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Speaker BERGSTROM: Good afternoon. Welcome to the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 session of the Cape Cod Regional Government, Assembly of Delegates.

No one else is recording this besides our regular recording.

So, I will begin by calling the meeting to order.

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.)

Speaker BERGSTROM: We will now stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

Speaker BERGSTROM: The Clerk will call the roll.

**Roll Call (86.93%): Ronald Bergstrom (2.84% - Chatham), Ned Hitchcock (1.27% - Wellfleet), Christopher Kanaga ( 2.73% - Orleans), James Killion (9.58% - Sandwich), Edward Lewis (4.55% - Brewster), Teresa Martin (2.30% - Eastham), Suzanne McAuliffe (11.02% - Yarmouth), Deborah McCutcheon (0.93% - Truro), Edward McManus (5.67% - Harwich), Brian O'Malley (1.36% – Provincetown), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Julia Taylor (14.61%- Falmouth), Linda Zuern (9.15% - Bourne).**

**Absent (13.07%): Marcia King (6.49% - Mashpee), John Ohman (6.58% - Dennis).**

Clerk O'CONNELL: Mr. Speaker, we have a quorum with 86.93 percent of the Delegates present; 13.07 percent absent.

**Committee of the Whole**

Speaker BERGSTROM: A couple of sessions ago, the Provincetown Delegate used to answer “present” rather than “here.” I guess his idea was it didn't really care where you were in the room so long as you were present for the meeting. But I think “here” is probably sufficient.

Anyway, we will now -- I need a motion to approve today's Calendar of Business.

Deputy Speaker MARTIN: So moved.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Any additions or corrections? Hearing none. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed?

(Motion carried.)

Speaker BERGSTROM: You should have received the Journal of January 7, 2015. Any additions or corrections to the Journal?

Hearing none.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Move approval.

Mr. LEWIS: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Moved and seconded. All those in favor say? Aye. Opposed?

(Motion carried.)

Speaker BERGSTROM: I see we have the usual number of regional Commissioners

with us today, so we'll move on to nine, Agenda item # 9.

Do we have any communications from Public Officials?

No, no public officials either.

Communications Regarding the Creation of the Barnstable County Citizens Academy

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Communications from Susan French and Meg Loughran regarding creation of the Barnstable County Citizens Academy.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Sorry. We grabbed the wrong handout in the middle of writing, writing, writing.

I'm Meg Loughran and this is Sue French. And we are before you today because we just wanted to inform you about a project that we've been working on to create a Barnstable County Citizens Academy.

We were contracted by the County Commissioners to develop such an academy under a contract that's administered by the Cape Cod Commission. And the thought of having an academy was a recommendation by the Barnstable County Joint Communication Program that was published in September of 2014 as a way to, you know, expand people's understanding and knowledge of County government including us. We've learned a tremendous amount and we've really enjoyed the project. So --

Ms. FRENCH: For the past 12 years, Meg and I have developed and facilitated the Inside Barnstable Town Government Program for the town of Barnstable and continue to do so. We are actually beginning our 22nd session with that program and it's fully enrolled with a waiting list now 12 years later.

The program teaches residents of the town about their municipal government, every department. We go to the airport. We go to the fire department; we hit it all, every department in the town.

We were awarded the contract and started researching the County to learn about the important work that you all do and all the County services of which we are amazed. The services that the County provides that we don't think the average Citizen is even aware of.

We met with all the directors including Speaker Bergstrom and to flush out what would make a good academy for the County, because the County is very different structure than anything else and we've learned lots about that.

The goal is that we would write a program to highlight all of the important jobs that you do and all the services delivered by the County so that the citizen can become informed and, therefore, more involved in their County government.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: And more supportive of it, hopefully, too. What you have before you is what we put together when we met with the directors of the departments and other people that we spoke to. And we just -- the purpose is as is there in italics, it comes right from the Joint Communication Program. And the goals that you see listed there are what we have asked potential speakers to use when crafting a presentation going forward. And stressing really that we know that probably every department in the County could have a whole night.

I mean it would be that exhaustive, but we just, you know, you can't get people to really sign-up for that, so we tried to create a structure that allows everybody -- each department and affiliated group to have an overview at least of what they do. So that was what we -- this is what we gave out to them.

So what we've come up with is basically we are going to recommend an 8-week academy that would be two and a half hours per week held at various locations throughout the County

campus and other -- one night I think that we're suggesting meeting at the police department the night that Children's Cove presents and Human Services because they're very affiliated with the Barnstable Police Department.

So that's an example of tying in, you know, another -- an affiliated group. That's it; right?

Ms. FRENCH: I think so.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Yes, any questions?

Ms. FRENCH: Any questions that you may have for us?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Brian.

Mr. O'MALLEY: In your Barnstable Town Citizens Academy what kind of attendance have you been seeing in recently years? Did people sign up for it?

Ms. FRENCH: Well, we cap it off at 35, so we have -- we've been doing it, as we said, 21 times previously and it's been pretty much full. I mean sometimes it wanes in the 20s but, again, a lot of this is due -- we need -- you need marketing. You need to get the word out but it catches on. Just like most towns have a police academy, they become very popular, people talk to and so has ours.

Mr. O'MALLEY: And do these tend to be new people each time?

Ms. FRENCH: New people as far as new people to the Cape?

Mr. O'MALLEY: Is it 30 this year; 35?

Ms. FRENCH: Oh sure.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Oh yes.

Mr. O'MALLEY: They're not repeaters?

Ms. FRENCH: We've graduated over 600-something people. I mean, yeah, it's just such a win-win because they become ambassadors for the town. They volunteer their time and they are educated citizens.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: And one thing that we've recognized from our own, you know, having the experience we've had with the town of Barnstable is, you know, you've got your core group of people like us that follow County government or town government and that becomes saturated after a number of sessions. So then you really have to work at reaching out and creating other ways to get new groups.

So, we built that into our final report that we'll be submitting. But we just wanted you folks to know about it. Yeah.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yeah, okay. Ed and then Linda.

Mr. LEWIS: How do you propose to get this so that those who are in the academy are not all from Barnstable or the surrounding, because from my very limited experience, once you get east of Yarmouth I'm not sure anybody knows there is a County except when they get the assessments.

Ms. FRENCH: Oh no.

Mr. LEWIS: So I'm not sure -- how do you get people to -- in that part of the County to participate?

Ms. FRENCH: That's a great question. We wrestled with that because there's a big difference creating a town Academy and a County. We thought of all kinds of structures. And what we came up with is if this does take, we would like to see perhaps or maybe this would evolve, perhaps a Lower-Cape, you know, a Mid-Cape, and it being held in different areas.

Right now we're targeting the Mid-Cape area and hoping people will travel, but, again, it comes back to marketing. Whoever runs this would have to market it and try to engage

people from outside of this area.

Mr. LEWIS: I would suggest that if you have these 8 weeks, two and a half hours each session that you take it out of Barnstable at least half of the time and put it in different places.

Ms. FRENCH: Yes.

Mr. LEWIS: Whether it's you're going to do it in a police department, have a police department on the Lower-Cape or the Upper-Cape or whatever. Because if you do it all in Barnstable County, I mean within the confines of this campus here, you're going to have only people from Barnstable.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: Well, one, we're going to suggest several different models. There's ways to go about an inaugural class. And, you know, one thing we did when we started the one in Barnstable, we reached out to certain kind of community leaders, opinion leaders in the town that we thought would then go back and be ambassadors to their different groups and talk to them.

We thought about doing the same thing or one recommendation we will make probably in this report is that, you know, you can reach out to the community leaders in the various towns to get them to come to this inaugural session.

And then one suggestion that came up at a meeting last week was, you know, if you have a Newcomers Club in Wellfleet, for example, it is 200 members, you know, if they could guarantee 35-40 people would be interested, you can hold the whole session in the Lower Cape.

But I don't think that would work for the first session. I think you're going to have to let it grow a little bit but that certainly is on our radar and we know that that has to be part of it.

Mr. LEWIS: Okay.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Linda.

Ms. ZUERN: I have a question about televising the sessions. Are you planning to televise them and just show them across the Cape?

Ms. LOUGHRAN: Well, really, our job is to create sort of a how-to manual. We've been contracted to hand-off a final report that tells facilitators that will be hired how to do it.

And we are making recommendations not trying to tie anybody in, so they certainly would have a lot of latitude and I know at the communication's meeting a week ago there were several suggestions about incorporating technology and doing virtual this and lots of ideas.

So I would say in the long run, yes. I think that will happen. But I think there's also the goal of wanting people to really get into the County and do a hand-on if they can.

Ms. FRENCH: And do site tours too because we are planning to tour, you know, in the program we're writing the tour of the Children's Cove, tour of the Fire Academy, and there is so much to be done technology wise but there is so much to be done, technology-wise, but there is something to be said for actually being involved in the course and taking it.

Ms. ZUERN: But I think if people saw that on TV on the local TV station that they would be more apt to be involved the next year.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: Yes.

Ms. FRENCH: Yes.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: That's certainly a great suggestion and --

Ms. FRENCH: We hope that happens.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Pat.

Mr. PRINCI: I just want to thank you, Meg and Susan, for all your work. I can speak from Barnstable as testimony to the fact that it's such an important program. I mean as they

said, they've had it for 12 years and every session's been full.

But further than that, what it's done for the town as a whole is, one, it's opened up the town where people aren't as skeptical as to the work that we all do as if we're hiding in a bubble and spending all of their money illegally. Who knows what goes on in other government entities.

But the most important thing to me is I serve with a gentleman on the Barnstable Planning Board, a guy named Paul Curley, and he started serving in the town of Barnstable by taking this class. And he's done a ton of work with the Senior Citizen Center in town. He served on the Planning Board and now he's Chairman, and he's a very knowledgeable and astute member of the board.

And it just reflects on all of the other boards in our town. We've had boards that have had vacancies for years that are starting to get people active and filled up. It's just better for the community as a whole.

And especially at the County level where many of you that were around for the reelection or election last time around, no one really knows what it is. And then you're spending, you know, they want to get rid of their recycling and you're trying to explain to them what County government is and you can't even explain what you're trying to do for the County government.

Ms. FRENCH: Right.

Mr. PRINCI: So thanks to the League of Women Voters, I just handed out that one piece and then went on with the work that we do here.

Ms. FRENCH: We love that too.

Mr. PRINCI: So thanks again for all the good work that you do.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: Thank you.

Ms. FRENCH: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Deborah.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: I agree with the Delegate from Barnstable's praise. I have a question as to where the funding for this is coming from, both for the report that you're doing and then for the ongoing work, you know, the ongoing facilitation of this, if you would?

Ms. LOUGHRAN: That's not really our purview.

Ms. FRENCH: No.

MS. LOUGHRAN: I mean we handed in a Request for Quote. There was a Request for Quote that we --

Ms. FRENCH: Were approached.

MS. LOUGHRAN: -- yeah, and we submitted it and we were awarded the contract.

Ms. FRENCH: Signed a contract with the Commissioners, and it's administered by the Cape Cod Commission. That's how we are understanding that.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Right.

Ms. FRENCH: We signed a contract with the Commissioners.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: And in the course of your reporting, have you developed any kind of a budget?

MS. LOUGHRAN: Oh yes.

Ms. FRENCH: Oh yes. It's all part of that. We're doing that, yeah.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: And so what do you project you're going to need to implement this program?

Ms. FRENCH: Well, it's not what we'll need, but you mean what it would cost to do this?

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Yes.

Ms. FRENCH: We haven't gotten the final numbers. What we're doing is tweaking. We're just creating that now, finishing that now, adding what it cost the town of Barnstable, but again, projecting what it would be for the County because it is different.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Right. Right.

Ms. FRENCH: We don't have a firm number on that yet.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Okay. When do you anticipate your product will be available?

MS. LOUGHRAN: Well we hope to have it printed by next week. And then I believe -- I don't know what the drill is normally, but I think it has to be submitted to the County Commissioners. When we were at the Joint Communication meeting last week someone made mention about submitting it to the -- so I don't know what the chain of command is with that.

Ms. FRENCH: Our job is sort of limited.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Okay. No, I --

Ms. FRENCH: We were contracted to develop and write a program and that's what we're doing. So we're sort of in the curriculum development.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Right.

Ms. FRENCH: So, I'm sorry, we're not being evasive.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: No, no, I understand.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: And we -- our understanding is that the County Joint Communication program was one of the goals for the County Commissioners for I think fiscal '14. So I believe there was money allotted for this Joint Commission -- I mean Joint Communications program, and that I'm thinking we were paid out of that but I don't know for sure.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Okay.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: We didn't ask that question.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: I appreciate it. Thanks very much.

MS. LOUGHRAN: You're welcome.

Ms. FRENCH: You're welcome.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I've got a couple questions for you. One is when we talk about Barnstable County here at the Assembly, we talk about mostly everything that's under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners.

But I mean to a lot of people who don't understand the County, I mean there's a lot of County officials; the sheriff is a County official, the Registry of Probate, and so on and so forth. And at one point, in the not too distant past, they were all County.

Ms. FRENCH: Right.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Since then they've been separated fiscally and, of course, by elected. So I guess at some point you basically are looking at everything that's under the Commissioners.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Yes.

Ms. FRENCH: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: You're not wandering off. And you're going to have to explain that to people I think at some point.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: Yeah, and that will be part of their presentation. We're certainly not telling people what they have to say, but we're writing very detailed suggestions of what they should cover.

You know, the Registry of Deeds, for example. You know, he's an elected official but

that needs to be explained.

Ms. FRENCH: And we're guided by the organizational chart, you know, that's where we started our work. This is what we did. We interviewed every single director, every department.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yeah, the other question I have -- well, actually, in a suggestion to some of the suggestions that have been brought up here is that one of the ways to publicize this would be to simply have, for instance me, from my standpoint, I would certainly go before let's say a meeting of the Selectmen in Chatham.

Ms. FRENCH: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I'd say, "Hi, I'm Ron; I'm your County Delegate, and I know a lot of you don't understand what I do and I haven't got the time to tell you, but the Commissioners have authorized a citizens forum and you can all attend and I can give the dates" and so on.

Ms. FRENCH: Right.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: And I think just about every -- I think just about every town has televised meetings.

Ms. FRENCH: Yes, we --

Speaker BERGSTROM: But that brings up another subject is and probably not, since you probably not going to be the one to decide this, but I mean I could go before -- if they had a session, let's say on the Outer-Cape, I could be up there telling them what the County does.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Sure.

Speaker BERGSTROM: But the thing is I run for election and so do the Commissioners.

Ms. FRENCH: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So we have to try to avoid being -- having this be a vehicle to just tell everybody what a wonderful thing. I mean I don't mind doing that, and I always tell people what a wonderful thing I do, but I don't want anybody to criticize me saying these are the vehicles or just --

MS. LOUGHRAN: Right.

Ms. FRENCH: Right.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Getting free publicity.

Ms. FRENCH: Right. And we don't want to reinvent the wheel. We know that you're all ambassadors of what you do. You talk in your community. You're well known. People know.

But we're looking at this as a package, as an overview of what everybody in the County does. We're convinced that people basically have not a big understanding, we don't want to say no understanding because there are very many involved people, but a lot of people have no idea what services are provided and what you do. And so this is an overview.

Speaker BERGSTROM: You know, I know because people always said they have no idea what I do, but I could run through a dozen small, you know, does anybody know the Registrar of Probate or who he is?

MS. LOUGHRAN: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I mean you probably do when the election comes up.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: Right.

Speaker BERGSTROM: But the other thing is have you got an idea in your head as to who is going to be the one to actually do this. Who's going to be the first one on the platform to say, "Hi, welcome to the forum" and so on. Is it going to be a Commissioner? Is it going

to be someone hired to do that? Have you thought that out?

Ms. LOUGHRAN: We absolutely see this as the Commissioners, since they're the top officials in the County, they would be the ambassadors of this program and they would kick it off the first night.

And then as well as telling what they do as Commissioners, they would also really encourage people, you know, thank them for being there, encourage them to get involved in the County, encourage them to volunteer. And then each night it won't be one person doing the whole academy, each session will be led by the department heads or a designee of theirs.

Ms. FRENCH: An example, Meg mentioned the first night. We see you as also participating that first night. You're as important -- your role is as important as anyone's, and we're starting with the top. And so it would be the Commissioners presenting the Assembly of Delegates. We also would incorporate the Administrator and also a little history of Barnstable County. You know we're trying to make --

Speaker BERGSTROM: So you're not going over any old ground. Each meeting has a separate --

MS. LOUGHRAN: Oh no.

Ms. FRENCH: It's an eight week course that would evolve. We'd meet in different places, make it as interactive as possible. People don't know about that beautiful lab up there. Yeah, it would be interactive and interesting, we hope.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well I agree with Linda Zuern's suggestion that if you could tape this thing, it will last forever.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Okay.

Ms. FRENCH: Okay.

Speaker BERGSTROM: The same people could see what they want.

Ms. FRENCH: Sure.

MS. LOUGHRAN: And that would certainly be up to the facilitators and whoever is administering the program.

Speaker BERGSTROM: It would be up to the budget payments.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Us and the Commissioners.

MS. LOUGHRAN: Probably.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Anybody else? Yes, Teresa.

Ms. MARTIN: I just want to add one small thing. I participate in things like this in other places, and I think it's really a very good thing because you can't expect people to be involved in what you're doing unless you tell them it's there.

Ms. FRENCH: Right.

Ms. MARTIN: In our particular region, we have, you know, the added twist of constant influxes of new people. So Barnstable County is unique in Massachusetts so people relocating here from other parts of Massachusetts realistically don't expect the County to do anything because that's what they learned where they lived before.

So given our particular influx of people, I hope something like this really does happen because there's no other way for people to really understand what's going on here unless someone's telling them, hey, come learn.

Ms. FRENCH: To get educated, yes.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: And that's what we found in Barnstable. Many times the classes are primarily made up of people that have lived on the Cape for less than five years. But then we'll get some groups that -- part of what we do in that class is a bus tour of the seven villages

and it's so interesting. We've had several instances where people that have been natives of Barnstable said, you know, "I didn't think I could learn anything on this bus tour." But they didn't know anything about Cotuit per se.

Ms. FRENCH: They live in Barnstable. They never cross the line.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: They don't travel much.

Ms. FRENCH: And so it's just a smaller microcosm of the County as was just said about the village -- towns.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: Right. And so I think it takes probably a number of sessions, five-six sessions, but once the word gets out and especially if there are any funds available for some marketing, you know, a few radio clips or something. I think that it would just really take off Countywide and be a good thing.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, thank you.

MS. LOUGHRAN: You're welcome.

Ms. FRENCH: You're welcome.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I hope you hear from the Commissioners whether they accept your report.

Ms. LOUGHRAN: That would be the next step, we think.

Ms. FRENCH: Thank you, very much.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Do we have any Communications from Members of the Public? Hearing none.

### Assembly Convenes

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. The Assembly will now convene, and we will begin with Proposed Resolution 15-01, to create a telecommunication and energy standing committee. And I'll turn this over to Jim who will tell us what he's up to.

Mr. KILLION: Do you want a motion to put it on the floor, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker BERGSTROM: You can make a motion to.

#### Proposed Resolution 15-01:

To create the Standing Committee of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates on Telecommunication and Energy.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates Proclaims:

In order to inform the Assembly of Delegates on matters as they relate to Public Utilities, Telecommunications, Energy, Energy Related Matters, etc, a sub-committee of the whole shall be established. The Sub-Committee on Telecommunication and Energy shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman for the purpose of gathering information and making recommendations relevant to policy and budgetary decisions of the Assembly and to the general welfare of the citizens of Barnstable County.

Mr. KILLION: Okay. I move to put Proposed Resolution 15-01 before the Assembly.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Now discussion.

Mr. KILLION: The Proposed Resolution as I touched upon at our last meeting is the subcommittee for the Assembly for telecommunications and energy. This is modeled after the one that state has which combines telecommunications, utilities and energy. However, I

figured our involvement with siting gas lines and power lines is going to be rather limited.

So what I'm looking to do here is to create a subcommittee which will look at issues that relate to Barnstable County in the telecommunication and energy field, specifically, IT. Our IT budget for the County has doubled from about a million dollars to \$2 million in the last two fiscal years.

And a number of issues have come before us in subcommittee, usually they come to the Finance Committee, and I believe there's somewhat of a lack of understanding as to some of the measures that they're bringing before us.

And I think it's important that we have a place for the Assembly that's populated by people that may have a bit more of a technical understanding of what they're trying to accomplish.

Many times the gentlemen have come in and explained to us what they're proposing is going to add to efficiency of the system. However, we don't really quite get to that point of seeing where the return on investments lie. And I think it's important that if the County is going to invest significant amount of dollars to these systems that we have a thorough vetting of what they're proposing and we have some time to actually look at the substance before we commit to spending it. It just seems that during the budget process there's a very limited amount of time to get into the technical aspects of these proposals. And I think that's where this would like in this committee prior to it going to finance.

Additionally, with energy-related matters, we have anything from -- we have the cable companies, NStar, Cape Light Compact, and one of these types of issues that may arise. I know that we have -- I've been hearing from people regarding the rising energy costs through the Cape Light Compact and others, and, perhaps, this is a subcommittee that can look at these issues no matter what they be relating to energy, it's just a place where the Assembly can gather information or have it gathered for them and presented in a manner that has a little bit more technical background to it.

So I think this is an important subcommittee. I think it will help with the Assembly in evaluating matters in these fields, which I think will be continuing to grow in both sectors.

So I hope you'll support this Resolution, and I look forward to being a part of it.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. First Ed.

Mr. LEWIS: Yes, just as of today, where does this fit on the subcommittee? Forget about finance where everybody goes at some point because of budgetary requirements and expenditures. But as far as telecommunications and energy, is that part of any of the subcommittees that we now have?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Not really. It goes under the Commissioners budget. Basically their financial submission to us for their normal -- its part of their -- I guess administrative costs.

Mr. LEWIS: Not their budget part but in explanations of exactly why and where that Jim has talked about. Is this under any other committee at this point?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes. That would be -- it goes directly to finance.

Mr. LEWIS: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. O'MALLEY: So point of clarification. Would this be a subcommittee of finance?

Speaker BERGSTROM: No, no. This would be a separate subcommittee. Well, everything goes to finance ultimately. It gets packaged.

Ms. TAYLOR: It's a separate committee, not a subcommittee.

Speaker BERGSTROM: For those -- what happens is each individual committee will, for instance, the Human Services -- the Natural Resources committee will look at the budget of

the Cape Cod Commission, and they will make recommendations up or down on the budget. You saw the Human Services committee looked at the Health and Human Services budget. They'll make recommendations on that segment of the budget. All of those recommendations would ultimately go to the Finance Committee which will basically prove the validity of the entire budget and then to us.

So, ultimately, no matter what they -- the budget is submitted as an Ordinance. Any Ordinance always goes to the Assembly regardless of what the subcommittees do. It's not like the House of Representatives where they can sit on it. You guys are going to get it whether the committees approve it or not. So that's how it works. Anyway.

Mr. O'MALLEY: But that question this is called a subcommittee rather than a standing committee?

Ms. TAYLOR: No.

Speaker BERGSTROM: It's a standing -- well, we use them interchangeably.

Mr. O'MALLEY: Okay. That's what I was looking for.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Suzanne.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Yes. I would support this for several reasons. I think this kind of updates the current committee structure that we have.

I sit on a committee, I think its Economic Development that really doesn't do anything. And no fault to anyone on that committee, they just, you know, the goal in the past was to send someone to the County Business Roundtable or something but that never happened.

So I'd much rather be on something that is or involved in something that gives me more telecommunications or IT information. I sort of feel like it comes before the whole Assembly now and we're all kind of trying to get up to speed and it hasn't really had a good look at it. And if someone like Teresa had had a good look at it before it got to me, I think I'd feel a lot better.

And then in terms of the energy part, anyone from Yarmouth westward should be very concerned about what's going on on the Cape with energy, aside from the lack of gas lines which is going to or the danger of some of the current gas lines.

Speaker BERGSTROM: And the moratorium.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: And the moratorium on new hookups. I'm also concerned about the existing ones and the reason they did the moratorium is because the pressures in the existing ones.

And in addition to the town of Yarmouth has had proposals from NStar which are now kind of on hold because when the economy went south and the housing stopped a little bit. But to put a much bigger grid right through Yarmouth in terms of electrical capacity and with the big power station in one of our 200 acre historic properties.

So I think there are concerns for the County that are more current than are on one of our other committees. So if we were going to create a new committee, I think we should also look at, perhaps, taking off a committee so that isn't as active, and I think this committee would be very active.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Julia.

Ms. TAYLOR: Yes, I think we definitely need more info on technology and we could definitely educate ourselves. And I think the committee could be very helpful there.

I also see IT as a real future for inter-regionalization. I think we talked about it, we've heard about it, but we're not really quite there yet, but I think there's tremendous potential for that. So any encouragement we could give to that and come up with some ideas that might be helpful, I think that would be great.

Of course, I'm really not interested in more rehashing of Cape Light Compact and the CVEC issues that we've been dwelling on. So if I felt that was not a major purpose of the subcommittee, I'd be very excited about voting for it.

I think there's plenty of, you know, energy is something that we're all concerned about. And I think what Suzanne said is true. So if that's not the focus, maybe Jim could tell me more about that, I'd be all in favor.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. You know, I, actually, knew this was coming. I had talked to Jim and I think Teresa also about it earlier. And simply because it involves something really technical. It's not something that all of us can dive into. I mean there's a lot that comes before the Assembly and you try to keep up to speed on everything. But then you concentrate on one thing and another thing falls apart, so that's why you have these committees that can give it a really good scrutiny under the different parts of the budget.

So, I'm not, admittedly, I'm not a big tech guy. My eyes start to glaze over once they talk about these things.

I was reading in the paper today about one of the reasons we're in a budget deficit in Massachusetts is because of the failure of the rollout of the healthcare online. Everybody said, oh, it's the healthcare. Well, it's not the healthcare. It's just a bunch of computer nerds who claim that they could do something and they didn't do it. The politicians didn't know. Oh yeah, sure, we can do that. Here it is. Give us a contract. It turns out they didn't do it.

So, hopefully, people who know this kind of stuff can -- just because they were told that something can happen is going to make life better, they can hold them to that commitment.

So I'm going to support it. And I also agree with Suzanne. Now this is part of my looking at the committees and making proposals to change the way some of them are structured because I think there's a lot of work to be done. And under the current structure it's become rather awkward. But we will start with this one and we'll go from there.

So, anybody else? Deborah.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: If I may? I think this is something that is well overdue, in fact. And I recall for all of you during our last budget hearings, there was a question as to why or how several million dollars' worth of telephone equipment had been purchased and what the need for it was and what it was being used for and what exactly -- and those questions weren't susceptible to being answered in the 15 minutes or 20 minutes that was available to the very nice man from IT, whose name I can't recall, who tried to explain all of this to us.

I don't really think that some of these issues are totally separable because I think that issues about NStar are very closely tied to issues about Cape Light Compact. But I don't think Jim has put this forward nor would I expect it was an effort to simply rehash an old meal.

I would not want to see there being somebody forbidden to look into it; however, I very much agree that this is a committee that's time is due and that the overhaul that Ron's talking about is a good idea.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Brian.

Mr. O'MALLEY: I, too, would want to support this committee, the formation of this committee because I think it puts the Assembly in a position of looking down the road, anticipating what's likely to becoming our way in years to come, in both areas, both in the power, the pure power supply and in the IT components of it.

And I think a kind of anticipatory planning is something that we very much ought to be doing, so I would concur with forming this committee.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Yes, Jim and then Ed.

Mr. KILLION: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to respond to the Delegate from Falmouth. It isn't to form -- this isn't the purpose of it. Clearly it's within the scope. But having been able to reflect on the last few years and what we've gone through here, I actually thought that if this committee had been in place at the time, it probably would've made the situation go much more smoothly. We wouldn't have had to form this special committee, and we simply could have sent it to a committee of the Assembly that may have had a better technical understanding of the matters. And it may have just been an easier situation to deal with had this committee been in place.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Ed.

Mr. LEWIS: I concur with a lot of what was said, but the concern I have is when you include this energy with the telecommunications, I understand energy because I look at a committee on Natural Resources and I think as energy as part of Natural Resources since that's what it is.

And I don't know if you take and put energy within this new committee then I don't know what Natural Resources involves except maybe it's involved with the lakes and the ponds and things like that.

But I really think the telecommunications end of it is very important and I think it's a great idea. But I'm very concerned having watched the Assembly over the past couple of years of all of a sudden taking energy because without guaranteeing it, but I'm pretty sure that energy is going to all of a sudden become a part of this, you know, and it's going to become a life of its own within this committee, and I think it should be separate.

I think energy should stay with Natural Resources and this committee should work with telecommunications.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes. Ed.

Mr. MCMANUS: Obviously that's a subject that the Assembly needs to participate in the discussion and understanding of because of financial implications to the County. I just have a problem with I guess the looseness in how the Resolution is written. The purposes listed as public utilities, telecommunications, energy, and energy-related matters, etcetera.

I think you need to clearly specify what the subject matter of the committee is and using terms like etcetera sort of leaves it open-ended and in many cases.

And it's also listed as a subcommittee of the whole. Either you have a committee if the whole or you have a subcommittee. I'm not sure how you have a committee that's both.

And looking into in our Manual of Governance, one of the things that a Resolution is supposed to specify specifically is its membership. It doesn't indicate whether it's three members or five members or whether its committee of the whole and it's all 15 of us.

I think, personally, I'd like to see the Resolution tightened up.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Jim.

Mr. KILLION: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You could have gone through a list of probably 15 or 20 things perhaps that you or this committee could be involved with. But as we know, if you look at other subcommittees, their charge is also open-ended.

I think a lot of the matters that should be under the auspice of this are related to the Speaker. If the Speaker decides that it's a matter before the Assembly should be purviewed by this subcommittee, then I think it's up to the Speaker to make that decision. I don't think trying to pigeonhole all the matters that may come before it is productive in any way.

Furthermore, as I stated previously, by combining these two, I'm sort of following what the state does in terms of this business relationship between telecommunications and energy.

They are intertwined in many ways. And I think that trying to call it a natural resource, they're really two different things when you look at from the Natural Resource will look at and what actually energy is, which is specifically power and a utility business, which would also include any other telecommunications company. Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Teresa.

Ms. MARTIN: I actually agree with Jim. It's kind of like saying its operational infrastructure or less roads in wastewater, and all those kind of things are things that have to happen on a regional basis that cost money to do and that need to be preplanned.

So, you know, just energy in one form does take environmental stuff but really its part of operational infrastructure, which is very appropriate thing and the money for Assembly to have a committee that looks at and has understanding and knowledge of.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes. I'm not going to bring up a sorry subject, but I read in the paper this morning that Dan Wolf and Sarah Peake are taking another shot at the power plant in Sandwich. There seems to be an ongoing imbroglio over that. Thank God it hasn't hit us yet.

But if it should, if somebody would stand up here and submit a Resolution, for instance, asking the Assembly or the Commissioners to do something, we could give it to the subcommittee and hopefully never hear about it again.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Done.

Speaker BERGSTROM: You know there's a lot of things that float around. I mean when I was a Selectmen, we declared Chatham a nuclear-free zone. I mean I don't know what that meant but yeah. There are things that are going to come up, not just budget-related, but there are going to be issues that come up that fall into the category of basically infrastructure like Terry says -- like Teresa says and IT. And IT especially because it's become more and more, you know, where Jim opened up the presentations you have to divide -- is somebody proposing something because they think it's great that they can do it or is it actually going to have a value added to it? Is it going to make our lives easier and things cheaper?

So I think it's a good idea. As far as the wording of the Resolution goes, I mean all committees are appointed by the Speaker and I could assign various topics to committee as I thought were appropriate. I'm thinking about, for instance, when the Cape Cod Commission comes before us we have a special committee made up of the Chairs. I'm thinking maybe we should simply have natural resources do it. They have the expertise in that field and they covered the Commission's budget. But it also has an economic aspect to it. You know, if you put in more regulations, it costs people money. So go before the Economic Affairs committee. So it's a judgment call. A lot of things are going to fall in a gray area, but I think the committees should be -- I'm going to try to make them more active and proactive. I think if a Chair of a committee wants to say, "I want to look at this," or "Let's get a committee together and make a proposal," they're more than willing to do that.

So, anyway, that's my -- I'm must ranting on here. Yes, Chris.

Mr. KANAGA: May I suggest an amendment that we just say it have no less than three members to satisfy at least one of the objections?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well you could specify a number. Otherwise, I'll put you all on.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: We don't for any of the committees.

Speaker BERGSTROM: It's all five.

Mr. MCMANUS: We do?

Mr. KANAGA: It's all five.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Oh, okay.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, I

mean --

Mr. KANAGA: I thought I saw one that was actually less than three and it's enabling but.

Speaker BERGSTROM: You can make whatever amendment you want. It's up to you. Yes, Ed.

Mr. MCMANUS: If you look at the page in your manual, the standing committees, they're all a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members except for the standing committee on governmental relations. And in each of the committees it has a specific charge or area of activity, and nowhere else does it have a comma and an etcetera, and so it leaves the committee open to delve into whatever it decides to.

I think we should specify. It's required by your procedures to specify a number and you should, I would think, amend the Resolution to take out the "etcetera."

Speaker BERGSTROM: Thank you. But you're going to have to make that amendment.

**Mr. KANAGA: May I propose an amendment?**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

**Mr. KANAGA: That we, after the word "established" on the third line we put a comma and say, "and shall have no less than three not more than five members." And that we strike the word "etcetera" from the second line. And that we in between the word "energy" and "energy-related matters" we put the word "and" and I can give that to you.**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

Mr. MCMANUS: Mr. Chair.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So I need a second on that motion.

**Ms. MCAULIFFE: Second.**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. So you all understand that? Do you want to wait for a copy -- know what you said? Okay.

Are there any further discussions on this amendment?

**Mr. MCMANUS: Yes. If I could offer one friendly addition to the amendment as made?**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Now you're getting me -- as far as amending an amendment here, I think you can. I think you're entitled to one amendment on the amendment.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: And, finally, he has to accept it.

Speaker BERGSTROM: He has to accept it. Yes.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: As does the second.

**Mr. MCMANUS: It calls for establishing a subcommittee. In your rules and procedures you're allowed to establish standing committees, special committees or ad hoc committees.**

**Speaker BERGSTROM: So you want to use the word standing committee?**

**Mr. MCMANUS: Yes.**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Do you agree to that?

**Mr. KANAGA: I agree.**

**Ms. MCAULIFFE: I agree.**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Orleans agrees and so does Yarmouth.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: No, I was the seconder.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So at this point you're accepting his amendment and your --

and the second is also accepting it.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So now we have his original amendment on the floor to vote on.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Which as amended.

Speaker BERGSTROM: As amended.

Mr. LEWIS: Can you repeat that?

Mr. O'MALLEY: We're voting on the amendment?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: We haven't voted the amendment.

Speaker BERGSTROM: No. We haven't voted the amendment. We're voting on Chris's amendment which is --

Mr. LEWIS: Can we read that again?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.

Clerk O'CONNELL: Yes, "Be it hereby resolved that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates proclaims in order to inform the Assembly of Delegates on matters as they relate to public utilities, telecommunications, energy, and energy-related matters" --

Ms. MCAULIFFE: A standing committee.

**Clerk O'CONNELL: -- "a standing committee shall be established and shall have no less than three members" --**

Speaker BERGSTROM: And no more than five.

Mr. KANAGA: I'm sorry; and no more than five.

**Clerk O'CONNELL: -- "and no more than five. The standing committee shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman for the purpose of gathering information and making recommendations relevant to policy and budgetary decisions of the Assembly and to the general welfare of the citizens of Barnstable County."**

**Also the first sentence is to create a standing committee. So everywhere that it had subcommittee it's got to be standing committee.**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. So the amendment has passed?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: We haven't taken a vote.

Speaker BERGSTROM: No, that's what I thought.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: By decree.

Speaker BERGSTROM: You guys are doing this on purpose; aren't you?

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: The amended amendment. So I think the first question is does the proponent accept it?

**Speaker BERGSTROM: The original amendment was accepted, the friendly amendment, and so was the second.**

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Oh, I thought Chris's was also -- proposed his amendment?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: No. His was just a straight amendment.

Speaker BERGSTROM: His was a straight amendment.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Oh, I'm sorry.

Speaker BERGSTROM: A friendly amendment has been agreed to by both the first and the second.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Never mind.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Now this amendment as Janice just read is on the floor. So, it's a Resolution; right?

Clerk O'CONNELL: Well it's a Resolution. If you want a roll call vote on the

amendment?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Why don't we get a roll call vote on this.

Clerk O'CONNELL: On the amendment?

**Speaker BERGSTROM: No, no, not on the amendment. All those in favor of the amendment say "Aye." Opposed?**

**(Amendment passed.)**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Now we have the main motion, which is Jim's original Proposed Resolution as amended by Chris, with a friendly amendment from Ed. Have you all got that? Okay. Is there any further comment on that? We'll take a roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote on Proposed Resolution 15-01 as amended:**

**Voting YES (86.93%): Ronald Bergstrom (2.84% - Chatham), Ned Hitchcock (1.27% - Wellfleet), Christopher Kanaga ( 2.73% - Orleans), James Killion (9.58% - Sandwich), Edward Lewis (4.55% - Brewster), Teresa Martin (2.30% - Eastham), Suzanne McAuliffe (11.02% - Yarmouth), Deborah McCutcheon (0.93% - Truro), Edward McManus (5.67% - Harwich), Brian O'Malley (1.36% – Provincetown), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Julia Taylor (14.61%- Falmouth), Linda Zuern (9.15% - Bourne).**

**Absent (13.07%): Marcia King (6.49% - Mashpee), John Ohman (6.58% - Dennis).**

Clerk O'CONNELL: Mr. Speaker, Proposed Resolution 15-01 as amended passes with 86.93 percent of the Delegates voting yes; 13.07 percent absent. And this now becomes known as Resolution 15-01.

**Whereupon, it was moved, seconded and by a roll call vote with 86.93 percent voting "yes";**

**VOTED:**

**To create the Standing Committee of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates on Telecommunication and Energy.**

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

***BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED* that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates Proclaims:**

**In order to inform the Assembly of Delegates on matters as they relate to Public Utilities, Telecommunications, Energy and Energy Related Matters, a Standing Committee shall be established and shall consist of no less than three members and no more than five members. The Standing Committee on Telecommunication and Energy shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman for the purpose of gathering information and making recommendations relevant to policy and budgetary decisions of the Assembly and to the general welfare of the citizens of Barnstable County.**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Thank you. So I'll get together -- if you want to email an expression -- if you have an expressed interest in this committee, please email the Clerk and she'll get it to me, and I will appoint a committee without further ado. Probably be more people than we can appoint.

**Committee Reports**

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. There are no committee reports since we just -- oh, wait

a minute, there is a committee report; isn't there? Did we have a committee meeting this afternoon?

Clerk O'CONNELL: Yes, there's just no report on it.

Speaker BERGSTROM: No report, okay.

Mr. PRINCI: There's no report just because we're going to be -- we'll take up the matter again.

#### Report from the Clerk

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. We have a report from the Clerk.

Clerk O'CONNELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just a few minor matters. What I'll start to do at the next meeting is I'm going to presume that the seating is fixed now. So when you come into the hall next time it will have your name cards, your nametags up on the -- they'll be in place.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: May I make a suggestion?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Why don't we wait until the other two members are here. I mean I'm not so sure that people feel -- are happy with their seating. I've seen some not-happy people so.

Speaker BERGSTROM: No.

Clerk O'CONNELL: Well, I have heard from one of the Delegates who isn't present today, and she indicated that she was okay with being at the end because I don't think she's going to be back for a while.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I'm talking about people who are sitting now. They may want to change their seats.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, you're going to have to work that out yourselves. The Speaker does not assign seating.

Clerk O'CONNELL: Okay. I'll leave them out on the table again and decide next time, please, so when we start with the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting I can have that all set up when you come in because - I'm like that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: And if you're over here because, obviously, it's more difficult to recognize you, don't hesitate if you have something to say, say "Mr. Speaker" like you would, for instance, at a Town Meeting, and then I'll know you're here rather than jump up and wave.

Clerk O'CONNELL: And just as a reminder because I think I forgot at the first meeting to let especially the new people know that when you come into the hall, I have folders in the rolling cart that's right here in front of me. And I'm probably going to do a little dispersing because the alphabetical listing now seems to have a lot more names towards the end of the alphabet than at the beginning. So I'll do some redistribution there. But when you come in if you'd check your folder, occasionally I put materials in your folder, things that you've requested or that you need to have and you may want to pick those up before the meeting.

And with regards to business cards, I did hear from some individuals, some who want them, some who don't. If you do, just let me know. I have a couple of questions about phone numbers that you may want to have on the card and I will get that order placed and take care of that.

That's it. That's all I have today.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Mr. Speaker, I have a motion.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Can I make a motion to suspend the rules to all the County Commissioner, Mr. Cakounes, to speak to us?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Sure.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Moved and seconded. Now you understand that, to the new Delegates, once the Assembly convenes, we don't take testimony from anybody but ourselves, the exception being if there's somebody we want to hear from, we can suspend the rules and that will allow them to address the Assembly.

So that's motion of the floor. Okay. All those in favor of the motion to suspend the rules? Aye. Opposed?

(Motion passed.)

### Communications from Board of County Commissioners

Speaker BERGSTROM: Mr. Commissioner, do you have something to say to us?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I do. Plus I just wanted to take advantage of this time to be the sole Commissioner here too and kind of relish in that. If you guys want to turn the cameras and the mics off, we can have a real good discussion. I can bring you right up-to-date, but having to be nice and follow procedure.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I would like to apologize for being late. We are in the middle of budget hearings. We started at 9:30 this morning and we ended five minutes before I walked in the door back there.

We are going through each department and listening to their requests and having some pretty good discussions on our FY15 -- '16 budget process.

The reason why I really asked to address you today is because of two votes that were taken today that you should -- I would like you to be aware of as soon as possible.

And one is there was a vote taken to put out a notification asking for people who are interested in serving on a search committee for the new Administrator. And that application, if you will, is going to be made public and it needs to be filled out and returned back to the County Commissioners no later than February -- I believe the date we finally settled on was the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. So, in other words, by the time this publication notification gets out that it will allow someone about two and a half to maybe pushing three weeks to get their name back to us to show us interest that they want to serve on that search committee.

I am hopeful that in the time between now and the 17<sup>th</sup> that we will be working on and establishing the charge for that committee. And, also, moving forward interviewing and possibly even picking a consulting firm to help us with that. But no action has been taken on either one of those two matters. The only action that was taken today was to put the notification out to volunteers who want to serve on the committee.

The second action that I would like to bring your attention to is that I made a motion today to create a Building Needs Assessment Committee, and that Building Needs Assessment Committee in the motion it consisted of at least two members from the Assembly of Delegates.

So when you get this officially, Mr. Speaker, you'll probably be asked to put out to your Delegates to who may want to serve on it.

The concept behind the Building Needs Assessment Committee is to meet with our facilities manager. To my understanding, there has been a lot of work done in the Building Needs Assessment for the County Complex here. So this subcommittee is to meet, gather all

that information and bring a report back to the County Commissioners and I believe the date was the first meeting in May.

The reason for it and what was discussed a lot today was because there may be some interest in coming forward within the 2006 -- I mean the FY16 budget for a request of some money to aid in either putting together a conceptual drawing or architectural drawings or some need that might come out of that.

So this committee was being formed with a very, very short window and it's basically to culminate all the information and bring it forward so we can start really moving forward with a five-year plan. But in my hopes it will be a one-year plan because there's some things that need to be done almost immediately.

Those were the two things that were voted on today that I wanted to make you aware of.

There was a vote taken last week and you did not have a meeting last week but you may have gotten or heard that there was a motion made to submit an Ordinance to you for a bonding request. And I found out today that motion, by the way, passed with a 2 to 1 vote, but I found out today that the bonding authorities are not requiring that that Ordinance go forward and that they are going to be hanging their hat on, for lack of a better financial term, on the budget Ordinance which was passed, which has language in it, and actually identifies bonding funding.

So if you're anticipating seeing that Ordinance coming forward, I believe, and I don't want to say this is official or not, but from what I've heard that that will not be coming forward to the Assembly. But the bonding is going to happen on the language which was included in the FY15 budget.

So with that said, the only thing I would like to add personally, once again, I've mentioned it when I was here on the Assembly and I tried to bring it up almost every meeting, and I have brought it up every meeting as a County Commissioner, I am still very personally concerned with the FY15 budget. And I'm hoping that our new members are here and the new Assembly has been established that you waste no time at all to start looking into and asking for where we stand right now on revenues coming in and expenditures of money because I've said this at our meeting a couple of times, I think we're going to have a problem meeting our June 30 requirement.

But again, that's personal. Nothing has been voted on by the County Commissioners with that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I'll recognize Suzanne in a second, but one quick question.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Leo, in your experience, if the Assembly has questions on this and wants to have somebody bring forward to get answers and stuff, who in the building right now, whether it's the Administrator, whether it's Bob Lawton, whether it's Mark, I know he's back; who is the one who's going to carry this?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Bob Lawton.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I would suggest that if you have any questions, unfortunately, Bob is only contracted to work I believe only two days a week. However, I have found him extremely responsive and very helpful. And he's getting to know the accounting system and the practices that we've had. So give him a little leeway when you ask your questions but I think I would direct you to him. If you need something immediately, obviously Michael Brillhart does work five days a week and is probably a little bit more accessible but he probably would -- I'm not going to say he'll want to wait until he runs it by

Bob, but between the two of them they've been very receptive to me anyhow, because you can well imagine I've been hounding them with some questions.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I understand. Suzanne.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Yes. I did have an opportunity to read the Ordinance that was voted last week and there's a very specific list of operational and capital things that needed to be done.

So I'm very interested in seeing the specific language or the specific line item or the specific thing that we voted that is going to be -- that is approval for bonding. I would like to see the vote -- what we voted to approve bonding that is now all of the sudden covered in some kind of general way that now we don't need to vote on the specific.

So if someone could please pull out of the budget what that particular item was that covers that over \$1 million list of items that --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: 2.3.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: -- \$2.3 million to items to be bonded. I would like to specifically see that that vote that we took the covered that because it sort of feels a little bit like in the past, oh, we don't need a capital plan because we cover capital -- when you approve the budget, you approve the capital plan but that's not the way things work.

So I will need information on the specific bonding vote that covers this.

Speaker BERGSTROM: We'll try to get that --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Can I answer that, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes. Go ahead.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I will tell you that I went through it myself personally, and I'll be very happy to email you my notes. In fact, I'll send it right to Janice so you can all have it.

Basically what I did was on the summary sheet/summary page way down at the bottom there's a one line that just -- describing where our revenues come from. There's one line that just says, "Bond issues," and it was I believe, and don't quote me on these prices because I've been numbers since 9:30 this morning, but I believe it was about \$2.7 million in requested bond issue.

And then what I had to do from that point is go back to each department. And if you remember your budget books, they have a sheet where they have what it takes to run the department at the top. And then at the bottom they have a little small block where the actual funding source is and the majority of our departments it just says, "County General Funds," and it will be extracted from that.

Well, a number of departments have in there bond, and they have a small number attached to it. I had to take that number and then go into the kind of like the capital expenditure part of that budget and matchup the numbers. I couldn't like -- I'll use IT for instance and the \$350,000 request for Microsoft, and I'm only using that as an example. There was nowhere where it said Microsoft purchasing agreement \$350,000 bonded.

What I had to do was find the bond number and then find the \$350,000 number and then go into the IT budget and find out what was priced at 350,000 and basically it was the Microsoft. So I kind of went backwards.

It wasn't a lot of work but I did it, and I'll be very happy to share it with the Assembly. From what I understand, and, again, this is not official, this is just from my personal understanding that bond counsel has now done that same procedure themselves and they are happy with that and not requiring the actual written bond that you referred to that has the specific item and the dollar value next to it. And again, that's all just from what I understand

today because I thought they were going to be here submitting it today and I was told they're not. So I assumed -- I shouldn't assume, but I assume they don't have to do that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Leo, for instance, you're on a town Finance Committee, for instance I was in Chatham, the warrant would include a bonding issue and it would -- sometimes it would be something like a fire station, but then sometimes it would be a list of bonding, like 6 or 7 items put together in a bonding issue. And one presumes that the town manager would go out to banks and get that issued.

But now we have a lot of little stuff floating around the budget. All right. So the question is, and I don't want to be facetious about this, but does he got a phone line through the bank and say I need 25,000 today or do they put it together in a bonding issue? Is it coming from some --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: No. From what I understand, it is being put together as a bond issue. One of my reasons for not voting for the Ordinance, which is floating around and, again, is not going to be coming

before you was because I had some very serious concerns with the amount of years that we were going to be bonding out certain aspects of it, and it was kind of confusing to me that we were including a carpet update in the building with some IT stuff that both had completely different lifespans and completely different, what I would consider, capital expenditures.

So that's kind of why I hesitated in supporting it and finally did not support it at the end. But I think those questions are going to be answered by me because I continue to ask them. And once we do finally get the bond-issuing language, I'll be very happy to -- if no one forwards it over to you, I'll be very happy to make sure you get it. I don't have it yet, otherwise I would have given it to you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Chris, did you have a question and then Ed?

Mr. KANAGA: No. I just wanted to -- in light of this ask you to ask the accounting department for a budget versus actual comparison on revenue and expenditure side through December 31 of 2014.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Yes, we can do that. It's the second quarter -- would be the second quarter. Ed. Actually, we have put out that request; haven't we? Don't we have a standing request for --

Clerk O'CONNELL: Well it would be quarterly that they would supply it to us.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Quarterly, right. But they should have the quarterly numbers in already.

Mr. MCMANUS: Through you. Leo, have they indicated what the bond term is?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: The only thing that has been indicated for the record is it's not to exceed 10 years. That's the only thing I can comment on right now. I have not seen any bond documents, and, again, that was my concern. In fact, I'm not even concerned if it's going to be one bond or if it's going to be a couple of, you know, like some bonds for five years and some bonds for 10 years. That I don't have. As soon as I get that information, I'll be happy to share it.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Leo, did you have a chance to -- I mean we probably should've scrutinized this if we could have dug it out of the budget like you did, but have you got any kind of serious division built in between legitimate capital expenditures and operating expenditures? Like, for instance, the carpet could probably be, you know, part of just --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: The problem is, Mr. Speaker, is you can certainly extrapolate that and we could all have a difference of opinion and maybe eventually reach an opinion that we feel that this is a capital expense and this isn't.

But the problem is that because of the current situation in the FY15 budget cycle, if we do not bond these items, they're not going to get done. So there's some argument as to, you know, there's some real needs problems here, especially in the building maintenance side that need to be addressed. And if they're not bonded, they're not going to get done.

And there's one other thing too, I just want to point out, because in my, and as most of you who served with me know, in my ways of throwing money around, I've heard the discussion that, well, we're not going to be doing the parking lot, so the parking was a \$450,000 expenditure and that is being reduced now, so that's a savings in the FY15 budget. And I have to tell you don't go down that road because that particular project was earmarked to be bonded. So if you don't bond the money to do the project because the project has now been put on hold, you don't save the money at the end.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: That's all right.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: So the reduction of those -- all the reductions of the items that you see that went from the \$2.7 million request in the original budget down to I'm sure it's going to end up somewhere around 2 million, but I believe the paperwork says 2.3, is not savings of the difference because we're not bonding the money. We're not doing the job.

So we still are going to be focused with an \$800,000 -- and I'll probably get in trouble for saying this so I just want to preface it, it's my opinion and my opinion alone that we will be facing a severe budget deficit in 2015 close to between 7 and \$800,000.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Leo, next month we are going to be beginning -- the Assembly is going to beginning a series of hearings on the fiscal 2016 budget. And I know I asked you last session whether you -- now with this bonding, you're not anticipating sending us anymore Ordinances to shift money around or stuff within the next few months. I mean --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: For the FY15 budget?

Speaker BERGSTROM: Right.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: If it was up to me, I would have already been -- done that, Mr. Speaker. So I cannot get the support. I did make a motion, this is public record, I did make a motion that all nonessential governmental spending should be suspended until we work out the details for the FY15 budget and we either transfer monies.

If you remember there was an Ordinance that was filed that said we just can't go now to our savings account and pull money out.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I'm just worried that --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I believe you will be seeing some transfers and some budget cuts.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I'm just worried that if the Assembly's now going to be looking at the fiscal 2016 budget and we reopen the 2015 at the same time it could be very confusing.

But we'll start with Suzanne.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: And last year I sort of felt we had the capital plan issue squared away. And now with everything that's going on, I'm very concerned that we won't get our capital plan before we get the budget like we were supposed to by Charter.

So I'm not laying this at your feet, but I'm asking you to take this back to the powers that be and we are expecting a capital plan 30 days before we get our budget. And I would hope that that's going to happen because I thought we had made headway on this last year. So just

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Commissioner CAKOUNES: It does exist.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: And you should get it. And I will certainly bring that

request forward.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: And I will rely on Janice to remind me.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Ed.

Mr. MCMANUS: Leo, I know that we just took this up in Harwich, some research on bonding limits for different types of items. There was a section of General Law, Chapter 44, which was superseded by 2013 by the Municipal Relief Act that moved some of those categories. But I think if you want I can send you a copy of that.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I would very much appreciate that. The one thing you have to realize, according to Massachusetts state law, that the County government is not a municipality.

Mr. MCMANUS: Well, I know --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: So this is the stuff that I've been kind of talking with bond counsel about because I'm used to, like you Ed, working with the Harwich Finance Committee and working on stuff that I kind of know. But County is viewed differently and it might be for the good or for bad but.

Mr. MCMANUS: Well, if you read the language those, it was title Municipal.....

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Right.

Mr. MCMANUS: But in the purpose of it, it affects all districts.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I'd very much appreciate that information.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Are we all thoroughly confused? Jim.

Mr. KILLION: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Commissioner. Just you began to touch upon a move, at least on your part, to try and freeze the spending. Was that rejected by the other Commissioners?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: There was no second made to the motion.

Mr. KILLION: Okay. So it's gone nowhere. So there is no appetite within the County Commissioners or a majority appetite to actually try and stem the bleeding here?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: There is not the concern amongst the remaining two County Commissioners as I have. And I may be overstating it. I may be completely wrong, but, no, there's no movement for them to want to try to rectify this immediately.

Unlike our department heads, I will, and I do want to go on the record, that I am in contact with Bob Lawton and Michael Brillhart almost on a daily basis on this matter. And with their efforts are locating within our budget some areas that I'm hopeful we can recoup some money.

For instance, because we talked about it earlier, the bond issue. The bond issue has in the FY15 budget allocated \$230,000 to pay for that bond issue. Well, any simpleminded farmer who can say, well, 230,000 was supposed to carry 2.7 for 12 months, well, here we are now with maybe 4 months left and we're only borrowing 2.3 million, how much of that 230,000 is going to be left behind that we can allocate it somewhere else? Maybe 100 grand, maybe 50 grand; I don't know.

That's the kind of stuff that I personally am doing because I think it's going to be very imperative and not only am I doing it personally, but I'm being backed by or helped along by both Mr. Lawton and Mr. Brillhart. Both of them are doing a yeoman's job, by the way. You need to know that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. Just one word of caution to the Delegates, when we have the Commissioners on the agenda, the usual thing is Communications from the Board of Commissioners. So Leo will tell us what happened, and we can request information and say

what we'd like, but we can't debate anything. In other words, you can't say, you know, well I think you should do this and somebody else say, well I think you should do this because then we're discussing a subject that's not on the agenda.

So it hasn't happened here but I mean in the future I've had some problems with that and next thing you know there's a back-and-forth and it kind of/sort of violates the spirit of the open meeting law.

So Leo can tell us everything that happened and you can ask him questions, but you can't argue -- we can't argue amongst ourselves over the issues.

So, anyway, Ed.

Mr. MCMANUS: Just one last comment. In reference to your cost on bonding and the recent bonding issues that were put out by Harwich, Chatham, and the Monomoy Regional School District, instead of their being a tremendous cost to doing the bonding, in all of those issues the issuing agencies have received bond premiums, in some cases, fairly substantial. Regional School District did a \$28 million bond issue and received a \$2 million premium from the banks. So you should be able to find some.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I'll look into it. Yeah, thank you. I'll look into it. It's encouraging.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Janice has some information for Suzanne.

Clerk O'CONNELL: Yes, Suzanne, you asked about the budget Ordinance. Our budget Ordinance FY15 -- I think it was 02, I think it was Ordinance 14-02 and the authority and the full stated figure for the maximum amount that the County would be able to borrow is located in Section 13. It's at the very end of the Ordinance.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Clerk O'CONNELL: Section 13, Item B, and that spells it out in terms of the max, and I think it's like 2.8 --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Yes, 2.7 and change or something.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: We have to pay attention to that.

Clerk O'CONNELL: And that's it.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, thank you.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Oh, by the way on that note, in your FY16 budget you will be seeing a separate page with a list. If there are any issues to be bonded, they will be highlighted and on a separate page and listed so you will not have to go through what I had to go through to find them in the budget.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: I just have one question for you. Have you seen any documentation from bond counsel as to what this bond is going to cost or what kind of rating it's going to carry? And whether or not they've run by this authority that they're relying upon anywhere among the funding community?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I have seen no documentation whatsoever. No, it has not come in front of us. All I have had, and it is on our tape, our meetings are taped, you can watch the discussion. All the questions that you just asked me I asked outright.

We weren't at that point yet. They were still trying to decide whether the approval of the budget was good enough to go out for bond, number 1, and they were still looking into and discussing the term and the grouping, whether we were going to have three groups or under one bond heading or four different bonds. All that was still in discussion, so I have not seen any documentation whatsoever yet.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Okay. Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, thanks, Leo. It's not good news but its news.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: It's good news. Great. Things are going along fine. Plus I'm a damn handsome man in my new jacket too.

Other Business

Speaker BERGSTROM: Anyway, all right, in that case, is there any other business to be brought before the Assembly?

Mr. PRINCI: Mr. Speaker.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.

Mr. PRINCI: Oh, myself and Delegate Killion from Sandwich would like to submit this Resolution, Proposed Resolution 15-02 for a future meeting.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

Mr. PRINCI: I'm not going to get into any details unless I could?

Speaker BERGSTROM: In our section of the Charter it says that you could reject this if you wanted to; I mean the Assembly could, but they're not going to. I just thought I'd mention that because you know for some reason that's in there.

Now, Ed, you have something.

Mr. MCMANUS: Well, as I understand, many of the members will be attending the conference in Boston later this week, the MMA. As is a tradition with the Cape Cod Selectman & Councilors' Association on Friday night at 5:30 in the Gardner room, which is on the third-floor, we have a brief meeting to go over events that have occurred during the month of interest to municipalities and governmental officials on Cape Cod. And I invite all of you to attend that.

I'm still somewhat involved with that group for the end of fiscal year. But I would encourage you to come and have the chance to meet some of the other officials from Cape Cod who will be attending.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, okay. Anybody else?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I think most of us saw the article in the *Register* about the proposed plans for the Aquaculture Research Corporation property up in Dennis that has come before us through Bill Clark, I believe, a couple of years ago.

It is an entirely new animal right now under the guidance of Senator Wolf and his Senior Advisor, Seth Rolbein. They have cobbling together a very complicated but very seemingly effective plan that does include 1.5 or 6 million in state money that will be bonded. And then private money, public money, town money, and 250,000 proposed from the County.

So it's a very kind of -- many pieces have to fall into place, sort of planned that the pieces are starting to fall in place, so I'd be very interested for Seth Robine or someone from his staff to perhaps come in and fill-in the blanks for the Assembly because I think it's a very different proposal than what came before us before.

It's much more conservation with an education propagation research component for the actual propagation. And I think that -- I have been in contact with Robine on a regular basis because of the need for getting money from Yarmouth and everyone else.

But I think it's something that the County would really like to know more about, and I know we're going to be asked to put money into that. And I think everybody will be pleasantly surprised by the current plans.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Anything else? In that case?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Move to adjourn.

Ms. MCCUTCHEON: Second.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All those in favor?

**Whereupon, it was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn the Assembly of Delegates at 5:20 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Janice O’Connell, Clerk  
Assembly of Delegates**