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Speaker BERGSTROM: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Wednesday, August 15, session of the Cape Cod Regional Government, Assembly of Delegates.

Orleans is our host today along with John and Chris Kanaga who can't be with us.

I'd like to call this meeting to order. And we will begin with a moment of silence to honor our troops who have died in service to our country and all those serving our country in the Armed Forces.

(Moment of silence.)

Thank you.

We will now stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

The Clerk will call the roll.

Roll Call (95.07%): Richard Anderson (9.15% - Bourne), Cheryl Andrews (1.36% - Provincetown), Ronald Bergstrom (2.84% - Chatham), Leo Cakounes (5.67% - Harwich), James Killion (9.58% - Sandwich), Marcia King (6.49% - Mashpee), Teresa Martin (2.30% - Eastham), Spyro Mitrokostas (11.02% - Yarmouth), John Ohman (6.58% - Dennis), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Anthony Scalse (4.55% - Brewster), Julia Taylor (14.61% - Falmouth).

Absent (4.93%): Christopher Kanaga (2.73% Orleans), Deborah McCutcheon (0.93% - Truro), Paul Pilcher (1.27% - Wellfleet).

Clerk OCONNELL: Mr. Speaker, we have a quorum present with 95.07 percent of the Delegates present and 4.93 percent absent.

Committee of the Whole

Speaker BERGSTROM: Thank you.

I will now need a motion to approve the Calendar of Business.

Deputy Speaker ANDERSON: So moved.

Ms. KING: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Moved and seconded. All those in favor, say "aye."

Opposed?

(Motion passed.)

You should have received a copy of the Journal of August 1, 2012. Are there any additions or corrections to the Journal?

Hearing none. I need a motion to approve the Journal.

Deputy Speaker ANDERSON: Motion to Approve the Journal of August 1, 2012.

Ms. KING: Second

Speaker BERGSTROM: Moved and seconded. All those in favor say "aye."

Opposed?

(Motion passed.)

Okay. Now we have Communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners. Ms. Chairman.

Communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners

Commissioner FLYNN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three Ordinances to present to you today.

The first is -- two of them are transfers, one relates to the Water Protection Collaborative wanting to increase from another line items by \$5,100.00. They are looking to -- hold on a minute -- to hire -- to have an intern for the summer, for the rest of the summer.

The second one is for the IT Department and that's \$50,500.00, and that is a transfer from other line items.

And the third is when I spoke to you, I think at the last meeting, it's an \$88,000.00 estimate of what the services to Wellfleet will be for IT, and this is to put the money in the budget and then the revenues from Wellfleet will pay for the services.

So that's all there is.

Speaker BERGSTROM: We'll schedule a Committee hearing on that ASAP.

Commissioner FLYNN: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Schedule it.

Commissioner FLYNN: Yes. Well, we had an excellent meeting today. I want to say we met with Tom Cahir, from the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, and he gave us a report on not only the really good things that they are doing now but how they are increasing the availability of transportation on Cape Cod. They've added new routes; the ridership has increased, and he's feeling pretty good about that.

And then Paul Niedzwiecki gave his report on transportation, and there's a lot we need to do. Apparently, they met this morning again about the Canal Region issues, which is really like the bridge or whatever, and that has to get into a long line for funding, but they're still working on it, and they're not giving up. Whether it's a bridge or a tunnel, nobody knows yet, but, hopefully, somewhere down the line there will be something.

And we've looked at what the RTA has been doing in terms of the recommendations from the Special Commission, and it looks from what the Special Commission suggested that many of the things are being done by the RTA and their Board of Directors.

So, that's it.

Commissioner LYONS: There's actually one more item, I think.

Commissioner FLYNN: One more thing.

Commissioner LYONS: But just to dovetail on Pat, I do think that it would be great to have Tom before the Assembly just to talk about all of the really great successes and improvements that have been made in the last three years since he's been the director there.

It's really quite impressive, so I think that they're doing a great job. And we all know that since I was just stuck in traffic, and I'm sure everybody else was; if you just go up to Wellfleet, you can't even get into it. So we all know that that's a real serious problem here.

And the other thing is we have something for Mr. Lynch, and it's my privilege in giving it to him and reading this off mainly because, truth be known, Tom and I were good colleagues when we were on the Delegate -- on the Assembly together. And even though we may have sparred since, I think that I've always had a tremendous amount of respect for Tom and his work and his dedication, and I think that you're going to be very, very missed. I think you were a great asset to the Assembly.

So, with that, I would like to proclaim on this day --

Proclamation from Board of Regional Commissioners to Thomas Lynch

WHEREAS, Tom Lynch represented the town of Barnstable in the Assembly of Delegates from 2001 to 2012;

WHEREAS, he served on the Standing Committee on Finance, and the Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

WHEREAS, he volunteered for Community Service through the Cape Cod Child Development Corporation, American Cancer Society, Cape Counseling Center, the Barnstable Land Trust, and the Centerville Historical Society;

WHEREAS, he served as the Executive Director of the Barnstable Housing Authority and the Assistant Town Manager of the Town of Barnstable.

Now, therefore, the County Commissioners express their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Tom Lynch for his many contributions and willingness to always improve the quality of life for the residents in his community and also the community of the Cape.

Mr. LYNCH: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. Before we let you guys off the hook, are there any questions for the Commissioners? Yes, Marcia.

Ms. KING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can you give a bit of an update or where you stand on the whole ARC item? I know Bill Clark is running around the County, and every time I read, it says that they're like negotiating a contract already; are we there?

Commissioner FLYNN: No. We have asked County Counsel to give us a Purchase and Sale Agreement, which he has done, and we are taking it up next week. Actually, we're going to discuss it first in Executive Session because its acquisition of property, and we can do that; we need to do that, and we need to meet with counsel and go over the details, and Bill Clark will be there.

What we really have to look at what it is we're buying overall, what the needs are, and what our long-term plan could be. So we're beginning that process next week and that's where we are.

Commissioner LYONS: And if I could just add onto that.

Commissioner FLYNN: Sure. Go ahead.

Commissioner LYONS: You know, I have always been in support of this project. I was aware of it even before I was on the Assembly down in Wellfleet, and I think it's great, and I applaud the Assembly of Delegates for their support on this.

Although, I do think that, from what I could see, the first draft of this agreement, there were conditions that Bill Clark and I had discussed with this group in making it a feasible project and that I didn't see in there.

So we have to make sure that it's a doable and it's a winnable project so that we're not putting out money and it's going to go to meet the at least breakeven point and be able to do what it's going to do.

So we have some questions on that and we recognize that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I think there's some misinformation going around. I received a couple e-mails on this, and I don't want to get into it too much, but from what I understand of the arrangement, the County will not operate this facility. It won't have any -- whatever -- we will lease it to -- we will lease the facility to the winning bidder, let's say presumably the ARC; I don't know, and whatever profit they get is theirs; whatever loss they get is theirs.

All we get is like you would rent somebody a bay in an industrial park; we get a certain amount, and as long as they run the facility in accordance -- in a manner that's consistent with how it's been run in the past as a hatchery.

So the County's -- there seems to be some feeling that the County's going to go in there and hire employees, and we're going to be looking over peoples' shoulders and that's not the case.

Commissioner FLYNN: No. And if I --

Commissioner LYONS: But we're not even there yet.

Commissioner LYONS: Yeah, we're not --

Speaker BERGSTROM: I know; I understand that.

Commissioner FLYNN: We haven't even discussed the operational piece to it yet. We also know that the buildings need a lot of repair and in some cases some of them need to be rebuilt. So there are a lot of expenses associated with it.

There also has to be a revenue stream. And the proposed revenue stream was to add \$10.00 to the license for every residential or commercial fishing license from every town. That would require -- well, that could be done in several ways. To do it individually would be a horror show. It might better be done through an inter-municipal agreement with the County where all the towns agree to do it, and then it's one agreement rather than 15 different agreements. We haven't gotten to that yet either, but we have to really be solid about the revenue stream before we can even think about anything else.

Commissioner LYONS: And as far as hiring employees and that sort of thing, you know, I think our scientists that are affiliated with the Cooperative have always been in an assist position for this, but the people who are running this are really the most successful that are left because these entities existed and they've all sort of -- it wasn't a good project for them. So, we need them to mentor and apprentice other people. So that's all part of the discussion.

Commissioner FLYNN: And last week on the Cape Cod Extension -- Cooperative Extension Tour -- Teresa was there.

Ms. MARTIN: Excellent.

Commissioner FLYNN: -- and we toured, and it was fascinating. I had no idea. And talk about a hard work; that is hard work the people who are there do. No question about it.

We got a firsthand look at the condition of the buildings and the operations itself. I mean the

buildings don't lend themselves to efficiency. It's like a lot of little rooms here and there. If you want something, it's another four rooms over or around the block.

And the other issue is zoning. That whole property is zoned residential by the town of Dennis. So we have to look at the -- we'd have to have conversations with the town about the potential of zoning it differently so it isn't zoned residential.

So, there are still a lot of issues to be worked out.

Speaker BERGSTROM: For purposes of disclosure, I'm a supplier to ARC. I sell them shellfish along with -- but I'm not -- it's not specific to me. Anybody who gets a clam and you have a license could sell it to them.

So, I'll be sure if it comes to a vote that I'll be sure that I'm on the right standing to vote.

But I've seen the place over the course of 30 years and it's definitely deteriorated to the point where --

Commissioner LYONS: Uh-huh.

Commissioner FLYNN: Yeah. A lot of these meetings -- once we get through the legal part of it, everything else will -- all of the meetings will be open to the public. I mean there will be absolute clear transparency about what this is all about; what it means; what the revenue streams are; what the expenses are going to be; what a scope of services or a bid looks like; all of that will all be done in the sunshine.

Commissioner LYONS: And just to further -- it's a project that really hits all of the great buttons here on Cape Cod, such as, you know, it provides economy for middle-class and working-class people. It is a cultural, you know, we're maintaining our cultural character, and there is evidence, hopefully it will all be, you know, there are two studies going on about shellfish actually having, you know, assisting in our wastewater problem.

So there's three different avenues that if we can -- you know, we might be able to garner grants and that sort of thing that we could apply for under those conditions. So if all things work out, it could benefit in many ways.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Do you have a question, John?

Mr. OHMAN: More of a comment. I also toured it two weeks ago as well, and the condition of the building is deplorable, and I just don't know if we want to get into rebuilding. I don't know if we go forward with this, maybe we want to buy the land and lease the land back and let them build their privately.

Commissioner FLYNN: That was --

Mr. OHMAN: And that's just something to think about.

Commissioner FLYNN: That's an option; yes.

Commissioner LYONS: Those were all different discussions.

Mr. OHMAN: And we had the Commissioner of Agriculture down, and he was very enthusiastic about the project and trying to get the Commissioner of Finance for Economic Development down and look at it, and Governor Patrick as well, and I think those are things --

There's a timeline that's kind of scary to me about ownership. They really don't want to have this property in their possession -- owning it for very much longer.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Mr. OHMAN: And the principal owner, Dick Kraus, has been pretty specific about that; has

he mentioned that to you? Has he given you a timeline or has he given you a --

Commissioner FLYNN: He hasn't given us a timeline, but he has mentioned it to us and we know what their objectives are and they have, as you say, they have a (Inaudible).

Mr. OHMAN: You know how government moves.

Commissioner LYONS: Right. And that's why we make sure it's on next week.

Commissioner FLYNN: That's why we're getting --

Commissioner LYONS: We need a discussion before we go forward.

Mr. OHMAN: Well, I just want you to be aware of that.

Commissioner FLYNN: Thank you.

Mr. OHMAN: I just want to make sure -- I'm very enthusiastically -- I don't want to lose this as a resource because --

Commissioner FLYNN: No. It's a huge resource.

Mr. OHMAN: -- Bill Clark's spot on about how important it is for cultural reasons. It's an economic engine for many of the towns on the Cape.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Mr. OHMAN: And it's got a wastewater component.

Commissioner LYONS: It does, so there are different avenues we try to --

Mr. OHMAN: We're talking numbers of 500 million oysters a month.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Commissioner LYONS: Yeah. And they're the only one on the eastern coast of Massachusetts. They used to go all the way up to Gloucester so.

Mr. OHMAN: It's mind-boggling. And the scientists are tremendous and the building is deplorable.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Mr. OHMAN: No business model would ever have this happen, but it happened to them over the course of -- I think they've been almost 50 years there; right?

Commissioner FLYNN: Yeah.

Mr. OHMAN: 1969?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yeah, probably. It was one-time owned by a corporation; I think it was Revlon or something. It was a little backwater --

Commissioner FLYNN: Yeah, it was owned by the Clarks in Woods Hole.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Oh really.

Commissioner FLYNN: Years ago they bought it under -- I guess -- well, they owned Avon.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Avon.

Commissioner FLYNN: But I don't know that the Avon Corporation actually bought it, but Jim Clark is the principal there.

Speaker BERGSTROM: For a long time --

Commissioner FLYNN: And they used a lot of MBL scientists to help out and get the whole thing started but it didn't work. And then when it wasn't being viable and they could see that it was declining in some way, I think what Jim did was gave him five years to either stabilize it or do something. They didn't want to sell it in the condition it was in, so that they had a five-year window in which to make it work and they did.

And they improved it, and the business improved, and by the end of five years, they were able to sell it. That was back in the 80's.

Speaker BERGSTROM: There was a guy named Richard Loring, who lived in Chatham, and he ran it for many years. He was on the Board of Health in Chatham. They also have a facility in Chatham on Stage Harbor, an upweller facility, which they ran from the yacht club -- the Stage Harbor Yacht Club.

But I agree with John. If it's, literally, if it's raining, they have buckets in the offices.

Commissioner FLYNN: Oh yeah.

Ms. KING: Responding to that, I think if you look back at during the slides from Bill Clark's presentation, he said the purchase price -- again, this is all hypothetical; if it's 4 million, out of that 4 million, they were going to put 1.2 back in, and they're going to redo the building. That was not what the County -- Again, we keep talking about the County farm; this is going to be exactly -- my understanding the same model --

Commissioner LYONS: Same thing, yes.

Ms. KING: -- is that they will do all the improvements; they will do that. They're trying to have an exit strategy for retirement, but they're also going to use the money.

I mean I just think it's about this thing -- and, again, I would encourage you to talk to the EDC where you could get like \$100,000.00 to help pay, and then maybe not raise the fees as much as you're talking about now because I, actually, like you, I've actually gotten two e-mails, which is shocking, about this. And I was surprised, and they both were like, "Why?"

But then someone asked me and I explained why, and then at the end they were like, "Oh, it's not a bad --" I said, "To me, this is Cape Cod," like I said at the last meeting.

Commissioner FLYNN: Yes, it is.

Ms. KING: I would highly encourage this, but I also say you have EDC money, and I know you don't control it and neither do we, but someone really ought to get them to join. I know this is a touchy subject.

Commissioner FLYNN: No.

Ms. KING: But this is an EDC. If this isn't an economic development on Cape Cod; come on, what is it? I mean, this is such an important thing. So I just --

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. We're stretching this agenda item, but anyway you --

Ms. KING: I apologize.

Ms. MARTIN: No, I -- I was going to add -- Mary Pat mentioned the tour, and if you were on the tour, you could really see very explicitly the chain, the economic chain from the ARC over to Chatham to the upweller, and the hundreds of people who make their full-time living in Chatham alone on this. There's a very clear and explicit path.

Commissioner LYONS: And all the way down through --

Ms. MARTIN: And the argument itself, by the way, is it employs 18 people, which is a reasonable size employer on the Cape in itself. A company that employs 18 people on the Cape, that's significant in our little micro-economy business.

Commissioner FLYNN: We met with the Shellfish Warden and the Harbormaster in Chatham, and they gave us a tour of the upweller. I was amazed at that upweller. I mean, it's a whole building. We have one in Falmouth; it's like a little steel vat that sits on a dock.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, ARC has --

Commissioner FLYNN: And Chatham's has this beautiful --

Speaker BERGSTROM: ARC has their commercial facility there. They rent the yacht club, but next door at the Harbormaster's Office, they have the town upweller. They get the seed, the seed clams from ARC.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: And, ultimately, those are planted -- field planted at a certain size in an area, and then those are dug out and spread out all over town, and it constitutes a significant amount of the income not only of the commercial fisherman, but the people -- I know people across the way, Dennis and Barnstable, and who buy child licenses to go there and shellfish because they enjoy doing it with their kids and stuff. But I don't want to get into it.

Pat, did you have any questions?

Mr. PRINCI: Yes. I've experienced a lot of phone calls regarding this issues in the town of Barnstable and it's the same old, you know, with the amount of permits that Barnstable holds on commercial and recreational, would the increase, you know, what type of return Barnstable's going to getting on this if it were to go forward.

A lot of people were calling me saying that we had voted in support of it already, which shows there's a lot of misinformation out there.

But my question and my concern, more or less, is Bill Clark's going out there to the different communities. In fact, in Barnstable, they switched the meeting from Old Phinney's Lane to the Senior Center to accommodate more people that want to attend for the Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting tonight, and I don't really think he has a ton of answers to give people to the questions that they're going to have regarding the finances because it doesn't seem like he really knows what those are going to be based on the fact that he hasn't had firm commitments from a lot of the communities on the Cape to finance this and have a revenue stream.

And it seems to me as if a lot of people are thinking, you know, it's just going to be another governmental bailout so-to-speak.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Mr. PRINCI: And that's something that needs to be addressed at this Community meetings or else it's not going to fly.

Commissioner LYONS: Well, it's not going to change anything for anyone there; it's just that it's going to still exist, and so that's a good thing for them.

And the other thing is that we've sort of gone through this once before. About a year ago, we attempted this in a partial way thinking we could maybe get partners to get forward, and this was just preliminary discussions.

So, Bill has a lot of that behind him. He has a lot of knowledge that he can express, but as far as the backing of the town, I think once the plan is realized and proposed, people will understand what it means for them and what it's not going to cost them, and that always makes the difference.

Mr. PRINCI: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I said this before, but I honestly believe that the County should basically produce a document and a plan. Rather than go out -- if you go out, Bill, he's right. Clark is going out to various communities and everyone has different ideas, but like using the Town

Meeting method is you put something on the table.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. We have -- you've got preliminary support from the Delegates to go into this, and the Commissioners are behind looking at it. Now what we need is a Purchase and Sales Agreement so everybody knows exactly what's on the table --

Commissioner FLYNN: Exactly.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Rather than go -- so, I don't begrudge him doing that, and when he and the County Attorney and the owners and operators come down and they sign something, then they'll put it on the table so everybody knows exactly what we're dealing with.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Meanwhile, if you were at the last meeting, I suggested that we have an economic study done. So rather than just say, "Geez, I think this is great for the Cape," we'll have actual numbers behind that. We'll say, "These are the seed that's provided; this is the ultimate return on investment down the road."

So, I'm getting the same kind of e-mails that --

Commissioner LYONS: And Bill can help you with those numbers. He has a lot of those facts.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yeah, but until something is preliminarily agreed on -- plus, I've got it in my wind turbine file too. That's maxed out some now I can't --

Ms. KING: That's a whole draw.

Speaker BERGSTROM: If there's nothing else, I have one other question is the recommendations of the Special Commission on County Governments; where are we on that?

Commissioner FLYNN: Well, as I said, we met with transportation today. What we decided to do today is to provide you and the Special Commission with an interim report by October 1 just to give you some idea where we are.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

Commissioner FLYNN: And then what the plan is for the next three months and six months so you know.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I think we're going to be discussing this in the first meeting in September.

Commissioner FLYNN: Well, we'll probably will have your report more like the mid to end of September.

Speaker BERGSTROM: We'll have all reports --

Commissioner FLYNN: But you will have a preliminary report on actions taken by the Commissioners.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Leo.

Mr. CAKOUNES: In that report, would you be specifying whose authority some of these proposed changes are going to be falling under because I know there was a broad range of suggestions, some of them would come to us; some of them necessarily wouldn't come to us; some of them you could do on your own; some of them --

So, I think it would help clarify things if that report was to kind of show, you know, whose authority to each one of these things at least starts with; obviously, we work together but.

Commissioner FLYNN: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Spyro.

Mr. MITROKOSTAS: At a previous meeting, you offered to make the County Administrator available to go over the closing numbers for FY 2012, which hasn't happened; it's not going to happen here. The September meeting, hopefully, will be it.

Commissioner LYONS: I think all you have to do is ask him to be on there, and let us know that that request is there and make sure he's there.

Mr. MITROKOSTAS: I don't want to miss this opportunity.

Commissioner LYONS: That's good to --

Mr. MITROKOSTAS: Year to year, we have to go back and look at it.

Commissioner FLYNN: And the books are closed now too.

Mr. MITROKOSTAS: And the books are closed.

Commissioner FLYNN: And, so, this is a good time to --

Mr. MITROKOSTAS: Some of us have looked at them. But as a father and a husband, I don't get to say, "I told you so" very often, but as an Assembly of Delegate, I'm looking forward to that opportunity.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Despite that, I think we'll see if we can get him here.

Commissioner LYONS: Yeah, we won't tell him that you said that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Do we have any more questions for the Commissioners?

Well, thank you, very much.

Commissioner LYONS: Thank you.

Commissioner FLYNN: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Now, our next agenda item, I have in my hand a proclamation. No, it's actually a tribute to Thomas K. Lynch. That's you; right?

Mr. LYNCH: But before you read that, this would be the last opportunity I would have to wear this, so I thought I would just be dressed appropriately for it.

Commissioner LYONS: Always on the campaign trail.

Mr. LYNCH: This shirt.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Did you bring one for all of us?

Mr. LYNCH: My appropriate attire.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Ready? Okay. Thomas K. Lynch:

Tribute from Assembly of Delegates to Thomas Lynch

We, Members of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, hereby recognize and pay tribute to the exceptional record of service by our colleague, Thomas K. Lynch, Delegate from the town of Barnstable since October 2001.

Thomas K. Lynch has in numerous ways demonstrated qualities of leadership and commitment as a public servant that have contributed to the accomplishments of the Assembly of Delegates of Barnstable County, and we thank Tom for his outstanding work as a Delegate.

Thomas K. Lynch has held several leadership positions during the past six terms, and he has diligently supported those measures important not only to his own community but to the entire

county. It is not possible to recount the extensive involvement of Delegate Lynch on County issues, so we cite the following examples:

Tom served on the 2005 County Charter Review Committee as the Mid-Cape Delegate and supported ideas that generated interest in delivering high-quality regional services to the citizens and towns of Cape Cod.

Tom served on various committees including Health and Human Services as an alternate to Economic Affairs, and most recently as Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and was very active on every committee in which he served.

Tom has a sound background and solid experience in government, and he provided effective insight and recommendations when reviewing the County's fiscal policies and expenditures.

Thomas K. Lynch earned the respect of his fellow Delegates because of his fairness and forthrightness on issues.

As Tom leaves office, those of us privileged enough to have served with him on the Assembly of Delegates express our gratitude for his dedication and wish him success in his future endeavors.

It's signed by the members of the 12th Session of the Assembly of Delegates, August 15, 2012. Tom.

Mr. LYNCH: I used to say to people, you know when I first got involved with politics, I worked for the Presidential level of traveling with the presidential campaign throughout the country, and then I came back and worked at the Congressional level for Congressman Studds. Then I ran my own campaign for State Representative, and then I ended up running for the County Assembly.

So, as you can see, I've been working my way down the ladder. It was really, I think I found a home here for 11 years, and I really appreciate the work, and I appreciate all the efforts that you do.

So, thank you, very much for this.

Mr. OHMAN: Thanks, Tom.

Deputy Speaker ANDERSON: Thanks, Tom.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Now, Tom's in the non-pressure position of the Manager of the funds in Barnstable. It's kind of an easy, you know --

Ms. TAYLOR: Relaxing.

Mr. LYNCH: Today's issue was there was a shark sighted off of Sandy Neck, and so part of my role today was to lure it back to here. So, if you see a shark off here, I've done my job.

Speaker BERGSTROM: They'll be calling you Clint Lynch.

Ms. TAYLOR: Through the Canal or around Provincetown?

Mr. LYNCH: I had to bring him all the way around.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. Well, there are sharks in those waters; no question about it.

We now have Communications from Public Officials.

Communications from Members of the Public? Anybody out there? Okay.

So, now the Assembly will convene, and we'll have a report from the Clerk.

Assembly Convenes

Clerk O'CONNELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you heard today, at the next Assembly Meeting, we are going to be very busy. We will, obviously, be voting on several Resolutions. We will have several Committees Meeting before the Assembly Meeting to deal with the Ordinances, which require Public Hearings.

And in addition to that, we also have a plan to have Mark Zielinski come in and do a small presentation on the Retirement System.

So maybe we can get this other issue done at the same time, but we'll be busy at the next meeting. And that's it.

I only have one other small item. Because the Delegate from Harwich made that announcement with regards to the Pig Bowl, and now I'm just a little bit famous, I guess, because of the Pig Bowl, I hope you have a sense of humor, which I think you do and you know I do, because I found this and I couldn't resist it.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Oh.

Ms. O'CONNELL: And I said, "This is for Leo."

Mr. LYNCH: How did they scan his image on there?

Mr. CAKOUNES: I forgot my eye patch in the truck too. Can I put that for my name tag now?

Mr. CAKOUNES: Make sure I get the right one.

Ms. O'CONNELL: And its eye is a small seashell so it works. Again, I hope you don't mind a little of my humor. It's an incredible likeness.

Mr. LYNCH: Unbelievable.

Ms. O'CONNELL: And that's my report for today.

Speaker BERGSTROM: As the Clerk says, you know, I deliberately did not schedule anything too intense for this meeting for a number of reasons, but the summer will be over at our next meeting, and we're going to have quite an ambitious September.

We also have the Ordinances presented by the Commissioners. So, be ready.

Do we have any other business to be brought -- Yes, John.

Mr. OHMAN: I would love to have everyone from the meeting and the audience come over and have food at Liam's at Nauset Beach.

Deputy Speaker ANDERSON: Motion to Adjourn.

Speaker BERGSTROM: The first time I ever said that at a Selectmen's Meeting, somebody took my aside and said, "They're not the audience; they're the public."

Mr. OHMAN: Those guys too.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I will never make that mistake again.

Deputy Speaker ANDERSON: Motion to Adjourn.

Ms. KING: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. There's no other business? Okay. Second. All those in favor, say "aye." Opposed?

Whereupon, it was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the Assembly of Delegates at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janice O’Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates