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Speaker BERGSTROM: Good afternoon. Welcome to the August 7th session of the Cape Cod Regional Government, Assembly of Delegates.

I would like to call this meeting to order. And I don't see anybody recording us besides our normal recorders.

So, we'll now start 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.)

Speaker BERGSTROM: The Clerk will call the roll.

Roll Call (87.60%): Richard Anderson (9.15% - Bourne), Cheryl Andrews (1.36% - Provincetown), Ronald Bergstrom (2.84% - Chatham), Leo Cakounes (5.67% - Harwich), Christopher Kanaga (2.73% -Orleans), James Killion (9.58% - Sandwich), Marcia King (6.49% - Mashpee), Teresa Martin (2.30% - Eastham), Suzanne McAuliffe (11.02% - Yarmouth), Deborah McCutcheon (0.93% - Truro), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Julia Taylor (14.61% - Falmouth).

Absent (12.40%): Ned Hitchcock (1.27% - Wellfleet), John Ohman (6.58% - Dennis), Anthony Scalese (4.55% - Brewster).

Clerk O'CONNELL: Mr. Speaker, we have a quorum with 87.60 percent of the Delegates present; 12.40 percent absent.

Committee of the Whole

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Thank you and thank you all for coming on this beautiful day. I'm sure you'd rather be out on the beach somewhere.

I will now need approval of the Calendar of Business.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Move approval.

Deputy Speaker MARTIN: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. All those in favor, say "Aye." "Opposed"?

(Motion carried.)

Speaker BERGSTROM: You should have received a copy of the Journal of July 17, 2013. Are there any additions or corrections to the Journal?

Deputy Speaker MARTIN: Move approval.

Ms. KING: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. It's moved and seconded. All those in favor say "Aye." "Opposed"?

(Motion carried.)

Speaker BERGSTROM: I don't see any Public Officials here except us.

And do we have any Communications from Members of the Public? Hearing none.

Chair BERGSTROM: I will now -- I don't see the Board of Regional Commissioners here either, otherwise --

Ms. KING: No, they didn't have a meeting today.

Chair BERGSTROM: No, they didn't. So I guess they're not obliged to have meetings like we are.

Ms. KING: No.

Mr. CAKOUNES: They're on a campaign trail.

Chair BERGSTROM: Yeah, okay. Well enough about that.

Assembly Convenes

Speaker BERGSTROM: The Assembly will now convene.

Do we have any committee reports? None. Okay. We're cruising along here.

Report from the Clerk.

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Clerk O'CONNELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess first I want to remind everyone that there will be a meeting of the Charter Review Committee today not at the conclusion of the Assembly meeting but it will be at 5:30.

Second item, just a reminder that on the 14th the County will have their extension tour, the Cooperative Extension. And if anyone wants to attend, if you haven't already done so, you can email Bill Clark, call him, or simply let me know and I will let him know. I think it's, oh, like 9 to 2:30 and that's on a Wednesday.

And then finally on the 21st as a reminder the next time the Assembly meets, we will be meeting in Orleans at Nauset Beach, and we will also be voting on Proposed Ordinance 13-07, which held a Public Hearing today just before the Assembly meeting, and you will receive a full report on that Public Hearing next week -- next meeting at the beach before you vote on the Proposed Ordinance.

And that's all I have.

Chair BERGSTROM: Okay. Thank you.

Other Business: Reports and updates from Assembly Delegates related to community comments and opinions on charter review process and charter changes

Chair BERGSTROM: Under Other Business, it was kind of a light agenda here, but we're obliged, as you probably know, to meet at least twice a month.

So I thought I would put this on because I know that many of you have received input from your Boards of Selectmen and others members of the public concerning the Charter Review process. And I thought I would give you an opportunity to report that to the Assembly, to the convened Assembly, and any other comments you might have had.

I'm really more interested in -- more interested in what others have had to say rather than our own opinions which we'll get a chance to express in the future.

So does anybody have anything to say about this? It's a quiet bunch. Okay. Suzanne.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I have had an opportunity to speak with some of the Selectmen

since our last meeting. And I think the Selectmen in the town of Yarmouth feel that all the ins and outs of what's going on with the finances at CLC is really beyond their knowledge, their purview, something that they really aren't privy to.

And I think that they are looking to the County or the Assembly to try and make sure that things are done appropriately. They're done clearly. They're done openly. Even though the contract of CLC is with the individual towns on a town-to-CLC basis, they really don't feel like as a town they really have any say in how CLC operates or what the finances are.

They are happy with the energy audits and the energy savings and all that grants that they get for green energy projects. They are very happy with that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Suzanne, this is about the Charter Review Committee.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Then I'll go to the Charter Review.

Chair BERGSTROM: I didn't mean to stop you because you were doing well.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Okay. Save that. That's for the next topic. I won't have to say it again.

Charter Review. Yes, I find it interesting that County Commissioners are going to Boards of Selectmen to give Charter Review updates.

I know, specifically, last night Sheila -- Commissioner Lyons went to the Chatham Board of Selectmen or yesterday afternoon to get them a review -- an update and it's listed as a Charter Review update.

Now Commissioner Lyons is not the Commissioner member of the Charter Review Committee and has not really attended many Charter Review Committee meetings. And what it was essentially was if you watched the meeting was more the County Commissioners' position of supporting the findings of their Special Committee and wanting to make sure that the Selectmen were apprised of that point of view.

It comes across as a bit of a point, counterpoint which surprises me because the Charter Review Committee hasn't really come up with anything specific yet, yet the Commissioners are out there sort of lobbying for their position, for their preferred outcome. And I find that a little unfortunate because I think it politicizes the work of the review committee.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Yeah, I agree with this, and I appreciate your comments. I was at the Truro Board of Selectmen -- I had been there before about the whole Charter Review process and they notified me in the late afternoon that they wanted me to be at the meeting at 6 o'clock. I look at the agenda and it looks like a report from me about what's going on with the Assembly's position or if the Assembly has one on the reorganization of the County.

I get there and discover that Sheila Lyons has also been invited to speak, and we're kind of being put up as a debate team. I'm on one side of this issue and she's on the other.

One of the things that I found really disturbing was that she repeatedly represented to my Board of Selectmen that the County Commissioners have never taken a position on the Special Commissions' recommendations or the reorganization of County government.

I did not have with me because I had not prepared as well as I might have had I known it was happening, the vote of the County Commissioners that we all have copies of but I was shocked that she was willing to say that.

Jan Worthington called her on it as one of the people on our Board of Selectmen, and Sheila just -- Commissioner Lyons just flat-out denied it. She said the County Commissioners have not taken a position.

I don't -- as I said, I was shocked. The Truro Board of Selectmen has decided that we will be sending a letter. I'm supposed to write it, so I'm not sure -- I think that tells you something about what the position already is.

Chair BERGSTROM: Yes, Cheryl.

Ms. ANDREWS: It's hard to know what to report because, of course, at some point you start to think everyone knows what you know but perhaps they don't.

So I'll give a short report, sort of a similar experience. I bumped into the Chairman of my Board of Selectmen on election day, and he said, "You'll be getting an email about a meeting." I never did. And I was kind of concerned about getting one at the last minute and not being able to prepare and not knowing what was on the agenda too.

So I finally wrote to the Town Manager and cc'd the press because I just -- I thought, you know, this is too important really for that kind of situation to happen.

Sure enough, the original item on our agenda was Special Commission recommendations. That's how it ended up on the agenda. That got out to the public domain and there was a lot of back and forth about how that kind of limited the conversation.

So it was changed to Charter Review. It didn't say anything about who was going to attend, but I had made a point of asking, and I guess there's something special about Provincetown because not only did Commissioner Lyons attend and speak but Paul Niedzwiecki did as well. And he gave a reasonably lengthy presentation.

Because I had found out ahead of time they were coming, I had asked our previous Assembly of Delegate, George Bryant, to attend. And I also found out that the Truro Board of Selectmen were going to be there even though it wasn't a posted joint meeting. I was a little confused about what that was all about, but they were there.

They spoke during public comments, and, again, Selectmen Worthington from Truro raised the same issue which was why is a Commissioner saying publicly that the Commissioners don't have a position at yet they do.

And I actually did have a chance to send to all of my Selectmen a copy of their Resolution where they voted on it. I don't understand it. We all know they have a position and they've said so and they voted so.

So it was a pretty interesting meeting. That's available on video, and if you haven't got the link, I can certainly send it to Jan.

Frankly, for me, I think minimally there should be some consistency in what's being told in each town, and I watch, for example, the presentation you gave, Ron, in front of the Board of Selectmen in Chatham. Frankly, it was helpful for me because you had a lot more of the history of this than I did. I thought you did a great job in terms of getting that much material in front of them and they listened. You could tell (Inaudible).

Chair BERGSTROM: Stupefied, I think is the word.

Ms. ANDREWS: Actually, you made it very interesting, and I actually passed a link on to your presentation to some other people, because getting people, especially in the middle of the summer, although, frankly, any time of the year, to be interested in government minutia is not always easy to do.

So that was the result of our meeting. I don't recall whether I said -- what I thought as far as my position although I may have. I probably did. But what I said more was let's talk about the difference between some of these proposals so that you understand them.

And because most of the people in my town are not familiar with the Assembly of

Delegates or County government in general in terms of structure, I focused more on the issue of does a Cape Cod Commission regulation go before two groups, as it does now, or do you want it to go before one group? You know two votes versus one.

And they really did seem to understand that clearly because that's how towns do it. You have to go to Selectmen and then Town Meeting to get something done. You can't just go to -- for one vote. So we talked about that.

And I guess that's about it. It's consistent with what I'm hearing so far from some of the other towns but I hope all the Assembly of Delegates do get this matter in front of the Selectmen. I think they are the first group of folks that have enough background politically and in service to really analyze what the proposals are and have an opinion.

I think the Selectmen right now are a little confused about whether it's appropriate to have an opinion. And my feeling is you're darn right it is appropriate because who do you think will have one if you don't? I mean the people look to you to be their leaders. They look to you as government officials to understand this and give your townspeople an opinion.

So, I think it's critical that the Selectmen get involved and they're starting to.

Chair BERGSTROM: Julia.

Ms. TAYLOR: Well, it hasn't come up yet in Falmouth, and I do think that it might be more useful for Selectmen to form an opinion when it isn't a question of Assembly members who definitely have taken a position versus Commissioners who may or may not definitely have taken a position.

It might be more useful to have the Charter Review Committee that we did appoint to be formulating some alternatives, but I don't think the committee is definitely not ready for that yet, but it is headed towards trying to come up with at least some preferences, possibly setting out a few alternatives with pros and cons.

I don't think we, again, are nearly far enough along, so I don't think it's wrong that the Selectmen would take a position but I do think it's premature because I would hate for them to decide well I've got to choose between what my Assembly of Delegate or my Commissioner said.

I would think it would be better to wait until we have some positions -- position or positions from the Charter Review Committee that would then make for, I think, a better discussion.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Teresa and then I'll come back to Deborah.

Deputy Speaker MARTIN: I'm actually glad you said that, Julia. One of the -- I went before my Selectmen and Sheila was also invited at the same time and the experience was very similar to what other people have reported.

But there are two areas of particular confusion. One, my Select Board reported they had received a correspondence about this issue from a number of different sources and they were a bit confused because it was making it sound as if a decision was about to be made right now.

And I said, "Well, no, no, no, no." This is the group, you know, that is making the decision. They have been meeting. They'll continue to meet. They're not done meeting. The Charter Review Committee has not made any recommendations, has not put anything forward. There is a discussion.

Now some other people -- other committee has made some discussions but there's nothing formal. There's nothing moving forward. So there was clearly the sense of confusion that we have to say something because something's about to happen now.

I encouraged them to think about not what would be important to them and perhaps

share that in a proactive way. These are the kinds of things that we, as Selectmen in this town, think are important that you, the committee, should be considering. And I believe they're going to be doing that. Not taking a stand on A, B, or C but what's going to resonate with us.

And the second area is that the way this thing is presented is often rather muddy. And so we talked a bit about Executive role and Legislative role and how despite what you may have read in the Cape Cod Times, we actually don't have two of the same kinds of bodies right now at the County. Just because a group of people is elected doesn't make they have the same role. And there's a lot of confusion about that as well.

And we talked about Select Boards versus Town Meeting and how those are two distinct roles and it's very analogous to the roles. And that helped a lot.

I do think it's important for Select Boards to know this is going on, and perhaps not to come down and take a stand but at least to be engaged and provide their perspective on what kind of structure they would see as being most beneficial to us.

And as far as I know, there's no formal plan to engage on a town-by-town basis that way. And I think that's sort of the role we're playing going out and talking, being -- that's the role I think we do play is being a point of contact between Select Boards and other groups in the town back to here.

And so that's how I see my role in this. It was very helpful to have done that and each of us has a chance to do this.

Chair BERGSTROM: Yeah, just to comment quickly on what both Julia and Teresa said.

In one of the meetings I suggested we solicit comments from -- again, the reason -- from the Board of Selectmen. The reason I did that was because I knew all this information was out there in cyberspace bouncing around. I wanted to make sure they got correct information and also to see what they thought.

But we mulled it over and we more or less went with Julia's position to wait until we had something concrete to really suggest and then send it out there to see what people thought.

So this issue of when to and how to interact with the town officials has been something that we have discussed but. Do you have something to say, Deborah?

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Yeah. I just want to be clear about how the town of Truro came to be at the Provincetown board meeting -- Board of Selectmen's meeting.

What happened there was that the Selectmen from Truro got in touch with Austin --

Chair BERGSTROM: Knight.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: -- Knight, who is the only person from the Outer Cape who's on the Charter Review, and said, "Are you going to be having any kind of hearings or anything to determine what people, other communities than Provincetown, and other people than you might think about this?" And he then agreed to have this meeting that was attended.

And as I understand it, Wellfleet and I believe Eastham were also invited. I don't know who else came. I guess the other thing is that I have urged my Board of Selectmen to talk about the issues they were concerned about in a letter because there isn't a concrete proposal on the table other than the one that came out of the Special Commission last year.

I do think it's disingenuous though to say that the Commissioners don't have a position when they voted one that --

Speaker BERGSTROM: They formally sent us a letter with it.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Yeah, pretty clearly. And I find that to be really disturbing

because it really muddies the water when you're trying to nail fog to the floor about well, you know, did you or didn't you. It depends on what is is.

Chair BERGSTROM: Pat.

Mr. PRINCI: Sure. As a member of the Assembly, I really haven't formed any position one way or another, only that every voter in Barnstable County has their representation. That's a pretty simple standard to look for whether it be an Assembly of Delegate or a larger County Commission.

But I'm very pleased with the way that Barnstable's gone about this whole process. Our Town Council President, Debra Dagwan, had reached out to me a while back. They were dealing with a lot of budget matters and were going to be discussing it on the September 12 meeting of the Town Council.

Now what she did was -- and I have the same views as that we want a Charter Commission is -- you're at work right now. You're not formulating any opinions. You're gathering information. You're listening to people, and you're reviewing past recommendations and new recommendations.

She's invited to attend, and we're also very pleased, Mr. Chairman, with you assembling the committee and how you did assemble that. You went out of your way to make certain that you had a person from the town of Barnstable on that Commission and we're grateful for that.

So what our Council President has done is invited -- I'm just going to talk about what I've done on the Assembly thus far. I'm not going to get involved in the Charter issues, but she invited two people from the Charter Commission, a Chair and Ann Canedy who is on the Commission from Barnstable.

And that I think is the right thing to do at this point because you folks are the ones working on it right now, and I'm certain that the Town Councilors will have listened to hear where you're at in the process and they'll probably have some questions and you may or may not be able to provide answers, but I'm very pleased with the way the town of Barnstable's going.

Chair BERGSTROM: Okay. The only difficulty I have with appearing before the councilors is I have to sit through the gratuitous insults that are hurled at the council. The first half-dozen people would walk --

Mr. PRINCI: Oh no. She's taken a hard line with that.

Chair BERGSTROM: Okay.

Mr. PRINCI: And she's very cognizant to that, and she will nip that right in the bud.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. Leo.

Mr. CAKOUNES: I just have to put my two cents in to the Commissioners' position. Many of you know that we termed -- a while back we had some questions on meetings which were being held, workshops if you will, that were not held here. They were held elsewhere for the explicit purpose of going over the recommendations of the Special Committee and the Commissioners referred them as workshops.

They also hired a consultant for upwards of \$23,000. I have in my possession, through the Open Meeting Law and records request, copies of PowerPoints that were made and I did attend at least one of those meetings and recorded it.

At no time did I hear the Commissioners discuss options. All they discussed at those meetings and all the PowerPoints have is how can we sell to the voters their form of government which is the special recommendations form, getting rid of the Assembly and keeping the five Commissioners or expanding the five Commissioners?

So, I, for one, will not sit here and listen that they have not made a determination. Not only have they made a determination type of government that they would like to see come forward, they spent 23-plus thousand dollars of our money, the County's money, to sell that position.

Now two other members were at -- well, certainly at one of the meetings the Chair and Ms. Sandler (phonetic) were there, and correct me if I'm wrong, but the discussion at that particular meeting specifically was how can we sell this. It wasn't what is a better form of government. It wasn't let's compare them all. It was let's prove that this one is cheaper. Let's prove that this one's going to be easier.

In fact, there was a statement made that without the Assembly you will be seeing a Cape-wide DCPC come forward for Wastewater management. So they have already made their stand and that's pretty clear to that.

We, on the other hand, I think have made a stand too by a Resolution. We took a vote. The white elephant in the room continues to be what we're dancing around. And being a farmer and not a very good dancer, I'm just going to come right out and say it. Either you want to keep the Assembly or you don't want to keep the Assembly. Why are we dancing around this?

Why can't people come forward and say, you know, we like the representation we're getting. We don't want to change it to that drastically. We want to see these two levels -- these two separate entities, or we're tired of it and we want you on your way. Why are we dancing continuously?

There is no 5th, 6th, excuse me, 7th form. There's either we keep it or we don't. And, you know, I don't know, I'm just tired of hearing it. And if I'm asked from my Board of Selectmen -- what I always tell them is don't ask me because I'll tell you my opinion. And I've told this Assembly my opinion. As a matter-of-fact, I brought forth a Resolution. It got voted on and it passed.

So as far as I'm concerned, the Assembly has taken a position on this already, and, quite frankly, I think we should just be moving forward.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: And just in response, the Charter Committee is very well aware of the Assembly's position, the County Commissioners' position, and there have been a lot of other ideas floated out there.

It may not be as simple as either/or. One of the things we're looking at is an excellent idea from one of the members, Julia Taylor. And that may be a hybrid of the two. And if we do our homework and we look at things carefully, and we come up with something that we can explain that might make a lot of sense, then maybe that will be the compromise or that would be the path that people would take.

But I would say it's a little premature now to say pick one or the other because we may come up with something better.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Now I just want to --

Mr. CAKOUNES: I hope so.

Chair BERGSTROM: -- in relation to Leo's comments, I think he may have exaggerated the effect of the presentation that was given. It, indeed, I don't disagree with him that the Commissioners had their purpose in mind, but it was a little more expansive than that. But anyway, that's my personal opinion. So we won't argue about that.

You've got to realize in my participation in this, what I have done once this noise started, even in the beginning of when the Commissioners announced that they were going to

have this committee on -- whatever they called it, County Government, you know, with Rob O'Leary and Senator Rauschenbach, immediately jumped into my brain, well, if they're going to come up with recommendations to change the term of office or some of the structure of how County government is formed, it's going to have to go through, according to our existing Charter, the Assembly of Delegates.

So I mean I have this in the back of my mind. So my role in this -- I've had two roles. First of all, my role as Chairman here is to say let's bring these horses into the barn. If you want to talk about County government, this is the process set up in the current Charter to do it.

And there was too much noise going around, should we do this, should we do that. And I'm saying, okay, if you want -- if we're going to go down this path, we have to go strictly according to what's given in the Charter as the root to change the structure of County government.

Leo's quite right, we passed an Ordinance. And I think at that time, I pointed out that even though there's language in the Charter that says, yes, you can make recommendations directly to the Legislature, in discussing the makeup of the Charter Review Committee, this body decided to go with that procedure.

In other words, the Charter Review Committee procedure recommending to the Assembly and then in turn going to the Legislature and to the voters. So that's where we are now, and my focus is going to be to keep on that process and not to be scattered around.

So, Leo -- Suzanne is absolutely right. That recommendation is right on the table. I certainly have not given up on that recommendation.

Ms. TAYLOR: I would like to point out that there is no question that -- at least I don't know of anyone even I'll go so far as to include the Commissioners but I can't really speak for them, that is not in favor of a Legislative body. And whether you call it the Assembly or you call it whatever, we're talking about a Legislative body that represents the citizens of Cape Cod.

Now, if everyone is positive that the only possible Legislative body that would suit anyone here is one that is one person per town with a proportional vote, then I'm happy to go home at 5:30, and I don't need to go to this meeting. It's not my top choice of how I'm going to spend my evening.

If, however, and I really would like to hear the answer to this before I spend another umpteen meetings, if people think that they, as a member of the existing Assembly, could imagine a Legislative body that might be 11 people, might be 15 people, you know, slightly undetermined number, some odd number, fairly large that was not elected by each town and, therefore, the person did not have a representative vote -- a proportional vote but was instead elected from a district.

If that is a question that people could be open to, I'm not saying it's the answer. I'm just saying that's the alternative to what we have now as a Legislative body. That's sort of the major alternative, district representation and district election.

So if everyone is positive that they have to have this, what we have right now preserved, let's hear it because honestly, there's sort of no point in having these people meet.

If that's an impossible answer, say some large number elected in some other way, and that was, in fact, what we were planning to discuss today. What would it look like if there were 11, 13, 15 Delegates elected from relatively even districts. If that's impossible to ever pass, then we could make this a quick Charter Review.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Cheryl. Do you have a comment?

Ms. ANDREWS: As one concerned citizen, I would ask the members of the Charter Review Committee to look at the question a little bit differently. And the question is this. Right now, we have two separate groups --

Ms. TAYLOR: (Inaudible).

Ms. ANDREWS: Can I finish my sentence? No, it's not. And I'd like to finish, please. We have two separate groups of elected officials. So if a Commission regulation budget, you name it, needs attention, there are two steps.

If a group of citizens -- I won't name them but I think we've seen a couple groups in the last two years -- if a group of citizens are aggrieved and feel a group of elected officials haven't heard them, they have one more chance. They can come to our meeting and deal with a different Chairman, which has happened.

So we have two groups of elected officials. How do you want them elected, districts, I really don't care right now. You have two groups.

The question before you and is fundamental to everything is do you want to switch now and have one or do you want to keep two?

All this other stuff is confusion and sometimes twisted verbiage to maintain confusion.

Hybrid, that's a car out in the parking lot. In the end, you either have two groups or you have one. And it is critical that that question be answered.

And one of the reasons why some of the confusion is there is also political. The County Commissioners didn't want to talk about eliminating the Assembly, so someone came up with the phrase merge. It was crafty. It wasn't right, but they used it for a long period of time.

No one, including me, wants to sit next to an elected official and say to them, "You're lying. What you said tonight is not what you said in the record two weeks ago." I'm not going to say it. It just doesn't feel right.

I'm also not going to say that the words they've chosen aren't accurate, but I will say if you watch the video of Paul Niedzwiecki and Commissioner Lyons in front of the Provincetown Board of Selectmen, Paul, indeed, said that the word merge did not describe the proposal. And I found that rather intriguing.

So there are little chinks in the armor as far as what language we're using to describe these options.

Chair BERGSTROM: Okay. Moving down Cape one town --

Ms. ANDREWS: One or two.

Chair BERGSTROM: -- we'll go to Deborah, and then we'll go back to Julia.

Ms. McCUTCHEON: I think to a certain extent -- this whole thing -- I think to a certain extent this whole issue's been kind of drilled down and focused in really too quickly and preemptively to this choice between having the Assembly or not having the Assembly.

When speaking about the representation that each town has, Commissioner Lyons made the point that there's the Wastewater Collaborative, there are all these other organizations that function as County Governance and each have a representative of each town.

Well, we're not looking at that larger structure; are we? I had a long conversation with several people from the board of -- whatever they call the board of -- the Cape Cod Commission.

Truro can't, right now, can't get somebody to go to the Cape Cod Commission meetings because all you get to do that is mileage, and there's a huge amount of work involved. I mean we get at least an opportunity to participate in health insurance and a little bit of money.

Nobody's looking at whether there should be perhaps some merger of the Legislative

functions of the Cape Cod Commission board and the Assembly of Delegates or the Wastewater Collaborative or any of these myriad other organizations where you're trying to draft one person from each town to come be a volunteer.

This whole thing has been drilled down to one issue real quickly. And I just think it's not a true comprehensive look at what's the most effective way to govern. I really agree that what it is is that there was an agenda when that -- way back when that other group that -- the Chart -- whatever they were called, the Special Commission.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Special Commission.

Ms. McCUTCHEON: There was an agenda then, and that's the agenda we're dealing with now. Because I think a true look at what's happening in County government, we look at all of these groups that are setting policy and enacting rules and drafting people.

And for Truro, it's a burden. It's a burden, I think, for Barnstable too to find willing people who are going to put in the time and work for free on County governance.

So that's my point.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Just, you know, I agree with Deborah, and I know that both Suzanne and Julia are here. We made a decision early on that we would deal with the governance issue, not exclusively but we felt we couldn't deal with these other -- we wanted to deal with the comprehensive look on County government, but a decision was made by the committee that we had to tackle this issue first because everything else flowed from that. I don't know if that was a good decision or not.

I still believe that the committee is committed to a comprehensive look at County government, and it's not simply a matter of, well, we've got two bodies looking at the same thing. That's not true. If you go into the Charter and look at the powers of the Assembly, you know, they're listed and there's quite a lot that we don't even exercise half those powers. Same thing with the powers of the Commissioners. So we have separate authority, the most prominent which is budget authority, so there is a division.

But, no, I think that -- I can speak for myself on that. I think the other members would agree with me that we're tackling this because it's basically the big kahuna sitting out there and that it's just going to be part of a more comprehensive look at how County government functions, including the Administrator, the Commissioners, and whatever Legislative body we have.

So, Julia, did you want to say --

Ms. TAYLOR: Well, I just wanted to say, Cheryl, I don't think there's been any -- I certainly don't have the feeling that we have to have some sort of merger at all. I mean that's possible, but I'm certainly not pushing it.

I guess I had pushed the Charter group review to deal with the concept of the Legislature first. I'm assuming that if we do that, we will then move -- maybe we won't have made a final decision but we'll have some ideas about that. And then we would move to the concept of what is going to be the Executive function.

I'm assuming there's going to be both, but, you know, nobody has a plan yet as to that. So I don't think there's -- there's no one pushing a merger at this point. There's only the question --

Ms. McCUTCHEON: It's been voted.

Ms. KING: The Commissioners --

Chair BERGSTROM: Except for the Commissioners.

Ms. TAYLOR: Okay. I'm talking about the Charter Review Committee. So I'm

assuming that their vote, whatever it is, is not written in stone and unchangeable, just as I'm assuming that the Assembly's Resolution is not written in stone and unable to change.

But if it is, I'd like to know because then I think that makes, you know, it certainly simplifies things. We don't have to be spending a lot of meetings discussing it.

But I'm assuming that those are positions of the Commissioners and positions of the Assembly but that they could be modified. At the moment, the Charter Review people are looking at are there any possible changes one would make to what we all agree has to exist, a Legislative body.

Then, I'm assuming we would also want an Executive of some sort, whether it would be three Commissioners, five Commissioners, an elected official. I don't have a plan yet. I mean I don't have an opinion and we haven't gotten to that yet. But that's a different issue.

And that would be one where maybe the Commissioners would get really worked up over that. But my question is now, to this group, is there any possibility that the Assembly would ever consider modifying their existing Resolution?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, let me jump in here for a minute because part of the issue that's been brought up and it seems to be hanging out over this whole discussion is the weighted vote. A lot of people saying -- claim this unfair. I'm not one who things that way but.

And I think the impression may have been given that the weighted vote was some kind of construct that Julia and her cohorts back in 1989 came up with.

The fact is that until recently I served on the Regional Transit Authority here on Cape Cod. And I was Chair of the Regional Transit Authority. The Regional Transit Authority is made up of 15 members, a member from each town. They vote on the budget. Every vote is a weighted vote. Just as we do right now, you know, you have to have a quorum of 51 percent. You have to have a certain number of members in the room. It's a weighted vote. It's weighted a little differently because it has to do with the miles that they travel through the towns. But the weighted vote is not particular to this group.

And the Regional Transit Authority was set up by the Legislature. There's like 13 of them around the state. So this isn't something that somebody comes up with on a bad day. It's done all over the place.

Now whether it's a good idea or bad idea, that's up to the individual members. But I don't want people to think that somehow somebody woke up one day and said, "A weighted vote; what's that? You know we've got to do something about it." It's consistent with the provisions of the Massachusetts Constitution that says that every individual -- not every individual town, but every individual voter should have the same weight to his or her vote as every other voter, whether you live in Truro or whether you live in Barnstable. And that's why it's done.

Now, could there be districts set up? You can do anything, you know, and we're presently considering that. But the Regional Transit Authorities have that Legislative body and an Administrator, a powerful Administrator. He does all the work. He hires and fires. He comes up with recommendations, and he comes back once a month or once every so often with budgetary items. It specifies what changes in fares and so on.

It specifies in our Charter, at least the legislation that sets up the RTA what the authority of the Administrator is, what the authority of what, in that case, is the Legislative body, which is the RTA Advisory Board. And, you know, it's very -- and that's how it works.

One of the recommendations that are before the committee that Julia brings up is having a district representative, let's say 9, 10, 11. Very similar if the people want to get their hands

around it and understand what we're talking about; it's very similar to what goes on in Barnstable. What do you have 13, Pat?

Mr. PRINCI: Thirteen.

Chair BERGSTROM: Thirteen members. They're elected in relatively small districts and they form the Legislative body. They have a strong Administrator who does all the grunt work and they report to what is now the Council.

So that's -- if you want to look at that construction, you can see very similar to Barnstable. Hopefully, you know, -- I think it functions well. Somebody else may have another idea.

Ms. ANDREWS: That's why they're all up for election.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Right.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Every single one of them (Inaudible) different issues (Inaudible).

Ms. McCUTCHEON: Can I ask a question?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Sure.

Ms. McCUTCHEON: Are either of the other two Commissioners going around to these meetings and making these arguments?

Chair BERGSTROM: They are talking about them in public session. That's all I know about. I don't know that --

Ms. McCUTCHEON: Okay. I heard Commissioner Lyons make an argument that kind of -- another unsettling argument at the Truro Board that she claimed that the proportionate representation was, according to a Supreme Court case that she couldn't remember the name of, makes it kind of hard to respond to, was unconstitutional.

And, you know, having lived in Cambridge, I don't know if you know how they vote in Cambridge, proportionate representation, you can go on voting for days in Cambridge. It takes them days to count the votes because you vote 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and your Number 7 vote -- once somebody has enough 1's, your Number 7 vote may be the one that gets somebody elected to City Council. Who figured that out?

You know, I don't think the problem here is proportionate representation. I think there's kind of all out kind of full-court press ignorant that solved on what's happening and it's preventing a logical and reasoned discussion.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes. Leo.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Shy of some third metamorphosis coming out of the Charter Review Committee, I will say that -- I look forward to it and love to see some third thing that I've not been able to physically put a handle on yet.

But there are two things. First of all, I'm kind of -- I go back to another Resolution that I put forward which was requiring that -- or asking that the Charter Review Committee come forward with a White Sheet. I think that that would've been certainly appropriate, and I think that once they do formulate some kind of this -- if they do come forward with a third make up for us to have a chance to review it, and look at it, and give them feedback before they go any further on with it, Number 1.

Number 2, first of all I apologize for wearing my sunglasses. I forgot my eye patch and I'm starting to get a severe headache, so please -- I'm trying not to be rude wearing these, but, otherwise, I won't be able to speak, which you guys would all be happy about. Now I forgot what I was going to say.

No, the -- yes, I did forget what I was going to say now. I'll have to come back.

Chair BERGSTROM: All right. One thing I'd like to say at this time -- I don't like to say it but I'll say it and then I'll let Leo go on.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Thanks.

Chair BERGSTROM: But a couple of weeks ago, maybe a month ago, the Commissioners asked our attorney, Mr. Curran, to appear before them and discuss the business of the Charter Review Committee. After discussing it with me and Mark Zielinski, he and we decided that wasn't appropriate.

So, instead, they forwarded from Bill Doherty a series of questions that they had on Charter Review process. You know, I objected to this, as I've objected to a few other things that they did in the past when they changed the scope of services and stuff, but I wondered if it rose to the occasion of us submitting a formal objection.

I don't know if you have been given a copy of those questions. I'm not always familiar with what gets to you and what doesn't, but if you've ever answered your phone and found out you're on the end of a push poll -- do you know what a push poll is? You don't know what a push poll is? It's supposedly asking you questions but what it's actually doing is pushing you in a certain direction. Would you vote for Congressman Smith if you found out he beats his wife? You know something like that.

So, some of them -- it was obvious to me the content of the questions were to move the committee in a certain direction. And one of the questions was on the weighted vote, and I think that they also discussed sending it up to the Attorney General and stuff like this.

So I think we're going to have to -- I mean, short of reading them the riot act, I think we're going to have to acknowledge the fact that they are bound and determined to affect this process by going before the various Boards of Selectmen and taking actions on their on.

And I'm hoping the public will be savvy enough and the Delegates and the Committee tolerant enough to put up with it for as long as it takes. It's certainly not going to affect our decision. I mean I'm going to do what's best for Barnstable County and I don't care what the Commissioners say.

And, ultimately, it's going to be up to you and me when we take a vote because everybody thinks this is decided by the Special -- by that Committee. The Charter Review Committee is ultimately a recommendation to this body and will only be passed on to the Legislature and to the voters if we agree to it.

So, anyway, that's my little speech. Leo.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Thank you for allowing me to finish.

Ms. Taylor, you did ask that, you know if anyone here would be opposed to any idea coming forward. And the only thing that I thought about when you asked that question is when I first came here, I really wrestled with the weighted vote situation. I was new to it. As the Speaker just mentioned, it was something odd to me, and I wrestled with how to get around with not having that weighted vote.

And not being a huge government mind, I came up with a couple ideas, none of them which made any better sense than the system that we already have.

I disagree with the Barnstable scenario for one reason only. The town of Barnstable is a very condensed town and their districts are small, and they may be based on -- and I'll throw numbers out there and they don't mean anything -- I'm not being what do you call it -- but say they're based on a thousand residents. Well those thousand residents all live in a pretty small area, the geographic make up of those aren't drastically different.

If we were to go with that type of scenario, I don't care how you cut the numbers out, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, and probably part of Orleans would be one district. Because if you do the numbers right now and you add up their weighted vote, I don't have it in front of me, but I'm assuming you're going to be looking around eight. You may even come into Harwich. Harwich has got five. So you might even come to part of Harwich.

You're going to have one representation, one person servicing, if you will, all those communities as compared to the town of Barnstable which now will be divided into three or four represented people because, again, we're trying to achieve that magic number of 8 or 10 if you can understand my train of thought here.

To me, it doesn't make a better system than the one we have. I think the system that we have now -- I've not heard towns and communities and people of the public complain about it. I've not heard that.

Certainly since Harwich has sent me here, I think they've gotten -- with their 5 percent vote; they've gotten a lot for it. They got the bang for their buck.

Chair BERGSTROM: Now is that advocating for the weighted vote or against it?

Mr. CAKOUNES: I'm not advocating for the weighted vote. I'm not saying the weighted vote is the system. What I'm saying is I looked at ways of changing it. I couldn't come up with any.

I certainly would love and look forward to the White Page that is going to come from the Charter Review with this new hybrid that somehow is going to answer that question.

Because the other way was that each representative from each town should, in fact, run Cape-wide. That's the way you can get away from the weighted vote. Now you'll expect somebody to run a campaign Cape-wide to sit here?

Ms. TAYLOR: No.

Mr. CAKOUNES: It doesn't make sense. So I'm interested to see what comes out of your committee.

Ms. TAYLOR: Well, I think it will not be one person for the entire Lower Cape and four for Barnstable, that wouldn't be inaccurate.

But we wanted to see and what we're hoping will be possible today is to look and see what size it would be if you had 15 people divided into districts.

I don't consider this a magic perfect answer to light, but it's being used by State Reps. It's been used by Senators. It's been used by Congressional Representatives. It's been used -- I mean it is a normal thing to elect people from districts. And Falmouth has found it quite nice having sort of two reps up in Boston. One which is part of Falmouth and Mashpee, and the other's part of Falmouth and Nantucket. We sort of feel they both will answer to us and it's okay.

But I don't feel it's, you know, I'm not saying that's where we should go, but I think it's a fairly normal thing that does give each voter an equal say. What we have now, voters, it's once you voted, you've got your Representative from the little town, but then your having elected that person doesn't give them the same power as the person who voted for the person in the bigger town.

It's not illegal. It just isn't necessarily perfect. And so we want to just look and see if there's another possibility.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Marcia.

Ms. KING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I disagree with Julia. And this is one representative who will vote against getting rid of the Assembly I'll go on record because --

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I'm not against getting rid of the Assembly.

Ms. KING: But you are because I don't understand why the agitare about the weighted vote. The weighted vote is what they have in the House of Representatives in the U.S. Government. Rhode Island has many two or three. California still has, I don't know, 20-some odd reps. They still have more, as Barnstable will always have more, as Falmouth will have more, as Yarmouth will have more than my town.

My town will get absorbed by yours, as Leo just said. The Lower Cape will be completely absorbed between 1-2 Reps. I don't find that acceptable, and I don't -- will not support that.

I think that I don't know why people have focused on the weighted vote. You have that in the House of Reps. I said Rhode Island and Vermont have less representation than Texas and California. Nobody's screaming about that. That's why they have the Senate. Maybe we should get a second election body. That's what you're all concerned about.

But this body was set up to represent the towns as a function -- as a piece of the puzzle for the County. And so that I go and I represent my town and my town knows that we are 5.8 percent, and that's what my vote counts for. And my town understands that Falmouth and Barnstable and Yarmouth, if you guys want to band together, which out of the 15 years I've been here, it has not really happened, and you want to control the Assembly, fine. But it hasn't happened.

I have found this body unbelievably congenial in the sense of the County when we all work together. When years ago Bourne had a problem -- if you remember when Joe Carrara was on, if I pronounced it, is that they were having a problem with car accidents. We all banded together and we gave him extra money to pay for police.

When different towns have had problems, this body, I believe, has stepped up to the plate and said, "This is a County issue."

When Barnstable had issues years ago with some of the homeless, we gave them some of that surplus money because we all knew this was a County issue and I don't think the Yarmouth Rep complained, "Oh, you know, we can't give it to Barnstable." It was a group effort.

I have found this body to be so County focused that it's not an issue. And I will take the stand that I will not support it.

I find that, again, the Commissioners, I've watched their meeting, and I'm afraid more Commissioner Lyons seems to have the massive agenda. They took a vote. They have a position, yet they seem to deny it. Again, I'm a little amazed by that, but I guess I didn't have enough to drink that night maybe to make it make any sense. I don't know. I don't even drink.

But I understand what they're saying. I'm advocating, if anything, to get rid of them and make us the body, which is -- and we have kind of like Barnstable we become like a Town Council for the Cape with a weighted vote and we have a Strong Administrator. Why isn't that being discussed?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: It is.

Chair BERGSTROM: It actually is.

Ms. TAYLOR: It is.

Ms. KING: Then that's great. Awesome. You know, because I think --

Mr. CAKOUNES: That's the hybrid.

Ms. KING: That's the hybrid. Maybe that's it. But this representative is not going to abrogate my responsibility to my town because my town will get lost as we did in their State Rep.

My town is completely absorbed. It's actually two reps split in half. No, my town -- I will not vote in support of that.

I think this is a fabulous body, and I have been proud to serve on it and found everyone extremely congenial and supportive on a County level.

And I actually agree completely with what Leo said is that they -- the whole thing from all of this starting is the DCPC for Wastewater, which I don't think anyone has really talked about.

I mean I heard back when this thing started a couple years ago is that they couldn't control 15 people. It was easier to have three Commissioners. If they got rid of us, they could put the DCPC in for the Wastewater. And I think we should talk about the Wastewater issue but that's a whole separate issue.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Suzanne.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: One of the things that came up and I don't know -- and Commissioner Lyons was talking about the problem with maintaining the weighted vote is that population is declining on the Outer Cape and that the Outer Cape will end up losing any clout that it has.

So I guess I need to find out if that's true, the population on the Outer Cape is declining.

I would prefer if the County Commissioners are out talking about their position that they call it their position and not call it a Charter Review Update because they are not speaking for the Assembly or for the Charter Review Committee.

Mr. CAKOUNES: I'll second that.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I would like everyone to have a copy of the questions that were given to Attorney Curran from the County Commissioners because they are specifically asking for legal backup and muscle and support for their positions against the Charter Review Committee and against the Assembly of Delegates.

And I also would respectfully request that perhaps the Assembly would like to keep an open mind because until we have a chance to actually look and come back with things that you may, in fact, find that you are getting what you like and perhaps it might be a little bit different; it might be a little bit better. But at least perhaps keep an open mind if we determine that there's an option to consider.

Now we might find that this option doesn't work and then it's off the table. But if we determine that there's an option to consider, we would hope that we could present the pros and cons and that you would be able to then reformulate your opinion.

So, I would hope that the Assembly would be willing to hear that out. If not, I totally agree with Delegate Taylor that I don't need to spend any more time on governance if people don't want to hear anything.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Another thing that I brought up to the committee, which wasn't received very well, was the fact that ultimately we're not going to be the ones that decide on this. It's going to be the voters of Barnstable County.

And if you guys that have experience with Town Meetings and you go to -- let's say you have a Zoning Ordinance in front of them. Well, a Zoning Ordinance is made by people who understand zoning. And it's complicated and so on, and they put their heads together and they put it out on the table at Town Meeting and the first thing they have to do is explain why they're doing it. This is why we need this Ordinance.

The next thing they have to do is explain what they're doing. And if your experience

has been anything like mine, if it's complicated or it seems convoluted or something, it goes down in flames.

So we have to look and see that the recommendations we're making -- first we have to explain, A, why we're making them. What is the impetus for this?

And, secondly, we have to explain it in a way the voters can understand what they're going to gain by changing the system that is in operation now.

That's why I keep coming back to try to -- I mean I know they're imperfect analogies, but making the analogy that let's say the Barnstable Town Government where they have an Administrator and 13 representatives elected by district.

I'm looking at the RTA's where they have a Strong Administrator and 15 people appointed by towns just so that when we go out to the public and explain what we're doing they have some kind of a template to understand and make comparisons to what we're doing.

So I truly believe that unless we come up with a compelling choice that's going to significantly improve the delivery of service to Barnstable County voters and we make a compelling case that in a way that they understand what they're gaining, this could be an exercise in futility.

Julia is worried about what we think, but I'm looking further down like what are the voters going to think. Leo.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Just to clarify that for those that have nothing to do, and I don't know why they'd be watching us at home but they might be.

The Charter Review Committee is going to come forward with recommendations. Say it's one wonderful, great package. It has to pass this Assembly first before it goes to the voters.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.

Ms. TAYLOR: That's correct.

Mr. CAKOUNES: So whatever the Charter now -- in the event that this Assembly does not agree with the recommendations from the Charter Review Committee is it the intentions of the -- and I should be asking the board this but maybe we could ask the County Commissioners. Is it the intention of the County Commissioners to go ahead directly to the voters with their own petition if, in fact, the recommendations are not agreed upon by this Assembly?

Chair BERGSTROM: Well, Leo, all I can say about that is they didn't ask us to form a Charter Review Committee but they did make recommendations about how they would like to see the Charter changed.

So you can take whatever inference from that that you want.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Are we changing the subject?

Chair BERGSTROM: No, no.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Under "Other"?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Oh, well, have we exhausted this subject? Wait a minute.

Cheryl's not exhausted yet.

Ms. ANDREWS: I'm sorry to say I enjoy this. Something is seriously wrong between the ears.

Ms. KING: She needs to get out more.

Ms. ANDREWS: They've said that for years. I just want to share with you one comment I made to my Board of Selectmen and it was me trying to be very clear and very honest about how I feel I am in the midst of all this and what I'd like to see happen.

What I've seen since I've been on the Assembly is a fairly poor relationship between the

Assembly of Delegates and this Board of County Commissioners.

And I've also seen a lot of concern between the public and this Board of County Commissioners and how it functions. And what I said to my Board was, frankly, all of these ideas have merit intellectually. And I think everybody sitting here can think of some tweaks they would make to the County government to make it better.

What I'm feeling is that we need to, no matter what, take a strong look at an idea that has some from outside this room and either say, yes, take it to the voters or put it to bed for a significant amount of time so that we can make the relationship better and make it function the way it's supposed to. Because, otherwise, a lot of effort is going into this spinning business as opposed to running Barnstable County.

It's one of the reasons why I felt so strongly about supporting expanding the Board of County Commissioners from 3 to 5 because I think in order to do something dramatic -- and it speaks to your point, Mr. Speaker, about selling to the public.

In order to sell a grand change to County government and it is a grand change after a very small amount of time. In order to sell that, I think there has to be a certain amount of trust and respect and professionalism coming out of Barnstable County government now that's not there.

So I, personally, will continue to advocate for at least that expansion in the near term. Maybe only 5 or 6 years and then maybe in a few more years re-examining a legislative body and looking at some change. There's no problem with that.

But I do think change would be very helpful. And I think the question is do you want grand change in one year or do you want incremental change? And I think, frankly, from my viewpoints, an incremental change could be very helpful, and I think the public would accept it as well.

And, again, I totally agree with you, Ron. You have to make the case. And I think we can make that case.

Other Business: Cape-wide DCPC for fertilizer management

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Well, do we have any other business to bring before -- Leo. You're looking on the brighter side of things now, Leo.

Mr. CAKOUNES: Pardon me?

Chair BERGSTROM: Are you looking on the brighter side?

Mr. CAKOUNES: No. I've just got to put my hand over my head.

It has come to my attention that I'm sure all of you were aware of the fact that the Cape Cod Commission has, in fact, put in an application for a Cape-wide -- Cape-wide DCPC on Fertilizer Management.

To my knowledge, they have a scheduled Public Hearing on August 21 at 6:30 in this room here. I will not be able to attend because it's a day that we have our meeting scheduled. I might try to get here after that but I think it will probably be over by then.

And there's also a meeting scheduled for August 14. I believe it's at 5 o'clock at the Cape Cod Commission office across the way.

I'm extremely, extremely concerned about this movement. I am not an advocate of DCPCs in neighborhoods, yet, I have sat here many of times and have been convinced that it is a wonderful planning tool, and it does, in fact, have its purposes.

When someone wants to put a DCPC in the neighborhood, it stops development for a while so it allows people to come forward with new regulations especially in zoning, for instance, from one acre to two acres, things like that.

I think this is a complete and utter misuse of the tool. I plan on attending as many meetings as I can, and I'm hoping that you people will follow up on this too because this is the camel's nose under the tent.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. I've been in discussion with Janice and the Cape Cod Commission as to the scheduling of this. It ultimately will come before us as all DCPC's do.

They haven't taken a vote on it yet. They're scheduling Public Hearings so I don't know. It probably -- do you think by the time it gets to us it might be September? Any idea?

Clerk O'CONNELL: Yes, I think we're anticipating the Government Regs is going to have a Public Hearing sometime, I think, early September, possibly the 11th of September. It will be an off-Assembly week in order to meet legislative deadlines because I think the Commission has been charged to deal with this by the end of the year from the state.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So what Janice is trying to say, we're going to have the usual scheduling conflicts because they have a time frame, yet we have to have a Public Hearing. We have to advertise a Public Hearing and then we have to have another hearing. But we'll keep you informed.

I agree with Leo. It's a big issue. And, once again, it shows the importance of the Assembly in deciding on Cape-wide policy. I wanted to throw that in there.

So, is there anything else to be brought before the Assembly? Hearing nothing.

Deputy Speaker MARTIN: Motion to Adjourn.

Ms. KING: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. All those in favor, say, "Aye."

(Motion carried.)

Whereupon, it was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn the Assembly of Delegates at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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