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>> Can you request them to unmute yourself. Tom, can you tell us?

Okay, great!

>> I can hear you.

>> Oh, thanks, thank you very much.

>> Recording in progress.

**RICH DELANEY**>> So are we all set on the screen? Thank you! I have the distinct

pleasure of calling to order the 316th meeting of the Cape Cod National

Seashore Advisory Commission on June 16th at 1 p.m., a little after.

You have an agenda in front of you members, but unless someone would

like to suggest a change to the order, I will entertain the motion

to adopt the agenda as printed.

>> So, moved.

>> So moved, second?

>> Seconded.

**RICH** >> So we'll move quickly to the next item which is the minutes from

our last meeting in April. You have the those in front of you.

Oh. So, you have them and a couple of the reports, there's two or

three people who made clarifying comments, so I assure they have been

included in cooperated into this redraft. If you don't see your comment

there or want to say anything further, this is your moment to do

it. If not, I'll ask for a motion to adopt the minutes from our 315th

meeting as presented.

>> So, moved.

>> Those in favor, signify by saying I.

**MARY JO AVELLAR**>> I abstain. I wasn't here.

**RICH**>> Okay, Mary Jo is abstaining. She was not present.

**JEN**>> Adam, can you -- members?

**ADAM**>> I believe they're all penned.

**JEN**>> I don't see Lilli Green. I just want to make sure we weren't missing

her.

**DAVID CRARY**>> I was going to ask if we could see all of the members? All of

the people who are online who are online? Just, the names.

>> I believe I have everyone. I can double check this list.

**CHERYL**>> Would you like to know who online? Is that what you're asking?

>> Yes, just to tell everybody.

>> You can read the highlight list, maybe?

**JEN** Just to clarify, what Dave is asking, are you asking Dave for

everyone online or just the members?

**DAVID**>> Members for sure. By hitting participants, does it make a list

of the names?

**JEN**>> Here it is.

>> On the bottom, let us know and we'll scroll.

>> Adam, is there anyone we can't see?

**DAVE**>> That's helpful. Thank you!

**RICH**>> Oh, there's more people than I thought. Okay, so good! That's

all said. We can approve the minutes and we're back to agenda and

our Superintendent Flynn to give us the update on issues

and news from the park.

**JEN**>> Okay, great! And Adam, I don't know that I need my slides today.

I just got a few bullets on it so if you want to keep the faces up

so, you can see the members, today, that would be just fine. At the

next meeting, the September meeting is full state of the park. We're

just focusing on a few things that are relevant as we go into the

summer season. First off, I will hit on staffing. We are part of

the federal hiring freeze that relates our permanent employees. We

are about down 20 permanent folks right now. Our target organization

is 68 permanent positions and we are under 50 at this time. So, we

have about 20 vacancies and those are in a holding pattern until

the administration determines how we're going to advance new positions.

The seasonal workforce, we normally have 110 as our target

organization for our seasonal workforce and we're at about 90 right

now. That is across all of our program areas. Lifeguards, temporary

law enforcement, fee staff, biologist, bio tech in the bird program,

so, we're down to about 20. That is simply because we had a hard time

finding folks. That is not related to any of the external business

coming from Washington, but just finding folks to come here and work

for the summer.

We do have, as you're aware, housing but this summer, we did

struggle as lot of folks have, to have people come for a 10 or 12

week season at Cape Cod. We're down a little bit. We don't anticipate

significant changes based on that visitation. I mean, I'm sorry,

based on that staffing level. We're still waiting to see where the

final numbers sort out, but all of our beaches are open, all of the

fee stations are open and providing information, the visitor centers

will be open.

At this point, we're anticipating normal/routine hours and Cape Cod National

Seashore has picked up the Tuesday night events here at Salt Pond,

so, members of the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore and board

members come in to help us with the events, so we don't have to bring

our staff back in. I don't think the public will see much change

as they go into this summer. We're largely going to look the same.

What will be interesting is how that translates to next summer when

all of our ongoing projects are done and we're starting to queue

up the next things but for this summer, I would really think for

the public, we will largely look like we usually do. So that's staffing.

>> We have a couple of programmatic, operational facilities you will

be interested to know about. The Nauset Light Beach facility does not have potable

water. When the well was brought back online after being taken offline

for the winter, we had flow problems, so we had sub surface type issues.

We had to take the well offline and a new well has been contracted

and we anticipate it will be dug soon and as of today, Nauset Light does

not have potable water. Does have changing rooms and port a potties

and our lifeguards will start there on Friday but no potable water

now. We’ve talked to the Eastham Chamber. We have told folks, to please fill their water before they come, but there's no drinking water right now at Nauset Light.

Marconi beach fully is open. The Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore, they helped

us restore stairs and they have been rebuilt. The staff also put

in an elevated boardwalk this winter to reduce the water sheathing

down the boardwalk over to the bluff to continue to try to protect

that bluff so Marconi is back open and then the last thing I wanted to

make sure folks know is on the 26th of this month, we are having

a public meeting to start talking about the design for the Cable

Road multimodal trail. So, we have been awarded funds to design and

construct a trail from Nauset Road to Nauset Light along Cable Road in Eastham and again, that design phase is what has kicked off on June 26th and we'll have a virtual

public meeting at 6 o'clock at night where our contractors will go

through two broad design concepts and I'm really hoping we get a

lot of feedback about what the preference is to the community and

the public about how we start to lay the trail out. And those are

my four big items for today.

**RICH**>> Great! Questions?

**DAVE** How about the concession? >> At Herring Cove?

**JEN**>> The concessioner at Herring Cove, notified us at the end of last

season, they were going to pull out of their contract and not fulfill

the last year of their contract. And so, the Herring Cove concession

is closed for this summer. If we didn't just put -- we did just put

out a press release. It is now back out for bid so the concession

contract is open for bids for a new ten-year contract which would

start for next season. So that's out right now. We did also solicit

for food trucks for our Herring Cove, but unfortunately, it's far enough

that a lot of businesses don't -- did not apply. We had one applicant,

I think for an ice cream truck and we're actively working with them

but we're still looking for additional food trucks if folks are

interested and they can continue to identify themselves through the

commercial uses office. We would be happy to have food trucks there

this summer if we can find people who are interested in the business

opportunity.

But as of now, limited food service through an ice cream truck

scheduled to be determined.

**RICH**>> Would anyone from virtual like to ask a question from the

superintendent on her report?

>> We'll move to old business by which has two items on the agenda. One is

a subcommittee update on the ADUs and Heather, I think that's you.

**HEATHER**>> Yes, I will just -- over here. The subcommittee has not met, we were waiting on updates from the Town of Truro which we haven't heard which is

fine. So, nothing to report at this time.

RICH>> Okay, alright. We will not do your work. We'll let you keep doing

that and encourage Truro to participate. I know, as I recall -- they

have to move ahead with their ADUs bylaws with it which is the procedural --

**SUSAN ARESON**>> I can update you on that. Michael Fee, we have spoken about that.

They passed a right in all districts; Truro is changing the ADU

bylaw to reflect what is reflected in the seasonal communities act

that was passed. Truro – In Truro’s case, the ADU is slightly smaller.

And has had no applications for ADUs at the seashore. As a result,

of that, we are not really in a position to spend legal money to

try to get an opinion or -- make a stance. So, if and when that happens,

we will deal with it when it happens but in terms of taking proactive,

measures concerning ADUs in the seashore, we don't want to spend the

money.

RICH>> Thank you. Sorry, I should have recognized you earlier.

LARRY >> At the last meeting, the superintendent was going to ask a solicitor regarding if having an ADU attached, saying, you can have an ADU, up to 50% improvement and whether

that opinion has been rendered.

JEN>> Yes, Larry, I think the question in part, so in reviewing prior

council guidance, if the in-law quarters does not change the

configuration of the house, then that is still considered one principle

residence. I think when we also talked about sort of, would it be

different if it was a -- sorry, two houses that were attached. A

duplex. It would be considered two residences so the splitting of

the hairs seems to be that under the same roof line, under the same

shared occupancy but in-law quarters, is what it refers to. That it

would be okay. But as soon as it becomes totally separate to one

family separate dwelling, that is when it becomes consistent with

the enabling legislation, definition of the improving property.

LARRY>> Thank you.

>> Even if you're already on the property?

JEN>> No, ma'am. If it preexisted in 1959, that's the first caveat.

So, if you have cottage colonies or -- so what is the place in 1959,

is first question. If it was a -- I'm so sorry, I can't remember

the word. If it was not inconsistent use but a variance in 1959,

that's every property we look at, it's whether it was present in

1959.

RICH>> And also, was the option an amendment to the act? Would exempt?

The state one at the seasonal community --

JEN>> Two different things. There was the affordable homes act.

RICH>> Oh, I get it.

SUSAN>> There's two.

RICH>> Okay, that one. Since I brought it up, is there any notes of

progress where there are legislators?

JEN>> The only correspondence, the only thing I'm aware of is in the

regulation so when laws are promulgated, that's the law and then

the regulations are how you do it. When the Commonwealth promulgated

the regulations, there's specific language that says this does not

supersede any federal law. So, I think that is the concession for

special consideration to the seashore but Heather, I'm not aware

of any other action spending.

SUSAN>> I think there is action pending, actually. Under seasonal

communities, they are still promulgating the regulations and still

writing the regulations. They had an initial set but then it was

decided, I think at the AG's office. That may not be accurate but

the towns have to vote on accepting the designation and what they're

doing is they will promulgate the regulations for review by, there's

a seasonal communities advisory committee that met recently in

Provincetown and they will have those regulations distributed to

that committee and then there will be public hearings, I believe,

at the end of the summer and then the regulations themselves won't

be acted upon until end of September, sometime in the fall because

that was a big point of discussion when town meetings were voting

orphan whether to accept the act and then we were saying, we don't

know what the regulations are and so that way, it's sort of, what

exactly are we voting on? We have framework but not a specific

regulation so we haven't officially been approved yet.

RICH>> Okay.

LARRY>> Based on what the superintendent said, it's my understanding that

practically speaking, ADs are not really permitted in the national

seashore unless by the state of local statutes is willing to subject

themselves to a risk of suspension of their condemnation which is narrowing it down to

that is what will happen.

MARY JO>> Did we talk about this? Not the last meeting because I wasn't

here but prior meeting, what was it? In January, that came up. And -- I

think it's unreasonable but what are you going to do?

RICH>> Heather, do you know on this one?

HEATHER>> Well, I guess since we're getting into it, I guess, yes. The last

substantive conversation we had on this, I think, we are sort of

recapping these questions and discussion. And my sense of the

consensus was because towns like Truro can take actions that address

zoning outside of the affordable homes act or seashore -- seasonal

community act, for all of our benefits, collective benefits, it may

make more sense to look at those local regulations that might be

adopted and that's where the ADU subcommittee sort of stopped because

Michael Fee offered to have some additional discussions within the

town of Truro to talk about any adjustments that might be made to

their bylaw that would then serve as the model but other

communities, adjustments to the bylaw that might make the idea of

ADUs and the seashore more broadly acceptable. So, I guess, I just

have some clarification and is it your understanding Susan that it

is still a possibility, to have these conversations with Truro is

your comment earlier about not wanting to take on any further

discussion and seek any legal counsel sort of, the end of it until

an application is made.

SUSAN>> And Michael is here, he could speak to that, I think. That is

sort of where Michael and I had discussed it and where we ended up.

What I don't know for certain is whether Michael explored it further

with the town planner and then we said, you know, until we get an

application, we don't want to be right in the of writing legal parameters for

something that we haven't had an application for. Michael may want

to weigh in.

RICH>> Michael, do you want to comment and help us clarify these?

MICHAEL FEE >> I would love to talk but I'm currently on my phone and don't

know how to unmute myself. So can you hear me now in.

>> We can hear you fine.

MICHAEL >> Excellent. Thank you. A couple of points, I hear this statement

being made that according to the seashore regulations ADUs are not

allowed in the district. Just to be clear, Truro's position on this

is there are certain circumstances explicitly set forth in the

regulations that do allow ADUs and under certain circumstances and

it's a narrow window and it's certainly involving a permitting process.

Our view in Truro is, if we were to permit an ADU, we would not

be in violation of federal law. That would obviously cause a conflict

with the interpretation that the seashore is taking and has taken

in the past. So that, ultimately, there's consequences of having

these divergent views interpreting a law that is complicated, right?

So, when I -- a couple of meetings ago when I suggested, why don't

we exchange some written material and try to come to a place where

we are both having a common understanding, I may have spoken out

of turn because I am not on the board of select men and I do not

have the authority to appropriate town council projects so if I over

state Truro’s willingness to engage in that kind of preliminary

discussion about our legal positions, I apologize. That was not my

intention. Where I think we are now and I think, Sue alluded to this,

very well is look, there's no case or controversy between the seashore

and Truro until and unless there's an ADU application. And when

there's an ADU application, I think, we will be required to notify

the seashore and the seashore will write a letter to us explaining

the position and at that point in time, I think that we will need

to respond and we're in sort of a prelitigation kind of place. That,

I think, involves careful planning and understanding and engagement

with town council and this solicitors.

So rather, I think, rather than take a lot of positions now,

that when it's a moot point, we would prefer to wait and see if and

when an ADU is presented, then we can have this conversation with

the seashore in earnest.

RICH>> Thank you, Michael!

HEATHER>> Well, if there's any more discussion, I would certainly like to

hear that but I guess, prelitigation doesn't sound good to me. I

think we all want to avoid litigation. I guess it seems and where

I thought we would end, and I certainly understand what Michael has

said and Susan about the town of Truro but they're not in any position

to make changes to their bylaw or regulations. It seems like there's

room to develop good regulations that we could all benefit from.

So, I guess, maybe what I'm suggesting is to go back to my office

and talk it over with others but maybe the next step would be to

develop some model regulation that might do a better job of getting

at the various concerns and then that might be cognizant to provide

some direction from the ADU subcommittee to chew over what those

things might look like.

SUSAN>> I also just want to point out, any change in the zoning bylaw

needs to be approved at town meeting so I know, in some cases, they

have small town meetings and in Truro, we're not anticipating another

town meeting until next Spring. It could change but any work on model

regulations or bylaws certainly could go through the town meeting

process.

DAVE>> I have a question. Have there been other ADUs and if so, how many?

SUSAN>> That's a good question. I think at last count we had like 14.

I'm not certain about it. There's one in the seashore and that's

the one I alluded to several meetings ago where we were taken to

court and the court said, they get the ADU. So.

DAVE>> Is that since the regulation? In the last year?

SUSAN>> No, since ADU's work.

RICH>> So perhaps, I don't remember currently but I also thought we

discussed approaching our state legislature as who authored this?

And point out that, do they intend to have this, set up this potential

state, federal conflict by not distinctly saying the town -- inside

of the park? Has anyone had that conversation? With any of our

senators or state rep?

SHEILA>> We did receive a notice that it had been changed. It was made

clearer that the law did not pertain to the national seashore,

to federal land?

>> Who said that in the regulations?

SHEILA>> Yes, they put it in there from the governor's spokesperson. I

have it here if you want to --

RICH>> That would be a legislative clarification.

SHEILA>> Yes, it was.

RICH >> Where would that leave Truro should it happen? I think the other

times didn't seem as far along as Truro was.

SUSAN>> I think, Wellfleet was. Wellfleet had -- but -- I can see Beth Pyles, Wellfleet Town Planner is here

so, she might know better. We would need to revise our zoning law

if it is determined by the state, we would need to do it I presume.

RICH>> So just

MARK>>> I agree with Heather about this pre-litigation idea makes

zero sense to me. If I'm a homeowner on the seashore, starting to

hire architects and engineers to design an ADU to bring forward that

proposal to the town, spending that kind of money and letting the town use me

as a guinea pig to go against the federal government, I would be upset.

RICH>> Yes! Sure would. That's where we were hoping to get some clarification of, ask for clarification from our legislatures.

SHEILA>> I got this. This is actually from Denise Coffey because she kept asking

and I said, we put into it, a request for clarification so she called

the governor's office and sent me what the e-mail she got back. It

says Tara Smith, press secretary of the executive office of housing

and livable communities sent an e-mail on background writing that

the state's ADU policies do not supersede the seashore's prohibition

on ADUs? She pointed to C760-CMR71.01 section 3. This statement

of purpose is nothing in these regulations are intended to supersede

any federal law. I'll send it to you.

>> Sure!

RICH>> Well, that sounds pretty definitive. Can you have that

redistributed?

SHEILA>> I will send it to you.

RICH>> Could you please?

????>> Is that someone giving you a statement?

SHEILA>> That was Denise giving me an e-mail statement. It's not. She refers

to the copy. There was something else. I was trying to find something

as a document that pertained to that.

HEATHER>> So what -- you're quoting, Denise is the regulations that have

Been promulged by the State on the Affordable Homes Act.

MARK>> Wouldn't it be lovely if they were consistent?

>> I was going to say that. So, I --

RICH>> Thank you, that's -- good information. So, we, I think we have

a sense of one of them, the affordable homes act as regulations have

been promulgated and it avoids the state, town and federal government

regulations. You would say to your case study homeowner, you can't put an ADU on your property if it's in within the park -- so that seems to be clear in my mind. Going back to the Seasonal Communities Act, can someone clarify

how that would be done? Is it still.

SUSAN>> I don't know, we're waiting on the regulations.

>> So, the regulations have been drafted or not?

SUSAN >> They are drafting them, and they won't get out until -- I wish

I had my notes from the meeting, but it was, I think, at the end of

July or August that they were going to the seasonal communities

advisory council set up by the governor and Julia Cyr is a member of

that as is Sarah, well, Sarah Peake, she works for the governor now -- so she attended that last meeting and it has, and a --

JEN>> When you say they are drafting, is it your understanding that it is the seasonal

Advisory council drafting? -- who is the they?

SUSAN>> I believe it is, the legislature that is drafting them.

MARK>> Well, the regulations are usually done by the Park, housing of

livable communities.

MARK>> Okay. So how would the National Park Service get notice of when

to comment on these draft regulations?

>> Not necessarily.

>> Make sure you have input.

JEN>> Yes, we just have to -- now that I'm -- you know, frankly, I haven't

read it so now I understand that it's moving we'll search for it

when we get back, but we didn't get flagged for the last one.

MARK>> So I think to be proactive, having the Park service contact the

Department of housing has to be put on the list.

RICH>> I think these groups urged you to do that so from a STATS perspective,

from the housing I would hope that they aren’t -- being promulgated to the regulations in contact

with each other, via the park, that would be prelitigation.

>> Just saying. So, all of this, so they were concerned to

avoid -- again --

>> Not only prelitigation but just inconsistent, they have two

Housing laws and sets of regulations that treat the seashore differently. -- like seashore –

MARK>>>so except the department has issued the

regulations of affordable home staff and then maybe the same person,

might be helping to draft and might remember, you would think. You

would hope.

RICH>>Okay, so too is good. I'm glad we surfaced this. So, I

have no idea who suggested the sense of the advisory, of the members

is within thing, urging the superintendent to reach out to our state

delegation where to get up to speed on where either one of these are or

hopefully, like, make it known, then the Park is just, doesn’t want -- conflicting.

When these are applied and if they are going to be applied within

the national seashore boundaries. Where does it lead us? Does that

satisfy it?

MARK>> I want to thank Sheila for bringing it forward to the lieutenant

governor's attention.

SHEILA>> Okay, but the other thing I want to bring to their attention is,

and I know this isn't in conflict with -- Truro's feeling and maybe

in my own town board and all of that but this is -- this has been designated

as public property belonging to everyone. And it is to be set aside

to be protected for future generations. I think that even though

we have a housing crisis; we are a different animal on the cape.

We're two miles wide. We're shrinking. We have water resources that

are sketchy considering climate change and drought conditions that

are prolonged. It's a big draw, the reason we have more and more visitors is because

Cape Cod chamber sold the National Seashore it to the world when they went to Europe -- which really increased traffic. I kept saying, stop, there's too much traffic and some of that is

in Provincetown town too but it's -- we're not looking. As they say,

the Blasch house is a great example. Just because you can build it

there doesn't mean we should. We have common sense here and we see,

now, Falmouth is looking at how they're going to retreat or keep paying more

and more millions of dollars to keep their shore road there. We have

to be realistic about where we're living and how long can we prolong

its life as opposed to, how many times can we cut into it, and it is

death by a cut.

I can't remember his name -- Finn, what is his first name in

Mike Fee. When he replaced you the last meeting, he was here, he

had a quote that was something about this unintended constant cutting

in and then you don't have anything left. So that is my personal

feeling and I feel very strongly about it. We're very lucky to have

the seashore and we would be cleaning up more houses and hotels and houses out of the water and stop things being driven by other economic forces. And especially in the

outer cape. It's very fragile.

SUSAN>> I agree with everything you said. We are really fortunate to have

this seashore. There are privately owned properties within the

seashore boundary and some private property owners choose to do

things with their property, you know, that they say, this is my private

property and going through whatever regulations they are, whether

it's allowed or -- you need to go through all of the hoops but the

private property in the seashore is not from the tourist from Europe

and elsewhere to be -- I hear what you're saying.

SHEILA>> And they're allowed to improve their property and build their

sun porch or whatever, but it doesn't mean, just because I have the

cash, I can now, I can do this. People, they have inherited it and have been there since the beginning and the deal is they were lucky to have it and anybody

who buys it, should know what they're buying. And what the restrictions

are with that. And accept that. That's part of that deal. Otherwise,

buy outside of the seashore which I also don't agree with what they

have to do but I have little to say about it there.

RICH>> And if the property owner within the seashore wants to add a second

building on their property, that's not allowed, or it's considered

improved property which --

>> It depends.

Mark>> It's allowed –

LARRY>> you can do it, but you take a risk they will revoke

your certificate of suspension and they can take your property from

you so most people won't invest in those risks because they don't

want to lose their property completely.

JEN>> And there's -- it all depends, right? There's a difference between

accessory structures and the second dwelling unit. So, a garage is

not the same as an ADU, a shed is not an ADU. And studios so, you know, I forgot

who said it but it's been said multiple times, right? It's not that

the property had to be frozen in time in 1959 but that's the foundation for evaluation

of looking at further development.

RICH>> Okay. Other thoughts on this topic? So, I would thank for clarifying

it and speaking to the lieutenant. So, I would say the consensus of

this meeting will show we're supportive of the parks maintaining

its mandate as the National Park reserve wherever as much as possible

in light of the regulations being developed under these two state

laws. Those who are writing in these regulations should be aware of the federal

regulations that are in the park. And if we can help through our

own means and inform our own state legislatures and -- our positions

on this, we should. There's a lot more anticipated.

>> You now have had a meeting of the whole subcommittee. All right,

so, the second item under old business is the approval of the rules

of order and I think you all have.

RICH>> So with this, do you remember we all tried it? We endeavored,

to just organize ourselves and have agreement on how we're going

to perform as members representing our towns and state and region and it's always good to

have some rules in order to stay quarterly and to keep the attendance

and the members and alternates roles to clarify the public commentary

and -- so I'm not going to go through all of that, but I hope you

had a chance to review this. It's the result of a couple of meetings.

And I think it's incorporated on suggestions. I hope we did it. If

you want to take another look as we look through this. And any questions

on -- --

MARK >> Question 3B? Responses to public comment will not be addressed in

the current meeting.

>> The way I read it, if someone makes a comment, we're not allowed

to address it at the same meeting but we could address it at a future meeting. That

doesn't make a lot of sense.

MARY JO>> Province town has that too at the select board meeting. That's

the most dubious thing.

SHEILA>> It's the open meeting law. It's an unanticipated item so other

people might be interested and say, oh, that's an interesting question

and they would like to learn more. They don't have that ability so

you could say, interesting comment, we will note it, and we can put

it on a future meeting and that person can come in and say it again

and then go into a discussion about it.

MARK>> So I know in Barnstable Town Counsel, , they take public comment, and they ask them if there's any response.

MARY JO>> We should drop a dime on them. No, if that's the way --

SHEILA>> If somebody --You can go into a whole other thing. Thank you for the information

and you can go down a road and have an agenda you haven't gotten

to.

MARY JO>> But doesn't something come up that is important? You know. And then what are you supposed to do? Postpone it for

two weeks?

>> Not two weeks, it's three months!

SUSAN>> So first of all, I do not believe this body is governed by the

Massachusetts open meeting law so public comments could legally be

answered at these meetings. In Truro what we do, the elected members

of the select board are not able to respond to public comment. If

there's something that comes up that a staff member can answer, they

are not bound by the open meeting law so we'll turn to the town manager

and say, can you answer this question. And they might say, I don't

have the information today but I'll get it to you or whatever. There

are ways to get something answered at the same meeting. It's just

a question of what is posted on the agenda. You're not supposed to

have topics on the agenda under the Massachusetts open meeting law,

you should not discuss things not on the agenda because that's not

accessible to the public. That doesn't apply here.

JEN>> The federal advisory commission act does have the requirements

for public meeting for agendas to be posted with sufficient notice

through the federal register for members of the public to participate.

So, we do have and are bound by the public meeting regulations. It's

just not the Massachusetts state ones. Cheryl and I will have to

look specifically to the public comment piece.

I don't remember the discussion around this. What I don't want

to be boxed into is being compelled to respond when we need to do

research or work. Like, certainly if there's simple concern in

question that can be addressed in our practice, or at least addressed

to me, it has been addressed if it's something that we know in the

moment. But sometimes, they are more complex issues brought up and

they certainly wouldn't want to be expected to respond in Realtime

if it's something we don't have the right subject matter experts

of the world to address.

SUSAN>> Can I suggest saying the word will to may.

>> Responses to public comment may not be addressed.

MARK>> It might be, it may not be.

JEN>> Let me go back and reread the federal advisory commission act

to make sure there's not a contract. I don't have it memorized.

SHEILA>> It could be a sensitive statement. They may not be able to answer

the question right now.

JEN>> I think May is probably fine.

>> Thank you.

SHEILA>> It is a three month wait, not like next week.

RICH>> There are a lot of people who don't have, maybe, three or four

times a year to access this and the superintendent from the public

and asking questions is a part of why we're here. So, if they can

be answered, simply, fine. If not, we'll drop it like we do for the

next agenda.

JEN>> My practice has been, and I know, this is my six or seventh meeting

with you all. If someone brings up something that would require

substance, I have put it in my superintendent's update in the next

meeting so I can provide the context of the question rather than

just the two sentences or whatever. So that has been my practice.

When someone is brought something up that seems to be of general

interest, I try to roll it in the superintendent's update for the

next meeting.

>> Okay, sorry!

>> Yes, that's perfect!

DAVID>> 1C, second sentence, first word, both is not necessary.

RICH>> Any other updates, suggestions or comments?

LARRY >> This is just what we assume but, in the member, and alternate role,

the last sentence in A – alternates will be able to speak and vote in the member's

absence. We're assuming that, but if they're going to vote in the

member's absence, we would say, they can speak in a member's absence.

>> Okay.

RICH>> Good, thanks, Larry. We did say we would approve the rules of

order. Can I accept a motion to approve them with the stipulation,

that the superintendent would like to read it one more time.

JEN>> I'm going to look at 3e to see if there's anything contrary.

RICH>> So with that motion, is there a second? All those in favor,

signifying I. Oppose? Good. So, we are drafting some excellent Rules

of Order. Now, you can see here in the minutes, we have covered 3

pretty big topics in each of the meetings prior to this. Fresh water is one, wildland fire and iterations

around that and zoning so this item is to give the members a chance

to come back and revisit any one of those topics either with an update

of what might mandate what is happening or has happened subsequent

to your towns on any of these three topics. We have a lot of questions

that we didn't address fully when we focused on them in the past

meetings so this is kind of a refresher but also an opportunity to

go back and talk.

So, let's just take it one at a time. Fresh water, any updates

to our questions or current --

SUSAN>> I think we mentioned this, Provincetown and Truro they work very closely together and

we are looking for a place for new well field in Truro to meet

increasing demand. So that is going on and I know our town managers have

been in touch with the superintendent. And so, we have plans to put in water towers which could possibly be next adjourning but a but could be in Truro or Provincetown

lot of work building with consultants and also, trying to keep the

seashore and -- in the loop.

SHELA>> I do know there was discussions with our town about water. That's

what all of that is about. But as far as testing water, I can tell

you that the County is now offering free water testing and they really

are looking for and looking for data and identifying the property

which is the fear because we are testing for forever chemical,

in upper cape. The county is paying a huge amount of money because

of an infection to the wells of PFAS from our fire academy and now

we're finding it everywhere there and it seems okay here so far but

they want to get a handle, so they know what they're looking for and

what can we do about it if anything. Even if it's just legislation.

We have a new person, Jay, I forgot his name. He was the person there

for a long time and he's quite energetic and enthusiastic so he's

going out, singing the song and trying to make everyone aware so

I just thought I would make all of you aware.

RICH>> That's great! Thank you, Sharon. So, individuals can get water

testing.

SHEILA>> Yes, you can leave it -- bring it to the County or leave it at

your DPW. There's different pick-up sites and times in each town

so, they can inquire about it, drop it off and it’s free and then they'll know the

state of their water as well.

RICH>> Other comments?

HEATHER>> Just on fresh water also, I think, last summer, maybe the summer

before, I can't remember now but I think one of our early meetings,

I gave a presentation on water resources, and we have now, Cape Cod

Commission has completed our freshwater strategy. The final strategy

is posted on the Commission's website. It's not too long of a read.

It has a series of recommendations at the end that addresses what

municipalities, individuals and County and Cape Cod Commission can

do to improve freshwater resources and then in addition to that,

it's written document, there's a number of tools, both -- sort of

documents and online web-based tools that are super interesting and

useful to look at data, maps and ponds. We had a pond buffer guide developed

with the advisory group and landscape architect, designing it which

is an amazing resource and it's available online as well. So just

FYI.

SHEILA>> May I ask a question.

SHEILA>> Alright, so with our PFAS problem, there is going to be big

hearing on it and it -- I haven't done all of them because I get

a big update from our person in charge of that. But this does look

like they're going to be getting out more information and it does

look like it will be interesting and when I find that, I will let

everyone know before the meeting is over but in this, they are going

to be doing infusions of carbon around the sites of the PFAS which

looks like it will be like a filter, not anywhere there but I'm sure

it's not cheap but I thought of it as a -- this could be possible

thing to look at because of our -- trying to keep the integrity.

And this is like, all around it. So, I will let you know more about

that and I can share the meeting when I have it so if it's not today,

we can send it.

MARY JO>> I remember when the oil field was contaminated centuries ago,

it was all treated as a result with carbon filters.

SUSAN I was a reporter covering that issue. Truro has found some PFOS in isolated areas

and is worried to remediation.

SHEILA>> It is scary and unbelievably expensive. Millions and millions.

TOM>> Thank you! Just to build on some of the comments earlier. So

Chatham is getting advisement and considering a notable rate increase

in the water rates, primarily to address the persistent drought but

also, the PFAS concern to get to a positive balance in terms of costs

covering that. They haven't made the decision yet. It will be a little

bit controversial, I think, when it's made but in order to get back

to a positive balance for an accounting perspective, some significant

rate increases might be coming. Some of that cost, of course, is

as we have talked about the, the PFAS mitigation.

RICH>> Alright, thank you! Anyone else on the virtual members screen?

Just sing out if I don't see you or raise your hand on it? Don't

hesitate.

DAVID>> The town of Eastham report on water to some extent has a town

meeting next Monday night to move ahead with a septic treatment and

in the town of East am for a particular area defined by the state

which is generally East of Route 6 and includes this building, east

of Route 6 and North of the Salt Pond Visitor Center for a mile or a mile and

a quarter. That's a zone with a lens that comes to this area and

has more nitrogen than accepted to the marsh system and salt pond. And

a little history because I worked, for approximately twenty years,

Dr. Portnoy gave his talk right here and as part of the -- he had put micro

wells all over and don't quote me on this figure but he said, fully,

40% of the nitrogen and the whole town ecosystem comes from this

area. It was suggested that perhaps, a significant portion of that

came from activities associated with this building. So, I just want

to state that and I have seen a little bit that the seashore is involved.

I would assume this would be hooked up to that system so instead

of, flowing that way, it would flow north to the treatment. But it

should significantly assist with water quality. And if relatively

undeveloped shoreline area, but a heavily densely populated and

landfill area north of here.

It's followed by a ballot vote; I don't know when it was but

it has to pass and has to pass muster but it's hugely expensive.

It may not pass but I think it will. I'm not -- oh, the people in

the zone will come out and then it's up to the whole community, the

town to decide what is best for the community. And everything comes

in play as we all know with weather and what we will see. But that's significant

for the town of Eastham and I may I check with Johanna to see if

she's got comment on that. She lives within the zone. I don't.

JOANNA>> I think you're accurate in saying we're not sure if it would pass

but we're getting state funds for this project and if we don't pay

now through voting for the article, we'll be paying later, a little

bit more.

>> Thank you.

RICH>> Well, good luck to Eastham. A lot of our towns are going through

it. My town in New Orleans had a long battle before it finally connected

together and made big decisions. It's wonderful and it feels good

and everyone is happy but it's a process. With the number of people

showing up, you have to get the whole resolve, of course. You know

that. And it's worth doing. Other towns are moves forward. We

have some degree of mandate but it's up to the towns.

It's interesting. We can turn back to just what is happening

here to mitigate its contribution to the salt water.

JEN>> Dave may be able to address it better. My knowledge is limited

but we do have a special septic system here because of the high

flow and frankly because we're the first public bathroom everyone

gets to so we have a high concentration of liquid here which makes

the system very difficult to balance and then that's the depth of

my knowledge. Next meeting, I could bring in people. The flow south

and the depth of my knowledge on that one. This is not one I would

speak to off the top of my head. I would just add because you give

me this. The town of Eastham is very proactive. We met with them multiple times

and this is the only building, at this point that would be tied in

the project and we're hoping we can tie into that project so we'll

be a customer even as a municipality as we're a Provincetown within

the public water.

RICH>> And then the landfill is another major contributor, right?

DAVE>> I don't believe the landfill contributes that much nitrogen. It

could contribute other things. And for the nitrogen removal, I don't

think per person, per capita, per flush, this building system removes

anymore nitrogen than anyone else's. It is all standard which

basically, removes almost no nitrogen. A failed system, unfortunately

seems to remove more nitrogen because it goes to the air. No systems

are failed-- there was a proposal here too, to take the big field and put

up greenhouses and flow the flush there, grow plants, cut them, compost

them somewhere else and remove the nitrogen that way. And that didn't

go over very well at the time.

SHEILA>> Right, it went over --

RICH>> It would have been a wonderful teaching moment for kids and others

to see the natural ecological systems being used.

SHEILA>> Yes, it would have been cheaper to do it back there as well. That's

a great idea. Let's wait until it's more expensive.

DAVID>> Those systems still have night light for -- for mine, we did a lot of them and

then they stopped. But the lights would be significant hindrance

to that project. Nighttime, orange lights in the greenhouses which

is, yes.

>> So, we said, unintended thing.

RICH>> Well -- anything else that we can bring back or discuss or update

ourselves and superintendent with regard to water resources,

particularly fresh water?

JEN>> Okay, let's move to the wildland fire issue. I missed that meeting.

Heather, maybe you chaired it? I don't have anything in particular.

SHEILA>> I don't either. I know we were looking for a grant.

>> Go ahead.

SHEILA>> Like, we were looking for a grant to update the manual and best

practices and all of that.

SUSAN>> I think you got there.

>> I think you said you did.

SHEILA>> If we did, maybe I have to remember, there's so many, between

the two of them, I'm trying to keep it all straight, but did we get

that grant? I don't know.

>> You can't remember but I will reach out to Mike McGuire and if

he didn't, we can discuss it next meeting and I will -- or whenever

we can put it on and the process of updating that.

SUSAN >> It seems to me that you said that it was approved, and people are

very excited about that. You probably remember something better than

me.

SUSAN>> I will say in Truro, people are really freaked out about it and

no one knows this better than the Superintendent because there's

a panel discussion tomorrow at the library by our climate action

committee and friends with the Truro meeting house are trying to

have another discussion later in the Summer and the fire chief is

coming, the Truro fire department is going out to people's homes

to assess risk and give them recommendations on what you can do to

protect your property and it's a really great program and they came

up with but people are really concerned because there are a lot of

piles and a lot of dead wood on seashore property and there doesn't

seem to be a plan. I know you haven't had any luck of recruiting

staffers who can deal with it. But if a fire happened in this seashore,

it could be devastating for a Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham so the people there are just

super focused on this right now and I can only speak for Truro because

I'm here during select office hours and I take phone calls and so

on about it. I would be interested in what you're hearing in Wellfleet and Eastham as well.

SHEILA>> Well, I know I'm one of the people that freak out because it's

a drought and I, you know, I think about it a lot. I have learned

a lot. There's points when it's been dry for a long time and if I

smell smoke, I walk around my neighborhood. Is anything on fire or

are they burning with a high wind? A lot of times in the summertime,

it's fires on beach lofting over. So, I think, I had a fire next to my house it was spontaneous

drift fire and it caught to one house -- in the spring, and one neighbor

did live there and saw the smoke or we both would have been in big

trouble so it was seconds before we took with what the chief said

at that time so I'm very conscious of it and I know other people

are as well. It's just another one of those wonderful things you

have to think about when you live out here.

SUSAN>> And I know the people involved in Truro have been begging the

superintendent to speak and be on the panel.

MARK>> Drive by Nickerson Park in Wellfleet , they have smokey the bear, with a weekly update on fire danger and last week, it was very high which is very unusual for

this early in the summer.

The other thing, if you have equipment that responded to the

control burn that wasn’t at the military base last month. It made the

national news.

MARY JO>> I saw that.

>> They had mutual aid.

MARK>> Were you asked?

JEN>> In Sparta, we were not asked. We haven't had fire personnel for

a long time so it wouldn't surprise me we wouldn't be asked because

we have equipment but no one to drive it right now. We have an assistant

fire manager officer who will be reporting next week so we have that

leadership position refilled. So, we're excited to have him get here.

And also, I have met with the Truro meeting house folks, and we had

a good talk the other day about what we're trying to accomplish with

their meeting here at end of the summer. And so, assuming that the

scheduling works out, we will be a part of that conversation about

the shared responsibility we have for fire readiness. And I can see

Dave taking notes. We are challenged to complete for national

fire funds because we have a low occurrence of fire on Cape Cod.

As much as folks are very concerned about it, the data doesn't support

we have a lot of naturally occurring or even man caused fires here

so, the catch 22 we're in is we can see what is forecast to come and

the potential increase of disease and trees in the next decade and

periods of longer droughts, longer wet periods which cause a lot

of growth, followed by a dry period so we are likely in the future,

to not have the fire behavior we had in the past, but we are not

there yet. So, when we talked about this as an agenda item, we're

100% thinking about how we can make ourselves as fire resilient as

possible. But it's not a corollary to say that, you know, we're just

like California because we're just not there yet. We just don't have

the fire behavior yet. It's not to say we won't at some future date

but we're certainly starting to lean into what makes us fire resilient

and the work that the fire chief is doing is 100% what we all need

to be thinking about is around our built assets and how do we make

them as fire resilient as possible.

SHEILA>> You did give them the guide of fire wise, and I did read all of

it and how you, you know, really should clear around your own property

and there are things we can do, of course, in -- do you want to tree

it but at first, it's about the tree falling on your house, but I

was a little bit encouraged and surprised quite frankly when the

house explosion a couple of years ago, in there, deep in the woods,

it looked like to me; it wasn't because it looked like it was kind

of hard to get to but everyone was there and got it really fast before

it became anything else.

SUSAN>> Not a heavily wooded area. If you know where hillside farm is.

It is where the farm itself is.

>> Not a lot of trees. They took it there.

>> They did.

SHEILA>> So I was happy to see the response.

RICH>> Well play, long term --

DAVE>> Not from an Eastham perspective and apologies to Sheila if there's

something going on. There's a lot of effort going on with the former

AmeriCorps program. Along with 2000 other AmeriCorps programs were stopped within

the last two months. So, the County picked up and the individuals on board now

are continuing and as you know, and the Superintendents knows,

one-third is housed by the National Park Service house, in Wellfleet, almost in

Truro. So, this Seashore still has a hand in that. There are efforts

to continue on with a Corp type program and I think you said this,

Barnstable County Cape Core?

SHEILA>> I think that's better than Cape Cod Corps. We have too many 3Cs. And

I think it should be called, Barnstable County, if we're going to

sponsor it.

DAVE>> And there is a 501(c)(3) committee being organized. Discussion

on the board on the new unnamed board, coming up which hasn't been

codified but we're almost there, meaning the attorney general hasn't

been sent a letter to recognize us.

The AmeriCorps constraints for fire were somewhat limiting

because for the 26 years of the AmeriCorps program, almost all individuals started

in September and ended in July which does not mimic fire season and

fire season gets longer but it was proposed, if there was a group

that could meet and get together and get trained in February and

then be released in November. That would correlate with a fire season.

And without a -- Massachusetts service alliance because this could

be a County group. What I'm saying is, if the staffing and the county

can keep helping and if this other committee can get money coming

through it.

If the seashore is still providing housing, there is a potential

for fire Corp type group which historically the seashore with six

individuals that lasted six years and managed through the seashore

fire office and they worked on fire and burned piles and cut trees

and went on fires and prescribed fires all over the Cape and Chief

Collins at the fire meeting stood up and said, he really liked going

to Pilgrim Springs because through the fire core group, it was

a patch work and about 70 acres had been burned there and if a fire

burns through Pilgrim Springs which it could someday, and there's very

few houses there but the aftermath, why did the fire burn here and

that's because of the treatments. There's potential if this continues

and if the seashore could continue to house the group and it could

be exclusively for the seashore. I doubt it would work as well as

having it centered in the seashore because there's a lot of equipment.

But there could be a lot more hands on. The documents are all good

but there's a very few groups who professionally put things on fire

at the Cape.

SHEILA>> And also, some of that money became back, right? The federal

government like it did throughout this half of a year has taken away

and eased back it through AmeriCorps.

DAVID>> Something happened but I don't know.

SHEILA >>And there is a potential it that money could be reinstated by the federal government. I would

just be, if we could do our own thing and do it successfully, that

would be great. The only thing we can't guarantee is that college credit. There

is a benefit they get, not just the stipend but a benefit to the

college loan or experience. That is what I was worried about with

this group because once it was stopped, what is going to happen?

That's part of the promise and so we have to work that out.

RICH>> Alright, encouraging.

RICH>> Good, alright! So other topics worth reviewing? I think I might

have missed that meeting too, Heather.

SHEILA >>There is a lot of zoning changes

once these regulations are put together and guidance. If people choose

to do it.

RICH>> Well, let me start, is this helpful to go back and revisit it?

I have learned a lot. This is very helpful from time to time because

we again, have three months later. This is good! So again, and I

learned, I forget the people who were attending virtually. Has any

of this sparked any questions? Sorry, sparked thoughts?

>> Leslie and Lilli are the primary members we haven't heard from.

RICH>> So with that, that concludes number five. The 6th item on the

agenda is --

MARK>> Can we take a future agenda topic at all?

MARK>> Commercial usage…. I know the superintendent has given us some data about our different permits and everything, but I think having a session that deals more

intensively like that might be useful.

JEN>> Mark, what your -- give me a little bit of information. So, we

have five commercial certificates, suspension of condemnation so

five businesses that are still operating that we're operating so

we have those. Then we have the commercial use authorizations which

we issued to folks who do business in the park. Is that the sort

of information you want to talk about?

MARK>> There have been issues, you know, with Horton’s campground and what

is going on there. There's some different things that have been

continuing issues that I would like to have some update. Just this

thing about concessions. That's kind of important.

>> It is!

MARY JO>> Yes, my sister worked out there when she was a teenager and

that -- liquor store in province town but the only good news out

of the whole thing is the music is going to move up to the monument.

So --

MARK>> We have also heard complaints about the airport- I don't get the issue but

then there's Truro links. That is.

JEN>> I'm going to do it State of the Park at the next meeting so certainly I can address

from the park lens but certainly some of the things you brought up

are back in the shared responsibility space. Like, what are the town

rules regarding, you know, related to some of the campgrounds. So

I can certainly queue up sort of what is going on with our two

concessions and I can cue up what incidental business permits we

have. But I think what we're getting at is beyond what is in my house.

MARK>> Yes, I just -- everybody has a different take on some of these

things. The other thing is in your report, can you update on the

emergency response of the beaches. I know Wellfleet put in more measures there's some relay and

cell phones and things but just an update on all of the different

measures that have been instituted specific.

JEN>> Yes, and emergency falls.

>> Other topics that you would like to suggest or discuss?

SHEILA>> Well, he did get a call from someone asking about the staffing

happening at the seashore and are you back to normal and --

MARK>> She briefed us a little bit before she came.

JEN>> Okay, I can take that back. And I can just repeat what I said.

SHEILA>> You can tell me later. You don't have to do it again. And I think

it's a good idea of what Mark was saying. I did see that you are

looking to have someone run the concession at the beach so, Is that

still open?

>> Well, the person who had the 10-year contact at Herring Cove withdrew. This summer there is not. There's opportunities for food trucks and we have a

proposal asking for folks to take advantage of that business

opportunity but we haven't had too many takers yet but the new contract

is what is out right now. A new business opportunity that would start

next year.

SHEILA>> I saw that.

JEN>> And Mark not to be cryptic -- the Johnson who had the concession contract

for the last ten years bid and received it again so they are continuing

on for another ten years so this is year one new contract.

SUSAN>> I just also wanted to acknowledge the partnership that

superintendent had with Truro town officials in reopening

the -- beach. That was a really, what happened was pretty amazing

because it happened in a short period of time. The park and the FAA

and the Truro town officials and the bird police and all of that. We

got a new path down and it worked out really well, and it's beautiful! I walk there every day still. And it worked out very well and the tide has not washed the path

away yet so that's good news and bird nesting areas are there. Many

were wiped away during the storm but it was a massive effort in massive

effort during bird season. So.

JEN>> Jared was easy to work with.

RICH>> Thank you! And Shawn, the superintendent said, numbers of

employees are down little bit, not necessarily because of budget

but because of the temporary staff.

>> And we're down 20 permanent.

SUSAN>> This is an ongoing thing, and you have made reference to it concerning

erosion. There's a lot of talk about retreat, repair, rebuild. And

Mark Borelli, Center for Coastal Studies. This is when we're talking about

options but he came in and gave an amazing report with, he did models

he showed and I'm curious whether there are -- that was site specific

but the whole back shore which I walk regularly, you know, I see

slumps and you know new slumps pretty gradually. Is there any work

going on around there we should be briefed on? Is that something

that affects partnerships? It's all seashore property but town

beaches in Wellfleet and you know, it might be something that ought to be looked

at.

How much land have we lost? I know there's predictions.

JEN>> You might remember in one of our meetings, climate change and

resilience is the meeting. Part of that, we talked a bit about the

bluff erosion monitoring, shoreline monitoring we're doing. And so certainly we can come in 18 months later and say, this is what our data is showing us but

100%, I think we're monitoring it at 32 transects. Don't quote me

on the number but multiple transects across the seashore on the ocean

side and bay. For decades, we monitored shoreline but when it hits

the bluff, the shorelines can't change so what it didn't tell us

was, how much are we losing of the bluff? Just how far can the high

tide get to and so that wasn't an indicator activity in that particular

area. So, we have added a protocol to look at the bluff profile which

obviously tells us a different story because we get another layer so we certainly could have our GIS person and some of our science team come back at meeting in our

next cycle to update us on that information. I look at closely a

lot. It tells us where to prioritize our retreat. Marconi Stairs are a great

example. We lost 28 feet over that storm. We never would have predicted that it would have been that hot of a hot spot, but it just sometimes is. The three years that,

three feet a year doesn't really serve us. But then we have places

that are really stable. In the Highlands, we haven't lost much

measurably in a long time but because of that cliff it's clay, when we lose it,

it's going to be a major slump at the same time. So, I would be happy

to do that too. If you just want to pick up again, I think resilience

and a lot of your towns have been in touch with us about your own

climate resilience.

MARY JO>> I live on Bradford Street -- street and twice -- I had the tide at my doorstep

but one thing I have noticed is that Long Point it's getting longer, am I right?

>> It's building, right? The sand is coming around.

MARY JO>> It looks like it's headed towards the -- I know the select board

has been working very hard on climate change and resilience. I have

seen also, on the street the last time it happened, OI still call

it the green monster -- surf side. There was like a lake back there, from Allison? to Howard? And I know I go to St. Mary’s, and we have to board everything up.

I have a cousin who doesn't believe in climate change and I just

don't get it.

JEN>> We had goo conversations with the Town of Provincetown planner who

is working specifically on that. Tim

JEN>> Again, we have interfaced with all of the towns and different

departments around the pieces and components of this. Eastham has mostly been about stormwater. . So, I think it's a – it could be a robust conversation as we pull all of these peoples together.

Like, what does future planning look like.

SHEILA>> So overall of the years I have walked, I have taken a lot of pictures.

Have I cataloged them? But before the storm, I would go to OO certain

location, take pictures and then go to the same and take pictures

so, I can see, like, even at White Crest, it was this clay that is

now what is left is slowly sliding down. I can document that so if

there is someone who can help me since I'm a real techie, you know,

I know you can do things in your system like put in this particular

location and find all of the pictures that are at that location so

I think there's a visual little film you can make out of this with

erosion and you can see how the dune collapses when it starts to

sag then it's gone. Maybe someday I will come with you and sit with one of you

know -- even at the county, I can get these guys to help me. I do

have a lot of information that’s just not put together and it does tell stories

and I do think the public needs to be aware. I mean, much more aware.

We need to bring the public into understanding that these dynamics

are going on. And what role they can play to help, you know, as far

as not do more damage or these are the things that can only exacerbate

it.

SHEILA >>The one thing that stunned me is where it was the Marconi Site -- like, 100

years ago, it was two miles out and that's no longer there. You think

in 100 years. It was two miles out on this picture, visual picture.

It's in the lobby or something. It used to be out on the bluff. So

when you look at where it was and I'm not saying that the footings

were there but the land before it and you know, just going into the

sand loosens it.

MARY JO>> 453 commercial street, the first floor is what has been raised

and what was the first floor is really the second floor now. On the

far east end, I think it was the -- house, a yellow house. It's been

raised up so I can see it happening now a lot. Out of that 453 Commercial Street, I

spent half of my childhood there because the -- and --

MARY JO>> They raise it, water comes in. If the racing club doesn't get

raised, it's not going to be racing club.

RICH>> In conjunction of partners with the seashore, Mark Borelli, they would be happy to talk about this because it's a big issue. It's the climate reality

future on both sides. But on the inner side, it's looking at storm

type pathways. Like in Provincetown, we came down and the water

came down where people didn't expect it to. It was a little Sandy

and then down Bradford and down -- so those things are, you know,

they have some pretty sophisticated mapping technologies so if that's

a big enough topic, I'm sure they would be happy to demonstrate it.

SHEILA>> He gave us a talk at the province town planner, and it was sponsored

by Commonwealth magazine. It was a Boston centric group, and it was

poorly attended. I was surprised. I went with my friend from Eastham, and he was doing the zoning there and it was fantastic conversation

about Provincetown.

SUSAN>> I think the reason I brought up Mark is he is excellent at putting,

you know, you can look at the maps and the charts and the pluses

and the minuses and the squiggling lines but he puts it in plain

English for someone who can't look at the charts.

SHEILA>> Yes, it really is a navigational map.

RICH>> Okay, so we have a growing list of emerging issues. What else?

SUSAN>> What is the topic of the September meeting?

RICH>> State of the Park. Okay, great. M.

RICH>> We can add -- some topics, I would think.

JEN>> I would think with the standing agenda, my report, we would still

have old business and new business and space for anything that has

emerged since September but that meeting, we should agree on the

next couple where we have been so that we can queue up the Federal

Register notice to get that rolling. They have been moving but it

still takes us roughly 10 weeks so we should identify what the target

next meeting and next topics are.

RICH>> For our September meeting?

JEN>> My closing is a reminder of the September meeting but then we

could talk about that, what comes next?

JEN>> Oh, if we want to meet before the end of November, we need to

agree to that today. Because if we wait until September 15th, like

middle of November is pre-Thanksgiving time. It probably makes sense or that week between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sometimes this is reasonable, but I don't want to jump until the end. I know with have public comments to come. That was my last slide for the day.

RICH>> Is that agreeable? >> I would like to get it on the books and the Federal Register knowing the uncertainties that are coming at us from Washington. It would

be nice to have, at least from the Register and your calendar is

pretty busy, Superintendent.

MARY JO>> September 15th?

JEN>> Is Thanksgiving the 27th?

SUSAN>> November 10th, is that what you're talking about? It.

JEN>> I'm out of area on the 10th.

SUSAN>> 17th?

JEN>> That would be our rhythm. Some folks may be traveling, December

1st or December 8th but I wouldn't go later because we could lose people

too.

>> Before the sky season starts.

RICH>> Can we agree to November 17th?

JEN >>I would like to put a pull out.

The last couple we have agreed to on the fly, we had town meeting

for province town and -- other things that people just need to double

check calendars so --

Jen>> Question have a town meeting in September -- it looks like to

avoid October but if we say November 17th, what would the alternate

be if we lose a bunch of members.

SHEILA>> Early December.

JEN> Cheryl, can you put a note to send a poll out to the members and

then we can let Rich know where people shake out. I'm not even sure.

RICH>> That makes sense. So, if you see a meeting conflict, let me know.

In due time, let us know so we can get it facilitated.

JEN>> And then just a reminder, when we send the Federal Register notice

in, we do need to publish the agenda. So, I don't know if today we

can pick with topics we just talked about? Or just review it. But

when we put the notice in, we need to put the topic in as well.

RICH>> Well, that's why we do this generic fresh water -- just to keep

it open.

JEN>> Like if we know we want to take a deep dive into like, sand migration, coastal

changes or something. If it seems to percolate up, we can put that.

But whatever you guys decide and if we need a minute, that's fine but

if we publish it, we need to say what the agenda is.

CHERYL>> What I was going to say is -- like, okay, would you like -- instead

of November 17th or December 1, here are the topics brought up this

last meeting. When you respond to the date and your preferences and --

we’ll feet that to Rich>>.

RICH>> That's all good. Let's move to a public comment.

JEN>> I have one person who indicated when they signed in, they would

like to comment.

RICH>> Let me get it out of the way, it's from someone named Jean -- I

don't see.

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Stop all hunting and trapping permanently on this public site. It

needs to -- in all of its aspect. Reading it verbatim.

MARY JO>> I think we stopped hunting at one time, and it didn't work out.

It's use -- there forever.

SUSAN>> There are certain areas of the seashore, you're not allowed to

hunt. I didn't know -- I see hunters there all of the time.

JEN>> When there was a deed restriction when we got it, or it doesn't

fit within the Massachusetts State requirements for offset. You can't

hunt within a certain distance of houses and you can't in a certain

distance from roads so you know, we had --

>> Is there a map that shows? ?

JEN>> It's online and interactive for hunters to see if it's in or out.

We just updated them last winter. And we went out there and drew

circles on the map with a marker and we added a whole layer to the

GIS system and posted it.

RICH>> That's a nice feature. Thank you! So, I'm going to turn to the

public. Comments or questions? SM.

>> My name is Provincetown Independent--

>> Can you be louder so the people online can hear you.

>> I can talk this loudly. Does that work? The public has been asking

us about the vacancies of the park. We're interested in which positions

are currently vacant and how it is impacting the park's ability to

do key functions? ? And I also wonder how recent the vacancies are,

after January 20th, how many are left?

RICH>> Do we want to repeat or elaborate?

JEN>> I can’t elaborate, but I can but I don't have a list in front of me. I'm speculating.

>> But afterwards, I can give you an e-mail to give your question

to and then --

>> We went into it and then we had people participating in the various

retirement opportunities and I can't tell you that, where that line

is.

>> Thank you, Cheryl.

RICH>> Anymore comments or questions? Okay, anybody on the screen, the

last time around for our members and public who are attending

virtually?

JEN>> Can you just activate the chat to make sure we don't miss a hand

for the public.

ADAM>> There's no hands.

ADAM>> I don't see any.

SHEILA>> Yes, I don't either.

RICH>> So the meeting -- but -- I like to thank you. I think going back

and visiting the three main topics, we can -- we're not going to

say the word but this is something that is happening and something

we will pay attention to more.

SHEILA>> We adjourn unless someone else wants to add?

RICH>> You're ahead of me. Say I. Meeting is adjourned.