

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

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station
Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on
Monday, May 23, 2011, commencing at 1:03 p.m.

SITTING:

Brenda Boleyn, Vice Chairman
Richard Philbrick
Ed Sabin
Peter Watts
William Hammatt
Mary-Jo Avellar
Sheila Lyons
Judith Stephenson
Sharon Lynn
Maureen Burgess, alternate
Larry Spaulding, alternate
Tom Reinhart, alternate
Don Nuendel, alternate

Also present:

George Price, Superintendent
Kathy Tevyaw, Deputy Superintendent
Lauren McKean, Management Assistant
Susan Moynihan, Chief of Interpretation and Cultural
Resources
Erin Der-McLeod, Planning Assistant
Molly Williams, Event Ranger
Stefanie Coxe, Representative for Congressman William
Keating
Audience members

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. BOLEYN: Okay, my chronometer says we've come to the hour, so welcome everyone on another beautiful British day.

(Laughter.)

MS. BOLEYN: Any day now we're going to have a beach day.

I'd like to call the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MS. BOLEYN: First, I would like to ask if the agenda looks okay to everybody. I have two things to add actually.

Under the Superintendent's Report, we will open with a presentation from Lauren McKean about commercial certificates. I think many of you here have been around the loop on commercial certificates several times, so you know this is a very routine responsibility of the Advisory Commission to approve renewals for commercial certificates. And I don't think there's anything complicated in there.

Then if we go to the very end of the agenda, just before Adjournment, the vice chairman will have some parting words.

First, I would like to ask for a motion to approve

1 the minutes of March 14.

2 MR. PHILBRICK: As amended.

3 MS. BOLEYN: As amended?

4 MR. SABIN: You're talking about the agenda or --

5 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, that's right. I forgot to ask you
6 to okay the agenda.

7 Yes, would everybody consider that the agenda's
8 okay?

9 MR. SABIN: It's fine.

10 MS. BOLEYN: Motion to approve, thank you.

11 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (MARCH 14, 2011)**

12 MS. BOLEYN: The next thing on the agenda is a
13 motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

14 Would you like to make that motion?

15 MR. SABIN: No, I want to make a change.

16 MS. BOLEYN: Okay, we need a motion first to get it
17 on the table.

18 Motion to approve?

19 MS. LYONS: I'll make that motion to approve.

20 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you very much.

21 Is there a second?

22 MR. HAMMATT: Second.

23 MS. BOLEYN: Any comments or suggestions? Yes, Ed?

24 MR. SABIN: It's become my responsibility to review

1 the entire minutes to be sure they're correct. I did
2 find in the 100 pages only one item. On page 63 -- page
3 63, line 5, Sheila was talking about a committee. On
4 line 5, the first word, she may have been cheering for
5 the committee, but I think the word was *chairing*,
6 correct?

7 MS. BOLEYN: Yes.

8 MS. LYONS: Let me go in there.

9 MS. BOLEYN: The statement says: (Reading) Okay,
10 I believe that I reported that we were going to have the
11 ad hoc committee that I was cheering at that point (end
12 reading).

13 MR. SABIN: You may have been cheering.

14 MS. LYONS: Yes, I cheered and chaired, cheerfully
15 chaired.

16 MR. SABIN: That's the only problem I found in the
17 100 pages.

18 MS. LYONS: Thank you.

19 MS. BOLEYN: On page 61, there was some discussion
20 -- this is the meeting I did not attend. But there was
21 discussion about the Advisory -- I mean, excuse me --
22 the Nickerson Fellowship Committee and the history of
23 that committee. I will simply say that I am going to
24 clarify that later on when we talk about the Nickerson

1 Committee. The one thing I would change in that section
2 there is that the man's name -- the Nickerson who is
3 being honored by that is Joshua Nickerson, not Josiah.
4 So we'll come back to that because I have some
5 information about that.

6 With those -- folks, questions?

7 MR. PHILBRICK: No, a typo.

8 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, a typo, okay.

9 MR. PHILBRICK: On page 7, way back on page 7.

10 MS. BOLEYN: On page 7?

11 MR. PHILBRICK: About three lines into the page,
12 there is a statement itself as though by the chair, but
13 it's attributed to Avellar.

14 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, I see, yes, yes. I believe the
15 one you are talking about is line 5 where it says:
16 (Reading) Ms. Avellar: Okay, those in favor (end
17 reading). That would have been the chairman, yes.

18 MR. PHILBRICK: Yes.

19 MS. BOLEYN: So it would have been Mr. Delaney.

20 MR. PHILBRICK: Just a typo.

21 MS. BOLEYN: Yeah.

22 MR. PHILBRICK: Nothing else.

23 MS. BOLEYN: All right. Good eyes, everybody.

24 Are we ready for the vote to approve the minutes of

1 March 14, 2011, as amended?

2 MS. LYONS: I move that we approve the minutes as
3 amended.

4 MR. SABIN: Second.

5 MS. BOLEYN: All in favor?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you.

8 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

9 MS. BOLEYN: Reports of Officers.

10 I think that is myself, and I forgot to put the
11 centerpiece out. We have a centerpiece today.

12 MR. SABIN: What are you going to talk about?

13 MS. LYONS: The sacred horseshoe.

14 MS. BOLEYN: Big news. I'll be very brief. The
15 big news is that the Seashore staff last week found
16 these animals, horseshoe crabs, nesting in East Harbor.
17 Now, for the last two years, we have found molts of
18 these animals, juveniles actually, mostly around this
19 size, maybe three or four years old the molts look to
20 be, maybe up to seven years anyway. And the ones
21 they've located are not quite as big as this, but this
22 is exciting news. It's a story for another day, of
23 course, but the animals had to get into East Harbor
24 through the culvert that you've all heard about. And

1 the question before us is, is there an existing
2 population? Is it viable? Are there eggs being laid?
3 And so I'm among a few volunteers helping the staff up
4 there at East Harbor go out and explore this
5 environment, and I've received an e-mail from Kelly
6 Medeiros just a few days ago saying, "You won't believe
7 this, but..."

8 So if the animals are nesting, that means the
9 females are plowing through the sediment trying to find
10 a place to lay eggs. So hopefully before the season is
11 over we will find some eggs, and if that happens, then
12 we know that there's a resident population and hopefully
13 they're doing well. So this is another great step in
14 the story of the recovery of that estuary since the
15 Seashore opened up the pipe and allowed the tide to come
16 in. And the salinity is now very acceptably high, and
17 many organisms are doing well.

18 So that's my report on horseshoe crabs for today,
19 and we can just put that in the middle of the table.

20 MS. LYONS: Very good.

21 (Applause.)

22 (Mary-Jo Avellar enters the room.)

23 MR. PHILBRICK: Do you have a number for the
24 salinity at that time at that place?

1 MS. BOLEYN: I believe that the salinity now is at
2 least 22 parts per 1,000 and maybe a little higher.

3 Does anybody here know and can correct me on that?

4 Ocean salinity in the mid-ocean is 32 parts per
5 1,000, and usually in an estuary where you have a tidal
6 flux -- plus in this case we have groundwater coming
7 into the system, so one would expect that the salinity
8 would be somewhat -- somewhere in the 20s. And it
9 differs. The salinity is less at the Provincetown end
10 of the lagoon than it is at the Truro end of the lagoon.

11 It's a fun project. It's nice to have that going
12 on.

13 MR. PHILBRICK: Thank you.

14 MS. BOLEYN: You're welcome.

15 **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

16 MS. BOLEYN: Now we turn to Reports of
17 Subcommittees, and specifically a Nickerson Fund
18 discussion, and turn to the chairman, Peter Watts.

19 **NICKERSON FUND DISCUSSION**

20 MR. WATTS: There was a meeting on April the 18th
21 to pick a winner of this year's fellowship. And I was
22 involved with surgery in Boston, so I couldn't attend.
23 But Brenda was there, so I'm going to ask Brenda to
24 report on that meeting.

1 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you, yes.

2 Again, we had a wonderful series of applications.
3 It was not easy to sort these out. They were extremely
4 well-written, very important projects apropos to the
5 Seashore. That's one of the things the Nickerson
6 Fellowship Committee looks for, is a project that ties
7 into the National Seashore, and most of them have, in
8 fact, been within the boundaries of the National
9 Seashore.

10 So there were several having to do with salt
11 marshes. There were some having to do with East Harbor.
12 Some of them overlapped. I believe we had 15
13 applications, excellent references. The program of the
14 Nickerson Fellowship has really, I think, produced very
15 valuable results for the Park, for the Seashore, and
16 most of it has been carried out by young people but not
17 always. We had a professor from Wheaton actually who
18 kicked off the series. And we have some excellent data
19 that we wouldn't have otherwise.

20 So to make a long story short, the winner this year
21 of the 2011 Nickerson Fellowship is a young woman named
22 Jennifer Burkhardt, and she is doing a project called
23 *Determining the Role of Salt Marsh Macroalgae Ecads in*
24 *Cape Cod Salt Marshes*. I had to find out what that word

1 meant, and I want you to know. Ecads form mats. These
2 are modified algae. They're a species of rockweed --
3 that's a kind of seaweed that people use to do
4 clambakes, you know, these big brown algae -- that are
5 morphologically different from their counterparts in
6 rocky intertidal habitats and so on and so forth.
7 Anyway, this is all part of sorting out the intricacies
8 of salt marsh ecosystems, which are certainly important
9 on the Cape and certainly to the Seashore itself.

10 And another little sidebar of this has to do with
11 this problem that you've heard about, which is the
12 attack of salt marshes by mysterious predators. You
13 know, the question of: What's happening? Why are salt
14 marshes being chewed down in certain places and you see
15 bald spots and so forth? Well, part of her work will
16 deal with sorting that out also, and as you've probably
17 heard, the villain that is being indicted for that is
18 the square crab. Sesarma is the name of this crab.

19 So I think we can expect more good, useful
20 information here. She's not new to the Seashore. She's
21 done projects in the Seashore before. So Jennifer
22 Burkhardt and perhaps we'll hear from her at a later
23 date.

24 Any questions about that?

1 MS. BURGESS: Is she a graduate student, or is she
2 a working professional?

3 MS. BOLEYN: Let me see. She's a student -- let's
4 see if I can answer that. I believe she's probably a
5 master's degree student. I should have that answer
6 right here.

7 MS. McKEAN: She's former AmeriCorps.

8 MS. BOLEYN: She's what?

9 MS. McKEAN: She's former AmeriCorps.

10 MS. BOLEYN: Former AmeriCorps, right. Another
11 plus.

12 MS. LYONS: Another plus, yeah. A lot of those
13 kids stay or try to find ways to come back and stay.

14 MR. WATTS: Brenda, I think at this point I can
15 pass out these sheets, right?

16 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, yes, good. Okay. I mentioned in
17 the minutes of the last meeting there was some confusion
18 about how the Nickerson Fellowship was formed, and so I
19 copied a page from the Advisory Commission handbook,
20 which I'm going to remind everybody about before the end
21 of the meeting. And it gives the salient information
22 about how this started, but it started under the
23 leadership of Henry Foster, who was the chairman of the
24 Advisory Commission at that time.

1 And I remember going with him to a meeting of the
2 Elza Bangs Kelley Foundation and the application we put
3 in, and we were awarded a \$20,000 award to get this
4 fellowship started. And then we raised money, and Henry
5 Foster contributed some of the proceeds from his book.
6 And over the years we have got the fund up to a
7 principal of \$50,000, and it is from that that we try to
8 take a few thousand. It's usually -- I think it's never
9 been more than 4,000, I think, depending on what the
10 market is doing, and we all know what the market is
11 doing right now. We have managed to either support a
12 student or supplement their support. So that's just
13 some information that will help you understand where it
14 came from.

15 Anything else I should add to that?

16 MR. WATTS: I don't think so, except that this year
17 we have \$3,000, and \$500 will be withheld until she
18 finishes the project, which is before the end of the
19 year.

20 MS. STEPHENSON: Are they soliciting funds for this
21 now?

22 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, the financial administration for
23 this is under the Friends of the National Seashore. So
24 that's always one of the pockets where an appeal is made

1 for donors to the Friends of the National Seashore. So
2 let me not lose this opportunity. Please --

3 MS. STEPHENSON: I'm a Friend of the Seashore, but
4 I've never seen any solicitation for this. I'm just
5 curious if there was something that --

6 MR. WATTS: I think they have other priorities at
7 this time, but certainly they promise that in the future
8 when they finish with their projects --

9 MS. STEPHENSON: Right.

10 MS. BOLEYN: So when you make your contribution to
11 the Friends of the National Seashore, you could say,
12 "And we would like this to go to the Nickerson
13 Fellowship Fund."

14 Thank you, everybody.

15 MR. SABIN: The Friends do have a lot of other
16 projects that they're working on. Like the furnishing
17 of the Coast Guard Station is one of the key projects
18 right now.

19 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, indeed. They certainly do.
20 They've done some wonderful projects. So I'm just
21 really taking this opportunity to put my oar in for the
22 Nickerson.

23 MR. WATTS: Also, I think we would like to have new
24 members on the committee, and we are actively trying to

1 find people, especially people who have a science
2 background that can go over these proposals properly and
3 pick a winner. That's what we really need.

4 So if anybody has any ideas about people who would
5 be appropriate for the fellowship committee, please let
6 me know, and we'll approach them.

7 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, go ahead.

8 MS. STEPHENSON: How often does the group get
9 together?

10 MR. WATTS: Twice.

11 MS. STEPHENSON: I can probably make a very good
12 recommendation.

13 MR. WATTS: All right.

14 MS. LYONS: What about the new selectman in
15 Wellfleet? He works with Coastal Studies.

16 MR. WATTS: That's right. No, I already thought
17 about him. Mark Borrelli.

18 MS. LYONS: Oh, okay. Yes, Mark.

19 MS. BOLEYN: He'd be excellent.

20 MS. LYONS: Yes.

21 MS. STEPHENSON: I have a science teacher who lives
22 in Woods Hole, so they would probably be a good source.

23 MR. WATTS: I think it's a very easy committee to
24 be on because basically we send out proposals and Megan

1 Tyrrell, working for the Park, does most of the
2 paperwork on this, and then we meet. When 14 proposals
3 came in, they met and on the 18th picked a winner, and
4 basically that's it.

5 Maureen, you --

6 MS. BURGESS: I volunteered. Actually, I didn't
7 know what I was volunteering for, so thank you for
8 clarifying it.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MS. BURGESS: My background is not science in
11 nature.

12 MS. BOLEYN: That's fine. I want to slip a little
13 message in here too because it is not limited to science
14 projects. We've had people do policy studies here, and
15 it didn't have anything to do with -- it can be the
16 cultural interpretive area, so it's not limited -- it
17 just turns out that most of our applicants seem to be
18 interested in the world of natural science, but we do
19 need to have others to balance the committee here. In
20 fact, one of our members who recently resigned was Randy
21 Bartlett, and he is an historian. So he was able to
22 offer -- and of course, Peter's an artist. So it's
23 important to have the other aspect looking at it too.

24 MS. STEPHENSON: How do they hear about it in order

1 to apply?

2 MS. BOLEYN: Okay, this is one of the things that's
3 really changed. When we started here -- and when did we
4 start? It was '92 I think when we started this. It was
5 all done with paper and letters and stamps. Now it's
6 all done over the Internet. And we used to have a list
7 of colleges and universities, also high schools. We've
8 had high school students win this award. And now with
9 her networks, Megan can just plug this into the network
10 and it's on the Web site for the Seashore, so people
11 find out about it.

12 Yes?

13 MR. WATTS: One proposal this year was for the
14 Modern House Trust, I mean, studying modern
15 architecture. So it isn't just science, as Brenda said.

16 MS. STEPHENSON: When you said one proposal, was
17 that a proposal from someone out-- -- one of the
18 fourteen --

19 MR. WATTS: Yes.

20 MS. STEPHENSON: -- who proposed that?

21 MR. WATTS: Right.

22 MS. BOLEYN: Yes.

23 MS. STEPHENSON: Ah, okay.

24 MS. BOLEYN: All right, thank you very much.

1 So if anyone is interested or has a suggestion for
2 new membership for that committee, it would be very,
3 very welcome.

4 Thank you very much.

5 MR. WATTS: Also, I think that you weren't here,
6 Brenda, but it was discussed that maybe the Advisory
7 Commission themselves would have ideas, and we used to
8 do that where we put out what the Advisory Commission
9 would think would be a good idea to concentrate on for
10 the people who are proposing.

11 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, we have done that in the past.
12 We have sort of set a theme for a particular interest to
13 the Park Service. We try to do that carefully because
14 we want to give applicants as much latitude as possible
15 about what they wish to pursue, but sometimes it's a
16 particular interest of importance to what's going on in
17 the Seashore. I think one time it might have been
18 invasives. We were interested in invasives, but yes.

19 And the staff here, of course, can provide us some
20 guidance there.

21 MR. PHILBRICK: Along that line, the Park
22 superintendent undertakes questions to this commission
23 on how we would like some procedure to be carried out.
24 For instance, the dune shacks began with such a request

1 of the Commission, and it led to a subcommittee, which
2 is I guess maybe still alive. Maybe. Maybe not. But I
3 see a parallel. In other words, the subcommittees which
4 generally are formed and carried out by this group are
5 in answer to a request for help and guidance from the
6 superintendent.

7 And parallel with that, wouldn't it be appropriate
8 for this group to originate or come across some need or
9 something to be studied scientifically and that subject
10 put on a list carried by this subcommittee?

11 MR. WATTS: I believe that there are two
12 subcommittees, official subcommittees that are active
13 now. One is the Nickerson Subcommittee. The other is a
14 dune -- dune traffic subcommittee.

15 MS. BOLEYN: The third one is the ORV Subcommittee.

16 MR. WATTS: That's the one I meant, yeah, ORV.

17 MR. PRICE: We'll be transitioning the Dune Shack
18 Subcommittee from the group that actually worked on the
19 environmental assessment to one that Rich agreed would
20 be part of the EA, which would be monitoring and
21 assistance.

22 MR. PHILBRICK: I'm trying to outline, you know,
23 logic that occurred to me when saying the subject
24 undertaken under the Nickerson grant and awarded by the

1 MR. PRICE: I apologize for not having this on the
2 agenda previously. Basically this is a follow-up to a
3 topic that we had a number of months ago, this past
4 winter.

5 One of the functions of this group is to really
6 review and to approve continuation of commercial
7 certificates. Remember, with the legislation of the
8 original Seashore 50 years ago, the commercial entities
9 that were in the Seashore boundary at that time were
10 allowed to continue, so they're on a rotating basis for
11 having their certificates reviewed. At that time we
12 specifically had a presentation from the AC Mobile Park
13 and the Adventure Bound camping area on Highland Road.
14 If you recall, there was a concept where they were going
15 to be under the same management, and they were proposing
16 a septic system treatment program that was going to join
17 both of the facilities, and we were all actually
18 favorably impressed with the concept, thinking that that
19 was a good way to go.

20 The administrative consent order agreement between
21 DEP and the Adventure Bound camping states that the
22 campground shall be hooked up to the new system within
23 36 months of the issuance of the DEP's permit compliance
24 date of April 5, 2013, or 48 months from the date of the

1 compliance date of May 2, 2011, whichever is later. So
2 the Advisory Commission used the first date as a means
3 to track their progress, okay, on the meeting -- if they
4 were meeting the state wastewater requirements. We
5 issued the letter on April 11, 2011, requesting an
6 update, and we have not yet heard a reply.

7 We believe and we understand how this is a
8 complicated and expensive upgrade. We understand how
9 they're still trying to get approval through the town,
10 and in order to put them into compliance, we're
11 requesting a motion and an approval from the Commission
12 to extend the recommendation of their CSC for another
13 interim date for the installation by April 5, 2013,
14 which would be appropriate. So basically we had given
15 them an interim date previously, which expired this past
16 May 2, and now what we're saying is we'll give them some
17 more time until April 5 of 2013. This is an
18 understanding that all the compliance is being approved
19 by DEP and is also being approved by the town.

20 Is that a good summary, Lauren?

21 MS. McKEAN: Uh-huh, sure. Yeah, the commercial
22 certificate of suspension from condemnation just
23 basically means the government will not take their
24 property by eminent domain as long as they continue to

1 satisfy the requirements. So it's okay there's been a
2 slight lapse since the beginning of May. It's not like
3 we're going to rush in and take it.

4 MR. PRICE: Right.

5 MS. AVELLAR: May I?

6 MS. BOLEYN: Yes.

7 MS. AVELLAR: So are you trying to make this be on
8 the same date that they're supposed to be hooked up?

9 MR. PRICE: Yes.

10 MS. AVELLAR: Okay.

11 MS. BOLEYN: So basically what's being requested is
12 an extension.

13 MS. AVELLAR: But they would be coincidental?

14 MR. PRICE: Yes.

15 MS. AVELLAR: Okay, I'll move that.

16 MS. BOLEYN: Okay.

17 MR. SABIN: I'll second it.

18 MS. BOLEYN: It's been moved and seconded that the
19 extension of the certificate be approved. Any more
20 comments? Any questions or comments?

21 (No response.)

22 MS. BOLEYN: All in favor?

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MS. BOLEYN: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MS. BOLEYN: Abstentions?

3 (No response.)

4 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you very much. Motion carries.

5 MR. PRICE: Thank you.

6 One other just news item under commercial
7 properties is that the Truro Board of Health permitted a
8 new business license this May for Montano's Restaurant
9 to also allow for breakfast service. So that's
10 obviously within their commercial license. Really
11 that's just informational for us.

12 Thank you.

13 Moving on to a number of other topics.

14 UPDATE ON DUNE SHACKS

15 MR. PRICE: On dune shacks, specifically on May 8
16 at the Province Lands Visitors Center, we held an
17 informational meeting to really outline the
18 environmental assessment that was completed. As you
19 recall, using the Dune Shack Subcommittee, which
20 included officially representatives of the dune shacks,
21 representatives of the Town of Provincetown and Truro,
22 the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore, and obviously
23 the Advisory Commission, several of you attended all of
24 those meetings. We held those meetings up at the Center

1 for Coastal Studies. There were 11 such meetings and a
2 series of workshops which resulted in the document, the
3 environmental assessment.

4 The original time schedule that we thought was
5 going to happen was what we thought this public meeting
6 was actually going to take place in the fall because we
7 thought we would be wrapped up before June of last year.
8 In fact, we actually had to come to the Commission in
9 July in order to get the vote that you all voted on.
10 That then caused a backup with the contractor in order
11 to produce the EA document. I was notified in the fall
12 that basically Christmas week would be a good time for
13 them to present this document to the public. I decided
14 I didn't think that was a good week.

15 (Laughter.)

16 MR. PRICE: So then the way the schedule worked, my
17 other option was, quote, sometime in the spring. So I
18 know there was some confusion as to where were we or
19 what had changed, but actually what had happened was the
20 extension of the contract to actually prepare the
21 document.

22 So we had the meeting on May 10, and basically it
23 was a conversational. There were a lot of clarification
24 questions. There were a number of statements made by

1 the public, and then people had the opportunity to
2 actually provide comments that night. The Web site will
3 be open until June 10 through our Pepsi Web site for
4 people to still supply comments if they're interested.
5 We will then do an analysis of the comments that we've
6 received and either provide responses to them or decide
7 how they might be considered. As a result of that
8 discussion, unless there are major, major changes, then
9 we would actually finalize the EA, and that would give
10 us a preservation-induced plan.

11 What I think is important to realize is that the
12 new EA has a lot of other pieces to it. For instance,
13 it talks about alternatives that were considered and
14 rejected, everything from turning them all into being
15 B&Bs to demolishing them all to whatever because that's
16 what we're required to do as part of the environmental
17 process. What the preferred alternative was -- word for
18 word, was the document you all voted on here at the
19 Advisory Commission, so nothing had changed from the
20 preferred alternative. And that's the document that we
21 hope we're going to end up with.

22 MS. STEPHENSON: Did the document get changed
23 before this to reflect what we didn't vote for within
24 that? The couple of paragraphs that we wanted to have

1 rewritten and deleted?

2 MR. PRICE: I believe those were all part of the --

3 MS. BOLEYN: I think so. That was all changed.

4 MR. PRICE: That was all part of it, yes. All
5 those changes were made as --

6 MS. STEPHENSON: Some were inconsistent, internally
7 inconsistent? We just cleaned it up? So that was
8 changed?

9 MR. PRICE: That was all reflected in the version.

10 So just to let you know that that's the status. It
11 was a very well-attended meeting. Obviously there were
12 a number of continuing concerns people have, but there
13 were also an awful lot of positive comments at that same
14 evening program. So hopefully we're moving forward with
15 a preservation and use plan that we think will be the
16 best way for sustaining the dune shacks into the future.

17 IMPROVED PROPERTIES/TOWN BYLAWS

18 MR. PRICE: Last meeting under Improved Properties/
19 Town Bylaws, there was a lot of discussion about zoning,
20 especially in Truro. I reported that the National Park
21 Service had sent a letter to the town and the board with
22 our concerns over the bylaws as they were being
23 discussed at that time. You all asked that I resubmit
24 that letter with a cover letter stating very strongly

1 that the Advisory Commission was also concerned and
2 wanted to continue to reiterate to the board of Truro
3 that especially for the Seashore District we were
4 looking for stronger support to protect the zone as we
5 would like to see it.

6 In any case, these moved forward, Lauren, but could
7 you just fill in.

8 MS. McKEAN: Well, a citizens group also petitioned
9 two additional articles. One was sort of a fallback
10 that was really simple, and then one had several tiers.
11 They were really very generous. I guess the original
12 planning board proposal was what Wellfleet had put in
13 place in 1975, and we knew that was kind of passé and
14 talked about that in our letter to the planning board.
15 And then the citizens' petition articles were still
16 quite generous with the amount of square footage you
17 could have on a property. It was, you know, 5,000
18 square feet, and that was just livable area and not
19 accessories space. So it really wasn't limiting
20 anything. So we submitted another letter, and none of
21 the articles passed in Truro. Unfortunately, also in
22 Wellfleet they had proposed for residential zoning
23 outside of the Seashore District. It was a similar
24 vote, a little bit more generous outside the Seashore

1 District in Residential 1 and 2 zones, and that didn't
2 pass either, unfortunately.

3 MS. STEPHENSON: So what is Truro left with?
4 Relatively generous zoning regs?

5 MS. McKEAN: Setbacks and (inaudible).

6 MS. STEPHENSON: That's it?

7 MS. McKEAN: Yeah, a couple of parameters but not
8 many.

9 MR. WATTS: Almost nothing.

10 MS. BOLEYN: Very weak.

11 MR. PRICE: So we'll keep trying.

12 In any case, that's where we are on those topics.

13 MR. PHILBRICK: Is there anything stronger that the
14 Park Service can bring to bear on this than this
15 relatively ineffective process?

16 MR. PRICE: As I learned the hard lesson in
17 Wellfleet, the way the legislation is determined is that
18 basically the Seashore districts were to be described as
19 protected in zoning under mutually agreed to language.
20 And what's interesting is that the preamble to the
21 language sounds terrific. It talks about protecting the
22 National Seashore; it talks about upholding the mission,
23 the goals of the Seashore; it talks about the integrity
24 of existing structures; and it talks about preserving

1 the Cape Cod character. That's the preamble. Then when
2 you get into the specifics, they're very wide open.

3 And when those zoning laws were first put forward
4 by the towns, the Seashore and the Secretary of the
5 Interior signed off on them, and it's my belief that all
6 the people around the table at the time knew what they
7 meant. They had a common understanding of those
8 parameters. And what's happened all along since then is
9 there's been a lot of disagreement of, in fact, what's
10 actually on paper, so that has resulted in the
11 controversy that we have. However, at this point, the
12 federal government is still interested in working
13 cooperatively with the towns in order to get the
14 language in place, and that's basically where we are.

15 MS. STEPHENSON: Is Truro going back and starting
16 again, or does anyone know?

17 MS. AVELLAR: Well, they've had their town meeting,
18 so they'd have to either have a special town meeting or
19 plan something for next year.

20 MS. STEPHENSON: Do we know if anyone's working on
21 these zoning regs?

22 MS. AVELLAR: One can only hope and pray.

23 MR. WATTS: I can only tell you in Wellfleet we got
24 so fed up with the planning board that we did it by

1 petition, and the petition got a two-thirds vote at town
2 meeting and it went through.

3 MS. STEPHENSON: Well, I'm just wondering whether
4 Truro has any ad hoc petition writers going on, or has
5 everybody just left it again?

6 MS. McKEAN: Well, they did have a small citizens
7 petition group, but I think that they came in so far at
8 the end they really didn't have time to shop it around
9 and really get a lot of support.

10 I think there was some discussion -- Brenda, maybe
11 you can say -- at town meeting about the two, the
12 planning board and the citizens group, needing to get
13 together sooner and that after a little hiatus maybe
14 they will.

15 MS. BOLEYN: Déjà vu in Truro. There continues to
16 be a great deal of interest in this, but as Peter has
17 pointed out in the past, the planning board is dominated
18 by Realtors and developers, and the proposals they bring
19 forward are not acceptable to so many townspeople that
20 for several years running they never get passed. Groups
21 of townspeople have tried to put forward something.
22 They're not professional. They don't have the
23 experience.

24 My own personal feeling is that the group needs to

1 get together with people who have been successful at
2 this and done it before and also, yes, indeed, try to
3 work with the planning board, if possible, to bring
4 something to the town. It won't be a special town
5 meeting, but something special to the next town meeting
6 that might be acceptable.

7 Yes?

8 MR. REINHART: What about just proposing what we
9 passed in Wellfleet a couple of years ago? It's very
10 reasonable.

11 MS. BOLEYN: Could you identify yourself for the
12 record?

13 MR. REINHART: Tom Reinhart.

14 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you.

15 Yes, that's one place.

16 MR. REINHART: I think it would be better to have
17 sort of a uniform code across the Seashore. We have
18 something different in Eastham, but Eastham's probably
19 even tighter because it's in a 50 percent guideline.
20 This is more lenient but still would preserve the
21 character fine. I don't know. Maybe I need to talk to
22 somebody from Truro to see about that. It would be good
23 to have the same rules across the district.

24 MS. BOLEYN: I think it would be worthwhile for

1 people from Wellfleet to talk with people in Truro, but
2 I'm not a spokesperson for this group. So I can just
3 say yes, I think all of these suggestions have merit and
4 should be pursued.

5 MS. AVELLAR: Did they have a problem in Truro with
6 -- I know that we had it in Provincetown when I was on
7 the board of selectmen. We were getting very few
8 applicants to be on these boards, and the people that
9 you were getting applying for these boards are people
10 who have, you know, the vested interest. And there was
11 one point -- and town manager over there can back me up
12 -- when it almost looked like the board of selectmen was
13 going to have to become the zoning board because we
14 couldn't get anybody to volunteer to even be on it. So
15 it's harder and harder as more and more of the towns
16 become less occupied on a year-round basis to find
17 people that are willing and able to serve on some of
18 these boards. It's very difficult.

19 MS. BOLEYN: It's a very stiff problem in Truro.
20 Truro is the smallest town on Cape Cod. Someone once
21 did the arithmetic and came up with the figure, if we
22 were to fill all of our boards, it would take 10 percent
23 of our population. So as the job of operating the town
24 becomes more complex and we have more committees and

1 subcommittees, it just adds to the problem.

2 MS. AVELLAR: And less people.

3 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, Peter?

4 MR. WATTS: I just want to identify Tom Reinhart is
5 the alternate representative from Wellfleet, and he's on
6 the zoning board of appeals. His wife is on the
7 planning board. You need people like the Reinharts who
8 are activists.

9 MS. BOLEYN: Indeed.

10 MS. LYONS: Also, I will say about them that they
11 are willing to -- they're not all or nothing. I mean,
12 they come with a very open mind. I think they want
13 certain things in place, but they're also --

14 MR. REINHART: I'm not as willing to compromise as
15 Janet.

16 MS. LYONS: I know.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MS. BOLEYN: Dick Philbrick?

19 MR. PHILBRICK: There is the situation of a
20 planning board instituted, as the text that I read
21 indicated. And shouldn't that be documented and
22 possibly raised as a challenge? If a group can have a
23 conflict of interest as an individual does, shouldn't
24 the same guidelines apply?

1 MS. BOLEYN: Uh-huh.

2 MR. PHILBRICK: And that would bring that out into
3 the open and let there be fresh air flow through it and
4 so forth, and possibly the group, if it is so
5 constituted and is established, maybe they remove
6 themselves from the process, which happens with an
7 individual.

8 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, of course. If there is a
9 proposal before the board in which a member has a
10 professional or business interest, then they generally
11 recuse themselves, but in terms of a general conflict of
12 interest based on background for a town board, I'm not
13 sure that that would fit, but I'm not an expert.

14 Yes?

15 MR. PRICE: Just as a follow-up, one of the things
16 I feel compelled to say because I've had numerous
17 meetings now, specifically with Wellfleet and Truro, and
18 just because someone has a professional interest or
19 occupation in the developer or Realtor field, as I've
20 listened to these people, some of them have very strong
21 philosophical beliefs, by the way. It's not just a
22 private or a personal potential financial gain we're
23 talking about here. I've heard the dialogue. They
24 philosophically disagree with restrictive zoning, and

1 many of them disagree with the concept of even the
2 Seashore districts. And they'll come out with
3 statements. They'll say things like, "The federal
4 government can't tell us what to do" or "It's private
5 property. It is America. We should be able to do what
6 we want."

7 In my opinion, strong opinion, a professional
8 opinion, that is true. It is America, but America and
9 the Congress and the people on the Cape also established
10 the Cape Cod National Seashore, and we did say that this
11 is a very special place. And the Seashore districts are
12 supposed to uphold certain criteria as established in
13 the legislation and, as I just described, in the
14 preamble.

15 So that's really the rub where, yes, private
16 property is private property. However, if your private
17 property is in Seashore District, theoretically that is
18 a special place and it's been set aside with special
19 parameters. But because the enforcement of it is
20 supposed to be collegial between the town and the
21 federal government as it's defined, that's where the rub
22 really comes down. And then it becomes subjective, and
23 then, as someone like myself finds out, the language is
24 not as prescriptive as you had hoped. And as you all

1 saw in the Blasch case in Wellfleet, we thought we had a
2 slam dunk, which is why we went to the state land court,
3 and even that didn't get very far.

4 So it's a frustrating piece, and I just think it's
5 an interesting issue and, as we talk about the 50th
6 anniversary of the National Seashore, one of the future
7 threats. And although the Seashore is 50 years old and
8 we're a mature park in the world of units of the
9 National Park system, obviously we still have some
10 issues that are at our core that we have to be vigilant
11 on.

12 So we certainly appreciate the support of the
13 Commission, and we'll continue to try to work with the
14 towns in order to maintain the Seashore districts for
15 sure.

16 HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION

17 MR. PRICE: Let me move to the Herring River
18 Wetland Restoration.

19 The only news I wanted to report on that is that
20 the Seashore is still working very aggressively with a
21 very large extended committee on preparing the
22 environmental impact statement, and we had hoped that
23 there was going to be some public meetings roll out of
24 that by the end of this summer, if not the fall. In

1 fact, we believe the timeline has slipped, so it's most
2 likely going to be in the spring. Again, we're going to
3 be in the same type of thing we were with the dune
4 shacks. We might be ready to have some public meetings
5 in the dead of winter, but it makes a lot more sense to
6 wait till the spring until more of the population can
7 actually focus on it.

8 Yes?

9 MR. WATTS: I'm an artist. I've done a 4-foot by
10 5-foot painting of the Wellfleet Herring River estuary,
11 and I'm presenting it to all the open space people at
12 Preservation Hall on Thursday night.

13 MS. LYONS: Oh, excellent.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. BOLEYN: That's a wonderful contribution.

16 MS. LYONS: It is indeed.

17 Seven o'clock?

18 MR. WATTS: Yeah.

19 MR. REINHART: Where is it going to hang, Peter?

20 MR. WATTS: They have to make up their minds what
21 they're going to do with it. I don't know what they're
22 going to do.

23 WIND TURBINES/CELL TOWERS

24 MR. PRICE: On the next topic, Wind Turbines/Cell

1 Towers, the one new item I just wanted to mention is the
2 Town of Provincetown will have hopefully installed a new
3 cell tower later this summer near the wastewater
4 facility off of Route 6.

5 MS. AVELLAR: Cell phones at the beach. Now I'll
6 be hearing cell phones at the beach. I hate it.

7 MR. PRICE: It will provide more cell coverage for
8 the airport, Race Point Ranger Station, and the beaches.
9 Obviously it's not an overwhelming success with
10 everyone.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MS. AVELLAR: It's good for the airport. I mean,
13 people need it at the airport.

14 MR. PRICE: Well, frankly, you know, in this day of
15 public safety, though, Mary-Jo, I have to tell you, all
16 of us rely so much on cell phones, and the general
17 public, whether you're hiking out on the dunes, whether
18 you're out at Race Point --

19 MS. AVELLAR: Oh, I know. I know.

20 MR. PRICE: -- or if we have a mariner at the
21 beaches -- off the beach, cell phones are the way to go.
22 Our rangers have radios with repeaters and everything,
23 but most of the general public and most of the staff
24 still relies on cell phones.

1 So from a public safety point of view, I think it's
2 a good idea, but I know what you're saying.

3 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, I mean, it's like when you're
4 in a restaurant and they're all talking on the cell
5 phone next to you. It's annoying, you know. There
6 should be some places in the world where people don't
7 use their cell phone.

8 MS. LYONS: I agree, but Provincetown's kind of
9 flat. So when you're in Newcomb Hollow and you've got
10 to run up that hill and try to run to the end of the
11 parking lot to get a signal to get somebody, I know it's
12 good for exercise, but, you know, when you're sitting
13 all down there and --

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. SABIN: Also, it's a fact that more and more
16 people are giving up their landlines.

17 MS. LYONS: Yeah.

18 MR. SABIN: Which causes a problem because cell
19 phones do not have a directory, so if you want to look
20 up a number, you can't do it anywhere.

21 MS. LYONS: Right, no, that's true.

22 MR. PRICE: I know. Neither one of my children
23 have a landline anymore.

24 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you. That's good.

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FLEXIBLE SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT

MR. PRICE: Moving to the next topic, Flexible Shorebird Management, Shelly (sic) gave us a brief update at the last meeting and working towards a public meeting that we will host this Thursday at the Salt Pond Visitors Center 5:30 to 7, and basically this is a scoping meeting.

So if you will recall a year ago, we had moved towards trying to implement a selective predator management program. We decided to shelve that project until we had a much more comprehensive shorebird management plan under the world of a NEPA, the National Environmental Compliance Act, and we have been working on that, working with our staff and others. So the scoping is the next phase of that. So at best as we move along this project, we wouldn't actually have a shorebird management plan in place until before next season. Now, I know there's been a lot of press on the radio and print about it, and again, a lot of the press is focused just on the predator management, specifically the crow issue, but folks need to understand this is a much larger piece that is in it. Yes, predator management is part of it. There is no question about it, but it's in a larger context.

1 As far as the predator management is concerned, you
2 recall last meeting that Shelly (sic) was talking about
3 -- in fact, it was last year at Duck Harbor we had
4 anticipated doing the pilot program because at one time
5 Duck Harbor had been very productive for the piping
6 plovers, and last season we had zero productivity. Not
7 one egg, not one chick made it through specifically
8 because of crows. We also had other predatory issues.
9 We had a large colony of least terns, which is a state-
10 endangered species, and 100 percent of those chicks and
11 eggs were predated by coyote. So because of the
12 predators that are increasing in numbers -- and the
13 predators are successful because of their reliance on
14 humans -- they're finding the beaches to be a good place
15 to get another meal.

16 So if we're truly going to manage these species for
17 recovery, then we're going to have to take on predators
18 as well as the rest of the things that you would
19 actually see in the document.

20 So similar to environmental compliance documents,
21 we'll be having -- the public will have their input both
22 on that night and then directly on the Web sites or
23 through mail. All of those comments will have to be
24 analyzed, and we'll have to come up with the next round

1 to develop a series of alternatives, which then we would
2 have another public meeting, and we would lay those
3 alternatives out.

4 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, Mary-Jo?

5 MS. AVELLAR: I remember at last meeting I really
6 liked that presentation and said that had that
7 presentation come to me when I was on the board of
8 selectmen, I would not have voted the way I did. So
9 even though you're going to have a meeting, I really
10 think it's important that these presentations go to each
11 of the towns in order to, you know, defer the kinds of
12 objections that you're bound to get again from boards of
13 selectmen because not everybody is going to go to the
14 one meeting.

15 MR. PRICE: Right.

16 MS. AVELLAR: And her presentation, if you didn't
17 hear it, it was really, really good and just totally
18 turned me around as one person, you know, because we all
19 were going, oh, the poor crows. And it's not, oh, the
20 poor crows. I mean, this was a really valuable and
21 educating -- for me it was very illuminating for me to
22 get that presentation, so I would really urge you to
23 shop it around in all the towns where you got all the
24 opposition in the past.

1 MR. PRICE: That's a good recommendation.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: May I ask a question?

3 MR. PRICE: At the end.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oh, I'm sorry.

5 HIGHLANDS CENTER UPDATE

6 MR. PRICE: On the next topic, the Highlands
7 Center.

8 Actually, Lauren, do you want to talk about the
9 Highlands Center?

10 MS. McKEAN: Sure.

11 MR. PRICE: Clean-up day?

12 MS. McKEAN: Yeah, we had our annual clean-up day
13 with volunteers from AmeriCorps of Cape Cod, which
14 helped us organize the whole day, Castle Hill, Payomet,
15 and single volunteers from Cape Cod. And they joined
16 our Park staff on April 22 for Earth Day, and we
17 refurbished the entry to the North Atlantic Coastal Lab,
18 planting blueberry bushes and other things, installed a
19 new interpretive panel on shoreline change at the
20 overlook, planted native shrubs, and then we also built
21 a small immersion bed that's sustainable (inaudible)
22 will use to teach 4H students about historic harvests,
23 gardens, and (inaudible) corn, squash, and (inaudible).
24 So that's a new initiative there.

1 Our summer activities will include three Castle
2 Hill kiln firings, and lots of Payomet performances are
3 definitely --

4 MS. STEPHENSON: I'm having trouble hearing what
5 you're saying.

6 MS. McKEAN: Oh, okay.

7 Lots of Payomet performances, and they have a
8 pretty good calendar online set up and a way of getting
9 tickets as well as having tickets at the box office
10 right at the site, which is now open.

11 Highlands Fest is shaping up for Saturday, July 9,
12 from 3 to 6 p.m. And we have a little handout for each
13 of you and for the audience. The theme is celebrating
14 volunteerism, *Making Waves*. This year's Highlands Fest
15 will be the 50th anniversary event that will celebrate
16 our volunteers in the Parks program and how the
17 commitment to service makes positive waves throughout
18 the Seashore. We're going to convene basically from 3
19 to 6 p.m., work on a service project like the mural
20 again, and we are going to honor several individuals and
21 groups for their volunteer service in science, the arts,
22 community, education work.

23 Our AmeriCorps planning assistant, Eva Ward, just
24 finished this on our newsletter for the *Highlands* --

1 *Highlands Record*, which will come out in a couple of
2 weeks.

3 That's about it.

4 MS. BOLEYN: Just a quick question. There is a new
5 interpretive panel at the overlook. That's beyond the
6 lighthouse? At that overlook? Which one?

7 MS. BURGESS: No.

8 MS. McKEAN: The one at the Highlands Center.

9 MS. BURGESS: You know where the Payomet Tent is?
10 If you went all the way out past all of the barricades.

11 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, okay. Yes, yes, okay.

12 MS. McKEAN: So there are two exhibits they're at.

13 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you.

14 ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

15 MR. PRICE: Just quickly on Alternate
16 Transportation Funding.

17 Mostly Karst Hoogeboom, who's our chief of
18 facilities and maintenance, continues to work with the
19 Cape Cod Commission and Clay Schofield on submitting
20 future projects. There's a long list of projects that
21 are being submitted, trying to get ultimately DOT monies
22 for continuing efforts that they've been working on.
23 I've mentioned before one of the items that they've been
24 working on for the bike trail has been the trailers and

1 a transportation van. We actually have the money in
2 place for that. The question is, who's actually going
3 to buy the vehicles? And then once that happens, the
4 RTA would actually run the operation. So ultimately we
5 hope to have vans that would have trailers for up to ten
6 bikes and at least two of them running at any one time.
7 One would start, say, in Provincetown at MacMillan
8 Wharf. One would start, say, at the campground,
9 Nickerson Campground, and they'd go in opposite
10 directions. The RTA is very excited about that. So are
11 we. Now we just have to move forward.

12 So now we have the issue with the vehicle purchase.
13 It's an open question whether we'll actually get it in
14 place for this season. We had hoped we'd at least have
15 it for half the season to try it as a pilot, maybe get
16 the kinks out, but we'll see at this point.

17 MS. LYONS: If I may, I just wanted to say that Tom
18 Cahir is coming before us the day after tomorrow, this
19 Wednesday, so I'll ask him. I'll mention that it came
20 up in discussion and we're just wondering where they are
21 and that sort of thing. But he will be there just
22 talking because it is Transportation Week, I guess, and
23 all of the good things that are being attempted.

24 MR. WATTS: George, does this proposal mean that

1 you're giving up the idea of putting a trail through
2 Wellfleet and Truro?

3 MR. PRICE: No, that's a different topic. We have
4 two things going on. One, we've completed the large
5 overview bike planning -- bike trail planning, so that's
6 on the Web site. That's something, again, we did not
7 only with the commission and the county, but also with
8 many of the towns on the bike committees of each town.
9 So those are proposals that are all on the board, and
10 we'll continue to work with folks, especially the
11 congressional delegation, on developing scenarios that
12 we can actually implement. So pick pieces that would be
13 -- say, have the most chance of success, if you will,
14 but certainly extending the rail trail and actually
15 making the connection ultimately from Provincetown to
16 Falmouth to Bourne to Sagamore, and all the towns in
17 between can then spurn off, you know, similar to what
18 Falmouth has done with their 11 miles of their trail as
19 well as improving some of the bike trails that we have
20 that belong to the Seashore as well. They're all part
21 of that plan.

22 This particular proposal is different. This is if
23 you're a family, say, at Nickerson State Park and you
24 get yourself as far as North Wellfleet or Provincetown

1 and the kids are pooped out and they're not going to
2 make it back, you know that there's this vehicle there
3 that can take you back. Well, right now the flex bus
4 only has the ability to take two bikes at a time.
5 Similarly, if you're at Nickerson and you want to start
6 at Provincetown, you'd be able to get a ride up. And
7 it's a fee. It's still a fee-based transportation
8 program, but we believe that will provide a lot more
9 flexibility for bikes. And the bike committees of the
10 towns and the bike rental operators are very
11 enthusiastic about it. And the RTA has told me,
12 frankly, if we can try this, then this might be a
13 proposal that they'll try in other places of the Cape
14 because it seems like a winner.

15 MS. LYONS: They're excited about it. I know that.

16 MR. PRICE: The issue is who's going to underwrite
17 and who's going to own the equipment and who's going to
18 operate the equipment.

19 MS. LYONS: We'll see if we can push that along.

20 OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

21 MR. PRICE: Land Protection, I did talk about this
22 at the last meeting.

23 MS. BOLEYN: The Morse Road, did you --

24 MR. PRICE: Oh, excuse me, Other Construction

1 Projects, right.

2 So the big win recently was the completion of Morse
3 Road construction. This was a project that actually
4 finished ahead of time. We were very thrilled about the
5 contractor that was involved, and they did a great job.
6 We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from town
7 members about it. We're projecting a June 7 ribbon
8 cutting that you're all invited to. And basically the
9 road's been open for about a month or so now, but we
10 thought we'd have the opportunity to really have a press
11 event on June 7 at 11 o'clock and get a chance to get up
12 close and personal to it.

13 The road was repaved. The area where the culverts
14 are were supported. The striping was added. There are
15 bike and pedestrian paths on either side. There are
16 risers where the pedestrians can actually cross.
17 There's a lot of striping, so hopefully people will slow
18 down as they're coming down the road, but all in all it
19 seems to be a very successful project by all accounts by
20 the feedback that we're getting so far. So that's
21 pretty neat.

22 I'll tell you also, we're looking at these two,
23 quote, ribbon cuttings as part of the overall 50th
24 anniversary series of celebrations. We're also trying

1 to work with a number of offices to look at June 30 as a
2 ribbon cutting for the bike trail. So the bike trail in
3 Provincetown was actually completed last year, but we
4 haven't had an opportunity for a formal dedication.
5 Interestingly enough, when the first trail was opened
6 back in the '60s, there was so much interest in it that
7 -- Sue, it was Dr. Dudley White? Was that his name?

8 MS. MOYNIHAN: Yes.

9 MS. AVELLAR: Paul Dudley White.

10 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, yes, Paul Dudley White.

11 MR. PRICE: He was the President's --

12 MS. AVELLAR: Doctor.

13 MS. BOLEYN: Physician.

14 MS. AVELLAR: Physician. President Eisenhower.

15 MR. PRICE: He was his physician, but he was also
16 pushing --

17 MS. MOYNIHAN: He was a fitness -- the President's
18 Physical -- the Presidential Physical Fitness --

19 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, he walked and biked when nobody
20 else did.

21 MR. PRICE: So he was actually here for the
22 dedication of the trail originally, and it was the first
23 bike trail that was established in the National Park
24 system. So it was very exciting at the time.

1 So now with all the improvements that we've made
2 between the two phases, it's truly been upgraded again.
3 So stay tuned for that. You'll all be invited to that
4 as well, but I think that will be an opportunity to --

5 MR. PHILBRICK: Are you naming it?

6 MR. PRICE: No, it's not a naming event. It's just
7 an official reopening. I'm not on the naming committee
8 in the National Park Service.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MR. PRICE: You thought zoning was tough?

11 (Laughter.)

12 MR. PRICE: Any questions on either of those
13 projects?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. PRICE: The Biddle property we mentioned last
16 time, I believe. We acquired the ten acres. I've had
17 the opportunity to actually meet Mrs. Francis Biddle.
18 She's in her 90s, and she is very enthusiastic about the
19 property being turned over to the Park Service. Judge
20 Biddle was her father-in-law. She has fond memories of
21 the property. I've heard just amazing things about this
22 property. There was a French author and poet who was
23 exiled during World War II who stayed in the guesthouse
24 and wrote some poetry. He eventually received a Nobel

1 Prize for some of that poetry. There have been plays
2 done about the family. Judge Biddle was one of the
3 judges with the Nuremberg Trials as well as the Attorney
4 General under President Eisenhower. Also, this is where
5 Lorenzo Dow lived, who obviously developed United Fruit
6 and became Chiquita Banana, a very successful commercial
7 venture.

8 And Lauren will have to do some research to see if,
9 in fact, that's a 17th Century try house on the
10 property. The story is that this was a structure that
11 would have probably been mobile, moved down to the beach
12 when the whales were beaching themselves, and they would
13 actually try the oil. At that time this was all a
14 precursor to the large whaling ships that went around
15 the world in search of whale for whale oil. So the
16 stories of the property are just amazing. So in
17 addition to the protection of the ten acres, the stories
18 that are with it are amazing.

19 We're working with Trust for Public Lands on an
20 event. At this point we're looking at either the week
21 before or the week after the August 7 weekend. So
22 again, you'll all be invited to that as well, and that
23 will be something that Trust for Public Lands will be
24 pushing.

1 MR. WATTS: I'm not sure, but I think there are
2 some Biddles buried on the property.

3 MR. PRICE: Yes, there are.

4 MR. REINHART: There are.

5 MR. SPAULDING: George?

6 MR. PRICE: Yes.

7 MR. SPAULDING: If she's in her 90s, it might be
8 worthwhile, if she's willing, to do a video of her
9 meeting with us so you could retain some of that.

10 MR. PRICE: Yes. I had a wonderful day with her
11 and her son as they were starting to clean out the
12 estate. Bittersweet, for sure.

13 Actually, Cape-wide bike planning, I actually
14 already talked about that.

15 HERRING COVE BEACH FACILITIES

16 MR. PRICE: The Herring Cove Beach Facilities,
17 actually, Sharon, I don't know if I had a chance to
18 mention to you -- as you all recall, we're in the
19 process of replacing the bathhouse up at the Herring
20 Cove. All construction projects in the Park Service are
21 long and protracted, but we had passed a series of
22 planning benchmarks. And we've just recently passed the
23 most recent one with our design advisory board.

24 MS. LYNN: Very good.

1 MR. PRICE: Remember, I told you it was coming up?

2 MS. LYNN: Yeah.

3 MR. PRICE: And I was informed that it passed.

4 There's still another piece of that, a pro forma piece,
5 that we have to go by. What this means is that once
6 this project gets approved by this particular group,
7 then it goes on the long list of construction projects
8 for the Park Service for the future, not that I want to
9 jump into budget, but as we have budget challenges in
10 the future, one of the places that the Park Service will
11 probably look for savings is in the construction project
12 as opposed to operations. But the good news would be
13 that we have a priority. So if we don't even have a
14 priority and we're not on the list yet, then we're in
15 trouble, but at least once we get on the list, I think
16 that that will be a big win for us.

17 And the big piece of it is that the current project
18 includes a hookup to the wastewater treatment plant,
19 treatment system in Provincetown, including with the
20 betterment fees and all of that. So we've been working
21 with the town and the DPW about that project in the
22 future. Our alternative would have been to build a
23 brand-new Title 5 septic system on site, which is
24 actually what we had originally thought we'd have to do.

1 But now to actually hook up to the town we think makes
2 so much sense for a variety of reasons, environmentally
3 as well as operationally. So that's something we feel
4 very good about.

5 CLIMATE FRIENDLY PARK PROGRAM UPDATE

6 MR. PRICE: We did want to take the opportunity to
7 talk a little bit about Climate Friendly Parks. We have
8 a Climate Friendly Parks Committee in the Seashore. And
9 we talked about it a little bit as an introduction, but
10 now we've officially received a letter that we are one.
11 And I asked Lauren to give a short presentation on it.
12 That will be a PowerPoint.

13 Don, do you want to close the shades.

14 MR. NUENDEL: Sure.

15 MS. McKEAN: I'm actually doing it with Erin
16 Der-McLeod. She's the planning assistant and also a
17 former AmeriCorps.

18 (Pause.)

19 MR. PRICE: Lauren, hold on a second. Let it count
20 down.

21 (Pause.)

22 MS. McKEAN: As George said, we just got inducted
23 basically into the Climate Friendly Parks program. We
24 got a letter of April 27 from the Washington office.

1 There's a sustainable operations and climate change
2 branch, and so they've gone through this entire process,
3 helped fund our entire process to date, except for all
4 of our emissions accounting and that kind of thing that
5 we've just been doing with Park staff time.

6 The Climate Friendly Parks program is a
7 collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency.
8 A lot of the reason for that is they really know how to
9 do greenhouse gas emission projections and all of that.
10 It's a very intensive data collection effort, and so
11 they really helped assemble an interactive tool that
12 helps you translate all of your fuel usage into
13 meaningful terms and carbon equivalencies. So the Park
14 gets support and tools mainly in terms of these
15 interactive tools, and also there is some funding
16 towards putting on a workshop, and we held one here at
17 the Seashore last year.

18 Basically we're implementing Executive Order 13514.
19 In 2009 there was an executive order that came into
20 being that has probably about ten or fifteen goals.
21 We've just sort of hit a couple of them here; the net
22 zero energy building design for new construction by
23 2030, 30 percent vehicle fleet petroleum reduction of
24 all agencies across the board by 2020, 50 percent

1 recycling or waste diversion by 2015. And again, this
2 is all the federal agencies combined.

3 How we became a Climate Friendly Park, we had to go
4 through an intensive greenhouse gas emissions inventory
5 basically figuring out all of the fuel usage for all of
6 our buildings, every single vehicle, rectifying things
7 that have been put in pencil and notebooks for a number
8 of years. And thanks to our AmeriCorps folks over the
9 years, we have really been able to do a lot of that
10 inventory work, get it in spreadsheets and work with it.

11 We also last May had a Climate Friendly Parks
12 workshop. We had people from the Washington office, the
13 consultant firm ICF, and several other parks attend, and
14 so we had a regional Climate Friendly Parks workshop.
15 It took us since then to get our action plan done
16 because we were really, I guess, kind of persnickety
17 about it. We really wanted it to be good, and we really
18 wanted to scrub the numbers. We have our baseline here
19 of 2007, and you'll see some of the numbers. And we've
20 done inventories for the last couple of years as well.

21 So we've just completed the action plan in April,
22 and that's when we -- once you finish those three steps,
23 then you can be inducted into the program. And once you
24 see the Web site a little later, you can see how many

1 parks, if any of you want to go and look at it, have
2 been inducted into the program.

3 I'm going to turn it over to Erin now. She did a
4 lot of work on the numbers and the spreadsheets and
5 goals.

6 MS. DER-McLEOD: So as Lauren said, part of
7 becoming a Climate Friendly Park is completing an
8 inventory and then setting goals to reduce your
9 greenhouse gas emissions. So for some background, we
10 looked at the Department of the Interior, which is the
11 agency that the National Park Service is part of, to see
12 what their goals were based on that executive order
13 Lauren spoke about.

14 So I'm just going to read some of them: Reducing
15 direct greenhouse gas emissions like vehicle emissions
16 and certain indirect greenhouse gas emissions like
17 purchased electricity by 20 percent by 2020, reducing
18 other indirect greenhouse gas emissions like travel by 9
19 percent by 2020, diverting at least 50 percent
20 nonhazardous solid waste and construction and demolition
21 debris by 2015. I highlighted those because in the
22 Climate Friendly Parks Action Plan, we looked
23 specifically at the sectors of energy, transportation,
24 and waste. So in developing our goals for those

1 sectors, we looked at these DOI goals. And what we came
2 up with was we felt that in the sector of energy we'd
3 try to reach a little bit beyond DOI's goal, which was
4 20 percent, so we aimed for 25 percent reduction of
5 greenhouse gas emissions in that sector. And for
6 transportation and waste, we set out to meet the
7 Department of Interior's goals, as they set 20 percent
8 for transportation and they had 9 percent for waste.
9 And altogether, including visitors and concessionaires,
10 we're hoping to reduce the Park's total emissions by 20
11 percent by 2020.

12 And this is a table that shows what these
13 percentages translate to. Greenhouse gas emissions for
14 their purposes are measured in metric tons, carbon
15 dioxide equivalent, so they have calculators in Excel
16 where you type in, for example, kilowatt hours, and it
17 will translate that into metric tons, carbon dioxide
18 equivalent. So that's the figures for how much we want
19 to reduce in energy transportation and waste. For
20 energy, a 25 percent reduction would be equivalent to
21 the annual energy use of 16 homes. In transportation,
22 20 percent reduction would be equivalent to the annual
23 greenhouse gas emissions from 15 passenger vehicles.
24 And in waste, the 10 percent reduction would be the same

1 as the amount of waste the year-round population in
2 Wellfleet produces in one day. In terms of the total
3 reduction of all these combined, that would be 282
4 metric tons, carbon dioxide equivalent, which is
5 equivalent to 54 passenger cars annually or the annual
6 use of 84 homes.

7 And just to show our progress to date, these are
8 our baseline year for our data with 2007. A complete
9 inventory was done at that time which took into account
10 not just Park operations but also visitors and
11 concessionaires. This is solely looking at Park
12 operations, though, because for 2008 and 2010, we only
13 look at Park operations because you're only required to
14 do the full inventory every five years. So the next
15 full inventory will be done in 2012.

16 So as you can see, between 2007 and 2010, in energy
17 we've actually reduced our emissions by 10 percent. In
18 transportation, it stayed about the same, just one
19 percent lower. In waste, we increased 5 percent, and
20 other, which is refrigeration and air-conditioning
21 units, we actually increased 31 percent. For all those
22 combined, there was a net decrease of 6 percent.

23 So now that we've become a Climate Friendly Park,
24 there are steps we need to take to maintain our status

1 as a Climate Friendly Park, the main thing being
2 implementing the goals that we've set forward in our
3 action plan, and part of doing this is to continue to
4 monitor our greenhouse gas emissions. So we'll do
5 yearly inventories, and as I said, we'll do the Park
6 operations yearly and every five years a complete
7 inventory, which takes into account also visitors and
8 concessionaires. And we'll be looking at those numbers
9 yearly to help show us what in our plan we need to focus
10 on.

11 And if you're interested in learning more about our
12 action plan, we actually created a Web page on the
13 Park's Web site, which I will show you in just a minute,
14 which has the complete document, the action plan. It
15 has highlights of the sections, energy, transportation,
16 waste, and education, highlighting some of the planned
17 actions in each of those sectors and then also our
18 involvement in the greater scenario planning exercise in
19 the region.

20 And if you're interested in learning more about the
21 Climate Friendly Parks program, the national programs,
22 they have a Web site which is listed here. They list
23 all the parks who are Climate Friendly Parks and the
24 steps that you take to become a Climate Friendly Park.

1 And they also have a Web site called *Do Your Part*, which
2 is aimed at visitors to show them steps they can take to
3 help reduce emissions when they're visiting parks and in
4 their daily lives.

5 MS. McKEAN: And something different about this
6 particular action plan is we didn't print copies of this
7 action plan. So what we did was a green or virtual
8 launch, announcing it by press release and announcing
9 that it was available on this Web site and this Web
10 page.

11 MS. DER-McLEOD: So to get to the Climate Friendly
12 Park site on our Web site, you go to our main page for
13 Cape Cod National Seashore, scroll down to the bottom.
14 There is a section called *Climate*, and at the very
15 bottom, you click on *More*, and that brings up our
16 Climate Friendly Parks program page and gives some
17 background on the Climate Friendly Parks program with a
18 link to that Climate Friendly Parks Web site, link to
19 our action plan, some links to climate change
20 information both produced by the Seashore and by the
21 National Park Service and EPA, and then some interactive
22 Web sites, the *Do Your Part* Web site, which I mentioned,
23 and the EPA calculator of your greenhouse gas emissions.

24 MS. BOLEYN: Any questions for Lauren or Erin?

1 Yes?

2 MS. BURGESS: If I may, I was just curious how you
3 achieved your cut in energy.

4 MS. McKEAN: In energy, I think it's likely been
5 just some of the incremental projects that we've been
6 doing. We've been doing some boiler replacements and
7 insulation projects and things of that nature. Because
8 we really didn't have a plan since the 2007 one when we
9 really got the funding together, I think that we'll make
10 some leaps and bounds from here. In fact, we've already
11 met with the Cape Light Compact people over the phone
12 regarding ability to get funding for the energy sector.

13 On the transportation side, we definitely have some
14 ins through the transportation funding that George has
15 been mentioning, although transportation is tougher.
16 There's no reduction for diverting passenger ridership
17 to buses. Just because this is sort of a general
18 calculator, it's just all about the gallons of fuel that
19 are consumed and what kind of fuel. So as we change the
20 fleet into more efficient models, that that will result
21 in our transportation decreases.

22 Waste is tough because our demolition waste gets
23 counted in, and we need plenty of buildings demolished.
24 So it's not like we want to stop that program just to

1 make our solid waste numbers look better. So that's why
2 there's a challenge, but I think that just more and more
3 recognition and just encouraging staff to do the little
4 behavioral changes. We really haven't done a lot of
5 that yet. You know, we're saying, "Turn your computer
6 monitors off." We're not allowed to turn our computers
7 off overnight because of upgrades, because of systemwide
8 upgrades. So things like -- but the computer monitor
9 uses 60 percent of the computer's energy, so those kinds
10 of things we've been getting across to the staff.

11 MR. PRICE: I think the challenge of it, it is
12 obviously philosophically something that we really want
13 to do, and we're trying to do programs such as the
14 banner that you see. We have that in both visitor
15 centers. We've already had some Park meetings about it.

16 The challenge is when we talk about waste, we're
17 also talking about the Dumpsters at the beaches. So
18 we're talking about visitor waste that counts against
19 our numbers. When we talk about transportation, we are
20 spread out over six towns, and our law enforcement
21 people and our maintenance people specifically are
22 required to be on the road all the time. So how do we
23 deal with this? And we're down to practice to make sure
24 that when maintenance is going out for a project up in

1 Provincetown that they have everything with them. So,
2 for instance, now -- in the last few years, for
3 instance, you will have seen we have the same type of,
4 say, vans that a private contractor might have. So
5 therefore you load up the van for the day with all the
6 equipment you're going to need for that day so you don't
7 have to run back to Park maintenance headquarters.
8 Likewise with the waste stream, the more that we can get
9 our visitors to recycle, the better it might be. We're
10 trying to get more efficient vehicles, for sure. But
11 Lauren mentioned things like we have a lot of buildings
12 that are on our demo list, and that's going to be part
13 of the waste stream.

14 One of these days a dream of mine would be to air-
15 condition this building, which there's a reason why we
16 don't have Commission meetings in July and August, but
17 unfortunately, it fries our employees in it and it fries
18 our equipment. So at some point that is something as
19 prudent managers we will need to do. Well, obviously
20 that adds another whole element of energy. So we're
21 really trying to balance this out and take a good look
22 at it, but I really appreciate all the work that's been
23 done by the folks on this, especially, as Lauren says,
24 to scrub the numbers so that our goals are realistic and

1 we'll be able to measure ourselves against some of the
2 other parks in the future.

3 MS. BOLEYN: Tom?

4 MR. REINHART: In Wellfleet we're putting recycling
5 bins at the beach. Now, have you guys done that?

6 MR. PRICE: Yes.

7 MR. REINHART: Also, can any of the solid waste
8 from tearing down buildings be recycled because then it
9 wouldn't count against you and might be possible to --

10 MS. McKEAN: Some is set aside, but we believe we
11 could do more.

12 MR. REINHART: Maybe your contractor could do that.
13 People are really getting into that these days as the
14 tipping fees go up and stuff too.

15 MR. PRICE: We had two buildings a couple of years
16 ago. Apparently in the past somebody had come forward
17 to say they would demolish them for free if they could
18 take all the recyclable material, and by the time we
19 were ready to take them down, the deal was off the
20 table. So it was a good idea.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, excellent report. Thank you very
23 much.

24 MS. LYONS: Very good.

1 OCEAN STEWARDSHIP TOPICS - SHORELINE CHANGE

2 MR. PRICE: The next topic was Ocean Stewardship.

3 Just wanted to mention again we're going to be
4 talking about our friends at the commission. They're
5 working on an ocean management district of critical plan
6 of concern by the commission. We have been attending
7 those meetings. Lauren and Erin have been attending,
8 and I guess the most recent workshop -- Lauren, how did
9 the seascape visual impact panel -- what's the nature of
10 that discussion?

11 MS. McKEAN: Erin and I attended last Thursday.
12 The commission had gone basically all the way across the
13 Cape examining the sensitivity of viewsheds all around
14 the Cape. And they were sort of testing their
15 methodology, so it was really kind of a fun, interesting
16 exercise to help them understand. They had a small
17 panel of some architects and planners and landscape
18 architects and were able to basically hone in after
19 going through the kind of analysis they did on a couple
20 of things where we just had some questions, and they
21 were going to go back and tweak their analysis. They
22 had done some really fine work. It's coming along.

23 So I think we've been reading the chapters of the
24 plan as it's been being developed and so has Megan

1 Tyrrell from the science side, and it's getting there.
2 I think this is one element that once they finalize this
3 they can probably finalize (inaudible).

4 MR. REINHART: What are they thinking of doing for
5 planning?

6 MS. McKEAN: Well, the state's ocean management
7 plan last year established that there would be 24 wind
8 turbines that would be distributed through the Cape and
9 Islands District, and so the seascape visual impact
10 assessment is pretty much targeted towards figuring out
11 where it will be more sensitive if there were offshore
12 wind turbines within the one-third mile to three-mile
13 offshore. The ocean is off limits because of the Cape
14 Cod Ocean Sanctuary for the state waters. So this is
15 bay and sound, et cetera. Buzzards Bay they were saying
16 also was pretty much off limits because of resource
17 (inaudible). But also the entire plan will get into
18 things like underground cables and pipelines and, you
19 know, probably two dozen activities. So it's really
20 comprehensive work.

21 MS. BOLEYN: Sheila?

22 MS. LYONS: If I can just add on to that. I do
23 know a little bit more.

24 Tom, this was something that -- and Rich Delaney

1 was on that. He led the Ocean Management Act, the act
2 going into a plan, you know, the transformation of "Here
3 you have an act. How do we make into a plan?" And he
4 was instrumental in making sure that we had local
5 controls over this and it wasn't just the state saying,
6 "Because of your population size and that sort of thing,
7 you can be allotted 24 turbines" and then coming in and
8 plopping them down where they wanted. And this is where
9 the commission does a great job. Instead of just
10 saying, "Well, we'll decide," they enlisted the boards
11 -- members of each board of selectmen to be part of this
12 process. So they've been hashing this out for about a
13 year and looking at all the migratory paths of right
14 whales and different fish and marine life and fishing
15 channels and you name it. That's all been looked at as
16 well as all of the underground impacts that may be on
17 the seashore floor. And it seems like it's been one of
18 the best processes they've come through. And this is
19 the beauty of how they do it. They build consensus
20 around something that's maybe not tasteful for
21 (inaudible) people.

22 So they think they're going to be able to get
23 before the assembly with a draft plan by August 30. So
24 that would be an interesting thing to keep your eyes

1 open for and even attend just to see how that all goes.
2 It will go before the commission first, the Cape Cod
3 Commission board, and then it will go to the assembly
4 for final approval. So I'm sure you'll be hearing more
5 about that.

6 MR. REINHART: So this is called a viewscape plan,
7 but it has to do with wind turbines?

8 MS. LYONS: Well, it's about wind turbines. We
9 have the ability to put up 24 turbines somewhere for
10 municipal relief in the ocean management plan. So since
11 there are no rules out there in the water and the state
12 of Massachusetts has the first ocean management and only
13 ocean management plan, we will have the only ocean
14 management plan that is going to be somewhat approved
15 locally, which is like going to be the first in the
16 country. So that's why this process, if it all goes
17 smoothly and everyone has an agreement -- and a lot of
18 the bay has been taken away because it really isn't
19 going to work in one way or another either through
20 viewshed or practicality of use. You know, it will be
21 in the way of different --

22 MR. REINHART: I think the right whales --

23 MS. LYONS: Yeah, well, the right whales are huge
24 out there. You wouldn't think that they're right out

1 there. You'd think that they're on the other side, but
2 they're in there. So that's all been taken into
3 consideration. They've mapped all of that out, and it
4 will be a local plan that has had local input. Who
5 knows if they'll ever get anything up in there, but at
6 least if somebody comes and says, "I propose that we
7 could do this," at least there are parameters and
8 regulations that everyone has agreed on that would have
9 to pass muster.

10 MS. McKEAN: And those other layers really are
11 remarkable too. Eelgrass, everything else --

12 MS. LYONS: Everything that you could think of that
13 could be affected.

14 MS. McKEAN: So all of those layers will be
15 factored in, not just the visual.

16 MS. LYONS: Yes, yes. So it's an impact on every
17 economy and species that you could think of.

18 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you very much for that report.
19 Something to keep our eyes on.

20 MS. LYONS: Yes, yes, it's been a great process.

21 MS. BOLEYN: Because you mentioned August. It
22 might be ready to go to the assembly by August.

23 MS. LYONS: Right, by the end of August.

24 MS. BOLEYN: So this is going to move fairly

1 quickly?

2 MS. LYONS: Yes.

3 MS. BOLEYN: Now, George, you mentioned something
4 about a DCPC. What of this does that --

5 MS. McKEAN: It's a district of critical planning
6 concern to put a moratorium until the plan is settled.

7 MS. BOLEYN: Ah, got you, okay.

8 MS. LYONS: So since we were allowed -- it was a
9 year ago December that the plan went into effect, so
10 that the act became a plan and could be put into effect.
11 We didn't want any independent builder to come in and
12 say, you know, "We can put things in the water now. So
13 we're going to put them right there. Look at that
14 beautiful Cape Cod Bay." So the commissioners --
15 actually, I nominated that to make sure that nothing
16 happened until there was a regulatory process in place
17 and a plan. So we voted on that, and that is what's
18 kept -- you know, we allowed all current economic
19 activity to continue but not anything new in regards to
20 construction of renewable energies out there until we
21 knew what we were doing maybe or trying to figure out
22 what we're doing.

23 MS. BOLEYN: I was just explaining to George I want
24 to stick my oar in here because when I saw this on the

1 agenda and I had read the minutes from your last
2 meeting, I realized that the subject of coastal erosion
3 had received a little conversation at your last meeting.

4 MS. LYONS: Right.

5 MS. BOLEYN: And I wanted to pick up on that before
6 I depart because --

7 MS. LYONS: That's very important, yeah.

8 MS. BOLEYN: -- it is a huge topic down here, as we
9 know, for the towns, for the Seashore, for the property
10 owners, and there's a great deal of misunderstanding and
11 lack of information, education, if you will, among the
12 citizenry about how the coastal system works, what the
13 waves do, what's different in the winter from the
14 summer, all of this. And in Truro I've sort of been
15 searching for a way for the town to have some kind of a
16 meeting that would be attractive to the citizens where
17 we could all learn about this subject. And after
18 reading those minutes, I said, "Why didn't I think of
19 this before?" This is such a huge topic. It should be
20 an effort of involving all of the Lower Cape towns and
21 the Seashore, and maybe we could somehow put together an
22 attractive conference that the public would want to come
23 to. In my earlier life, I lived in the world of
24 oceanography, and all of the meetings were for people

1 who were scientists and working in the area and so
2 forth, but I think there is an enormous public interest
3 in this now. Every time the stairway washes out for the
4 Seashore or in Truro, of course, we're losing bay side
5 bluffs, which is very new in Truro because since the
6 storm of 1978 we've been treated very benignly on the
7 bay side.

8 So what I'm thinking is we have very good
9 connections with the Center for Coastal Studies, and
10 they have enormous expertise in this, Dr. Mark Borrelli
11 and, of course, Dr. Graham Giese, and their directorate
12 is doing a great job over there. So it would seem to me
13 the ingredients might be here to do something rather
14 exciting, useful, and informative. I just throw that
15 out as a subject for the future.

16 Lauren?

17 MS. McKEAN: That's a great plug for tomorrow
18 morning's event at 10 a.m. at Coast Guard Beach where
19 Mark Adams will be giving a talk on climate change.
20 He's our GIS specialist, has worked a lot with Graham
21 Giese.

22 MS. STEPHENSON: He's your what specialist?

23 MS. McKEAN: GIS, geographic information system.
24 So he's GPSing the shoreline change on a regular basis

1 with Graham Giese, and he's a great speaker, really
2 energetic and engaging.

3 MS. BOLEYN: Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, huh?

4 MS. McKEAN: In Eastham, yes.

5 MS. BOLEYN: What we could do, if you're of the
6 spirit, we'll just adjourn this meeting to tomorrow's
7 meeting.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MS. STEPHENSON: It's supposed to be warmer
10 tomorrow. It's supposed to be in the 70s tomorrow.

11 MS. LYONS: Oh, good.

12 MS. BOLEYN: Beach day, 10 a.m., 10 a.m. tomorrow
13 morning, Coast Guard Beach. It will be a very
14 fascinating topic, I'm sure.

15 Oh, excuse me. Go ahead.

16 MS. LYONS: I'm just going to follow up. I will
17 bring that suggestion back because we just had a very
18 successful economic summit where we brought partnering
19 people together, and I know the commission's working
20 closely with Rich because we want to create a water
21 information center. You might have read that MBL is
22 going to try to head up some of that.

23 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, yes.

24 MS. LYONS: Well, that's sort of on this discussion

1 that we've been having about having a center of
2 excellence and a -- you know, there are many different
3 groups across the Cape that work at water quality and
4 water and climate issues, but everybody's sort of
5 working in their own worlds out there. So where can we
6 bring this all together and maybe have systems? We're
7 also working with IBM to help us develop strategies to
8 go forward with, but I think to have a conference like
9 that and to enlist some of those groups, even bring
10 Woods Hole into it and that sort of thing, would be
11 really an excellent idea.

12 MS. BOLEYN: Let's work on that.

13 MS. LYONS: I would say the county would join in on
14 that, Brenda.

15 MS. BOLEYN: Great. I have my extensive notes
16 here.

17 MS. LYONS: Hey, you heard it here. Of course,
18 I'll have everybody else to --

19 MR. PRICE: And I understand Rich Delaney would be
20 excited to lead that charge.

21 MS. LYONS: Yes.

22 MR. PRICE: He's not here so we can nominate him.

23 MS. LYONS: Right.

24 MS. BOLEYN: I did have a chance to just tell Mark

1 Borrelli that I was going to bring it up. He said, "I'd
2 sign on for that right away." He was excited about
3 that. Mark Borrelli is the young Graham Giese, so it's
4 just wonderful to have this continuity of the young
5 scientist working with the veteran scientist on this
6 coastal stuff. This is such a resource for Cape Cod,
7 and we only realize it when we have a disaster or
8 something and we call them in. But they're there, and
9 they are great teachers, and they have the science
10 expertise.

11 Yes?

12 MR. WATTS: And a new selectman in the Town of
13 Wellfleet.

14 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, Mark Borrelli is the new
15 selectman in the Town of Wellfleet. Lucky is the Town
16 of Wellfleet.

17 Okay, there was one more thing on here. Oh, 50th
18 anniversary.

19 MR. PRICE: Oh, there is for me, yeah.

20 50TH ANNIVERSARY

21 MR. PRICE: The 50th Anniversary. Of course, we're
22 into our celebration year and then some, but I was going
23 to ask Sue Moynihan just to give us a quick update on
24 what's going on in the world of events on the

1 interpretive end.

2 MS. MOYNIHAN: Sure. I came to a meeting a couple
3 of months ago and presented a preview of things that are
4 going to be happening this year. Some of those special
5 events already occurred in April and May, but just a
6 heads-up for what's coming soon.

7 Our summer commemorative newspaper, which will be
8 an expanded addition this year, will be coming out in
9 the middle of June, and it will have a number of
10 anniversary-related articles. One of the features is we
11 had a local writer contact four or five of the previous
12 superintendents and interview them about their time
13 spent here.

14 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, wow.

15 MS. MOYNIHAN: So that will be an interesting
16 article.

17 Truro artist, Kathy Skowron, who some of you know,
18 developed a traveling exhibit for us. It contains a lot
19 of photographs and memorabilia and artifacts from the
20 Park collection. That's making its rounds throughout
21 the towns. It was in Wellfleet in April. It will be in
22 Provincetown in June, Brewster in July, Truro in August,
23 Orleans in September.

24 We've been working with the local chambers to try

1 to encourage them to encourage their businesses to come
2 up with their own celebratory activities because we
3 don't feel that this is an event that the National
4 Seashore owns. And I have two examples of large and
5 small scale which are occurring. The Addison Art
6 Gallery in Orleans is having a juried show about the
7 National Seashore which will open on July 23, and we're
8 very happy about that. The following weekend -- did I
9 say January?

10 MS. AVELLAR: No, you said July.

11 MS. MOYNIHAN: July, okay. July 30 we're going to
12 be doing a benefit event for the Friends of the Cape Cod
13 National Seashore for its Old Harbor campaign. And
14 then, of course, on a much smaller scale -- but doesn't
15 this sound good on a hot summer day -- Ben and Jerry's
16 Cape Cod National Seashore 50th anniversary smoothie.
17 Judy (inaudible) has been working on that. And I'm sure
18 there are other examples out there that we're not aware
19 of.

20 We've had classroom exhibitions on a monthly basis.
21 The one's that down there now is on Wampanoag culture.
22 Lovely photographs taken by Tom Fitzgerald, and we've
23 got several others coming up as the year goes on.

24 And then if you're around on July 31, come to the

1 Orleans Firebirds game. It will be Cape Cod National
2 Seashore night, and we might see George or Kathy or
3 Lauren or Molly throw out the first pitch. That has yet
4 to be decided.

5 And then on August 7 itself, some of the plans are
6 still being worked out, but we do know that we'll have
7 welcome tables at each of our visitor centers to help
8 people plan their day. We're going to be offering a
9 number of retrospective interpretive programs on that
10 day at locations where we gave programs our first year
11 of interpretation, which was 1963. Most of our historic
12 structures will be open for at least a couple of hours
13 during the day.

14 You can't have a birthday without cake, so both of
15 our visitor centers at noon we're going to be having
16 cake preceded by concerts by Zoe Lewis and Peter
17 Donnelly at Province Lands and Tim Sweeney and Roe
18 Osborn at Salt Pond.

19 We'll have postal cancellations by the Provincetown
20 and Eastham post offices at those two visitor centers
21 during the day, and then that evening the Payomet
22 theatre will be hosting Shemekia Copeland, who's a blues
23 artist. And I do need to give a plug for the Highland
24 Museum and Light, Inc. August 7 is also National

1 Lighthouse Day, and Highland Light will be having a big
2 event at 2 o'clock. Cake at that one too, so if you
3 plan your day right, you could eat your way through the
4 National Seashore.

5 Do you have a flyer?

6 MS. BURGESS: I do actually. It's not competition.
7 It's enhancement.

8 MS. MOYNIHAN: Yeah, we didn't plan anything for
9 two essentially to not compete.

10 MS. BURGESS: I'd like to pass it around, if you'd
11 like, for everybody.

12 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you.

13 MS. MOYNIHAN: And that's what I have.

14 MR. PRICE: A couple of things. First of all,
15 Shemekia Copeland, by the way, you think you have heard
16 a singer before in your entire life. Wait till you hear
17 her. She's come to the Lowell Folk Festival without
18 microphone, and it was unbelievable.

19 MS. STEPHENSON: Could you repeat the date for
20 that?

21 MS. MOYNIHAN: August 7.

22 MS. STEPHENSON: And where is she going to perform?

23 MS. MOYNIHAN: She's going to be at the Payomet
24 Tent at the Highlands Center. And that's the only thing

1 that costs as far as we know.

2 MR. PRICE: If the (inaudible) are down at the
3 tent, she'll probably blow them out. She has a voice
4 like you wouldn't believe.

5 MR. REINHART: Yes, I heard her this winter in
6 Wellfleet, and she's great.

7 I would like to put in a plug for Connie's Cake.
8 If you're going to be serving cake, it's right on your
9 way. I'm not sure. Where is it? Is it Highland Light
10 where the thing is?

11 MS. MOYNIHAN: Well, that's --

12 MR. REINHART: Where is yours going to be?

13 MS. MOYNIHAN: Oh, at both visitor centers.

14 MR. REINHART: So that's right on the way, and
15 their cakes are really good as opposed to Stop & Shop.

16 MS. LYONS: Good to know.

17 MR. PRICE: Okay, away from the cake commercial,
18 I'd like to introduce Molly Williams. Molly's our event
19 ranger. She's been working with us this season to help
20 us staff these events. Molly worked with our staff to
21 come up with the poster you see in the back, and we have
22 a Web site. We've been talking about this. In fact, we
23 pulled together a group. Some of you participated in
24 the meeting in January, kind of a brainstorming about

1 the things that we can do, and we successfully pulled
2 off a Web site with the Friends of Cape Cod National
3 Seashore so that visitors can actually go on this Web
4 site. They can upload photographs and diary entries, if
5 you will, on what the Seashore has meant to them, and
6 Molly is actually managing that site. We're also doing
7 a number of other programs.

8 Did you want to add to what Sue said?

9 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, I would like to.

10 We also have listening tours planned in June for
11 June 16th, the 22nd, and the 30th, and those will
12 include some of the Advisory Commission as well as
13 George speaking with the public about where we've been
14 and where we can go as far as the National Park Service
15 in Cape Cod.

16 We also have an employee/alumni reunion weekend in
17 September. We have press releases out about that. So
18 far we have planned some golfing, a clambake, and some
19 other interesting programs, including a Park tour.
20 We've also visited the idea of oral history projects,
21 and George and I have been working on that and figuring
22 the details out for that as well as a new chapter to the
23 Hank Foster book. We're looking for an author, and
24 we're working that through as well.

1 MR. PRICE: The concept being -- I talked to Hank
2 Foster about what he thought would be the appropriate
3 thing, and he said, well, how about another chapter to
4 his book, without him being the author, but as kind of
5 that left off in the '80s and where are we now. So I
6 think that was a great idea. And the oral history would
7 be around some of the folks who were here when the
8 Seashore was being created, so I've tracked down some of
9 those folks, like Hank himself, who was the head of all
10 of Massachusetts state forests and parks at the time,
11 and he had been the head of forestry at Yale. So he
12 really was a mainstay here, for sure.

13 ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

14 MR. PRICE: Just wanted to mention one other thing
15 just as kind of a reminder, and that is I mentioned at
16 the last meeting I've been working with our Washington
17 policy office. And I will be sending out letters to all
18 of the different towns and the nominating authorities
19 for you all. So for those of you who it's been at least
20 two years since you've been in place and some of you
21 know it took two years to get you in place, we will have
22 to go through a process to have your positions
23 renominated from the towns. So I'm still working on
24 getting those letters out, but I did want to give you a

1 heads-up. And obviously there's the choice to have
2 yourself renominated or you've decided it's time to move
3 on or to work with your town officials on who should
4 replace you. Now is the time that will be happening.

5 I doubt very seriously that they'll all be in place
6 for our next meeting, and you all are serving until
7 replaced. That's the way our legislation reads. So
8 that's why even though a lot of your appointments
9 expired a while ago, you're still on the books, because
10 you haven't been replaced. So it's time to move on that
11 housekeeping piece of the Advisory Commission. So those
12 of you that are very new appointees, those aren't the
13 ones that we're talking about. We're talking about the
14 folks that have been on for quite a while.

15 Madame Chairman, thank you.

16 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you very much indeed. That was
17 quite a report.

18 Does anyone have any questions or comments for the
19 superintendent before we move on to Old Business?

20 MS. BURGESS: Just if I may, the Wampanoag program
21 is lots of fun. And I took some photos and gave some to
22 Sue here. It was really enjoyable. I attended with my
23 husband. It was really great talking to the Wampanoag
24 people. It's just a great program.

1 suggestions for the agenda.

2 MR. PRICE: When I spoke with Rich Delaney, he was
3 going to recommend September 12.

4 MS. BOLEYN: September 12, all right. September 12
5 is a Tuesday.

6 MR. PRICE: Oh.

7 MS. AVELLAR: No, it's a Monday.

8 MS. LYONS: Yeah, it is a Monday.

9 MR. PRICE: I hope it's a Monday.

10 MS. AVELLAR: I know it's a Monday.

11 MR. PRICE: It was a Monday when we set it. Which
12 year do you have, Brenda?

13 MS. BOLEYN: I have 2011. Oh, look at that, a
14 mistake on the calendar. All right, we won't use that
15 calendar.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MS. BOLEYN: Let's go to the one that says Monday.
18 Okay, Monday, September 12. It's hard to predict that
19 far in advance, but is there anyone for whom that's just
20 not going to work?

21 (No response.)

22 MS. BOLEYN: Let's go with the suggestion of the
23 chairman.

24 MR. SABIN: George, before the next meeting, we

1 might want a field trip that we all can gather on, the
2 next field trip of that new acquisition of ten or twelve
3 acres. The Biddle property might be a worthwhile field
4 trip.

5 MR. PRICE: I would agree with you. The reason we
6 didn't do it this meeting, frankly, was we don't have
7 operational control of it yet, but the family will be
8 vacating in June.

9 MR. SABIN: So it might be appropriate for
10 September.

11 MR. PRICE: Yes, it would.

12 MS. BOLEYN: Any other agenda items that you would
13 like to recommend? Of course, as you know, we need to
14 publish things in the Federal Register for the agenda
15 for the meeting, but under the umbrella of the
16 Superintendent's Report, we can always add things right
17 up to the last minute. So that's our flexible spot.

18 Yes, Peter?

19 MR. WATTS: I believe the Herring River people are
20 going to come to some decision about what the final
21 restoration project will be.

22 MR. PRICE: Actually, Peter, that was the original
23 schedule, but as I had mentioned, at this point it
24 doesn't look like we're going to have the EIS out until

1 the spring. So I'm thinking out loud that September
2 will be too premature for them to actually make a
3 presentation. Just my own opinion.

4 MS. BOLEYN: Anything else?

5 (No response.)

6 MS. BOLEYN: All right, thank you very much.

7 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

8 MS. BOLEYN: Then we shall go to the public comment
9 on our agenda. I would simply ask anyone who wishes to
10 speak to please identify yourself for the stenographer,
11 and we will be pleased to hear from you.

12 Anyone in our guest gallery wish to speak? Yes?

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER (LILLI GREEN): Thank you, Brenda.

14 Lilli Green, Wellfleet. I just would like to hand
15 out some flyers. I know that you're talking about
16 education. And since last year, my husband and myself
17 have been involved with creating an organization called
18 Windwise-Cape Cod, and really the main focus has been
19 for education. So there are three lectures in June, and
20 just to keep yourself informed, they're at the community
21 college. And I just wanted to hand out flyers to
22 everyone and invite you to come.

23 I know that a lot of people have been reading a lot
24 about it, and there might be information here that will

1 be educational and helpful for you.

2 Thank you very much.

3 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you, Lilli. If you'd just send
4 them down, that would be great.

5 Is there anyone else? Yes?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER (THERESA BARBO): Hi, everyone. My
7 name is Theresa Barbo, and I have a comment about the
8 bay and then a question for Mr. Price.

9 My comment about the bay is that of a private
10 citizen. I used to work at the Center for Coastal
11 Studies and was the founding director of the Cape Cod
12 Bay Ocean Sanctuary program and the editor of the first
13 ever State of the Bay report where we worked to educate
14 the community about the coastal processes.

15 And I call Cape Cod Bay America's frontier
16 ecosystem because so much happened there, you know, in
17 the channels of American life. So anything that you can
18 do to appreciate and understand the bay is wonderful,
19 and I love that. I was thrilled to hear everything that
20 you said about the bay just as a private citizen.

21 My hat today is as director of the Cape Wildlife
22 Center, and we are a teaching veterinarian hospital in
23 Barnstable. We work with every town on the Cape and
24 indeed all of southeastern Mass. We have a close

1 relationship with the Tufts University School of
2 Conservation Medicine and the Mass. Division of
3 Fisheries and Wildlife.

4 And I just have two questions about the shorebird
5 plan, and that is, how is the fledging going so far this
6 year, if you can provide any numbers on that? And my
7 second question is, what type of predation has been
8 observed anytime this year? Can you answer those?

9 MR. PRICE: Just what I remember anecdotally
10 because I didn't bring a report, the season started, the
11 nesting season started, and we've -- I wish I had my
12 report in front of me, Theresa, to give you an accurate
13 number.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. BARBO): I can see you after.

15 MR. PRICE: Well, I can certainly tell you after,
16 but at this point it's my understanding we at least have
17 four nests predated by crows. I believe it was in Duck
18 Harbor, as I recall the report. We've had a number of
19 overwashes with some of the windstorms. I think we had
20 one Oystercatcher nest so far down by Jeremy Point, but
21 I think mostly the activity has been scraping and
22 establishing the nesting areas. So that's as of the
23 report last week, but our shorebird management team is
24 on board. They've been posting the signs. They've been

1 doing the monitoring, et cetera.

2 The shoreline issue up Race Point north has been
3 challenging because of the erosion patterns.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. BARBO): Did you say near Race
5 Point?

6 MR. PRICE: Yes. And there have been a lot of
7 discussions because the self-contained vehicle season is
8 already upon us, and where those folks would normally
9 place their vehicles there's just no beach. So we've
10 been trying to make some accommodation, and then that
11 helps against the potential nesting habitat.

12 So our people have weekly on-site meetings, but
13 that's about -- that's what I recall off the top of my
14 head.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. BARBO): It's a tough thing
16 because we all love wildlife. It provides intrinsic
17 value to Cape Cod; yet, on a personal note, I more than
18 understand your need to try to mitigate and protect
19 these heritage species. So it's not an easy job that
20 you have here, so thank you.

21 If you have any more precise numbers, after the
22 meeting I'd love to get those.

23 MR. PRICE: Sure.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MS. BARBO): Thank you.

1 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you.

2 Anyone else? Mark Robinson?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MARK ROBINSON): I'm Mark
4 Robinson, the executive director of the Compact with
5 Cape Cod Conservation Trusts. That was a mouthful. Big
6 name for a small group. But we are a coalition of all
7 the nonprofit local land trusts on Cape Cod and have
8 been operating since 1986. So we're in our 26th year,
9 only half as old as the Cape Cod National Seashore.

10 I would like to give a little bit of news. One of
11 our organizations is the nonprofit Wellfleet
12 Conservation Trust, and we just signed up to acquire a
13 five-acre parcel of land in South Wellfleet that abuts
14 the National Seashore boundaries. So it's in with the
15 planning objective of protecting the buffer to the
16 Seashore. And so that will be coming forward this year
17 as we raise the money and arrange for grants for it, but
18 I hope it will be successful by the end of this year so
19 we'll have some new conservation land abutting the
20 Seashore.

21 The Wellfleet Conservation Trust is also in the
22 middle of a very neat project, not near the Seashore but
23 at the head of Duck Creek behind the Mobil station on
24 Route 6. And there's property back there that has some

1 dilapidated buildings which the trust expects to
2 purchase next month and remove the buildings, restore
3 the site into a small park looking out over the head of
4 Duck Creek. So it's kind of a unique central Wellfleet
5 location. We just learned last week that the state has
6 awarded an \$85,000 grant to the trust for that purchase,
7 so that was encouraging.

8 But I'm really here today to present a birthday
9 card from all the local land trusts of Cape Cod and also
10 open space leaders from around Massachusetts. And this
11 is a *Happy 50th Anniversary to the Cape Cod National*
12 *Seashore* card. And it's printed on the back of a nice
13 map of the Cape, a little description about the Seashore
14 over on the right-hand side here, and it's signed by a
15 lot of my peers from around the state.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. PRICE: Thank you. Look at that.

18 MS. BOLEYN: That's wonderful.

19 MR. PRICE: Does this meet our collection
20 management --

21 MS. MOYNIHAN: I think it is.

22 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you, Mark.

23 Let me just give a plug for the Compact. Let me
24 tell you, 26 years, and if it hadn't been for the work

1 of the Compact and this leader, we would be nowhere near
2 where we are on the Cape with preserving open space and
3 conservation lands. It's just been extraordinary.
4 Having served on the open space committee in Truro, I
5 can tell you when we needed something, when we're stuck
6 or we don't understand a regulation, go to Mark. He's
7 right there, support. It's just an extraordinary
8 organization.

9 We thank you very much.

10 Anyone else?

11 (No response.)

12 MS. BOLEYN: I see that we have a representative
13 from Congressman Keating's office down there and just
14 say welcome. Thank you for coming.

15 MS. COXE: Thank you for having me.

16 MS. BOLEYN: All right, where are we? We are at --

17 MR. SABIN: We're (inaudible).

18 MR. WATTS: We're at you.

19 MS. BOLEYN: We're almost at the adjournment.

20 No, I'm going to have the last word today, Mr.
21 Sabin.

22 MR. SABIN: Okay.

23 MR. PHILBRICK: Next to last.

24 MS. BOLEYN: Next to the last? All right.

1 (Laughter.)

2 **PARTING WORDS FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN**

3 MS. BOLEYN: If you'd indulge me just for five
4 minutes or so, I just wanted to say that this is my last
5 meeting on the Advisory Commission. I joined this
6 commission in 1992. The Superintendent at that time was
7 Andy Ringgold. And I am a Commonwealth representative
8 at this time serving as your vice chair, and it has been
9 a wonderful part of my life. It really has. And I'm
10 not going anywhere. I will still be deeply interested
11 in everything that goes on here.

12 I just was thinking aloud about the things I
13 remember, and I picked out four things -- and I'm just
14 going to mention them to you -- of the outstanding
15 things that have happened at the Seashore while I've
16 been fortunate enough to be here and be part of some of
17 it. One was some of you will remember the negotiated
18 rulemaking for the ORV management.

19 MS. AVELLAR: I was on it.

20 MS. BOLEYN: So there you are.

21 At the time in 1992 when we came in, the ORV issues
22 were gobbling up the superintendent and they were
23 gobbling up the Advisory Commission. And I remember --
24 one of the things that just sticks in my mind is this

1 line of off-road vehicles -- we called them beach
2 buggies in the old days -- lined up on the highway
3 waiting to get permits and Superintendent Ringgold out
4 there walking door to door urging patience. And through
5 this negotiated rulemaking, which was very difficult,
6 very expensive -- the National Park Service had to come
7 up with the funding for that, and it was such a victory.
8 All the stakeholders were at the table, and they
9 produced a solution. And you'll notice that these
10 problems are now taken care of bit by bit as they arise,
11 and we haven't had those kind of contentious, difficult
12 situations as I recall at that time.

13 MS. AVELLAR: But wasn't it Maria Burks?

14 MS. BOLEYN: Well, yes, the negotiated rulemaking
15 took place under Maria Burks. Thank you for pointing
16 that out. That's exactly right.

17 Then there was the General Management Plan, which
18 took six years to produce that. If you have any
19 questions, the person who made it work was Lauren McKean
20 grinding through those six years of difficult work.

21 MS. McKEAN: I missed the first one.

22 MS. BOLEYN: Also, under Maria Burks.

23 And then how many of you remember the issue about
24 the jet skis, the personal watercraft? This to me is

1 one of the things that I think was a really, really
2 significant accomplishment. And the fact that you don't
3 hear about it anymore is testimony to its success. The
4 jet skis were banned from the boundary of the Seashore,
5 which goes out about a quarter of a mile, but then after
6 that Truro and Provincetown parlayed this boundary into
7 bylaws for both towns. And I remember working with
8 Keith Bergman at that time. And as a result of that, it
9 is my firm belief that people who sit on the beach on
10 the bay shore are no longer harassed by these personal
11 watercraft, and I think that was a significant thing.

12 Then finally the dune shacks. I wanted to stay
13 through until the dune shack situation was resolved, and
14 it looks like we're well on our way to having a
15 management plan that's going to be workable and take
16 care of that.

17 And I look forward to more activities at the
18 Highlands Center. You know, people have been very
19 frustrated about the Highlands Center, but there have
20 been some real successes there. That new lab up there
21 is fantastic. And I remember walking through it before
22 the maintenance people here magically and mysteriously
23 transformed it. It was mold and stuff dripping from the
24 ceilings when you walked through it, and now it is a

1 modern, well-equipped laboratory which was made possible
2 in part because of the enthusiasm of the staff here to
3 go to Rhode Island to Davisville to get old Navy surplus
4 materials and bring them back up here and install them
5 and made it work. It's a great success story. And the
6 new classrooms up there, all places we could use. Maybe
7 we could have this conference about coastal issues up on
8 the facility at the Highlands Center.

9 I've also been very pleased about the environmental
10 education programs that go on down here. Thousands of
11 Cape Cod schoolchildren have passed through these
12 environmental programs using the old Coast Guard
13 buildings that have been refurbished.

14 So there's a great deal I think to feel awfully
15 good about, and I won't go on and on. But I did want to
16 bring this up because some of you might remember that we
17 produced a handbook for the Commission, which 2008 we
18 printed this up. So everyone on the Commission received
19 a copy at that time. It has lists of all the members,
20 all the superintendents. It has some valuable
21 historical information here, and I think if there's one
22 thing I could do for the Advisory Commission during this
23 50th anniversary is bring that up to date. By the way,
24 that's the appendix that we passed out about the

1 Nickerson Fund comes from this. So actually it was
2 great fun working on that because at that time we had
3 all the minutes in the library over here in a corner of
4 the building, and I was able to read through those and
5 find out who all the members were of the Advisory
6 Commission. Some of it was handwritten. Anyway, that
7 was a good thing. So I'll try to get to work on that.

8 Then I just have one request, and that is to ask
9 you to take good care of your present chairman. We are
10 so lucky to have him. He's in Washington today working
11 on an international conference on science. He is also a
12 member -- I don't know if you saw this in the paper the
13 other day -- of the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy
14 Management Regulation and Enforcement Outer Continental
15 Scientific Committee. This is a very, very important
16 committee.

17 MS. LYONS: Very important.

18 MS. BOLEYN: So aren't we lucky to have him sitting
19 in this seat for the Advisory Commission.

20 MS. LYONS: We are.

21 MS. BOLEYN: And then before I leave, everybody
22 gets the latest addition of the new tick cards.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MS. BOLEYN: I think you need probably a few more

1 over there.

2 MS. LYONS: Brenda, are you leaving the Commission
3 altogether or are you just --

4 MS. BOLEYN: I'm leaving the Commission altogether,
5 but as I say, I'm just next door. I'm not going far.

6 MS. LYONS: There are always chairs around waiting
7 to be filled up.

8 MS. BOLEYN: I'll be around harassing you and so
9 on.

10 I would like to thank everyone and thank the
11 present superintendent who's doing such a great job.
12 And it's really been quite a trip, and I've loved every
13 minute of it.

14 MS. AVELLAR: Well, we thank you for everything.
15 (Applause.)

16 MR. PHILBRICK: Can I speak for the Commission? I
17 think maybe I've been here as long as anybody. I got
18 put on the Dune Shack Committee by Hank Foster.

19 MS. BOLEYN: Foster, yes.

20 MR. PHILBRICK: All that you announced, these
21 things that you feel good about, I say things you should
22 feel proud of. In addition, I've got to say in my
23 judgment you are the finest, the most capable and most
24 hardworking, most exemplary public citizen of not just

1 this park or this advisory commission, public citizen of
2 this planet.

3 MS. AVELLAR: Oh.

4 MS. BOLEYN: Wow.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you, Dick. That was very, very
7 nice.

8 MR. SABIN: Brenda, I came on the Commission not
9 too long after you came on, and I'm a lot older than I
10 maybe look, but I've been on a lot of committees in my
11 career, and I have never had a committee chairman that
12 runs a meeting quite as well as you do. I'll miss you
13 on that more than anything else.

14 MR. PHILBRICK: Here, here.

15 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you very much.

16 MR. PRICE: One of the things some of the new folks
17 on the Commission may not be aware of, but for most of
18 her tenure -- I don't know if it was most or except for
19 a few years -- Brenda was either the chair or the vice
20 chair. We had the famous tenure of Ron Kaufman, which
21 his arrival, I understand, was quite controversial, but
22 he turned out to be a great supporter and a collegial
23 team member --

24 MS. AVELLAR: Yes, he had.

1 MS. BOLEYN: Yes, he did. Yes, he did.

2 MR. PRICE: -- that we really appreciated. But
3 Brenda stayed on as the vice chair certainly here
4 through Rich Delaney coming on.

5 Brenda, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank
6 you for your time. When I was speaking with Maria not
7 too long ago, she said, "Is Brenda going to step down?
8 Oh, my gosh, we owe her so much."

9 But if you'd like to stand up, I'd like to just
10 present you with a couple of things for your time here.
11 Got to have a plaque, right, and we put together a
12 plaque in recognition of your years of service. We had
13 21. Is that --

14 MS. BOLEYN: That would be a little generous.

15 MR. PRICE: All right, well, it's philosophically
16 21 years of service on the Cape Cod National Seashore
17 Advisory Commission. Thank you for your assistance --
18 how do you like this? -- patience and ability to work on
19 contentious and challenging land management issues.
20 Awarded today.

21 MS. AVELLAR: Here, here.

22 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you for this.

23 MR. PRICE: Certainly, Brenda, I would echo what
24 Dick said, that you have amazing abilities, and

1 certainly since I've been here, we've had some very
2 contentious issues. When we have issues such as the
3 dune shacks that can become very emotional because
4 people care so much about them and what they mean and
5 the history that has happened, you've certainly been a
6 very calm and reasoned voice. When we think about the
7 other issues of zoning and some of the house structures
8 that we've had here that have been particularly
9 contentious, I've certainly appreciated your, again,
10 wise counsel and appreciate the way that you're able to
11 talk and dialogue with people. Because you do it
12 because you care and you really mean it and you're
13 sincere, and certainly the Park Service has really
14 appreciated your support.

15 So we wanted to give you this little --

16 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, my.

17 MR. PRICE: You guys are probably wanting to get
18 rid of stuff. Wait till you see this.

19 MS. LYONS: Oh, how pretty.

20 MS. BOLEYN: Oh, wow, isn't that terrific? That's
21 terrific. Talk about coastal processes.

22 MR. PRICE: Give you something to remember us.
23 We'll all be calling you up and ask if you can join the
24 next committee.

1 (Laughter.)

2 MR. PRICE: Which I've already done as part of the
3 Oral History Committee.

4 MS. BOLEYN: Thank you so much, George, and thank
5 you, everyone.

6 MS. AVELLAR: Thank you, Brenda.

7 MS. BOLEYN: So do your tick checks and have a
8 great summer.

9 (Applause.)

10 (Photographs were taken.)

11 **ADJOURNMENT**

12 MS. BOLEYN: Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, at 3:14 p.m. the proceedings were
14 adjourned.)

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