Speaker BERGSTROM: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Wednesday,
August 5th session of the Cape Cod Regional Government, Assembly of Delegates.
Is anyone recording this meeting besides our normal recording person?
Okay. Hearing none. I will then call 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.)
Thank you.
We will now stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
(Pledge of Allegiance.)
Speaker BERGSTROM: The Clerk will call the roll.

Roll Call (81.90%): Ronald Bergstrom (2.84% - Chatham), Ned Hitchcock (1.27% - Wellfleet), James Killion (9.58% - Sandwich), Edward Lewis (4.55% - Brewster), Deborah McCutcheon (0.93% - Truro), Edward McManus (5.67% - Harwich), Brian O’Malley (1.36% - Provincetown), Suzanne McAuliffe (11.02% - Yarmouth), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Julia Taylor (14.61% - Falmouth), Linda Zuern (9.15% - Bourne).
Absent (18.10%): Christopher Kanaga (2.73% - Orleans-arrived at 4:05 p.m.), Marcia King (6.49% - Mashpee), Teresa Martin (2.30% - Eastham), John Ohman (6.58% - Dennis).

Clerk O’CONNELL: Mr. Speaker, we have a quorum with 81.90 percent of the Delegates present; 18.10 percent absent.

Committee of the Whole

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. I’ll now need a motion to approve
today’s Calendar of Business.
Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: So moved.
Mr. LEWIS: So moved.
Speaker BERGSTROM: Second?
Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Second.
Mr. LEWIS: Second.
Speaker BERGSTROM: All those in favor? Okay.
(Motion carried.)
Speaker BERGSTROM: You should have received a copy of the Journal
of July 15. Are there any additions or corrections to the Journal?
Mr. O’MALLEY: Move to approve as distributed.
Mr. LEWIS: Second.
Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. All those in favor? Opposed?
Ms. MCAULIFFE: One abstention.
Speaker BERGSTROM: One abstention.
(Motion carried.)

Communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners
Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Now we have Communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners. I see Commissioner Cakounes here.
Commissioner CAKOUNES: Yes, they entrusted me to come and do this all by myself; isn’t that great? I’m off my leash.
My report today is kind of lengthy so bear with me. I’m going to go through it as quick as possible. The reasoning is because we’ve had two meetings since the last time we met with you.
First, I’ll talk about the July 29 meeting. We did have a presentation from the Barnstable Police Chief, Paul McDonald, in regards to the synthetic drug known as “Spice.” And if you remember, I reported to you I think four weeks ago or so that I suggested you all maybe invite him here and learn about this very, very interesting and unique drug that is affecting not only youth in Barnstable County but certainly those who are addicted to other substances.
You can view our tape. It was an excellent presentation and I’m glad that the police chief came. Here he will be working closely with our Board of Health. You may be seeing or your towns might be seeing a model Board of Health bylaw coming out which we naturally would be supporting so that other communities could get some kind of handle on this, this synthetic drug as it’s called.
We also discussed and looked at a memorandum of agreement between the contracted services for the Mercy Otis Warren Woman-of-the-Year Committee. On the 29th, we had our, I guess you would call it, our first reviewing of that memorandum from the standing. And subsequently today we voted that agreement in.
So now I’m pleased to say that we do have a memorandum of understanding between the Mercy Otis Woman-of-the-Year Committee and Barnstable County so that next year this award will be going forward without a hitch. As some of you may remember this past spring, we had a little bit of a snafu in it.
There was a motion to approve the Ordinance 15-06, which was related specifically to the amendment reflecting the Human Rights Commission. You people passed it and it had to come back before the Commissioners for them to pass it and that’s ultimately passed. So that Ordinance is now on the books.
There also was a motion to approve a Resolution 15- and it is unnumbered, and I have it here with me to pass in today. This proposed resolution is a budget transfer in the amount of $54,920 for the AmeriCorps of Cape Cod Program grant match.
And for those of you that have been here in the past will remember that this is a housekeeping item, if you will, that we do. In other words, we pass the budget knowing that there will be some grant monies coming forward. But because we don’t know that dollar value until August, we do this housekeeping resolution and you will notice in the resolution it specifically shows each line item where these grant monies will be distributed to.
And for those of you who are new here take a look at it because this has just been a procedure that we do and I think you’ll see it again next year. So with that, I will hand this in today before I leave so you guys will be able to put it on your schedule.
We did also make a motion to approve certain appropriations called “Continuing
Appropriations” into the FY2016 budget. There were a number of different requests from
Department heads for appropriations that were funded in ’15 but were not expended and now
have to be transferred into ’16. And those are located in our minutes if anybody wants to take
the time to go back and look and see exactly what they were.

There was another motion to approve a year-end grant fund transfer in the amount of
412,000-and-change. And also from the Cape Cod Commission funds transfer for 285,000-and-
change. And this was in direct relations to the salary and fringe benefit expenditures for grant
positions. This is, again, something that we have to and we are necessary to put the money up
for matching grants. And because the money was approved in ’15 and it wasn’t all expended,
it’s now being transferred into the 2016 budget. Again, there’s a breakdown in our minutes if
anyone wants to take the time to look.

There was a discussion on July 29 in regards to requesting our staff to put together an
Ordinance which would be looking for $232,000 of funds to be transferred into an account that
we can use for the ongoing remediation for the monitoring and continuing water quality
monitoring and remediation efforts at the Fire Academy. That also was on today's agenda.

One the 29th, I made a motion that we instruct our staff to try to locate that 232,000.
Today we were told at our meeting that they have found an account which has about 500 in it
and I’ll give you that account later. And I think you’re going to see that Resolution or
Ordinance, actually, come forward at our next meeting next Wednesday and then, subsequently,
subsequently, once it's approved, if it is approved by us, you will be getting that here.

And again, that’s only to transfer or I would use the term earmark the $232,000 which
was requested by our staff for the ongoing remediation and monitoring on the site itself. And
there’s a quite an in depth budget that Tom had put together and that also is located in our
minutes if anyone wants to take the time to look that up.

There was a discussion and a request to fund some maintenance approval on the Fire
Training Academy as a separate item. For those of you that don’t remember, in our FY’16
budget, we approved a $30,000 expenditure to rehab the fire burn building. The interior walls,
the nonstructural walls of this building where the fire is actually contained are due to be
replaced every 5 to 8 years, and I do not believe that they have been replaced on this particular
building for over 15.

So there was some lengthy discussion on whether we should, in fact, spend that $30,000
to fix this building so that we can continue to have burn -- use the burn facility and the motion
was made to, in fact, do that, and it passed the Commissioners.

I want to say that I believe -- I know why I voted for it and that’s because we have
probably $230,000 worth of contracts already out there for places like Mass. Maritime to
actually use the facility, and it just seemed like a money well spent, because if we did not fix
these walls, there was an opportunity that we would not be able to use the burn building. We
would not be able to meet those contractual requirements that we had.

There was also a motion made on the 29th to extend the Building Needs Assessment
Group. Now this is the County Complex Building Needs Assessment Group. The original
motion was that they were supposed to give us a report, us meaning the Commissioners, I think
it was the first meeting in May, and that date went by. So as a bookkeeping measure, we
extended that date through September 2 of 2015.

Ironically, and I’ll go to today's meeting, one of the things that happened at today's
meeting is that we got a report from that specific group. So they had submitted it. Here it is
August 5 a month early. We didn’t really need the extension but, again, it was a housekeeping
thing. The report is quite lengthy. I’m told that it is going to be available online. I apologize for not having the executive summary which is only about three or four pages for you but I only received it this afternoon and I did not have a chance to make copies of it. But that will be available online and I’ve already discussed it with your Clerk and she’ll make sure that gets out to you so you can see the recommendations coming forth from that committee. That committee now has been disbanded because the original charge said that they will be -- their term was to end at the completion of their report and that report was completed today.

For those of you who are interested, you might want to watch it online. I was a very complex and quite lengthy report, but the summary is pretty easy to understand. So it may be something that I suggest all of you probably watch today or certainly when you get it electronically, take the time to look at it.

Another thing that we did today and this kind of goes and siding with the item that I mentioned earlier. We got the fire rescue water quality monitoring remediation efforts. We did find some funds or our staff have located some funds that are in an unrestricted reserve account. It’s called the “Project Specialization Reserve Account.” It has about $500,000 in it, and it was presented to us today by our staff that that should be the account that we take, if you will, the 235,000 and put into a remediation account. It was -- it wasn’t a vote taken but it was an understanding that at our next meeting, which probably will be next Wednesday, there will be an Ordinance proposing that transfer and we’ll see how the vote goes. If it’s a positive vote, then you’ll have an opportunity to vote on that Ordinance also.

One other thing that I think is very important, or a couple of things actually. One thing we did today is we voted a proclamation which recognizes the month of September as the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month of Barnstable County. So, again, I’m sure that will be on our website. I only have one copy of it here. I just will read the last line. It goes through a number of different “Whereas’s” certainly acknowledging the fact of cancer, cancer rate, and how it affects our young children. “It is, therefore, the Board of Regional Commissioners of Barnstable County adopt this Proclamation recognizing September as the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Barnstable County.” And that Proclamation was adopted today.

If I may, Mr. Speaker, I’m just going to take one more minute or a couple of minutes of your time. Last week or last meeting, the July 29 meeting, under the Commissioner’s Report Section, I submitted kind of a lengthy report. It is attached to our minutes. So if you want to look at it in its entirety, you can get our minutes. But today I put in your packet -- each of you should have this little 8 X 11 sheet of paper which is the 2016-2019 Highway TIP Projects. Just to go through it as quickly as I can.

On July 20, I am the representative from the County Commissioners to the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization, and we voted three different items, and these are substantial items for you to know and to bring back to your communities.

One is the 2016 through the 2019 TIP Program, and that’s the one that I’ve give you a copy of. Just as brief as possible for those people at home that are listening, in 2016 there is a projected expenditure of 7.8 million; in ’17, 9.2 million; in ’18, 8.8 million, and in ’19, 9.1 million.

The other thing that we voted which is even a more daunting document is the 2016 through the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, or RTP. And I just want to highlight the fact that the Highway Regional Funding Allocation totaled $300 million. And just to give you a very, very quick and brief kind of breakdown of that, 21 percent of the funds were transit services, 2 percent were intelligent transportation, 14 percent were bicycle and pedestrian
movements, 19 percent were bridge management, 24 percent were road maintenance, 11 air quality, and 9 percent for road safety projects. This was a total expenditure of $1.1 billion. And it’s really quite a large daunting plan.

And, again, I don’t expect any of you or all of you to read it but it’s just something that you want to make your communities aware of.

And the third thing that we voted there, and when I say “we,” I just want to remind you this is the MPO, or the Metropolitan Planning Organization; we voted the Unified Planning Work Program for the transportation planning activities. And, basically, the MPO voted to endorse the list of planning projects scheduled for funding and implementation as outlined in the fiscal year 2016 Unified Planning Work Program. This is basically for federal work that is being proposed.

And in my report, I did thank the Cape Cod Commission for their help and aid in putting all these documents together because if you do ever take a chance to look at them, it’s quite a daunting amount of paperwork. And without the Cape Cod Commission staff, we couldn’t come close to being able to complete it.

So with that, I think I went through it relatively quickly and I hope I didn’t forget anything.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Yes, Brian, do you have a question for Leo?

Mr. O’MALLEY: On this last piece as you’ve proposed, first of all, TIP?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Transportation Implementation Program.

Mr. O’MALLEY: Well, am I to understand that what’s happened here is that we are being asked -- the Commissioners are being asked to approve -- these are priorities. These are not projects --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: No. This has nothing to do with the Cape Cod -- the Commissioners. This is my report to you as a member of the Metropolitan Planning Committee. So the Commissioners did not vote this. That’s why I tried to make that clear when I went into this report of the MPO. The MPO is the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The TIP Program is the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. O’MALLEY: And we have no input into this directly other than your representation there?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: That’s correct.

Mr. O’MALLEY: Okay.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I should -- yes. We as -- you as the Assembly you mean have no input or you as County government?

Mr. O’MALLEY: I meant as we as County government.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I believe that my representation there is it, yes.

Mr. O’MALLEY: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Anybody else? Yes, Pat.

Mr. PRINCI: Just a quick question regarding the presentation of the Barnstable Police Chief McDonald who was there. Now when they spoke of the spice and possible local bylaws throughout the town’s Board of Health Department, did they mention anything about bath salts because they’re like spice?

Because bath salts are also the same sort of type of thing, a synthetic drug that one can buy over-the-counter at some of these convenience stores.

So I don’t know. I’m just saying that maybe if there is something that’s going to be looked at, that should be included as well.
Commissioner CAKOUNES: I will add to that discussion that that was mentioned. Not only was that mentioned but the use of legal products, and I think I brought up huffing, the use of spray paint for illegal purposes. There is actually a law on the books which prohibits or allows our law enforcement that if they find a person who is taking paint, a legally sold spray paint, and spraying it into a bag and huffing it, there is a law on the books which allows the police to arrest that person because they are not using the product for what it was intended for.

I asked specifically if that particular law could be increased to include things like bath salts and this product because you have to remember this is a legally sold product. It’s being sold as a potpourri but it is being inhaled and it’s not being used for its intended sale purposes.

So those discussions are on the table about possibly talking to our state representatives to add to that specific law some language that may address that.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Yes, Ed.

Mr. LEWIS: Just as somewhat as a follow-up to the report you had where you had fund some money in a fund that had some 500,000 in a fund I think to use that for the remediation at the fire -- where the Fire Academy is.

Is there any way at some point that the Assembly could get a list of all of the different funds and how much money is in these different funds so that we -- we have a general fund but then we have, you know, a lot of other funds. And individual towns have this too and we tried it in Brewster and we got lists of them so we knew where all the money was buried so to speak.

Do you have any idea whether or not we can get a list of those?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I’m going to give this to your Clerk a have her copy it for you, Mr. Lewis.

Mr. LEWIS: These are all the funds?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: All that we are aware of at this time.

Mr. LEWIS: So there may be others that you’re not aware of -- we’re not aware of?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: This is all that we’re aware of at this time.

Mr. LEWIS: You might not have been aware of the fund they just found the money from?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I wasn’t.

Mr. LEWIS: I would bet on that. At some point, I would think that it would be a good idea since we do, both the Commissioners and the Assembly, get involved in budget discussions and those discussions involve budgets which are always very tight.

And it’s nice to know that somewhere out there that half a dozen or more maybe reserve funds with a fair amount of money in them which are sitting there waiting for disbursement at some point when someone feels it’s necessary.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Yes. As a single Commissioner, Mr. Lewis, this has certainly been one thing that I’ve been certainly very proactive about. We just have a unique situation that we have an interim finance director just -- I probably should have added there is an ad out for our full time finance director. I’m hoping it will be onboard in the next three or four weeks. And let's not inundate them with all these things immediately but keep these on your radar. These are questions we have to continually ask.

Mr. LEWIS: I’m not casting any aspersions on anyone.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Right.

Mr. LEWIS: I’m just saying it’s normal for these things and over a period of time they develop what we call “gift accounts” --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: There you go.
Mr. LEWIS: -- from towns and things like that, and it’s just a good idea for the Commissioners and the Assembly to be aware of those things.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: This will have both restricted and unrestricted listings. And I think it’s important to demonstrate between the two of them because, obviously, restricted you can only use on certain things.

Mr. LEWIS: Right.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: But I will give this copy to your Clerk today.

Mr. LEWIS: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Jim.

Mr. KILLION: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To follow on what Mr. Lewis was saying, did you refer to that as a Project Specialization Account?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: That's what it is labeled as a, oh God, I had it here a second ago, Project Specialization Reserve Account is how it is labeled, yes.

Mr. KILLION: So do you know generally what that was set up for?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: All I can tell you at this time, Mr. Killion is it was set up in 2013. Ironically, I do have in my -- on my laptop the original allocations for that but I did not print it off and I cannot answer you to the specifically why it was established back then.

Mr. KILLION: And the other one, the Regional Transportation Plan, you did happen to mention that part of that was for bridges. I assume that’s not the Canal bridges; it’s for other bridges on Cape?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I was waiting for someone to pick up on that. The original plan that was voted which goes out the 40 years, it was the committees understanding that we would not add anything in that plan in regards to the, and I’m going to use the term “Third Bridge,” because presently there is a committee I believe formulated not only by the Corps of Engineers but some people from the state that are kind of doing their own little survey, and we’re going to wait until we get their recommendations.

And the way it was expressed to me as a member of the committee is that there’s an ability to go back and amend that 2016 to 2040 plan to include anything if we want to in regards to the third bridge.

But presently in that plan and under that expenditure, there is no money allocated for anything in regard -- direct relations to the third bridge.

Mr. KILLION: Thank you.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Or that -- I just used “Third Bridge” as a generalization. We know what we’re talking about.

Mr. KILLION: Right.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Whether it’s repairing the old ones or building a new one.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Leo, you didn’t address this directly but you did mention several instances where you were bringing/taking funds from fiscal 2015 and putting them into 2016 unexpended funds at some point in the Commissioner’s meeting?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Now so that brings up the question is do you anticipate that the entire fiscal 2015 budget which ended on I guess June 31st will be sort of wrapped up and you’ll be able to present it to us, you know, with an over/under figure or something?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I believe at this time it is completely wrapped up. I think there may be some small transfers that may have to happen. To my understanding though, it is completely wrapped up and you’ll be getting a report from our finance department on whether
we came in high or low or even.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. I’d appreciate if you’d send us a written copy of that report and then we can schedule the finance director or whoever were to come before us, postmortem, I guess would be the --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Yes. I think the things that we did as far as transferring -- I think two weeks ago you had a report from us that we transferred some expenditures that we’re not going to be -- were spent so I kind of used the legal term of we scoop that money and just brought it into general funds.

And this week or last -- the 29th, we voted to actually -- the ongoing expenditures that are going from FY15 into FY16 had to be voted. So that’s kind of the things that we were doing in preparation of the document that you’re looking for.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So you’ll have the determination of any definite -- deficit or surplus that would be available.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I believe that the finance department already has that and we’re going -- we’re looking for the formal report though.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: I don’t want to throw out a number.

Speaker BERGSTROM: No, no. I’m not asking --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Because it’s only been something that I’ve talked -- personally --

Speaker BERGSTROM: But it is done?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: It is done, yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Personally, I’ve talked to Bob about it but I’m waiting for the official report.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Yes, Ed.

Mr. LEWIS: Yes, one last thing which was not in any of the report. Can you give us an update as to where the recruitment stands as it relates to both the County Administrator and the County Finance -- where we -- have we had a steering committee or the screening committee has met or has it all closed out? Do they have finalists and, you know, where do we stand?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: The only thing that I can report on the County Administrator position, and I want to make this clear, because I, as one of the Commissioners, stated I do not want to hear anything or know anything until they come with their finalists and hand it to me.

But I have heard that through the Collins Center that they are very pleased with the amount of résumés that they have received. They have not given me a number, nor do I even want to know the number, but they said they’re very pleased with the amount of résumés that are coming in.

Until those resumes come in and then they will be the ones calling the first meeting of the screening committee and subsequently passing those résumés on.

As far as the finance director, from my understanding, the application time period of that I believe runs out this week. There are a number of applicants have put in for it and I, in talking to our staff, they’re very happy with the applicants. And I think that, again, as I said before, I think you’re going to see a new finance director hired probably within the next three weeks.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, thank you, Leo. That was a good report.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Thank you.
Presentation from AmeriCorps

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Next on our agenda is presentation from AmeriCorps municipal poster to each Delegate by Resource Development Officer/AmeriCorp Director Darlene Johnson-Morris, also to include department communications, program updates, and discussions with Delegates.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Hello.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So, Ms. Johnson-Morris.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Did everyone get a folder? Okay. On behalf of the Barnstable County Resource Development Office and the AmeriCorps Cape Cod Program, I would like to thank each one of the Delegates for your support, your guidance, and direction.

Over the past year we came in today to give you a little bit of an overview of the Resource Development Office and what happens by and through the Resource Development Office.

Here in front of you, you have a report to the community in your folder. If you can open that to page 4 and 5, it gives you a little overview of the Resource Development Office.

This year’s -- last year, 2014, was the 20 year anniversary of the Resource Development Office. And it started out as a grant itself that was funded through the Community Development Program like the Community Development Block. At the time, they had a resource-ready fund that was available and the County applied, basically back then, to get their grants in order.

So we are in charge of grant management for the County departments, as well as grant development and providing technical assistance to the towns as well as building the capacity of the Barnstable County departments.

We do all of this for all of the Departments and we have written, designed, and managed and supervised the AmeriCorps Cape Cod Program over the last 16 years. Next year will be year 17 for the AmeriCorps Program, and I’m proud to say that we applied. This was a competitive round so we’ve applied and received funding for 400 and is it --

MS. JULIE FERGUSON: 25,000.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: 425,000 per year for the next three years. So that means that AmeriCorps will continue for the next three years. We’re very proud of that. It’s highly competitive.

So that happened by and through the Resource Development Office. I would like to introduce to you the Coordinator of the AmeriCorps Cape Cod Program who is responsible for the day-to-day operations, Christin Marshall. And then we have Julie Ferguson next to her; she's the Deputy Director of the Resource Development Office. Amanda Howe is a Resource Development Officer. Fran Weidman-Dahl, who is also a Resource Development Officer. Priscilla Ellis long-time administrative assistant for the Resource Development and AmeriCorps Program, and Bobbi Moritz who is also a Resource Development Officer.

This is divided up within development and management for the Resource Development Officers. In here, it gives you a little bit of an overview of some of the grants that we’ve written.

You have a development report in your folder that gives you all the grants that we’ve developed. It gives you a list of all the grants that we manage.
Certainly the thing that’s most visible out into the community is the AmeriCorps Program. It’s what gets all the bells and whistles. We rarely -- after people get the money for their grant, they rarely remember too much about the Resource Development Office. But we’re very proud of our office and what we do.

And behind you, if you turn the page, you will see I think it's on page 22, I just wanted to, before Christin talks a little bit about the AmeriCorps Program, I wanted you to turn to this, and after she’s finished, we’re going to go through the Together We Grow poster piece here. Christin.

MS. CHRISTIN MARSHALL: Sure. Hello, everyone. I am Christin Marshall, the Program Coordinator of Barnstable County’s AmeriCorps Cape Cod. We just graduated our year 16 class on Thursday. And so while everybody else is kind of breathing a sigh of relief here in the summer, we’re kind of ramping up for the next year. We have to hire 32 new folks, a few new staff, and get ready to go in September with people that are coming to serve here from all over the country.

And they’ll each put in 1700 hours of service here on the Cape. They’ll be living -- we have two houses in Wellfleet; one house in Bourne. The house in Bourne provided by the County and then the two houses in Wellfleet provided by the Seashore. And while the members are here, they’re serving in each of your towns.

So it’s definitely a really interesting experience to see those folks really learn the Cape in a way that even some of the folks in Cape -- they have different experiences. I live in Falmouth, and a lot of folks in Falmouth -- I’m like, “Have you been to Wellfleet lately?” They say, “No. I don’t get out of Falmouth that much. Why would I do that?”

The members that we have are serving all over the Cape. They’re meeting all the service partners. And we’ve actually had really good luck and we’re really proud of the fact that a lot of our young people stay here. And so they actually stay here and become public servants, essentially.

So a lot of -- it’s tough to go to towns anymore and not find an AmeriCorps alum in kind of the environmental field but also at a lot of our local schools; at the Latham Center. At Gosnold we have folks working kind of all over the place. But I included a list in you guys’ folder with 40 alums that are currently living and working here on Cape. And definitely reversing that trend that we’re seeing so much with the young people kind of taking off or, in fact, kind of importing really great young people that are invested in public service as you guys’ are since you’re sitting here as the Assembly of Delegates.

So with that, I think I’ll turn it back over to Darlene.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Okay. I just want you to know that when members leave, not counting the volunteers, not counting our service partners in all the towns, these members leave 53,000 hours that they’ve dedicated collectively to this community.

And so it's over $1 million if you were to take that and average that out with the independent sector or what they pay volunteers. That’s what it brings back to this community. So we’re very proud of the service that AmeriCorps been able to provide.

For the Together We Grow on page 22 and 23, last year was our 15th year on the Cape. And to commemorate this milestone, trees were planted in each of the 15 towns by the alumni who all got together. We had a three-day celebration. And we had these posters designed to represent each tree in each town and of course all of Barnstable County. So each tree will sequester 720 pounds of carbon in the next 15 years totaling 10,800 pounds.

You will see each tree on the map and where they’re planted. This represents each
Corps year. We even have one here in the complex that represents this year. So we’re going to continue to do this.

We also purchased these beautiful town posters that you have behind you. What happened was that we had our celebration out at the Cape Cod National Seashore at the Salt Pond Visitor Center and these were on display there for a month. They then left there and traveled to the Town of Bourne to have representation on the Upper Cape and the Lower Cape and they stayed there for 30 days. And we had a ceremony there and then they came here.

And you liked them and we wanted to get the approval of Janice and have, you know, these hung up. And we decided since these were -- looked so nice and that you guys liked them that we would keep -- we were planning to give these ones to the towns, so we ordered a whole other set, and we have those out here in front of you to give out to each one of your towns on behalf of the program.

What we did is during the ceremony when we had the ceremony at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, we picked out representatives who have contributed to the program from your towns. So if you -- we’re going to give you a list of those people, and they receive -- also, you can present them with a certificate that we’re going to give you. Say, Tony Jackett represented the town of Truro and he accepted, you know, he was going or -- Truro, yeah. And so he with Deborah will, you know, if you can contact Tony and the two of you could give this to the town on behalf of the town for Truro.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: I’d be happy to.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: And so we have each -- Ryan Birch from the town of Brewster. I have a list with their phone numbers here so that you can contact them to be able to go to those representatives and each one of you together go to the town and present the town with these. And we put them in nice frames so that they don’t end up just on a bulletin board and then they’re kind of gone. It’s kind of like a really nice one.

Plus we have this one which has all of -- and it was a mistake. It was a mock-up we did. We were looking to do one to see all the towns but this one came out really nice. It has all the towns on it.

Speaker BERGSTROM: We can hear you but this is televised so the people watching this are, basically, they think the sound is turned off because they can’t hear you unless you talk into the mic.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: I’m sorry. Look at this great poster of all the towns in Barnstable County! And we are going to present this to our County Commissioner, Leo Cakounes. Leo.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: They didn’t hear it was a mistake on TV; right? Thank you very much. I’m honored to accept this on behalf of the County Commissioners and we’re going to find a spot in the Superior Court house to display it.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Great.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Thank you.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Thank you, Leo.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: Thank you.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: So we have the certificates. If you want to give these certificates out and, Christin, we can give these out too to them.

MS. CHRISTIN MARSHALL: Sure.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: These are the phone numbers of the
representatives. And so this project has come full circle and we’re happy to see that it’s now wrapped up and we can commemorate this 15 years of AmeriCorps.

Clerk O’CONNELL: If you have certificates for people who are absent, I’ll take them.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Okay. Deborah, Tony's on there for Provincetown but I meant to put Truro.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: No worry. I know who he is. I know how to find him too.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Okay.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Meanwhile, do you have any questions from the Assembly?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I’m from Yarmouth and in your booklet you have your year ’16 service projects here and Yarmouth is not listed. It’s the only town not listed. Are you not doing anything in Yarmouth. I’m looking at the Year ’16 Service Projects at the back, page 26, 27, 28 and 29 and I can't find Yarmouth. I don't know if Yarmouth has no projects or -- it’s the only town not listed.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: That is so weird.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I know you’ve been very active in Yarmouth over the years and you’ve done a lot of work there. It’s just seems unusual that there would be nothing going on in Yarmouth.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Something’s wrong. No. We are in every town.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I know - in Yarmouth a lot.

MS. CHRISTIN MARSHALL: And it certainly is we go through kind of highs and lows. It's an RFP process and so kind of we’re available for staff that, you know if staff in the town would like to utilize this, we’re there for them certainly. And certainly we’ll reach out to them some more.

One project that I do see listed for Yarmouth is we did fire truck typing, and so we -- that is kind of at the beginning outside of -- under the towns and that was a really exciting project that we did in which we went around to each fire departments and inventoried the fire apparatus that were in each of the towns such that regionally we’ll have a better idea of how we could respond to a wildfire here on Cape. So that is one project that we had in Yarmouth.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: I was just -- there’s a wealth of material from each town and it’s funny to have one --

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Yes, it’s -- we’ve left that off. It’s a mistake. I didn’t even catch that. But we also are involved -- we wrote the grants from both phases of Flax Pond. We’re highly involved with Taylor Bray Farm.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: So, yes, there are service projects that are knocked off. Sorry Suzanne.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: That’s all right. I was looking to see what you were going to do this year.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Ed.

Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: You got a poster.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Yes, I got a poster. I’ll be quiet.

Mr. LEWIS: Yes, just for all of you guys, AmeriCorps is a tremendous operation. And
I know in other town but in the town of Brewster, Ryan and a lot of the other people, you know, have been very involved. And AmeriCorps has done some marvelous things for us down on the beaches and conservation areas. And a lot of the work could not have been done without the assistance and the work of the AmeriCorps kids.

When I was a Selectman, every year we would have presentation from the kids that they would come there and you guys are just off-the-wall great.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Thank you.

Mr. LEWIS: And from my own participation in Brewster over the past 20 years, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and now as the County representative for Brewster, I thank you again.

You guys do a tremendous amount of work and it’s absolutely the kids who are involved in your program are just first class, top-rated. And it goes a long way, and I think you have a tremendous reputation. So thank you again.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Thank you to all of the representatives for the support over the years that you’ve given us, matched dollars that you continue to match the grant with, and the houses, the house in Bourne. We couldn’t do it without that. And it’s become a program that belongs to this community. Everybody has their hand in it and that’s why it’s successful.

So thank you so very much, everyone.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. Let me ask you a couple questions. First of all, AmeriCorps has been very visible in Chatham where I’m from. I have a commercial shellfish license and I see Rachel and I see all sorts of conservation things around me and I appreciate it because I’m aware of the propagation program and the things they do there.

Plus, we have a lot of -- let’s say the town of Chatham has not been too active in managing its conservation lands that basically led to -- I know that you have done a lot of work there.

I also have personally benefited from AmeriCorps because a couple years ago they went and they surveyed all the conservation land for all the town-owned properties, and since my property abutted the conservation land, I had no idea where the boundaries were; I now know. There’s little stakes in the ground so that helped a little. Not that it makes a difference.

But I have one question to ask you. Who determines what, for instance, who determines what projects you’ll work on in the individual towns? Is that something you decide or does the town decide?

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Well, we have an advisory board made up that represents each one of our focus areas.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: But in addition to that we put a Request for Proposal and this is for the individual placements. Each member, if you were to be an AmeriCorps member, your week would look like this. You would have two group service days Monday and Friday. You would have two days of an individual placement say with the International Foundation for the Welfare of Animals or the town of Brewster or the town of Yarmouth. Many of the towns have individual placements and they go there for two days. And then that’s spelled out with the service partners. Like Ryan will give us a service project and we tell them what the priorities are. Of course the Commissioners give us often the priorities that we have as well as the Assembly. We look at these regional projects.

As time goes on, we have more of this coastal resilience, so we do have an eye for
what's environmentally impacting the Cape, water quality. We hear from the towns.

The shellfish officers have always been from day one where we stepped in on this, they are incredible. So we do a lot with the shellfish officers in terms of water quality and shellfish propagation and that type of thing. But these are where we have these project proposals.

You can go on the website, if you have your town, anybody interested in the town that wants to put in a proposal for service to happen in your town, it spells it out clearly there how you get service.

Now if you want group service, our group service, our supervisors in the houses, they live with the members, they develop and plan those group service projects, the same thing. If you have a group service project that you know of that you want to happen in your town, let us know. We're going to be starting -- ramping up again.

And like I said, on Fridays and Mondays, we're out there in the community across the Cape doing group service projects. And those are up for grabs for anybody who wants to put in those service projects. So we encourage you to put those in.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Now do you ever -- I mean, you know, the towns are obviously under the gun. Even Chatham they lay off employees and stuff. Do you ever get in a situation where I mean how do you judge whether this is an appropriate project for AmeriCorps or whether some town is simply trying to get help that they don't have to pay for?

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Well, we look at -- we have an advisory board and we have a pretty -- we go through our systems and we keep streamlining and getting better at looking at needs. And we put together in groups of selection teams and that's combined with staff and the advisory board. And they're the anchored people. They choose.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So the appropriateness of these projects as far as -- I mean you're not going to have people working at the dump where they would normally have an employee.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: No.

Speaker BERGSTROM: So you're aware of that.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Yes, and we have rules in the grant about supplanting or anybody's job or anything like that; unions. We're very careful about making sure that this is not that type of thing.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. Well thank you. Is there anything else? Yes, Suzanne.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: For some reason, and I think Julia was the only one who was around back when you first came before the Assembly, and for some reason I was in the room when you first presented because I know there were a lot of Assembly members who were very unclear and unsure of what AmeriCorps could offer to the Cape. And I know it was not a slam dunk vote, and, in fact, I think it even had to come back again because it involved coming up with I think $250,000 that then could be matched. And people wanted to know, you know, if this was just going to be paying people to come and kind of spend their summer on the Cape and was it going to be worthwhile.

And I think you have proven through your people and how you have run your program how invaluable AmeriCorps is to the Cape. It is just the most leveraged, bang for your buck kind of opportunity not only for the towns but I think for your AmeriCorps people as well. It's just -- I don't think anyone could have imagined then how helpful and how truly grateful everyone is for all that you do.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Oh, thank you.
Ms. MCAULIFFE: It’s the sort of thing that nothing -- a lot of things would be very different if it weren’t for AmeriCorps.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Thank you very much.

Speaker BERGSTROM: All right. Enough of this well-merited praise.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Is there anything else you have to say to us?

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Well, I just wanted to say that I would like to say that I knew that this was going to be this successful. I didn’t. I was a little more sure than the Assembly was at the time. I could have sworn we were in Missouri. They were like, “Show me what this is going to do.” It was very, very tense, and it felt that there was another program just feeding at the government trough and that was not going to fly.

So I am so glad that we’ve been able to prove ourselves and that it’s turned out to be something of a win-win for the members, or the community, and for all of us.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay.

Commissioner CAKOUNES: The license plate thing.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Oh yes. We have for those of you who would like, designed by Priscilla Ellis, I think she did a great job of designing these license plate --

Commissioner CAKOUNES: You can hold it up and I’ll pass them out.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: We have this license plate is covered. It says, “Service as a solution. Getting things done for AmeriCorps.”

Speaker BERGSTROM: Thank you.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Well, thank you, very much.

Ms. DARLENE JOHNSON-MORRIS: Yes.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Moving right along, do we have any Communications from Public Officials?

Any Communications from Members of the Public? Hearing none.

Assembly Convenes

Speaker BERGSTROM: The Assembly will now convene, and we will begin with Committee Reports since our last meeting – any?

Clerk O’CONNELL: No.

Speaker BERGSTROM: No. Okay. So we’re all set there. Report from the Clerk.

Janice, you’re up.

Report from the Clerk

Clerk O’CONNELL: Good afternoon, everyone. Just a couple of items. You may have recalled receiving an email from Administration here at the County notifying you that there will be an Open Meeting Law training session in Sandwich at the Sandwich Town Hall on Main Street, the second floor, September 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

If that’s something that you are so inclined to attend, if you would let me know, I will let Administration know -- unless you’ve already responded -- I will let them know so they’re sure to reserve a seat. From what I understand, there is limited seating available. Okay. Unless you’ve already responded.
Ms. MCAULIFFE: The email said that they already responded.
Clerk O’CONNELL: That they reserved --
Ms. MCAULIFFE: The email said don’t do anything; you have a spot.
Clerk O’CONNELL: Well, all I can tell you is that I have been asked if there will, in fact, be any Delegates planning on attending. So I guess, you know, they would appreciate maybe a tighter number knowing for sure. Because if they’ve got a waiting list, then that my open some slots up for other people. So I plan on attending certainly as the Clerk. I have an obligation to do that.
But if that’s something that you feel that you’re going to be doing, if you can let me know, and that doesn’t mean that you just can’t decide to attend if you so choose. I think the 9th is a Wednesday. It is an off-Assembly meeting day. So the 9th of September.
And the only other item -- John Ohman isn’t here so I will take the honor or steal a little bit of that thunder from him - the next Assembly meeting will be at the beach.
Mr. KANAGA: In Orleans.
Clerk O’CONNELL: Yes.
Speaker BERGSTROM: Hosted by Orleans.
Clerk O’CONNELL: Is there any other beach?
Speaker BERGSTROM: Hosted by Orleans.
Mr. KANAGA: Yes. Good recovery.
Clerk O’CONNELL: So you will be getting the agenda appropriately next week, and I will also include directions and that will be open and available for the public as well.
And that’s it. That’s all I have to report.
Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Under Other Business, I had put discussion on fiscal 2017 budget.
Ms. MCAULIFFE: Mr. Speaker.
Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes.
Mr. LEWIS: Question.
Speaker BERGSTROM: What do you want, Ed?
Mr. LEWIS: Question for the Clerk. To get to the beach where John is hosting the meeting --
Speaker BERGSTROM: Orleans is hosting the meeting.
Mr. LEWIS: -- Orleans is hosting at the gazebo down at Nauset Beach, in order to park there, you pay a fee of $15.
Clerk O’CONNELL: No.
Speaker BERGSTROM: No.
Ms. TAYLOR: No.
Mr. LEWIS: How do we work that?
Clerk O’CONNELL: Well, what you’ll do is, and I usually try to include those instructions on the posted agenda or certainly in your packet, you will need to identify yourself to the gate keeper and let them know that you are attending the Assembly of Delegates meeting at the gazebo and you should not have a problem.
Mr. KANAGA: In fact, paste your badge to your forehead.
Clerk O’CONNELL: I would suggest you find your badge.
Ms. TAYLOR: Never have.
Clerk O’CONNELL: Yes, I don’t think anyone’s had a problem.
Speaker BERGSTROM: As long as you don’t wear a bathing suit, they’ll let you in.
Mr. LEWIS: We go there all the time so.
Speaker BERGSTROM: All right.
Mr. KANAGA: Just call me. I'll be right over if I can tear myself away from the oysters.

Other Business:
Discussion of FY17 Budget Process

Speaker BERGSTROM: Anyway, moving right along. Under other business, I put on “Discussion fiscal 2017 Budget Process.” Jim asked me to put this on and I thought it was a good idea because even though the ink may not yet be dry on the previous budget, we, the departments and so on are going to have a new Administrator and Finance Director and they will start right off cobbling together a new one.

And, you know, the Assembly has grumbled I think justifiably in the past how the budget is compiled and presented. So here we are. Here’s an early shot at it. And I’ll turn it over to Jim and he can go from there.

Mr. KILLION: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that anyone who has been to the previous budget this year passed plus several years gone by, it appears that the budget process seems to get condensed down in and rushed through. We don’t seem to have a great deal of time meeting with department chairs in order to really prepare ourselves and familiarize ourselves with the budget that’s presented to us.

I’ve spoken to a few of you individually about how we may address this. And some of the suggestions I’ve heard and I’ve come up with on my own is that perhaps we start looking at the next fiscal year’s budget after Labor Day, maybe the months of September and October when we could actually have some time to meet with department heads to talk to them about what their expectations are going forward. We’ll probably get a quarter of returns in that time period to see what the year is looking like fiscally. And I think and generally familiarize ourselves with what the budget will look like and perhaps even have the Commissioners in to speak a little bit about what their expectations are.

So I would like -- I was contemplating putting this together in a Resolution, perhaps even an Ordinance simply for the purpose of creating some timelines for us which we can meet with Department heads and then submit recommendations or suggestions, however we’d like to word it, by the end of October so that they may actually be helpful to the Commissioners.

And we all know that they may not necessarily take our suggestions, but at least at that point they will be familiar with what our expectations are so when we go into the budget process the following year, there will be a little more information in front of us.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Yes, Suzanne.
Ms. MCAULIFFE: I have a question for the County Commissioner Cakounes about the budget.

Speaker BERGSTROM: You’re going to have to suspend the rules.
Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Move to suspend the rules.
Mr. LEWIS: Second.
Ms. MCAULIFFE: Do the County Commissioners ever have a philosophy or a policy vote at the beginning of the budget process to say this is a year that we’re going to level-fund.
This is a year we’re going to -- any policy or philosophical overview for a budget year or does the budget just happen?

Commissioner CAKOUNES: As all of you know, I’m the new County Commissioner; I took office in January. To my knowledge, there has never been what I would determine a budget message voted by the Commissioners instructing their staff on how to deal with the department heads and the department heads’ requests.

However, as a single Commissioner, and I cannot stress that enough, as a single Commissioner, I am going to be bringing forward relatively soon a draft budget message and hopefully getting it on our agenda for a discussion with my fellow Commissioners because I think that is a vital tool that our department heads need and especially our Administrator and Finance Director need in order to translate -- there are people under them is what we’re looking for. And, hopefully, in the next -- not this coming week but the week after it will be on our agenda.

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Ed.

Mr. LEWIS: Yes, just to go along with what both Jim and Suzanne said because I highly endorse this whole moving of the whole budget process. I’d like to figure out a way in which the subcommittees can sit with their individual department heads and actually have more than 30 minutes to have a discussion regarding those departments. That was mind-boggling the way the schedule worked out.

But when it comes to the message, and I highly endorse your thought process, Leo. I think that’s a good thought process because I think you vote on it but I think at the same time the Assembly should vote on it -- should bring it up and vote in the same way and deliver a message from the Assembly what we are looking for as it relates to an increase or a level-funding of a budget going forward for fiscal year ’17.

I think that if this group is going to be an active -- proactive participant in the budget process then we have to at least have some type of discussion as to where we think it should be going. And I don’t think it’s too soon to start in October; September may be a little too soon, but October certainly is not too soon.

My only concern is we’re going to have a brand-new Administrator on board and a brand-new Finance Director just to give them a short period of time to look at the numbers and get themselves a little bit familiar with it. But I highly endorse this whole thought process.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Yes, Ned.

Mr. HITCHCOCK: I have two sort of small but serious requests. One is that the format in which the budget is presented is consistent from department to department. We’re all over the ballpark with different forms of presentation and different, you know, some departments are, you know, multiple line items and other have very few and some are kind of confusing.

And the other one would be we could do with a lot less boilerplate and a lot more clearer stuff. And as John Ohman keeps wanting some bottom line stuff, this is what we’re going -- we hope to spend and this is what we think we need, that sort of thing.

Thank you.


Mr. MCMANUS: As we begin this discussion, you know, a budget has two parts. The revenue coming in and the revenue going out, and we always seem to have the entire discussion around what we’re spending but not how we’re -- no discussion on where the funds are coming from or what the sources are, what can be done in tight times to maximize those revenues. And
I think we should have that as part of the discussion.

Speaker BERGSTROM: I agree with you. Now just one comment somebody mentioned; I think it was -- I don't know if it was Ed Lewis, but the phrase level-funding, you know, it’s like fingernails on a blackboard to me because level-funding means you’ve got to spend exactly what you did last year and the County is under contractual obligations that increase healthcare and so there’s an increase every year. So the level-funding budget means you’re going to have to cut services somewhere.

So you have to be clear as to whether you intend to level-fund the budget or as supposed to that you can say there will be no new initiatives and you will simply fund the whatever, you know, departments do this year, they’ll be doing the same thing next year and the cost of living.

But I think we can, you know, the Charter give the Assembly the right to call in any employee of County government, any department head at any time to discuss anything we want with them.

We have to be judicious in -- as the process developed, what would be the appropriate time to bring these people in when they've assembled the budget, when they have an idea what they’re going to do with the understanding that they answer to the Commissioners, and that what our role is to simply give the Commissioners in advance sense of the Assembly, a sense of our budgetary philosophy and our budgetary requirements. So that when the budget is presented we don't say, “Well, here’s what they want and here’s what we want,” and we get into a big fight. We’ll know in advance.

But I think the Commissioners will discuss this and we’ll discuss it, and we will try to begin the process as the budget develops.

Yes, Jim.

Mr. KILLION: Thank you. Just a follow-up to Ned’s point. That’s really the entire purpose of it so that we can give those putting the budget together some direction of the information we're looking for.

And for Mr. McManus, same situation where we had instances in the process this spring for the Fire Academy for instance, you know, the suggestion was made that they need to look at their fees that they are charging because they haven’t raised them in years. And, you know, this is the time of year to be doing that to get them prepared for the next budget, not in the spring after the numbers are already in place.

So I think this is a good opportunity, so I will work on a Resolution to put it together with some general direction and we can discuss it.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Thank you. Yes, Linda.

Ms. ZUERN: As you probably know, Bourne is working with a group right now to do priority-based budgeting. And it just makes you look at what is really essential, what’s mandatory, and those services, you know, have to be funded.

But then it also makes you look at maybe some of the things that you like and that have been on the books for a long time but really aren’t essential, or maybe there’s another way to fund them except, you know, instead of through the County government.

So it's just another way of looking at things that a lot -- of programs that we probably really like but if we start looking at how could they be funded in another way, sometimes we don't always take that extra step to look at that part.

Speaker BERGSTROM: Okay. Thank you. Anything else? Well, okay. Is there any other business to be brought before the Assembly?

Ms. MCAULIFFE: Move to adjourn.
Speaker BERGSTROM: Hearing none. So move to adjourn.
Deputy Speaker MCCUTCHEON: Second.
Speaker BERGSTROM: Second. All those in favor?
(Motion carried.)
Whereupon, it was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn the Assembly of Delegates at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janice O'Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates