we're jotting down a couple of notes  
6           like they had no clue what they were getting into, they  
7           had no water, they had no hat, or they're regulars or  
8           they're coming out from a shack. Really what we want to  
9           get a handle on is numbers. So we'll be out there many  
10          days a week in September and October for one or two  
11          hours at a time. And then we'll resume in the spring  
12          because we know anecdotally that the numbers are going  
13          up, but we don't really have anything from a scientific  
14          standpoint. And the statistics office in Denver with  
15          the National Park Service is helping us with our  
16          methodology.

17                 MR. PRICE: One of the observations, for instance,  
18                 the Snail Road pull-off on Route 6, often you might see  
19                 three or four cars there, but this summer we've seen  
20                 like thirteen cars there. And you'd say, "Well, people  
21                 are getting access," but if they're not prepared, they  
22                 don't know what's going on -- we have reports that  
23                 people are forging new paths up and down the dunes. We  
24                 had a report of a bunch of kids out there with boogie

1 boards basically skiing down the side of the dune, which  
2 means it wrecks all the growth. I mean, obviously that  
3 was done prior and earlier in the Park Seashore, but  
4 we've learned that that's not a behavior that's going to  
5 withstand these dunes for the long term. So that's a  
6 very real issue that we're also doing that was part of  
7 the dialogue of those dune shack meetings.

8 MR. DELANEY: Yes, Mary-Jo?

9 MS. AVELLAR: What are you planning to do with this  
10 data once you collect it?

11 MR. PRICE: Well, one of the things we would do is  
12 if you take a look at the wayside and that sign, we  
13 thought at the time that would be a good approach for  
14 the types of self-directed people that were going in,  
15 that this might be an effective way to pass information  
16 off to them. If, however, we believe that this is too  
17 subtle, then I plan to get a little bit more aggressive  
18 maybe in what our signage would be to start off with,  
19 but we'd have to look and talk to people to see if there  
20 are other ideas.

21 MS. AVELLAR: How about a sign for poison ivy out  
22 there? When you see people at New Beach climbing over  
23 that dune that's loaded with Rosa rugosa but we all know  
24 there's poison ivy in there, I thought, "Oh, my." You

1 know, there's no warnings about that kind of stuff.

2 MR. PRICE: Well, I'll give you an example of how  
3 we try to jack up our signage on the bike trail. So if  
4 you take a look at our bike trail waysides, it talks  
5 about how wonderful they are and also how there are some  
6 inherent dangers with speed and that sort of thing.  
7 That didn't seem to be working, so this year we put up a  
8 banner that says, you know, *15 people have been*  
9 *seriously hurt on this bike trail this year*, and the  
10 next week it went up to 16 people, and the next week it  
11 went up to 20 people. So we're really trying to hit  
12 people between the eyes.

13 MS. STEPHENSON: When you say *banner*, is it across  
14 something? The road?

15 MR. PRICE: It's right at the front of the trail.  
16 It's hanging up --

17 MS. STEPHENSON: Up above? Hanging from above?

18 MR. PRICE: Actually, the banner's only this big  
19 (indicates), so it's right next to the trail at the  
20 trailhead of Province Lands and here at Nauset Trail.  
21 And both of those numbers are current for that  
22 particular trail.

23 These aren't just the ordinary scrape. These are  
24 people that required first aid. So we might have to get

1 more aggressive with the signage or something out there  
2 if we're going to be effective.

3 MR. DELANEY: Dick?

4 MR. PHILBRICK: I see we've gone off the dune  
5 shacks subject and on to the rail trail, but back to the  
6 dune shacks. In that study that was made, it was  
7 brought out repeatedly that the Park has the  
8 responsibility to the public to make known what was  
9 preservable as part of its historic classification. And  
10 one of the things that had been recommended was that it  
11 would be a great subject for a documentary movie, and I  
12 thought that was very valid and could be worked into the  
13 motion pictures that are shown at the visitor centers.  
14 I wonder if there's been any activity along that line to  
15 even having the Park commission to making such a  
16 documentary.

17 MR. PRICE: Well, I think those kinds of videos in  
18 the visitor centers are a good idea. Have we actually  
19 initiated something like that? Not at this point. What  
20 we have presented at the visitor centers have been some  
21 of the representations of the people that have lived in  
22 there, so some of the artists and some of the poetries  
23 have either been done at the visitor center or the  
24 Center for the Fine Arts workshop or some of these other

1 places, but we haven't actually worked on that type of a  
2 program yet.

3 MR. PHILBRICK: Yeah, but those things you just  
4 described are all good grist for the making of a  
5 documentary.

6 MS. MOYNIHAN: George, could I add something very  
7 quickly? One of the things that we say in the plan is  
8 that we're going to be really judicious about the kinds  
9 of advertising and promotion that we do of the dune  
10 shacks. It's really a double-edged sword. It's a  
11 wonderful resource, but we're hearing from the people  
12 who live out there that there could be too many people  
13 going out there. So I think the idea of a film we would  
14 want to really think through just like an exhibit or a  
15 ranger program. What are the unintended consequences  
16 perhaps of doing something like that? Are we going to  
17 invite more and more people to go out there?

18 So we say that there are a number of good ideas but  
19 that we really need to be -- to really think through  
20 them to make sure that they're not going to undermine  
21 the district in other ways such as far too many people  
22 going out there.

23 MR. DELANEY: Mark?

24 MR. ROBINSON: George, I was just wondering where

1       the wayside is located, if it's really close to Snail  
2       Road itself, the entrance, or if it's set farther back.  
3       My reason is that the first dune that you encounter is  
4       the most breathtaking one. I think a lot of people are  
5       going in there to see the dunes, not to see the dune  
6       shacks. I could be wrong. But if the wayside were  
7       located farther back, then it would really inform the  
8       people who are on a mission to see the dune shacks as  
9       opposed to those who would want to see the dunes. And  
10      that would educate them there's another resource behind  
11      there that you want to go see too. So I'm just curious  
12      about the location.

13             MS. MOYNIHAN: It's about halfway in from where you  
14      park and where you hit the base of that dune. And it  
15      doesn't discourage people at all from going unless they  
16      have a change of heart when they see that they are going  
17      into a fairly wild area, but it doesn't tell them not to  
18      go. It doesn't even suggest that they shouldn't go.

19             But we were careful in the placement because we  
20      didn't want to put it somewhere that was too fluid. You  
21      know how the sand is just so fluid out there? It needed  
22      to be a semipermanent location, so it's in the wooded  
23      area about halfway between where people park their cars  
24      and the base of that first dune.

1           MR. PRICE: We also didn't want it too close to the  
2 entrance to be visible by Route 6 and, therefore,  
3 potentially invite additional folks there.

4           MR. DELANEY: But the survey may get to the  
5 question Mark posed as to how many people actually go to  
6 the dune and get a sense of it and how many people go  
7 beyond, so that would be interesting data.

8           MR. PRICE: Right.

9           MR. DELANEY: Other questions on dune shacks?

10           (No response.)

11           MR. DELANEY: Before, George, you continue your  
12 report, I might act on the subcommittee because it  
13 relates to this. As you remember at our last meeting,  
14 there was -- and before that too -- an agreement among  
15 ourselves that we should have a standing subcommittee,  
16 the purpose of which would be to be ready for probably  
17 only an occasional or annual meeting with George and his  
18 staff as these decisions come up about how to reallocate  
19 or reassign dune shacks as they become available into  
20 the future and to review issues like this perhaps.

21           So I would like to ask -- and I've talked to all of  
22 you about this, but I think following tradition, we  
23 always ask the representative of the town in which this  
24 activity happens, Mary-Jo and Maureen from Provincetown

1 and Truro. And I would ask Mark if he would join that  
2 subcommittee based on the expertise he has in open space  
3 management and moving people around on open space. And  
4 I was part of the original subcommittee on dune shacks,  
5 and so I would continue as well. So I'm suggesting the  
6 four of us, ironically seated right here side by side,  
7 would be the standing subcommittee.

8 Is that all right with everyone?

9 MS. AVELLAR: Yes, it is.

10 MS. BURGESS: (Nods.)

11 MR. DELANEY: So it doesn't need a vote. I think I  
12 have the prerogative to appoint a subcommittee. And as  
13 always, if others want to sit in from time to time or  
14 before, we'll do that, but we'd like to have at least  
15 four people committed to being on call when the  
16 superintendent needs us.

17 MR. PHILBRICK: One of the shacks, I believe, is  
18 still in Eastham. Most of them are in PTown.

19 MR. DELANEY: I don't think so, Dick.

20 MR. NUENDEL: No.

21 MR. PRICE: Not in the historic district.

22 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

23 MR. PRICE: The only shack I'm familiar with in  
24 Eastham is down in the museum. I don't believe we have

1 any on the beaches or in the --

2 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

3 MR. PRICE: But we're talking about this historic  
4 district down in the Province Lands, and I think the  
5 majority of them are in Provincetown. There are about  
6 four of them that are in Truro.

7 MR. DELANEY: Okay, so --

8 MR. PRICE: But I appreciate that, Mr. Chair. I  
9 was the one at the meetings that was really recommending  
10 that we continue to have an advisory committee, a  
11 subcommittee involved. And part of it is, especially as  
12 personnel change over time, I think what is going to be  
13 important is that we try to maintain the essence of  
14 what's in the preservation and use plan. And there is  
15 going to be some flexibility with the numbers because we  
16 talk about percentages that go to one category or  
17 another, but overall the question is, are we trying to  
18 -- are we keeping to the plan really is the goal of that  
19 subcommittee.

20 MR. DELANEY: Good, thank you and thank you,  
21 members of the subcommittee.

22 IMPROVED PROPERTIES/TOWN BYLAWS

23 MR. PRICE: On my report we have a standing note  
24 for improved properties and town bylaws, and we have no

1 report on that at this time.

2 HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

3 MR. PRICE: Herring River Wetland Restoration  
4 Project. Our staff continues to work with the towns on  
5 the EIS and the EIR for next spring, and that's  
6 continuing to be what we're continuing to work on.

7 We have made, and I reported on, a major  
8 presentation we did to the board of selectmen a while  
9 ago, and now, as towns happen, there are a number of new  
10 members on the board of selectmen, so we have to  
11 reorient those new members to what that project is  
12 about.

13 WIND TURBINES/CELL TOWERS

14 MR. PRICE: Wind turbines and cell towers, we have  
15 no new information.

16 SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT PLANNING

17 MR. PRICE: Flexible shore management program,  
18 specifically we've been working on a shorebird  
19 management plan for a while. I will tell you honestly  
20 that it's taken a lot more time than I envisioned.  
21 We've had a couple of meetings with representatives of  
22 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We still have yet  
23 to meet with their endangered species people. We still  
24 have to meet with the state folks.

1           And we've had a staff change; Shelley Hall, who I  
2 introduced to you as the chief of natural resources  
3 management. And she has been working with Kathy Tevyaw,  
4 our deputy superintendent, on the development of the  
5 shorebird management plan. Shelley has just recently  
6 taken a position. She's now the superintendent of  
7 John J. (sic) Fossil Beds.

8           MS. STEPHENSON: Of what?

9           MR. PRICE: John J. (sic) Fossil Beds.

10          MS. TEVYAW: John Day.

11          MR. PRICE: John Day. I said J. I'm sorry. He  
12 was a chief justice. John Day Fossil Beds out of  
13 Oregon. And I think there's actually another site under  
14 her, but she left last month to take that position. So  
15 we're in the process of filling in behind her.

16                 And I think it's fair to say I had originally  
17 envisioned we were going to have a fall rollout of the  
18 public meetings about the environmental assessment, and  
19 frankly, even if Shelley were here, that wasn't going to  
20 be the case. So at this point it looks like that's  
21 going to be pushed off till the spring. The implication  
22 of it means that we'll be managing our shorebird  
23 management program under the same management structure  
24 that we have done the last couple of years because we

1           won't have any documentation or process that could be  
2           codified that would allow us to make any changes.

3           MR. DELANEY:   A question from Maureen?

4           MS. BURGESS:   One question.   Looking over the  
5           minutes, I believe that's where I saw this, but I  
6           understood that the Park Service was required to make a  
7           change in the fencing because you had to look at  
8           potential sites --

9           MR. PRICE:    Yes.

10          MS. BURGESS:  -- not just where it had been  
11          documented it was actually nesting.  Is that right?

12          MR. PRICE:    Actually, the requirement had always  
13          been there, but under our relooking at our management  
14          process, it became evident that we had to become more  
15          conservative as to how we did our management and our  
16          layout that we've done in the past.

17          MS. BURGESS:  So have you found that that's  
18          restricted use?

19          MR. PRICE:    In some cases, it has, yes.

20          MS. BURGESS:  More out towards the Race or is it  
21          all over?

22          MS. TEVYAW:   That's one of the critical areas, pre-  
23          fencing, suitable habitat.

24          MR. PRICE:    We had an on-site visit by



1           aerial campaigns that are also happening July and  
2           February, so February will be the next set. So all this  
3           data is going into a national database that anyone can  
4           access. You just have to log in. But we've had a  
5           really great partnership so far with the community.

6           MR. PRICE: Great. I know a number -- Judy, you  
7           were there. Rich was there.

8           MS. STEPHENSON: I wasn't there.

9           MR. PRICE: You weren't?

10          MS. STEPHENSON: No.

11          MR. PRICE: Maureen was there at the --

12          MS. BURGESS: Ted.

13          MR. PRICE: And Ted was there at the opening. It  
14          was really a neat thing to see everybody there.

15          The ARM folks hadn't really had this kind of a  
16          reception before when they open their things. First of  
17          all, some of the other countries were almost suspicious  
18          as to what they were about, so they weren't exactly  
19          doing a kickoff. But it was a lot of fun. It was kind  
20          of neat.

21                                   ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

22          MR. PRICE: Alternate Transportation Funding. Our  
23          biggest success to date, most recent success anyway, is  
24          receive the funding and let the contracts for the Nauset

1        Bike Trail. So this is the trail that goes from the  
2        Visitors Center parking lot at Salt Pond down to Coast  
3        Guard Beach. That's similar to the Province Lands Bike  
4        Trail, which is one of the first bike trails in the  
5        National Park Service, and it really has been in some  
6        need of repair.

7                So we received the funding. We are still  
8        negotiating as to what type of archaeological compliance  
9        actually has to be done, but that's something that we  
10       believe will be moving ahead on its actual work. And we  
11       have high expectations. The Province Lands Bike Trail I  
12       think turned out so well that we hope that the Nauset  
13       Light will be similarly as spectacular.

14               And also as I mentioned, Mary-Jo, about the  
15       accidents, some of the accidents we're concerned about  
16       being facility related. So, for instance, the roots  
17       coming up through the macadam and creating bumps and  
18       that sort of thing. So we're trying to upgrade the  
19       trail to make it safer. So even though we still have a  
20       lot of bike accidents, as we've examined them, they're  
21       almost all operator error now, for instance, at the  
22       Province Lands as opposed to in the past people were  
23       saying, well, it was too sharp a turn or sand on the  
24       road or whatever. So we're really trying to focus on

1           that in a big way.

2                               HERRING COVE BEACH/REVETMENT

3           MR. PRICE: The Herring Cove revetment, I want to  
4           mention two aspects of that.

5           First, if you recall, starting the last weekend in  
6           December, we had a tremendous amount of storm damage,  
7           and there were four different locations, two of them  
8           combined, that really pulled apart the macadam in front  
9           of the bathhouse and then up near one of the parking  
10          areas in Herring Cove North. We were able to get  
11          emergency funds through our regional office and worked  
12          with an excellent contractor that actually did the  
13          patch-up at the northern end and then did a tremendous  
14          amount of work removing the bituminous and the macadam  
15          coming down. They actually regraded the sand that was  
16          underneath the revetment so that we actually had an  
17          unbelievable sand beach right in front of the bathhouse.  
18          And the part of it that's unbelievable, it lasted the  
19          entire season, which we knew that this was a temporary  
20          fix at the time, that it was really very nice and very  
21          nicely done.

22          MS. STEPHENSON: When is it going to be permanent?

23          MR. PRICE: Well, that's the next part of it.

24          MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.

1           MR. PRICE: The next part of the report is, if you  
2 will recall, we had meetings in Provincetown prior to  
3 the spring, and we are planning on marching upon a  
4 process not unlike the Dune Shack Subcommittee, and I  
5 asked Rich if the Commission would do another  
6 subcommittee. This allows us to do a process to  
7 actually do an environmental assessment process. It  
8 allows for public meetings. It allows for public input  
9 as to how we come up with our -- what we call a  
10 preferred alternative to what the next steps will  
11 actually be. And unlike the Dune Shack Subcommittee,  
12 this process has a lot more prescription to it in that  
13 there are federal policies, state policies that we would  
14 have to get involved in when it comes to shoreline  
15 change and what does and doesn't go obviously. All of  
16 this was done long before there was a CZM.

17           MS. STEPHENSON: A what?

18           MR. PRICE: Coastal Zone Management, the state, and  
19 other types of requirements.

20           So this was done originally by the state as a  
21 (inaudible) and then reinforced by the Park Service in  
22 the 1960s again before the laws changed as to how we  
23 would deal with coastal areas. So the revetment and the  
24 parking lot and the driveway were all done at that time.

1           So things have really changed dramatically both with our  
2           understanding in coastal change and what we are and  
3           aren't allowed to do.

4           So our mission since we met last was to get a  
5           number of different players at the table that we would  
6           actually contract with, so there is a coastal engineer,  
7           some scientists, and some people to facilitate a  
8           process. And unfortunately, it took us all this time  
9           with our own internal contractor to get all those pieces  
10          in place. So I'm happy to report we now have official  
11          contracts with Consensus Building Institute, which was  
12          the group that helped facilitate the dune shacks. We  
13          have Childs Engineering, which is a firm that we've had  
14          a lot of trust in. I worked with them at the Harbor  
15          Islands, and we did some consulting with them out here  
16          already. We have VHB which will actually write the EA.  
17          That's what we're required to do. That's what these  
18          documents are. And Center for Coastal Studies with  
19          their science folks. So we actually feel that on the  
20          professional side of the table we have an excellent team  
21          that will be able to help us.

22          And then we have a lot of interested parties.  
23          Sarah Peake brought together a large group up at  
24          Provincetown last winter that included people from

1 Coastal Zone Management, from the various senators' and  
2 congressmen's offices and that sort of thing. So  
3 basically -- we're basically ready to initiate a process  
4 that would kick this off under the auspices of the  
5 Advisory Commission.

6 MR. DELANEY: Mary-Jo?

7 MS. AVELLAR: Well, my concern is what's going to  
8 happen in the meantime. The meeting that we had that  
9 Sarah convened in Provincetown at the Center for Coastal  
10 Studies was very informative insofar as people from  
11 Marine Fisheries and DEP and a lot of the state agencies  
12 basically told us that this was sort of a new project we  
13 wouldn't be able to do -- to do it. We wouldn't be able  
14 to have this construction, to have this road, to build  
15 this road, but because it's a preexisting, there's  
16 opportunities here for it to be either relocated or  
17 rebuilt. You know, in other words, we can maybe still  
18 have it but maybe somewhere accessible to where it is  
19 now, but my more immediate concern is to have some  
20 preventive measures taken so that we don't have this  
21 happen again this winter.

22 And I was talking to Gordon Peabody. And I don't  
23 know if anybody is familiar with Gordon, but he did a  
24 big reclamation, a huge reclamation project at Truro

1           where there's an enormous amount of beach erosion, and I  
2           said to him, "You know, what you did, why can't the Park  
3           Service use your services to do these stop gap measures  
4           because this is going to take forever to do?" I mean,  
5           we all know how slow the government works. So my  
6           concern is that the parking lot doesn't collapse again  
7           this winter, that we all go through this all over again,  
8           that you aren't able to get emergency funding, let's  
9           say, next year, and then all of a sudden New Beach  
10          cannot be used. And so this is the concern that people  
11          in Provincetown have. It's one of the major concerns.  
12          I'll be bringing up the other one later on, but I'm  
13          concerned about the immediate future because I know -- I  
14          know how long this dune shack thing took. How many  
15          years? Ten?

16                 MR. DELANEY: Twenty.

17                 MS. AVELLAR: I mean, how long did it take us to  
18                 forge a collaborative future back before you were our  
19                 superintendent? That document took years. So this is  
20                 the most important public beach in Provincetown, and we  
21                 need to prevent it from going under this coming winter.

22                 MR. DELANEY: I might respond a little bit to that.  
23                 I think we all share those concerns. And I do too, as  
24                 does George. And so we envision a process that will be

1 much more expedited than the dune shack. The timetable  
2 would be very fast. We would look at all -- we, this  
3 group, which would be the steering committee for this  
4 EA, would bring all of those options you mentioned and  
5 more onto the table. We have the scientists lined up to  
6 tell us whether or not they're going to (inaudible), you  
7 know, physical oceanography. We have the engineers  
8 lined up to tell us which ones will function, what about  
9 feasible engineering-wise, costwise. And we'll have the  
10 regulators at the same table, so the regulators can say  
11 right at the outset, "That one is with the regulations.  
12 That one requires a waiver" or whatever.

13 So I think we all should have concerns, but I think  
14 this one -- I'm confident will move quickly within the  
15 year, within a few months or a year's amount of time, I  
16 should say, including temporary and permanent solutions.  
17 So I'm confident. And now that the organizations have  
18 been subcontracted and are ready to go, we can launch  
19 this.

20 MS. AVELLAR: I hope so because that's my favorite  
21 beach, for sure. You can take your dog to that one.  
22 And the Visitors Services Board, the Chamber of  
23 Commerce, the board of selectmen, all these people are  
24 going to start to wonder, you know, about this again,

1 and I'm going to be happy to report back to them that  
2 you're telling us this will be an expedited process.

3 MR. DELANEY: And I will be asking in a minute to  
4 be on that subcommittee.

5 MS. AVELLAR: I certainly want to be on the  
6 subcommittee.

7 MR. DELANEY: I'm sure you'll say yes.

8 Before that Judy had a question.

9 MS. STEPHENSON: I had a question because I'm very  
10 unfamiliar with this area. Is this where the bathhouse  
11 is?

12 MR. PRICE: Yes, yes.

13 MS. STEPHENSON: So what is the connection between  
14 this and the bathhouse project?

15 MR. PRICE: Two different projects, same location.

16 MS. STEPHENSON: What does that mean? Is the  
17 bathhouse project just the building without the road  
18 around it as part of its project?

19 MR. PRICE: Pretty much. The bathhouse project is  
20 actually going to be moved back behind the existing  
21 bathhouse.

22 MS. STEPHENSON: We saw that when I was there.

23 MR. PRICE: Yes, right.

24 MS. STEPHENSON: And we talked about a road back

1 behind it.

2 MR. PRICE: Well, no, that road was still there.

3 MS. STEPHENSON: The idea was to hope for the road  
4 in front of it as well depending on what this study  
5 comes up with? I just want to know what you're trying  
6 to do.

7 MS. AVELLAR: Well, the road in front of the  
8 bathhouse was the road that took you to Race Point back  
9 when I was a kid, and that was the road. And when you  
10 go past the bathhouse where there's no more lifeguards  
11 in that area, keep on going on the road. We get to it  
12 from a different area. You don't get to it the way you  
13 used to. So that caved in as well. So this area in  
14 front of the bathhouse, as I remember, was like two  
15 separate areas that combined. And then there were a  
16 couple of areas past the bathhouse that also caved in.

17 MS. STEPHENSON: I just wanted to know how it was  
18 connected to the bathhouse project.

19 MS. AVELLAR: It's not.

20 MR. PRICE: They're basically stand-alone projects  
21 in the same location.

22 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay, that's all I wanted to know.

23 MR. PRICE: And the bathhouse project was teed up  
24 much earlier than this. We thought we had a couple more

1 years on this. We knew it was inevitable. I certainly  
2 didn't anticipate, neither did the scientists, that it  
3 was going to happen this fast.

4 MS. STEPHENSON: Is the bathhouse project on here  
5 in the report?

6 MR. PRICE: Yes.

7 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.

8 MR. DELANEY: Bill, a question?

9 MR. CLARK: I think I read in the paper that the  
10 bathhouse project was \$5 million was allocated.

11 MR. PRICE: Yes.

12 MR. CLARK: Just for the bathhouse?

13 MR. PRICE: Well, it was --

14 MR. CLARK: That's sure to be quite a bathhouse.

15 MR. PRICE: Well, actually, it's the major  
16 demolition of what's there, and then it's landscaping,  
17 the construction, the hooking up to the Provincetown  
18 wastewater system. And all of those treatments are -- I  
19 think it's \$5.2 million.

20 MR. CLARK: I just assumed it included the parking  
21 lot and --

22 MR. PRICE: No, not at all. This facility -- in  
23 fact, I don't know if Karst put the signs back up in the  
24 lobby. Take a look at it again as you walk out, and

1           you'll see what it looks like. So that facility is  
2           intended to be somewhat mobile. It's not trailers. You  
3           don't hook up to the hitch, but say in 20 years from now  
4           we have a whole new configuration of Herring Cove Beach  
5           as a result of sea level rise or something. Then the  
6           managers at that point would be able to salvage those.  
7           They could be picked up by a crane, and if there are new  
8           footings or new places in that area, to maintain those  
9           things.

10                 We were not interested in places like Assateague  
11           Island, for example, that basically their facilities can  
12           be picked up by a forklift and carried off of the island  
13           for the winter. This we believed, and really fought for  
14           them, the need to have the type of facility you can see  
15           out there, but yes, it is expensive. And that's where  
16           we are.

17                 MS. TEVYAW: Unlike the other beaches, it includes  
18           the concession and garage facilities.

19                 MS. AVELLAR: So we still have a concession stand?

20                 MR. PRICE: Yes.

21                 MR. DELANEY: So we do need a subcommittee to guide  
22           and steer forward this EA process, and as George  
23           mentioned a few minutes ago, this again sort of based on  
24           the Dune Shack Committee, but even more wide-ranging, we

1           need some external people. So I have asked the town to  
2           be represented by the town manager, and she's asked  
3           David Gardner, her assistant, to sit in on our committee  
4           because he will have contact with a number of  
5           departments in the town. We have asked the state  
6           Coastal Zone Management Office to have a representative  
7           since a lot of this will be evolving coastal policy and  
8           regulations that are now in force. We have asked at the  
9           regional level Chief Scientist -- Regional Scientist  
10          Mary Foley to actually participate in the discussions in  
11          part because this will be a bit of an innovative  
12          solution to an area that is obviously impacted by  
13          coastal erosion, and there will be some regional and  
14          National Park policies that will have some interest in  
15          what we're doing and should be an obvious liaison with  
16          that level of discussion within the Park Service itself.

17                 And, Mary-Jo, I would ask you once again to step  
18          up.

19                 MS. AVELLAR: Yes.

20                 MR. DELANEY: And then I've also asked Mark  
21          Robinson to be a fifth person on that committee with  
22          myself again. So a subcommittee that I think covers a  
23          lot of the external and internal agencies,  
24          organizations, and interests, and that would be the one

1           that would guide this series of meetings. We would host  
2           at least three, maybe four meetings from sort of the  
3           initial look at the science and the options; the second  
4           meeting to evaluate the options and start to steer the  
5           process towards a preferred one or two; and then, of  
6           course, public input would be part and parcel of all  
7           those. And then I do, as I said a minute ago, think  
8           this could move along pretty nicely, pretty quickly.

9           MR. PRICE: So I share my confidence with Rich that  
10          we can move this along pretty nicely.

11          The fly in the ointment, Mary-Jo, will be if we  
12          come up with a solution of what's it going to cost and  
13          how quickly can we get paid for it. So that's  
14          fundamentally different than the dune shack discussion,  
15          but that's where we are on this one.

16          MS. AVELLAR: That's where the emergency measures  
17          are a concern to me, you know, so that if you get  
18          somebody like Gordon who knows how to do this kind of  
19          stuff, who is local, I think that's really important  
20          because he did save that beach. I forget which beach it  
21          is.

22          MS. BURGESS: It's Ballston.

23          MS. AVELLAR: Ballston Beach where the shark was.

24          MS. BURGESS: Right.

1           MS. McKEAN: He did have a dune to build in that  
2 situation.

3           MS. AVELLAR: Huh?

4           MS. McKEAN: They did dune rebuilding in that  
5 situation and put in snow fasteners. I guess that's  
6 really the challenge. There isn't a dune to rebuild.

7           MS. AVELLAR: Well, the dune -- he has the dune now  
8 on the other side of the road which never existed  
9 before. And I think I heard at the last meeting --  
10 somebody said that you were not allowed to move sand  
11 from one side of the road to the other. Even if it  
12 blows off of the beach side and creates dune on the  
13 other side, we're not allowed to move that sand back on  
14 the beach, which I thought was the dumbest thing I'd  
15 ever heard in my life. I mean, I did. I couldn't help  
16 it. I asked Mark Adams about it one night, you know,  
17 was that really true. And he said, "Well, you know,  
18 there's this rule and that rule." But it just makes  
19 sense to me that emergency measures be taken in the  
20 winter to prevent as much as possible the erosion that  
21 caused the North parking lot to be undermined.

22           MR. DELANEY: Well, there will be no dumb ideas  
23 here. We will examine every possibility. So we'll  
24 bring that forward, and that rebuilding and potential

1 dune, all those things will be on the table for us to  
2 examine.

3 MR. CLARK: Just for curiosity, is it a (inaudible)  
4 zone? What zone is it, do we know?

5 MS. McKEAN: (Inaudible).

6 MR. CLARK: So does everything have to be on  
7 pilings there like a beach house? The bathhouse?

8 MR. PRICE: The bathhouse is.

9 MR. DELANEY: It's a challenging problem. Just  
10 high energy beach, very dynamic coastal processes, very  
11 important resource for the town. I mean, all of the big  
12 drivers come together on this one stretch of beach.

13 MR. PRICE: And you can see what it looks like  
14 during the winter.

15 MS. AVELLAR: You don't have a picture of the North  
16 parking lot there, but if you did have a picture of the  
17 North parking lot, the local people have already come up  
18 with a solution, which is to put the road on the other  
19 side of the dune that the Park Service created. And  
20 it's a simple solution, but it's going to take this  
21 study to figure it out.

22 MR. PRICE: Okay, next -- well, thank you very  
23 much. I feel good about this, and this is something  
24 we'll be getting off the ground. We'll be activating

1 the contracts with the Consensus Building Institute, and  
2 their first task will be to do a number of interviews  
3 prior to even our first scoping meeting, which we'll  
4 work with them on this. They'll be contacting people  
5 about schedules, and we'll set up a schedule when we  
6 start that. And those meetings will be open to the  
7 public, so you will all be notified. So if anybody  
8 wants to see what's going on there, you can. Otherwise  
9 we'll be giving you updates.

10 OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

11 MR. PRICE: On other construction projects, the big  
12 one, of course, is now the Herring Cove bathhouse. So  
13 two things that I want to mention about that.

14 One, we're again pleased with this. You all might  
15 recall, this was bumped up on the schedule by two years.  
16 We'll actually be breaking ground approximately  
17 Halloween or this December, and we expect that we will  
18 have it open to the public in the new configuration that  
19 you see on there by this coming season. So that is  
20 fantastic. And the Park Service again, in my  
21 experience, this is great. I'm not sure what will  
22 happen to the rest of the beach by then, though, but  
23 we'll have the bathhouse.

24 So here's a new piece that I --

1           MS. STEPHENSON: The new house you might not be  
2           able to get to.

3           MR. PRICE: Oh, no, you can get to the bathhouse.  
4           The question is, where else can you get after you've had  
5           a bath?

6           (Laughter.)

7           MR. PRICE: Here's something just as an FYI. So I  
8           was approached by Jay Critchley from Provincetown, who  
9           we worked with through the Provincetown Compact, which  
10          is a nonprofit organization, and Jay, they actually  
11          managed two of the dune shacks and was involved in a  
12          number of activities, including a lot of public art-type  
13          activities. And Jay approached me. He thought I would  
14          probably close my door in his face or something over a  
15          public art project, but little did he know that I had  
16          been actually very involved with public art in the Park  
17          Service in a couple of other locations. My friends out  
18          of Golden Gate have done this. I've done this numerous  
19          times when I was at Lowell. Lowell considered itself  
20          all about public art. Paul Tsongas was big behind the  
21          scene. He and his family actually contributed some  
22          public art. So we did a lot of permanent and temporary  
23          solutions.

24          So Jay said, "What if before this building is torn

1 down, this 1950s bathhouse, can't we use it for some  
2 sort of a program?" I thought that was a great idea.  
3 So Jay now has been going a thousand miles an hour.  
4 There was a big article in the *Banner* a couple of  
5 *Banners* ago about the idea. Jay's been soliciting  
6 artists. It's all going to be G and PG rated. He  
7 assures me of that, and I've been reviewing some of the  
8 stuff. That was my only requirement. I'm not going to  
9 be -- I'm not a critic of the art, but certainly in a  
10 public space like this, it's going to be available for  
11 all members of the public. But I sat down with him and  
12 with some of our staff members, and he shared with us  
13 some of the concepts. And it's very exciting. So  
14 there's everything from theater to projection to art to  
15 statuary to performances, to all kinds of things that  
16 will be spread over a ten-day period of time.

17 MS. STEPHENSON: You mean in the old bathhouse?

18 MR. PRICE: The old bathhouse.

19 MS. STEPHENSON: Before it's torn down?

20 MR. PRICE: Before it's torn down, yeah.

21 So we're going to have all of our material out of  
22 there -- by next week?

23 MS. TEVYAW: The 13th or something.

24 MR. PRICE: The 13th we'll have everything out.

1 Jay will then have like a week to do the installations.  
2 The exhibitory will be for ten days. It will be a very  
3 ambitious day and evening series of programs. It's  
4 going to have a reception and everything. And then he's  
5 got another week to clean it up or take it down before  
6 the demolition starts.

7 MS. STEPHENSON: What time frame do you think it  
8 would be for him? The ten days? Do you know during  
9 what time the ten-day program is?

10 MS. TEVYAW: Well, there's no lighting out there,  
11 so I don't think he's going to create much -- is it  
12 going all the way into the evening?

13 MR. PRICE: Yeah, he's bringing lighting out there.

14 MS. TEVYAW: I haven't seen the agenda yet.

15 MS. STEPHENSON: I mean, is it the 1st of October  
16 to the 10th?

17 MS. TEVYAW: The last day is September 28, so it's  
18 the 18th to the 28th.

19 MS. STEPHENSON: The 18th of September to the 28th.

20 MS. McKEAN: I thought the installation was the  
21 28th.

22 MR. PRICE: Yes?

23 MS. McKEAN: It's a ten-day period.

24 MS. TEVYAW: I'll find out.

1           MR. PRICE:  Would you find out?  I was trying to  
2 refresh myself.  The only document I have is the total  
3 permit for him, for when he can begin the installation  
4 till when he has to be out, so I was not clear --  
5 actually, Marianne, you did an article on that.

6           AUDIENCE MEMBER:  Yeah, but I think it starts on  
7 the 28th.

8           MR. PRICE:  I'm not recalling when the actual  
9 exhibition is.  All I know is how much time he has to  
10 pull permits start to finish.  Anyway, a number of us  
11 went over to see.  We're very enthusiastic about it.  We  
12 think this will be really something.  There are dozens  
13 of artists there that want to get involved in this.  I  
14 think that will be very --

15          MS. AVELLAR:  He made a gallery in his old cesspool  
16 on his property.  Very innovative guy.  He started *Swim*  
17 *for Life*, which was in its 25th year this year.  More  
18 than 400 people swam from Long Point down to  
19 Provincetown to raise money for HIV and AIDS.

20          MS. STEPHENSON:  I think I read about that.

21          MR. DELANEY:  Don?

22          MR. NUENDEL:  George, before you move on to other  
23 construction projects, can you refresh my memory?  Did  
24 they finish the repairs on the Red Maple Swamp Trail

1 where the decking was done?

2 MR. PRICE: No.

3 MR. NUENDEL: Oh, okay.

4 MR. PRICE: In fact, we've never -- we haven't  
5 started it.

6 MR. NUENDEL: That's what I thought, but I wasn't  
7 sure.

8 MR. PRICE: No, but it was a nice way that you  
9 phrased it.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. NUENDEL: I didn't want to put you on the spot.

12 MR. PRICE: Well, no, that's fine. Gee, it's  
13 probably been three years now.

14 MR. NUENDEL: At least two winters.

15 MR. PRICE: We have two trails.

16 MS. TEVYAW: September 28 to October 7.

17 MR. PRICE: Okay, September 28 to October 7. We'll  
18 make sure you're on the mailing list for the flyer.

19 We have two trails that involve swamps, the Red  
20 Maple Swamp and the White Cedar Swamp. The White Cedar  
21 Swamp is out here at Marconi. It's one of my favorites.  
22 I've taken my kids there when they were little. The Red  
23 Maple Swamp is also one of my favorites and a bunch of  
24 other people's favorites, and that's right off of the

1 trail off of Fort Hill. That boardwalk collapsed in  
2 sections, a couple of sections. So what we did  
3 initially is we just closed off a couple of sections.  
4 Then, as our people reviewed it, we found there was more  
5 and more that was going to collapse next, so two summers  
6 ago we actually went out and we demolished a large part  
7 of it because people were hopping off of our barriers  
8 and still walking across the trail.

9 We received a number of criticisms about that  
10 trail, and we came up with a pretty significant estimate  
11 to have it repaired. We since went back and started to  
12 do a new analysis; things like, are we able to maintain  
13 the posts that were sunk into the swamp in the '60s, or  
14 do we have to replace them? If we do, do we use the  
15 cedar that we've taken down in some of our clearing  
16 exercises or not? So it's gone back and forth, and  
17 Karst told me fairly recently the damage is actually  
18 more extensive than they thought. So we are,  
19 unfortunately, still having to keep the actual boardwalk  
20 part of the trail closed. So that you can still walk  
21 back on the path at Fort Hill all the way to Hemingway  
22 Landing and back, but you don't have the experience of  
23 the trail itself. So unfortunately, that is a project  
24 that we still need to investigate, come up with a real

1 cost factor and figure out how we're going to proceed on  
2 that.

3 MR. NUENDEL: Thank you.

4 MR. PRICE: Don works at the front desk at the  
5 Visitors Center quite a bit, so he gets the complaints.

6 MR. NUENDEL: Well, I want to make sure I have the  
7 right information. That was my motive for asking that  
8 question actually.

9 MR. PRICE: I think also last year we were still  
10 finishing up the work at the Province Lands Visitors  
11 Center that has now totally been completed, which we  
12 feel good about.

13 LAND PROTECTION

14 MR. PRICE: The land protection plan, Lauren?

15 MS. McKEAN: The land protection plan, the last  
16 time the Park really bid a revised land protection plan,  
17 public version was 1989. We've had it in place. We've  
18 had the same lists basically of properties on that land  
19 protection plan; post-1959 construction of developed  
20 properties, subdividable properties as well as  
21 unimproved properties as well as town land for  
22 exchanges, and one commercial property is on that list.  
23 So it's been useful to us to continue to maintain the  
24 list as we get priorities requested each year from the

1 regional office level, and that's how we've been able to  
2 get access to funds for the Biddle property and North of  
3 Highlands.

4 But Mark Robinson stepped forward from The Compact  
5 of Cape Cod Conservation Trust with Mike Lach, his  
6 assistant director, and they had Augusta Cullity this  
7 summer, who's an intern. She's finishing up in October,  
8 and she's helping them with a revision of the land  
9 protection priority listing for us taking into account  
10 about a dozen factors of environmental and cultural  
11 significance. You know, is it near a wetland? Is it  
12 near other conservation lands? That kind of question is  
13 being asked. We have Mark Adams doing GIS mapping for  
14 us, and so we're working through, and we'll have a nice  
15 new categorized list for planning and more priorities  
16 for acquisition.

17 MR. DELANEY: Good. Questions for Mark?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. DELANEY: Mark, thanks to you and your  
20 organization for assisting once again. That's great.  
21 Appreciate it.

22 OCEAN STEWARDSHIP TOPICS - SHORELINE CHANGE

23 MR. PRICE: We have a standing topic, ocean  
24 stewardship. Actually, most of what I have has more to

1 do with, say, the dangers to the Seashore as well as  
2 some of the things that we're working on, but you may  
3 have seen the article. The *Cape Cod Times* had a front-  
4 page piece about it and also an editorial the other day,  
5 but a report came out by the Rocky Mountain Climate  
6 Organization and the Natural Resources Defense Council  
7 talking about seashores in peril. It talked basically  
8 about all the seashores up and down the East Coast and  
9 highlighted the Cape obviously.

10 And it really does dramatically I think try to put  
11 into the public a lot of the things we have experienced.  
12 Obviously just on an average we lose about three feet a  
13 year on the ocean side, but projections for sea level  
14 rise and climate change are really -- the models are  
15 that that will be exponentially changed over the next  
16 1,500 years. So it's really now is when we're dealing  
17 with this. It isn't some mythical in the future or  
18 future generations that are dealing with it, for sure.

19 And the other good news is we've recently again  
20 contracted for the next few years on some continuing  
21 efforts with Graham Giese and the Center for Coastal  
22 Studies on coastal change being able to work with  
23 our own Mark Adams, so that to me is good news at  
24 least.

1           Also, our regional office has hired an employee, a  
2 coastal geomorphologist of our own. He's located down  
3 at URI, who will also be working with us on projects as  
4 well as other parks. Remember, from Acadia to Fire  
5 Island to Sandy Hook to Assateague, there are a lot of  
6 coastal parks even in just this region alone that are  
7 facing the same issues we are.

8           MR. DELANEY: George, if I might just add, this  
9 report points out that even though there will be  
10 significant coastal erosion problems along the entire  
11 East Coast, the Northeast actually endures a greater  
12 percentage of storm damage against sea level rise. It's  
13 projected to be more severe here, and one of the  
14 recommendations is that parks in all areas, but  
15 especially here, should have the best available  
16 scientific understanding of how that increased sea level  
17 will affect the resources, whether it be salt marshes or  
18 dunes, and then that would, of course, enable the parks  
19 to take management decisions that could adapt to or  
20 respond to it.

21           So we're pleased to have been a partner. We  
22 continue to be a partner with the -- putting my Center  
23 for Coastal Studies hat on -- with the Park to help  
24 develop that scientific database for future decisions.

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CAPE WIDE BIKE PLANNING

MR. PRICE: Moving to Cape Wide Bike Planning, bike planning continues to be a major initiative, and we're working very closely with the Cape Cod Commission. There was a recent large public meeting here in Wellfleet, a lot of enthusiastic bike supporters and then also some concern by local property owners as to what the implication is.

I've had a number of people approach me basically unsolicited very enthusiastic about bikes and their concerns even outside of -- way outside of the Seashore boundaries, but being able to have bikes be a very safe access and passage for people not on bike trails but along the roads. There was an RTA bus driver came up and talked to me. And then, interestingly enough, a couple of people came up to me at the Friends gala, and one was a Realtor from Orleans. And for those of you that have taken my Park Service orientation program that I've done with Commission members, you will remember that I talk about the demographics as an issue on the Cape where younger people are not staying; mostly retirees are moving in. And he saw that program, and he made the nexus between bike infrastructure and younger families. He said, you know, every younger family he

1 has come to his real estate office in Orleans has bike  
2 racks on the back of their vehicle. He says that  
3 amenity is a very important aspect for quality of life.  
4 So he says he thinks bike trails are terrific. He says  
5 he just wants them to be safe and, especially if we're  
6 going to design these things to be parallel to busy  
7 roads, how are we going to do it to keep these people  
8 safe.

9 So what I really appreciate is that people are  
10 talking about this. This is getting to be really a  
11 major buzz and I think very, very exciting. And as we  
12 have these bike committees, as we try to get these  
13 projects lined up, I'm looking forward to certainly what  
14 the next ten years is going to bring us with new bike  
15 trail development. And we're continuing to work with  
16 the Town of Provincetown, for instance, on making a safe  
17 crossing that would go from the bike trail in the  
18 Province Lands to downtown to MacMillan Wharf. And then  
19 MacMillan Wharf would be where the bike trailer could  
20 pick you up.

21 So all of these are starting to come together, and  
22 I think that's a good thing for us.

23 FRIENDS OF THE CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE

24 MR. PRICE: Speaking of the Friends, the Friends of

1 Cape Cod National Seashore had their 25th anniversary  
2 this year. There was a really nice gala at the back of  
3 the Visitors Center at the end of August. Sebastian  
4 Junger was there, and he spoke and talked about how he's  
5 living on the Cape full time now in Truro and all the  
6 Cape meant to him during all of his travels, and I  
7 thought it was very nice. They did a great, great  
8 program.

9 UPDATE ON COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

10 MR. PRICE: I had on this -- hopefully this is the  
11 last agenda I need to have Update on Advisory Commission  
12 Appointments. I think Maureen here has probably been  
13 the longest pending appointee I've been involved with  
14 since I've been on the Commission.

15 MS. STEPHENSON: Really?

16 MR. PRICE: Even longer than yours, Judy.

17 MS. STEPHENSON: Oh, my goodness. That was long.  
18 A year.

19 MR. PRICE: But it finally happened. And Mark had  
20 been introduced to us as the new state representative  
21 before the spring.

22 You actually have your paperwork from the  
23 Secretary.

24 MR. ROBINSON: Mr. Salazar's signature.

1 MR. PRICE: Great. Save it and don't sell it.

2 (Laughter.)

3 THE SALT POND VISITORS CENTER RE-NAMING ISSUE

4 MR. PRICE: Then the last item I had, last time we  
5 talked a lot about the Tip O'Neill naming of the Salt  
6 Pond Visitors Center, and a lot of people were concerned  
7 about that. In your packets I received a memo from  
8 Congressman Hastings Keith's family that I wanted to  
9 make sure that you all had this memo and their thoughts.

10 And actually, one of Congressman Keith's daughters  
11 is here today who's going to want to address the group  
12 at some point, Mr. Chair, either during a dialogue about  
13 this or during New Business, but I just wanted you to be  
14 aware of that as well.

15 That's all I have.

16 MR. DELANEY: Thank you.

17 I would invite you to identify yourself and speak  
18 now. We usually wait for public comment, but because  
19 it's so germane to the topic that's in front of us,  
20 would you like to make some comments now?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER (CAROLYN KEITH SILVIA): Is it all  
22 right if I remain seated? I think I'd feel more  
23 comfortable.

24 MR. DELANEY: Absolutely, yeah.

1           AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): My sister  
2 Helen is much more comfortable speaking in front of  
3 crowds, but she's working today up in Vermont approving  
4 grants for Head Start. So is that okay if I --

5           MR. PRICE: It is. I just want to make sure --  
6 Linda, can you hear?

7           THE COURT REPORTER: I can actually.

8           MR. PRICE: You can sit there.

9           AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): Okay.

10          MR. DELANEY: Just your name, if you would.

11          AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): It's Carolyn  
12 Keith Silvia, S-I-L-V-I-A, from Bridgewater,  
13 Massachusetts.

14          And I want to thank you, Superintendent Price, for  
15 letting me come today and speak.

16          My concern or our concern has been that we had  
17 wished that the Commission could take a stance to not  
18 change the name of the Visitors Center because we think  
19 that it sends a message to the public in general that  
20 history is a little bit different than what really  
21 happened back then and about the team that worked so  
22 hard to have that fall together to be such a beautiful  
23 creation.

24          So excuse me. I'm sorry. I wasn't nervous really,

1 but I wanted to say one thing about the history, and  
2 that is that I think that a couple of wonderful books  
3 have been written, one of them being Francis Burling's  
4 book back in the '70s and also the book that is the one  
5 that's called -- about the alliance -- Charles Foster's  
6 1985 *Cape Cod National Seashore: A Landmark Alliance*.  
7 The Burling book -- and it could have something to do  
8 with the fact that I bought the last four copies that  
9 were at the Visitors Center. The man who runs the  
10 bookstore gave me the books for \$1.50 each. He said he  
11 didn't want them anymore, wouldn't be carrying them  
12 anymore because nobody wanted them. I just wanted you  
13 to know that this is the history that everybody agreed  
14 back then and worked together and worked so hard to put  
15 together, and there are hundreds of names of people who  
16 worked on that team. And my father was only a part of  
17 that team, but he was the congressman who did -- with  
18 the Kennedys and the Saltonstalls did -- his name is on  
19 that bill. But it concerned me that you can still get  
20 -- if you'd like to get a copy of the Burling book, I  
21 checked today. You can get -- there is one copy  
22 available at Amazon. It costs \$64.68. If you would  
23 like to get a copy of Charles Foster's 1985 *National*  
24 *Seashore: A Landmark Alliance*, you can get one new copy

1           for \$187.94 on Amazon. You can get paperbacks, though.  
2           So that's the good news. I got the last one that you  
3           had of that, I guess, and the paperbacks are \$7 through  
4           Amazon, so that's good. But neither of these books, as  
5           of this morning, are being stocked at your Visitors  
6           Center, and that is a big concern to me. I don't care  
7           whether this man sells books for all of the other  
8           national parks, which I believe he does. I just think  
9           that these books should be available to the public  
10          because I think when you walk in and you see that  
11          Visitors Center with one name on it, you think that that  
12          person was the person responsible or the primary person  
13          responsible. And in reality he wasn't. He was one of  
14          many congressmen who filed bills. There was Congressman  
15          Philbin. There was Congressman Keith, whose bill went  
16          through. There was --

17                 MR. PRICE: Congressman Boland.

18                 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): Yes, Boland,  
19                 O'Neill, Philbin, and then there was a Senator Nuremberg  
20                 or Neuberger and James. There were so many people. And  
21                 the work on this park actually didn't just begin back in  
22                 that era, in the -- it began in the '50s. It began in  
23                 the '40s. It began really with Thoreau. And there's  
24                 just so much more than to assign a different name to

1           this than what it is. Salt Pond Visitors Center, we  
2           feel very strongly that that is the way it should be  
3           left because it doesn't twist history, and especially  
4           the books aren't in there to show that history was  
5           different. That's how I feel, and that's how my sister  
6           feels. I don't think -- and I think that that would be  
7           how Tip O'Neill would feel too because he was part of  
8           that whole movement, and he worked hard and was a team  
9           player.

10                 I was going to make -- I did make a list this  
11           morning of all of the names I found just in the  
12           introduction to the book, of the Burling book, but I  
13           won't bore you with that. But there are so many names  
14           of team members who worked together to see this seashore  
15           come to fruition, and I just would really, really want  
16           to say that we would certainly hope that it would stay  
17           that way. My sister and I were hoping that at least  
18           there could be a public hearing somewhere on the Cape  
19           because, as Tip O'Neill said -- I'm grammatically off a  
20           little bit -- politics is local. So if it's local, then  
21           why doesn't the local area have a say in this? Have a  
22           say in this? And that's to me a concern. I don't think  
23           Mr. O'Neill would have wanted it this way.

24                 So that's basically all we have to say.

1           MR. DELANEY: Well, thank you. And while this  
2           commission did not take a specific action or position at  
3           our last meeting, I think the record will show there was  
4           concern among us about a precedent that might be set by  
5           the fact that we too recognize there were lots of people  
6           involved in the creation of this park that should be  
7           honored in some form or fashion. We also I think all  
8           view this as one of the great examples of bipartisan  
9           effort back then that should continue these days.

10           And so you may know, and I want to tell the  
11           Commission, that sentiment was related directly to  
12           Congressman Markey and to the O'Neill family. And as of  
13           this point, the legislation has been withdrawn, and it  
14           has been withdrawn with the request of the O'Neill  
15           family because they too realized that Tip would have  
16           recognized the numerous people that were involved in  
17           this. He would not want to have a controversial naming  
18           of a building for him or anyone else ruin that great  
19           history. So the O'Neill family asked for the  
20           legislation to be withdrawn. Congressman Markey agreed  
21           to that readily. So I think at this point there is no  
22           effort to rename that building.

23           AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): When did that  
24           news come out? Because I would have thought that the

1 O'Neill family might have reached out to us.

2 MR. DELANEY: George, do you want to update me?

3 MR. PRICE: No, I actually don't have an update.  
4 My question is, is Congress back in session yet? I  
5 thought it couldn't be withdrawn until it's back.

6 MS. STEPHENSON: Today.

7 MS. AVELLAR: Today.

8 MR. PRICE: But I don't know.

9 MR. DELANEY: Okay.

10 MR. PRICE: Not to quibble about the details, you  
11 have information I don't have.

12 MR. DELANEY: No, just to be I think -- if it  
13 hasn't been -- if the last legislative steps have not  
14 been completed, let me state my report the other way.  
15 There is affirmative intent on behalf of the congressman  
16 to take that final step, and he has put that in motion.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): I'll believe  
18 it when we see it, but I really hope you're right. That  
19 would be wonderful. I think that maybe somebody just  
20 got carried away being the hundredth anniversary of his  
21 birthday.

22 MR. DELANEY: That may be what happened, but I've  
23 had conversations directly with the congressman. I've  
24 had conversations with the O'Neill family, and what I'm

1 reporting back is what they wanted the Commission to  
2 know, that the O'Neill family as well did not want to  
3 push something that is going to be -- leave a bad taste  
4 in the public's mouth of Tip's great record because he  
5 contributed all kinds of things to this park and  
6 elsewhere across the park systems and to the state, and  
7 so I think you will see as soon as the final legislative  
8 vote can be taken, this will be put at rest.

9 Dick?

10 MR. PHILBRICK: The matter of naming national park  
11 features for particular people or companies or causes  
12 ought to be put at rest because it will crop up again.  
13 And it did crop up in Yellowstone, and they had a very  
14 dangerous, out-of-control situation going with many  
15 enterprises in the region wanting to get their name  
16 attached to park's features, and they'd make great  
17 contributions as well. And that's just speaking of  
18 history, as part of the history that someone should look  
19 it up and note it. And I think it would be very wise if  
20 we could start the idea of a new policy being  
21 established that would prohibit or somehow control this  
22 sort of activity or preempt it.

23 MR. DELANEY: I think the superintendent has stated  
24 that generally the national policy is to not name parks

1 after individuals, but that does not apply to the  
2 Congress who could unilaterally and has in the past  
3 taken these steps.

4 So, George, is that an accurate representation?

5 MR. PRICE: That is correct. The National Park  
6 Service policy is that we do not name facilities after  
7 individuals, but on the other hand, the Congress has  
8 that prerogative, and if it's passed in a law and gets  
9 signed by the President, then that becomes the law. So,  
10 for instance, when I was at Lowell National Historical  
11 Park, the Senate passed a voice vote to name the Tsongas  
12 Industrial History Center after Senator Paul Tsongas  
13 when he was still alive and then named the Patrick Mogan  
14 Cultural Center after Pat Mogan when he was still alive.  
15 I believe he might still be. Very elderly. So they  
16 have that prerogative. We do not. And if you go in  
17 West Virginia, you'll see a lot of Senator Byrd visitor  
18 centers, but that's nothing -- that's outside of our  
19 purview, for sure.

20 And as I said to you early on, the Park Service  
21 informed me that we were in favor of the Markey  
22 legislation as it was stated, and basically we did not  
23 have comment on pending legislation. So until this is  
24 actually withdrawn, we certainly don't have anything to

1 say about it. You know, everything that you talked  
2 about as far as the team effort towards this, this is my  
3 understanding for the Seashore, but I also know because  
4 of my involvement with parks elsewhere in the state that  
5 congressmen and Speaker O'Neill also had a tremendous  
6 influence on national parks in Massachusetts and  
7 supported them elsewhere throughout the country. So  
8 that is a legitimate part of his record, for sure. We  
9 have about almost 20 units of the National Park system  
10 in Massachusetts, and Tip was a big supporter of that.  
11 He was a strong part of that delegation. So he deserves  
12 credit, but the question is, how does the credit get  
13 distributed and what do you name something or not name  
14 something? So maybe it's been put to rest.

15 MR. DELANEY: Mary-Jo?

16 MS. AVELLAR: I hope that what you said is true.  
17 Someone who asked me not to tell his name out told me  
18 that he believed that this legislation was going to be  
19 tabled as well.

20 I'm concerned about the question of the book not  
21 being distributed in the bookstore, and I'll tell you  
22 what Ed Markey told me at the Democratic Convention in  
23 June out in Springfield. He said the reason -- you  
24 know, I kind of like -- if you can imagine, I went up

1 and grabbed him by the shoulder, and he told me that the  
2 reason he was doing this is because Tip O'Neill worked  
3 so well with President Reagan during the nasty James  
4 Watt time, that this was the impetus. This is the  
5 reason why he wanted to do it, was because of that whole  
6 issue and how well Tip worked with the late President.  
7 And I said, "Well, you know --" -- but he wasn't  
8 listening.

9 And I have to say I was very disappointed with our  
10 group for not being willing to take a stand because we  
11 were afraid Ed Markey would cut off our funding. But  
12 the book that Carolyn mentioned, what can we do about  
13 that? It is the history of the Park.

14 MR. PRICE: Well, there are two things. First of  
15 all, this is a particular booklet that was put together  
16 by Francis Burling, so it's not the official history of  
17 the Park. It's a book that's a very comprehensive  
18 review from their particular perspective. And we had  
19 been selling it in the bookstore. I've got to tell you  
20 -- could you do me a favor and just wave the book  
21 around?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): Expensive.

23 MR. PRICE: So in bookstores how many copies do you  
24 think that we could sell of these things these days?

1           Because books -- a lot of bookstores are now on the  
2           decline. Unlike people like me, people are hooked to  
3           all their other devices. So that is a real concern that  
4           we have in order to have our cooperating association  
5           maintain stocks of things that don't sell over time  
6           because they have to sell things in order to be alive.  
7           But I wasn't totally sure that that was -- I don't think  
8           it's out of print yet.

9           AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): I'll look into  
10          it. It might be out of print. I have several different  
11          editions. This was '78. I have some from 2000.

12          MR. PRICE: Okay. And then the other one, A  
13          *Landmark Alliance*, was actually written by Dr. Foster,  
14          who was a longtime chair of this group. I'm actually in  
15          the process of working to have that updated and to have  
16          that reprinted as a project for the Seashore.

17          MS. AVELLAR: Is it possible to put it on the Web  
18          site? Put these things on the Web site?

19          MR. PRICE: It all depends on rights and everything  
20          else. So again, that's not a Park Service document. If  
21          it were a Park Service document, the answer would be  
22          yes. I mean, you'll find these on the Web site, but  
23          that's the personal publication.

24          MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you.

1                   Mark?

2                   MR. ROBINSON: It might be something we could  
3 suggest to the Friends group if it's out of print to pay  
4 for a second printing or a third or fourth printing,  
5 whatever, make sure all the public libraries have at  
6 least a copy of it and then decide whether it should be  
7 sold.

8                   MR. PRICE: Now, in the spirit of full disclosure,  
9 I want you to know I've read that book a couple of  
10 times. I had my own copies. And I've heard from others  
11 who were around at the time who have different views of  
12 what was actually printed in that book. I know you'll  
13 be shocked, but there are different histories by  
14 different people. So this is not an administrative-  
15 researched history by the National Park Service about  
16 this. The Burling family, it was very involved and  
17 instrumental, and so was Francis in the beginning of the  
18 Seashore, but everybody has their own perspective.

19                   AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): He takes a  
20 much better look at my father in this one than the one  
21 you're looking into.

22                   (Laughter.)

23                   MR. PRICE: Which is also a personal publication.

24                   MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you.



1 chairman of it. So I don't have anything further to  
2 report.

3 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, well, thank you for the effort,  
4 and I think still, like we said in our comment letter,  
5 it is still germane and still valid and will be, and  
6 hopefully there will be other groups that will continue  
7 to push for those remedies, evacuation plans and the  
8 other items we brought forward. The licensing provided  
9 a great opportunity for that, but I think there's the  
10 need to keep -- I think there will be groups that will  
11 keep the pressure on. Certainly Plymouth will be doing  
12 that.

13 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, the Pilgrim Watch group.

14 MR. DELANEY: Yes.

15 Okay, Dick?

16 MR. PHILBRICK: Well, I think getting the people  
17 off the peninsula in case of a disaster, whatever, I  
18 would like to see more participation by the Corps of  
19 Engineers. Their bridges are the chokepoint, which may  
20 solve the problem. And the Corps of Engineers really  
21 have means of relieving that problem with the pontoon  
22 bridges, which were used in wartime mostly, but I've  
23 seen them put up overnight, over the Reine, for  
24 instance. Heavy pontoon bridges. Tanks go over them.

1           And I think there ought to be a preplanned plan in case  
2           of any disaster for which the region would become a  
3           dangerous chokepoint to relieve it by such as pre-  
4           positioned and pre-sited, maybe four pontoon bridges  
5           across the canal.

6           MR. DELANEY: Very creative, very interesting,  
7           yeah.

8           Maureen, can you get that information back to the  
9           parties?

10          MS. BURGESS: I'll see what I can do.

11          MR. DELANEY: I don't know if that's ever been part  
12          of the public dialogue.

13          MS. BURGESS: I didn't know if the county  
14          commissioners had done anything further, if we have any  
15          information on that.

16          MR. DELANEY: Well, Commissioner Lyons I know went  
17          back and tried to convey the same information that we  
18          all did and obviously without any more immediate  
19          success, but the commission is certainly concerned. And  
20          I don't know what their next actions might be, but there  
21          is bound to be more discussion about evacuation plans.  
22          That's not going to go away, and I think if we can keep  
23          feeding creative ideas like this and in keeping the  
24          spotlight on it, why not?

1 MS. AVELLAR: Bill Keating too should be involved  
2 in something. It's his district.

3 MS. STEPHENSON: Mary-Jo, what did you just say?

4 MS. AVELLAR: You would think Congressman Keating  
5 would want to be involved in this since it's his  
6 district.

7 MR. PRICE: Just to say, as you know, I also am  
8 concerned. I mean, you all wrote all the specifics. I  
9 just did a cover saying, you know, let's pay attention  
10 to this to the NRC. I also raised the issue with our  
11 regional director, and it wasn't anything that I had  
12 heard before. However, I've got to tell you, I think a  
13 lot of people didn't realize how many other units of the  
14 National Park system are within so many miles of nuclear  
15 power plants. I don't know if they all have the same  
16 types of issues this one has with the 40-year-old rods  
17 and everything that we believe are deteriorating or as  
18 Senator Wolf has told me the vulnerabilities that he's  
19 very concerned about. But to me they're absolutely  
20 legitimate concerns. I mean, it's not a --

21 MS. STEPHENSON: What of the geography that we have  
22 on the Cape compared to other parks?

23 MR. PRICE: Well, the geography we have and the  
24 facility we have. It's a twofer. That is a legitimate

1 concern.

2 MS. BURGESS: So is there any way we can get Mr.  
3 Philbrick's suggestion out there?

4 MR. PRICE: I think the other chokepoint, though,  
5 Dick, is the Orleans rotary and beyond. It isn't just  
6 the bridges. It's the entire regional area that is of  
7 concern, and likewise -- and I know Leslie since she's  
8 been here has been talking to the countywide emergency  
9 management system and everything because I've been  
10 concerned since I've been here about a serious  
11 hurricane. I mean, that's the other thing. If we get  
12 something like the Gulf gets all the time, at some point  
13 we've got a Category 1 or more, and what is our -- are  
14 we ready for primetime? I believe we're better than we  
15 were a number of years ago, but again, the reality of  
16 evacuating off of this long peninsula is very difficult.  
17 All you need is one fender bender.

18 MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you.

19 Any other old business that needs to be raised or  
20 would you like to raise?

21 (No response.)

22 **NEW BUSINESS**

23 MR. DELANEY: How about new business? Yes,  
24 Mary-Jo?

1           MS. AVELLAR: I'd like everybody to know I'm not --  
2 I'm talking -- I'm not going to get anywhere with this,  
3 but I gave you each a copy of an editorial that was in  
4 the *Banner* and a copy of a newspaper article that was  
5 also in the *Banner* August 20 about this cluster of  
6 stealth rangers that apparently we now have in the  
7 Seashore. This has been an issue in Provincetown for  
8 quite some time. I know that Selectman Knight has  
9 brought this up on several occasions. And I think that  
10 the *Banner* editorial really goes to the point that there  
11 are degrees of criminal activity within the Park that  
12 warrant police kinds of presences, and nudity is not one  
13 of them. And I also was told this past week about a  
14 Truro resident who got a \$350 ticket for dumping fish  
15 wraps, you know, fish debris in the woods. And instead  
16 of getting a warning, he got a \$350 ticket, and he was  
17 very upset. And I informed him who his representative  
18 is at the Advisory Commission level, and he told me that  
19 he believes that there are cameras out in the woods,  
20 that that was how he got caught, was because there was a  
21 camera out there, and he got a phone call after he'd  
22 long since --

23           MS. STEPHENSON: He wasn't stopped at the place  
24 where the dumping was?

1 MS. AVELLAR: Huh?

2 MS. STEPHENSON: A ranger did not accost him at the  
3 place where he was dumping?

4 MS. AVELLAR: No, he came home and they found a  
5 phone call to call -- you know, to call somebody. And  
6 they called, and they said, "You dumped fish wraps out  
7 in the woods, and you're getting a \$350 ticket." And  
8 people in Provincetown are really upset about the high  
9 level of police presence there is within the Park. For  
10 example, my husband and I went out for sunset one night,  
11 and there were several large family groups out there,  
12 children, lots of kids, and pistol packing Park rangers  
13 were going up to them and asking to see their bonfire  
14 permits. And I just don't think that personally and the  
15 people in my community don't think that we need to have  
16 that high level of police presence. If a ranger comes  
17 up to somebody and says, "Do you have a permit?" and  
18 they don't have a permit, they get a bad time, they've  
19 got a radio. They can call for some backup. The high  
20 level of guns within the Provincetown -- and we're 75  
21 percent of our community is part of the Seashore, and  
22 everywhere you go you're seeing a gun.

23 And now we're hearing that maybe -- and I don't  
24 know if it's true, and I may not get the answer today --

1           that there are now cameras out there. And if you read  
2           the article about the stealth rangers and the disguises  
3           out there, I mean, this is unbelievable, and people are  
4           upset about it. And I am upset about it. I know it's  
5           late. I'd like to have it on the next agenda, this  
6           question of the police presence. Even within the  
7           confines of the town, the town is now getting them. You  
8           know, we now have the harbormasters all armed when the  
9           boats come in. I mean, I think it's an outrageous  
10          thing. This is supposed to be a vacation people are  
11          coming on, and it's like an armed camp in my town. So  
12          between the town and between the Park Service,  
13          everywhere you turn you see somebody wearing a gun in  
14          the most innocuous places, people going to the beach.

15                 So I brought this to you. I know I'm not going to  
16          get an answer today, but I know that the board of  
17          selectmen is concerned about this.

18                 MS. STEPHENSON: What is the policy?

19                 MR. PRICE: Well, a couple of things. And the  
20          answer you'll get today is the same answer you will get  
21          next week or in the future, and that is we have federal  
22          law enforcement officers which are part of our ranger  
23          staff, and we basically employ all of the professional  
24          techniques that officers are required to have in order

1 to keep themselves safe as well as to keep visitors safe  
2 and then to enforce the laws of both the Seashore and  
3 the state. So that's what we do.

4 MS. STEPHENSON: Is there a distinction between the  
5 Park Service ranger and a federal law enforcement  
6 officer?

7 MR. PRICE: It's one and the same.

8 MS. STEPHENSON: It's the same. Each person has  
9 the same?

10 MR. PRICE: Sure.

11 MS. STEPHENSON: That's interesting.

12 MR. PRICE: Our people are federal law enforcement  
13 officers that are trained down at FLETC, and they go  
14 through all of their (inaudible) in order to do it.

15 Mary-Jo, at another time I'll tell you stories, but  
16 when --

17 MS. AVELLAR: I can only imagine what's on these  
18 tapes, these cameras.

19 MS. STEPHENSON: Are there cameras?

20 MR. PRICE: The issue with the rangers, there was a  
21 time Mary-Jo's recalling in the '60s and early '70s the  
22 law enforcement rangers did not carry weapons, and they  
23 only carried weapons -- as a matter of fact, are you  
24 ready for this? When I first came in, they kept the

1           weapon in an attaché case in the trunk of the car and  
2           only took it out if they were going to do a building  
3           search at night. And after a number of our rangers were  
4           assaulted, they changed the regulations to basically  
5           where you either had law enforcement or you didn't.  
6           There's nothing in between. And as a manager, I'm  
7           responsible for the people we ask to become law  
8           enforcement rangers, so therefore, it's my job to make  
9           sure they have all the equipment and the training that  
10          they need in order to effectively do their job. So it's  
11          an all or nothing. It's not an in between.

12                 I've never heard the term *stealth ranger* before.  
13          It's not a bad term, but what our people do on a regular  
14          course is part of the practices that we employ. Going  
15          plainclothes is certainly an activity that our people  
16          do.

17                 MS. AVELLAR: If I, for example, when I'm at work  
18          and, especially during all the festivals we have in  
19          Provincetown in the summer, you see little red cups  
20          coming down the street, we know there's alcohol in them.  
21          I will tell somebody, "You know, if the police catch you  
22          and say, 'Is there alcohol in that?'"

23                 "Yes, there is."

24                 "Well, if the police catch you with this, you're

1 going to get a \$50 ticket." And they'll give me the  
2 cup.

3 "Thank you very much," or some will say, "Thanks a  
4 lot," and off they go. That's freedom of speech. So if  
5 somebody sees somebody nude on the beach and says to  
6 them, "You better watch out. There's a ranger coming"  
7 and they get a ticket for interfering with Park  
8 business? I mean, where do you draw the line between  
9 freedom of speech and actually interfering with business  
10 of the Park? I mean, this guy got a \$350 ticket for  
11 dumping fish wraps in the woods. It's something that  
12 people have been doing it here forever. It's  
13 fertilizer. It's not a TV. It's not a tire. He didn't  
14 know that what he was doing was wrong. And instead of  
15 getting a warning like you get when you're speeding if  
16 you don't have a big record, they say, "Okay, I'll give  
17 you a warning," and they send you on your way. This guy  
18 got a \$350 ticket the day before he was going on  
19 vacation with his wife.

20 MS. STEPHENSON: Mary-Jo, is the question, though,  
21 that he didn't know? And does the Park put out signs  
22 everywhere?

23 MS. AVELLAR: He didn't know.

24 MS. STEPHENSON: But he should know.

1           MR. DELANEY: Yeah, I mean, I don't know if we can  
2 get to the bottom of all the facts here because we don't  
3 know --

4           MR. PRICE: Well, basically the appropriate place  
5 to adjudicate that is for the gentleman to appeal his  
6 ticket to the magistrate.

7           MR. DELANEY: Yeah, I was just going to say that.

8           MS. AVELLAR: I understand that, but I'm concerned  
9 about where does the money go? Does it come here, or  
10 does it go to Washington? I'm concerned about the  
11 policy. I'm concerned about people not getting  
12 warnings. I'm concerned about people's civil rights and  
13 freedom of speech being impinged upon, and I'm concerned  
14 about enforcement techniques for things that are fairly  
15 innocuous to things that are obviously serious like drug  
16 dealing and these sorts of things. And these are the  
17 questions that people are asking me because all we see  
18 in Provincetown, whether we're in the Seashore or on our  
19 streets, are a lot of guns. And, you know, when you're  
20 going to the beach, you don't expect to see a gun.

21           MR. DELANEY: So I think what you've raised for us  
22 -- and I think this is a topic for another week --

23           MS. AVELLAR: Yes, it is.

24           MR. DELANEY: -- is a suite of examples of

1 community/Park relations, and that's an ongoing mandate  
2 for us since we represent the towns and we relay town  
3 issues and concerns to the Park and try to work as  
4 liaisons. So I think that general for how well or  
5 poorly are we doing with town/Park relationships can be  
6 always revisited. So that will be the issue. I'm not  
7 sure if we need to -- and I think you've justified why  
8 we need to revisit it perhaps again because of a couple  
9 of episodes, not all the details of which we know. This  
10 fellow may have been dumping for years and didn't admit  
11 it and just had a reputation and finally the Park said,  
12 "Enough's enough." We don't know that.

13 This other business about undercover agents, we  
14 don't know a lot of the details, and maybe that's not  
15 the issue as much as the attitude that it -- or the  
16 image or the impact it has on the healthy relationship  
17 in terms of partnerships between the town and the Park.  
18 So I think that's worth exploring a little bit. We'll  
19 try to fashion some sort of agenda item that could have  
20 a set of healthy discussion to be sure that we are  
21 assisting the superintendent in what I know his goal is,  
22 is to work well with the towns, and that's a common goal  
23 for us.

24 MR. PRICE: Well, I'll tell you, as a result of

1 getting the ticket I got last week in Barnstable, I'm  
2 going to have that conversation with them as well.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. PRICE: I didn't get any warning, and I was  
5 only five minutes over on the meter, 25 bucks.

6 MR. DELANEY: So we have an empathetic  
7 superintendent.

8 MS. AVELLAR: Thank you very much.

9 MR. PRICE: No, I sucked it up and I paid it.

10 MR. DELANEY: Okay, any other new business? Yes,  
11 Dick?

12 MR. PHILBRICK: I think it's new business. It's  
13 certainly new that I can congratulate the Park on the  
14 beautiful grooming of Fort Hill. I was there yesterday,  
15 and I was delighted.

16 MR. PRICE: Well, thank you, Dick. As you know,  
17 that's one of my favorite places. I do want to remind  
18 you, though, that I believe one of the last meetings or  
19 the last session it was either you or Ed Sabin who were  
20 concerned about the height that we allowed the grass to  
21 grow. And I had explained that we have a plan and a  
22 process where we alternate mowing and burning and that  
23 we also can't mow during the bird nesting season and  
24 other types of things. So what you're seeing right now

1 is a fresh cut, so be prepared to understand that that's  
2 going to grow eventually to what we saw last spring  
3 before we went through the cycle again. So I'd ask you  
4 not to use the word maybe *grooming* as far as cultural  
5 landscape management because our goal is not to have it  
6 be a manicured lawn or field. And we don't have animals  
7 out there, which would keep it that way, frankly, but  
8 we're doing -- we've approached it in a different way.  
9 But I would agree with you, Dick, I think they did a  
10 wonderful job. The place looks terrific.

11 MR. PHILBRICK: Whatever the course you took to get  
12 there --

13 MR. PRICE: Okay.

14 MR. PHILBRICK: -- I thank you for it.

15 MR. PRICE: We are currently having some issues  
16 with Park neighbors there because it looks so inviting  
17 now that people are now pulling off the road and parking  
18 on the fields or parking on some of the private property  
19 lines. So I've asked our folks for the fall visitation  
20 to put up barriers to keep people off the road.  
21 Basically it's a very special -- it's kind of like the  
22 dune shacks. It has a certain carrying capacity. So  
23 basically when it's full, it's full. So we will expand  
24 the no parking area with just stakes and lines, and our

1 law enforcement people will be asked to enforce no  
2 parking in order to do that. Part of this is initiated  
3 by our neighbors there, by the way.

4 And then eventually if you see Fort Hill today --  
5 and I encourage you to look at it. It's spectacular.  
6 But in the future we're probably going to leave a couple  
7 of feet of brush continuing to grow right along the  
8 roadside so that we can passively keep cars from parking  
9 on it as opposed to having to put up more signs and  
10 fences because right now it looks terrific. And I was  
11 there I guess last Friday, and there were a half a dozen  
12 cars off on the grass because they -- and we don't want  
13 to put signs every four feet throughout the entire  
14 Seashore, but people get carried away. It's a beautiful  
15 spot. They want to see it.

16 MR. DELANEY: Good, okay.

17 Other new business?

18 (No response.)

19 **DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

20 MR. DELANEY: All right, then we'll move to setting  
21 a date and any other items for an agenda.

22 Typically we work on an every-other-month basis, so  
23 that would put us into November.

24 MS. STEPHENSON: Not November 5 because it's before

1 November 6.

2 MS. AVELLAR: Oh, I see, before election time.

3 MR. DELANEY: Oh, yeah. Yeah, that's right. I  
4 think we can try for the second Monday of the month,  
5 which would be the 12th.

6 MS. STEPHENSON: Veterans Day.

7 MS. AVELLAR: Veterans Day.

8 MR. DELANEY: All right, how about the third? I'm  
9 going to the third Monday. How about the 19th of  
10 November?

11 Mr. Superintendent, how about you?

12 MS. AVELLAR: It's Thanksgiving week, isn't it?

13 MR. DELANEY: Oh, that's Thanksgiving week.

14 MR. PRICE: Well, it's the Monday of it. What's  
15 your preference?

16 MR. DELANEY: Well, we just quickly ruled out the  
17 day before the election and Veterans Day, which are the  
18 first two Mondays, and we ended up with the 19th.

19 MS. STEPHENSON: Do you ever do it on something  
20 other than Monday?

21 MR. DELANEY: Well, we did historically, but  
22 somehow we've just landed on a Monday as kind of a  
23 routine that most people have that down.

24 MS. AVELLAR: How about the 13th? The Tuesday?

1           MR. DELANEY: The 13th? I will be sympathetic to  
2 that in that we don't want to let too much time go by  
3 before we get together.

4           MS. STEPHENSON: That's better for me.

5           MR. DELANEY: Superintendent, is the 13th okay with  
6 you?

7           MS. STEPHENSON: Tuesday?

8           MS. TEVYAW: We'd just have to reschedule  
9 everything before that. Tuesdays are a standing day for  
10 us.

11          MR. DELANEY: It's actually my big staff day  
12 meeting too, the second Tuesday.

13          MS. STEPHENSON: How about Wednesday? Wednesday?

14          MR. DELANEY: How about the 14th?

15          MS. STEPHENSON: Wednesday, the 14th? That week is  
16 better for me than anything else.

17          MR. DELANEY: That's good to know. Let's go --  
18 George?

19          MR. PRICE: Sure.

20          MR. DELANEY: Wednesday, the 14th it is.

21          MR. PHILBRICK: November.

22          MR. DELANEY: Of November. And they have a request  
23 for one item about Park/town relationships and our  
24 enforcement issues as an agenda item.

1           Any other? I imagine we would want to do by that  
2 time an update on where we stand with the Herring Cove  
3 Beach parking lot project. There may be things to  
4 report at that point. I'm open to other immediate  
5 suggestions. Otherwise there's always plenty to talk  
6 about.

7           Anything else?

8           MR. PRICE: Are there any other hot recommendations  
9 for field trips, which we often do?

10          MS. STEPHENSON: We don't know what we don't know.

11          MR. PRICE: I'll surprise you.

12          MR. DELANEY: Since we're going to be near  
13 Thanksgiving and we have Congress and Pilgrims and all  
14 that stuff, maybe we can do some kind of historical  
15 theme for that site visit.

16          Sue?

17          MS. MOYNIHAN: Explore the wild cranberry bogs at  
18 the Province Lands and look for the stealth ranger.

19          (Laughter.)

20          MR. DELANEY: That would be a good one for October  
21 at Halloween to do that one.

22          MS. MOYNIHAN: No, but there are wild cranberry  
23 bogs.

24          Mary-Jo, what do you think about that?

1 MS. AVELLAR: My father knew where all the wild  
2 cranberries, all the wild strawberries, where everything  
3 was. I don't know where anything is.

4 MS. BURGESS: I go out there. I think that would  
5 be great.

6 MS. AVELLAR: My sister goes out. My sister knows  
7 where they are.

8 MR. PRICE: I'll have to ask Leslie if there's a  
9 wait to be a stealth ranger.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MS. AVELLAR: I want to be a stealth ranger.

12 (Laughter.)

13 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

14 MR. DELANEY: Now, before we lose too much focus  
15 here, we do have one more item here. That's public  
16 comment, and so I'd like to go to our official public  
17 comment period. And this is the time when anyone from  
18 the public can make a comment about any of our current  
19 or new topics, and all we do is ask them to be brief,  
20 you know, be concise, and not be repetitive.

21 So if there are members of the public who would  
22 like to bring up an issue or make a comment for the  
23 record, please do.

24 Carolyn, back to you. I don't see other hands

1 right now, so go ahead.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): I just  
3 received an e-mail from my sister Helen, and she just  
4 told me that the letter that went to each of you could  
5 be put into your records.

6 MR. DELANEY: Okay, it is.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): Great.

8 MR. DELANEY: We have it officially.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. KEITH SILVIA): Thank you.

10 MR. DELANEY: Yes, Peter?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER (PETER CLEMONS): Hi, Peter  
12 Clemons. I do want to just touch on three or four  
13 different items.

14 One, I am totally in agreement about the renaming  
15 of the Salt Pond facility, so just put that into the  
16 record, that at least one member of the public thinks it  
17 would be a big mistake to attach Tip O'Neill's name to  
18 it even though I'm sure he had a lot to do with it.

19 But I think the dune shacks per se -- I won't drag  
20 that back into the discussion except for Snail Road and  
21 the intersection on Route 6, which is a huge safety  
22 hazard right now. In addition to just kids getting out  
23 of their car, there is -- it's a state highway, so the  
24 Seashore per se hasn't taken any responsibility for

1 ticketing cars or doing anything. So there's sign after  
2 sign after sign that says *No parking - State highway,*  
3 *State highway -- No parking,* and yet that is recognized  
4 I guess by the Seashore as a gateway to the new national  
5 -- to the Dune Shack Historic District. That is the  
6 only way to get people on foot out to the shacks. And  
7 it mirrors the problem back in the '80s when there was a  
8 large parking lot at what was called the White Sand  
9 area. There was a lot -- I mean, people loved stopping  
10 at that site, taking the kids out into the dunes. It  
11 got so popular that the dune disintegrated. I mean,  
12 they had to close the parking lot. Well, that same  
13 exact problem is really -- if you walk into the dunes at  
14 Snail Road, you will see the demise of one of the  
15 biggest dunes going, and it's not cars that are doing  
16 it. It's just people, you know, foot traffic. It's the  
17 same problem at the Herring Cove parking lot. I mean,  
18 you know, if you keep foot traffic to a minimum, the  
19 healing takes place pretty quickly as far as erosion  
20 problems. Anyway, that intersection has seen a lot of  
21 accidents, a lot of potential accidents. You know, kids  
22 getting out of the car at a point where any of you who  
23 drive down Route 6 will notice that you lose radio  
24 contact and cell phone contact. So picture all these

1 people driving along suddenly trying to find a station  
2 on the radio that works or going to their cell phone to  
3 find the conversation that just got interrupted.  
4 Meanwhile there are 20-25 cars with kids getting out of  
5 them, dogs getting out of them on a road where people  
6 are traveling 50-60 miles an hour. It's a nightmare  
7 waiting -- it's not waiting to happen. There have been  
8 several accidents. So please, that committee, include  
9 that subject in all of your dialogue.

10 George, the superintendent, sent us a copy of the  
11 cultural landscape report that the Olmsted Foundation  
12 --

13 MR. PRICE: The Center for?

14 MS. MOYNIHAN: Landscape Preservation.

15 MR. PRICE: Landscape Preservation.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. CLEMONS): And the subject of  
17 the bookstore came up earlier. I hope that's available  
18 to the public in some form because it is the best  
19 gathering of information about the dune shacks that  
20 we've seen. And obviously there are mistakes in it too,  
21 but it's a beautiful document, well done and really  
22 worth people -- I hope people are -- it's available to  
23 people. I don't know how that works.

24 MS. MOYNIHAN: It's in all the town libraries, and

1           it's on our Web site because it is a Park report.

2           AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. CLEMONS): They can't buy it  
3           at the bookstore?

4           MS. MOYNIHAN: They're not for sale, no.

5           AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. CLEMONS): Anyway, I hope this  
6           committee has a copy of it, access to it. And I know  
7           there was a presentation at the Province Lands Visitor  
8           Center by the people that did it. We never knew that  
9           happened. But it's an absolutely stunning book that  
10          taxpayer money paid for, so I hope you read it.

11          And finally just to confer with Mary-Jo's opinions,  
12          I think all of her concerns are valid.

13          And I'll sit down. Thank you.

14          MR. DELANEY: Thank you. Appreciate it.

15          Other comments? Yes, ma'am?

16          AUDIENCE MEMBER (MILDRED CHAPLIN): Just a  
17          question. This committee that you -- this four-person  
18          committee, that's a standing committee for the dune  
19          shacks?

20          MR. DELANEY: Yes.

21          AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): And what is the  
22          purpose of that?

23          MR. DELANEY: To be ready and able to respond to  
24          and advise the superintendent and his staff as they need

1 to make decisions about future dune shack use.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): I see. And how  
3 about the subcommittee that has been meeting? That's  
4 over with now?

5 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, that --

6 MR. PRICE: That produced this.

7 MR. DELANEY: That produced that.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): Yeah, we have that.

9 MR. PRICE: Yes.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): Is there anybody  
11 available? I mean, who is going to speak for the dune  
12 shack people?

13 MR. DELANEY: Well, the dune shack people and  
14 outside people had an extensive amount of input into the  
15 last full committee that produced that document. And  
16 there was wonderful consensus and agreement on largely  
17 everything. Nothing's perfect, but a lot of it has the  
18 guidelines and the categories and uses, everything  
19 that's in that. So now this superintendent or future  
20 superintendents will be using that document to make  
21 decisions about future dune shack use. What we put in  
22 place or I'm putting in place today is a group of  
23 representatives from here who will say as the  
24 superintendent is about to make a decision, "Yes, that

1 is consistent with the guidelines of the first  
2 committee."

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): So Mary-Jo would  
4 more or less represent the Provincetown dune shack  
5 people?

6 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, yeah. We'll be kind of the --  
7 I don't know if watchdog is the right word, but we will  
8 be mindful of what was agreed on that document. And as  
9 the superintendent -- superintendents, including future  
10 ones, move forward, this committee's job will be to say,  
11 "Yes, it's consistent with your pending decision --" --  
12 which he will reveal to that committee -- "-- is  
13 consistent with the guidelines and the principles and  
14 the goals set out by the original subcommittee or not."  
15 And if it's not, then that's where we would have  
16 feedback. And that committee will represent this whole  
17 group as well. So it's an additional opportunity for  
18 this advisory commission to keep focused on the results  
19 of that report.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): Okay, so if there  
21 are any questions that -- I think there are only going  
22 to be two families left, long-term families eventually.  
23 That's us and Malicoat. But if we ever have any  
24 questions, we would go through -- what? -- Mary-Jo or

1 the superintendent about anything that would come up  
2 that we might disagree with? I mean, I can't --

3 MR. DELANEY: You can always bring any questions or  
4 issues in front of this advisory commission. That's  
5 what we're here for.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): I see.

7 MR. DELANEY: Or you can go directly to the  
8 superintendent, or you can go to both of us, yeah.

9 MR. PRICE: One or the other. You know, certainly  
10 you can come to me and copy the Commission or vice  
11 versa. There's no cast in stone route, but obviously if  
12 you're dealing with us, you're basically still within  
13 the Park. And then as far as the overall implementation  
14 of the plan, how that's working out, then yes, the  
15 commission.

16 MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you. Could you give us  
17 your name again, please?

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. CHAPLIN): Oh, Mildred Chaplin  
19 at Mission Bell dune shack.

20 MR. DELANEY: Thank you, Mildred.

21 Okay, other comments from the public?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. DELANEY: Okay, hearing none --

24 MR. PRICE: I passed around an article about the

1 Jay Critchley Provincetown Compact art exhibition. I  
2 actually encourage you all. As I get more information,  
3 I'll make sure you're on the mailing list. I think that  
4 will be a riot. I hope they have good weather.

5 MS. AVELLAR: He's amazing.

6 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, he's very creative.

7 MR. PRICE: Just one addition, by the way.

8 Have you seen this, Peter?

9 Rich, if I could just make a comment.

10 Peter?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. CLEMONS): Yes.

12 MR. PRICE: Relative to these reports, there was a  
13 time when the Park Service bookstores carried these  
14 reports, but I think I was the only one I knew that ever  
15 bought one. And what happened was these bookstores were  
16 required to carry these things because everybody thought  
17 they were that important to be carried for the members  
18 of the general public. But even back before Kindles and  
19 Facebook and all that kind of stuff, frankly, nobody was  
20 buying them. So we all thought intellectually we should  
21 have these available, but, in fact, they weren't being  
22 purchased. So we have to figure out ways that this  
23 material is available to the public in an accessible  
24 way. So that's why when Sue says at least the public

1 documents are on the Web site, our copy is in at the  
2 library or the town halls as well, and that's where  
3 people would be able to see them. I don't want to kid  
4 anybody to think that if we were going to make, you  
5 know, Eastern National buy 27 copies, guaranteed six  
6 years from now they'd have 25 left, and therefore, they  
7 would have lost their value of the purchasing of those  
8 things.

9 So I've been around it several times. I can talk  
10 to you more about it, if you'd like, but when I was at  
11 Minuteman in 1978, we made them buy *A Day in Lexington*  
12 *and Concord* and bought out all the copies because they  
13 were going out of print, and Eastern National finally  
14 threw out all the moldy copies that were left from that  
15 purchase because they just didn't go. So we have to  
16 figure out and be more creative as to how we deal with  
17 our public about this information and about that  
18 information that's outside of our experience. Just so  
19 you know.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. CLEMONS): I put a postcard  
21 out in front of people, and that relates to a book that  
22 isn't available in a bookstore. And it is. It's a huge  
23 problem. Books per se are just not what they used to  
24 be. So I mean, this is available as an iPad

1 application, but a bookstore is not going to carry that  
2 kind of product, so everything is changing. But that  
3 book in particular, whenever we show it to anyone,  
4 they're dying to have a copy of it, and I keep on  
5 sending them here or to the Salt Pond, but chances are  
6 they won't be able to find it. Anyway...

7 MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you.

8 **ADJOURNMENT**

9 MR. DELANEY: All right, hearing no other comments  
10 from Commission members, I will entertain a motion to  
11 adjourn.

12 MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

13 MR. DELANEY: Second?

14 MR. NUENDEL: Second.

15 MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, say aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. DELANEY: Thank you very much. See you on  
18 November 14.

19 (Whereupon, at 3:22 p.m. the proceedings were  
20 adjourned.)

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