Dear Mr. Speaker and Assembly Delegates:

This is a report on Proposed Ordinance 12-07. The proposed ordinance was submitted to the Assembly of Delegates Clerk by the Cape Cod Commission on May 24, 2012 and to the Board of Regional Commissioners. A public hearing was scheduled to be held by the Standing Committee on Governmental Regulations on Wednesday June 20, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. The public hearing was duly advertised in the Cape Cod Times on June 13, 2012.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance was an amendment to the Regional Policy Plan per Section 8H of Chapter 716 of the Acts of 1989, as amended.

Committee members present: Chair Ronald Bergstrom, Richard Anderson, John Ohman, and Paul Pilcher.

Chair Ronald Bergstrom opened the public hearing a 3:20 p.m. and read the public hearing notice.

Cape Cod Commission Natural Resources Specialist Heather McElroy began with a PowerPoint presentation that will be considered a part of these minutes. The presentation provided the committee with an introduction, process review, and overview of the proposed regulations. The RPP amendments are a response to the Ocean Act of 2008 for sand mining, cables and pipelines in offshore waters that are open for development. The proposed regulations address a gap in protection on Cape Cod. The last two years were spent planning and developing regulations.

Committee members had general questions related to existing local beach nourishment regulations and those proposed by the Cape Cod Commission, specifics as to where operations would be allowed and distances from the shore, the complications and potential for disputes related to the jurisdictional re-nourishment of public and private properties.

There were no comments from the public and Chairman Ronald Bergstrom closed the public hearing.

Richard Anderson motioned, and it was seconded, to close the public hearing. Motion carried. 4-0-0.

John Ohman motioned, and it was seconded, to recommend approval of Proposed Ordinance 12-07 to the full Assembly. Motion carried. 4-0-0.
The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
   Ronald Bergstrom, Chairman
   Richard Anderson
   John Ohman
   Paul Pilcher