Call to Order

Speaker MCAULIFFE: It's 4 o'clock. Thank you. I'm calling to order the Assembly of Delegates, the Cape Cod Regional Government. It's Wednesday, August 7th, 2019, at 4 p.m., and we are in the Eastwing Room at the Barnstable County Complex.

I'd like to start with a moment of silence to honor our troops who have died in service to our country and all those serving our country the Armed Forces.

(Moment of silence.)

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Is anyone recording? No. All right. Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Will the Clerk please call the roll?

Roll Call Attendance

Present (74.07%): Mary Chaffee (4.55% - Brewster), Lilli-Ann Green - (1.27% - Wellfleet), Elizabeth Harder (5.67% - Harwich), Christopher Kanaga (2.73% - Orleans), James Killion (9.58% - Sandwich), E. Suzanne McAuliffe (11.02% - Yarmouth), Deborah McCutcheon (0.93% - Truro), Susan Moran (14.61% - Falmouth), Thomas O’Hara (6.49% - Mashpee), John Ohman (6.58% - Dennis), Brian O’Malley (1.36% - Provincetown), Randi Potash (2.84% - Chatham), Linda Zuern (9.15% - Bourne).

Absent (2.30%): J. Terence Gallagher (2.30% - Eastham).

Arrived Late (23.65%): Christopher Kanaga (2.73% - Orleans - @ 4:40 p.m.), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable – @ 4:30 p.m.).

Clerk O’CONNELL: Madam Speaker, you have a quorum present with 74.05 percent of the Delegates present; 25.95 percent are absent.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Approval of the Calendar of Business

Speaker MCAULIFFE: We have approval of the Calendar of Business; is there a motion to approve the calendar?

Deputy Speaker MORAN: So moved.

Delegate O’HARA: Second.


Approval of the Journal of Proceedings of 7/17/19

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Approval of the Journal of July 17th, 2019; yes, Delegate
Delegate O'MALLEY: Madam Speaker, I have reviewed that Journal and would move its acceptance as distributed electronically.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: Second.


Summary of Communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners

- Commissioner Beaty updated the delegates on the commissioner’s actions spanning the previous three board meetings
- Possible proposed ordinance coming forward to Assembly as a lease agreement between the County and Barnstable Village Association for an expanded use of space at the gazebo located on campus
- Appointments made to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council and HOME Consortium Advisory Council
- Issued a proclamation declaring the month of August 2019 as Cape Cod Seal and Shark Public Awareness Month in Barnstable County
- Submission to Assembly of Proposed Ordinance 19-14 to amend ordinance 15-05 related to capital expense funding change of purpose
- Commissioners reestablished the Cape and Islands Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Disease Task Force
- Promotion of Don Reynolds from the position of interim Director of the Facilities Department to Director
- Commissioners amended the County's Employee/Elected Officials Reimbursement Policy and Procedures Manual
- Commissioners approved a General Fund transfers to cover FY 2019 expenditures pursuant to Section 3 of Ordinance 18-07
- Commissioners convened an Executive Session to discuss the Bourne property

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners. We have Commissioner Beaty with us today.

Commissioner BEATY: Yes, I didn't know I was going to be doing it again.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I didn’t either, so you can just keep it -- keep it to just the high notes.

COMMISSIONER BEATY: So I’m going to have to do it off my phone because I don't have the agendas. So the last time you met was the 17th?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, and you can just hit the high notes of the meetings. You don’t have to go into detail.

COMMISSIONER BEATY: Good afternoon. Yes, there are three meetings including today, so the first one was our meeting of July 24th.

We had a discussion about possible construction at the Community Stage on the grounds out here. You know where the bandstand is, the local Village Association has approached the County and would like to put a concrete, a 12 by 15 concrete pad. So we said we needed to have County Legal Counsel review it and he has since done that and there’s some issues. So as of this time, County Counsel is going to work with their
president who's also an attorney and try to get things worked out because apparently there were also issues from when the original bandstand was built back in 2012. Did that go through the Assembly?

Administrator JACK YUNITIS: It didn't.

Commissioner BEATY: It should have, and it didn't. It’s one of those things that it didn’t, and it should have because it’s real estate. So we have to go back and do things right from the get-go besides what they want to do now. So that's that issue. That was the main issue for that day.

We also authorized the appointment to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council the following people: Patricia Mitrokostas, Cheryl Crowell, Cathy Taylor, Edye Nesmith, Melissa Maguire, Kathi Bailey and Paul Niedzwiecki among others.

And then we also authorized the execution of agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of increasing the use and visibility of electric vehicles, EVs, through the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program.

And then we also authorized the execution of an agreement for the allocation of Program Year 2019 grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, for the County’s HOME Investment Partnership Program in the amount of $427,233.00 for a period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. And that was that meeting.

Let's see if I can get to the next one. The next was July 31st. We approved two weeks’ worth of minutes, and then we also acknowledged the service to the County of Judy Vollmer who is retiring -- retired on August 1, 2019, after 44 years with the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension. We gave her a nice citation and heard from her as well as Mike, the Director of the Cooperative Extension.

We also got an update on the Barnstable County’s response to the storm event of July 23rd. For the most part everything went well, and they did a review on what they’d like to see done better, you know, in the future.

We also authorized a proclamation declaring the month of August 2019 as “Cape Cod Seal and Shark Public Awareness Month” in Barnstable County.

We also approved a Proposed Ordinance which I have here to be numbered amending -- this is a long one -- amending Ordinance 15–05 which amended Ordinance 15–02 which was further amended by Ordinance 16–02 to authorize the County to borrow money to purchase capital equipment, purchase a conservation restriction, and implement capital improvements for use in conducting the business of the County.

And then under Commissioner’s Actions, we authorized the re-establishment of the Cape and Islands Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Disease Task Force.

We authorized the promotion of Don Reynolds from the position of interim Director of the Facilities Department to the permanent Director of the Facilities Department as recommended by the County Administrator as of August 1.

We also authorized amendments to the County’s Employee/Elected Officials Reimbursement Policy and Procedures Manual as recommended by the County Administrator and Director of Finance.

We also authorized the approval of General Fund transfers to cover Fiscal Year 2019 expenditures pursuant to Section 3 of Ordinance 18-07, which adopted an Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019.
Authorized the appointment of Donna Kalinick to the Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council, as an alternate member representing the Town of Brewster. And then we also authorized the execution of a contract with Noonan Brothers Petroleum for the supply and delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to the Barnstable County Dredge Department for the period July 1 of this year through June 30 of next year. And, today, we authorized the reappointment of Paul Lagg to the Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council from the Town of Eastham. We authorized the reappointment of Nanette Perkins to the Barnstable County HOME Consortium from Sandwich. We authorized the approval of 10 advance vacation days requiring supervisor approval for a number of the program supervisors for AmeriCorps. And then we authorized a “No Pay Out Clause” for some AmeriCorps members. We authorized the approval of a waiver of Massachusetts Residency for two AmeriCorps supervisors. We authorized the execution of an agreement with the Town of Orleans to provide sanitary services, like a registered sanitary, like a health agent, in the amount of $42,246 for a period through June 30 of next year. And we also authorized the execution of an agreement with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards for a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for Public Health Emergency Preparedness in the amount of $140,471 from July 1 of this year to June 30 of next year. And we authorized the execution of an agreement with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards for the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps in the amount of $14,704 through June 30 of next year. And there were some Certificates for Dissolving Septic Betterments. And we also authorized the execution of a discharge of a mortgage that had been made to the Cape Cod Commission years ago. Then, finally, we held an Executive Session for discussion concerning the Bourne property. But I won't get into all the legal descriptions. So that was pretty much it for the last few weeks.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Any questions? Yes, Delegate Chaffee. Delegate CHAFFEE: Thank you. You mentioned the Electric Vehicle Incentive Program; what action exactly was taken on that?

COMMISSIONER BEATY: The Electric Vehicle Incentive Program.
Administrator JACK YUNITS: Sure.
COMMISSIONER BEATY: I think it was signed to get involved with it.
Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes, there was a grant offering from two sources, DEP and Eversource, for us to set up some electric charging station here at the campus. To do that, you have to have Eversource come in. They do a construction analysis and they’ve selected a site down by the Cape Cod Commission, actually it’s behind the Barnstable fire station where they will install up to five charging stations for the use of the County vehicles. It will be public charging stations. I think the limit is four hours. You put a credit card in, and we set the rates.

COMMISSIONER BEATY: So we don't pay the electric bill?
Administrator JACK YUNITS: We don't pay the electric bills anymore. So it won’t
be a profit item but over time they’ll pay for themselves.

Delegate CHAFFEE: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Anyone else?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And the grant was $12,500 total but that included 5,000 for the lease for two vehicles the County’s got to purchase. One is on campus, a little vehicle, and the other will be a Chevy Volt.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Just while you are at the table, the ordinance that’s coming in today for the -- that addresses three or four previous ordinances, I guess, pulling spending that wasn’t made and moving it into amended ordinances -- an amended ordinance. I anticipate that the Assembly is going to want to walk through that in some detail.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Okay.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Because if something was appropriated for a specific purpose and the money wasn’t spent, that was how business used to be and we never found out about it. So I just think to be very open and clear, whatever the original money was supposed to be spent for but wasn’t spent, what were the issues/what happened? And then the next -- so there may be three or four iterations of information that the Assembly will need, and the other complication is I won’t be at the next meeting. The Deputy Speaker will be running the meeting.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: And that's a complication.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, and I told her no complications. But you may want to have -- I don't know how quickly you need this ordinance to be voted, you may want to either at the next meeting or the meeting after schedule a more detailed explanation and then we can hold our hearing after the Assembly knows, you know, and --

Commissioner BEATY: It looks like it's broken down right in the ordinance what each of those items were.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. But does it tell why the original money wasn't spent?

COMMISSIONER BEATY: No.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, that’s an issue.

COMMISSIONER BEATY: There’s only one-line item -- of that whole repurpose, there’s only one-line item that wasn’t spent and that was the $150,000 that was supposed to be spent on Registry windows that was not spent on the Registry windows because the state canceled the contract. But nobody ever did anything with that 150. And you’re right, they should've come back earlier. And we found this out recently through bond counsel.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And said, “Its five years now, you have to take care of it.”

COMMISSIONER BEATY: So it’s bond counsel why this has to be done, right?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BEATY: It was a bond counsel requirement.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And Elizabeth and I can address that when you're ready. We’ll stay here for that.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I'm just trying to make sure that we don't fall into the past practices of things not being done, and we never knew why and what happened to the money.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: So if it’s all covered, that’s fine. I just want to make sure we know up front.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Anyone else have any questions of the Commissioner? Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner BEATY: Thank you.

**Summary of Communication with County Finance Director Elizabeth Braccia**

- County Administrator Jack Yunits introduced new Finance Director Elizabeth Braccia to the Assembly Delegates
- Finance Director briefed the Assembly about updates she has planned for the finance structure into the future
- Currently a general financial and cash accounts audit is being conducted
- Assembly can anticipate receiving financials for FYE19 sometime in September

Speaker MCAULIFFE: The next item is County Administrator Jack Yunits and our new County Finance Director Elizabeth Braccia. Welcome.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Thank you for giving us the update to introduce Elizabeth to the full Assembly. She’s not even a month to the job yet, but we’re making a lot of progress already with some new financial innovations that are occurring in the office and throughout the County that Elizabeth will talk to you about. She comes very highly regarded, and we’re very happy to have her.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you, everyone, for having me here today. Yes, I started on June 24th and kind of hit the ground running. Thankfully, I knew the software that we have here so that helped.

There are some things I want to put in place. We’re going to start using some P-cards, which are credit cards but with controls attached to them, so they’re really procurement cards. We’re going to implement several modules in MUNIS that haven't been used, one being grant management to help us manage all of our grants.

You know, there’s general billing because we do a lot of miscellaneous billing and little silos of work, somebody does excel, we want to kind of just bring that forward and, you know, all together into our software.

There are a few other things that are on the back burner but we’re going to get them; employee self-service and our payroll system. We just hired a new procurement officer, and we have two modules in MUNIS for bidding and contract, and she’s going to work on getting those moving so we’re going to innovate our whole bidding process as well. So, so far that’s what I have going so.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Excellent. And because we’re the budget people you’ll find that we are very interested in a lot of the financial stuff. Some of the things that we look to are the audits and how you’re responding to audits.

Also, we’re always very interested in end-of-year reports and reconciliations. And also we know that there’s a supplemental budget coming in that’s going to reflect the early retirement expenditures, and I guarantee you that people at this table are going to want to know the ins and outs of who retired, what the savings was, and things like that. So, just so
you know we are very interested in the specifics on the numbers. And I think it's because we have a good relationship with the administration, and it helps us make our financial decisions.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: I'm glad you brought the auditors up, Madam Speaker, because Elizabeth has been working on a regular basis with our auditors. We have two audits ongoing now. One is general financial. Obviously, with the transition, we want to be sure that everything is going according to the highest priority.

And the second is some of our cash accounts, the Lab and the Septic Loan Program. The auditors are also taking a new in-depth look at that. I was thinking it would be about another 30 days before we have some significantly. So we can come back when that stuff is in to go over that.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes. I don't know if anyone has any comments but welcome.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And the financial issues in the County have been a long-standing, convoluted trail over the years and your predecessor was able to help get us started down the path to a little bit more stability.

But I think or I know we still have a way to go, so we really appreciate someone with your background and your experience and your expertise to help us get ourselves further restored and cleaned up and in balance, I guess.

Did anyone have any -- yes, Delegate Green.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and welcome.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.

Delegate GREEN: I'm very happy you're here. And in addition to what the Speaker’s asked for, I would be most interested in hearing a report on the grants. I've asked for that a couple of times. And just for us to have a handle on the grants would be very helpful but, really, we hear of grants coming from here and here and this category and that category, but we really have -- I don't believe we’ve seen a true report that’s gone into depth about the grants. So that would be really helpful for us.

And I'm still waiting for a final report on the Cape Light Compact final wrap up. I know you're new and perhaps you haven't even heard of the Cape Light Compact yet.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: I have heard of it.

Delegate GREEN: But it has a long history and it would be really helpful, I think, for the Assembly to know what the final details of the wrap-up with CLC is.

And I look forward to working with you as the rest of the Assembly does.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Anybody -- yes, Delegate Moran.

Delegate MORAN: Thank you. Along those lines maybe in a sort of long-term goal, I'm just wondering if not today maybe at some point you might speak to us about ideas that you may have in terms of making more publicly available for the towns and for the taxpayers the expenditures of the County, kind of by town, and kind of join maybe with Cape Cod Commission about the way the County is saving money for towns, consolidating, their buying power. It would be something really great, I think, for County government to have almost kind of an interactive website where you could just, you know, if you're curious about where your town is compared to the others on really taking good advantage of the
County services that would be, I think, a great place to --

I know Delegate Chaffee has been working hard on sort of public-service information and others of us have, and it occurs to me, you know, that you and Jack sitting there, right there, I just thought, boy, this is the perfect time to really start thinking along those lines and make it even better than it is because we are on such a great springboard. So welcome and we all look forward to more in the future.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Okay. Thanks.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And as an elected official, I’ll just tag onto that. There are many times that I’m with my Town Administrator and they’ll say, “Okay. What are we getting for our money? We are spending this amount of money; tell me what we’re getting.”

So you really need to and, you know, it's almost $2 million so when you count the deeds taxes and the assessments and things. I haven't checked their numbers, but it does put Delegates on the spot if they are asked those questions. Of course some of the Delegates are Selectmen and they know what their financial considerations in many towns are. So this would be another tool that we could use to help our towns understand the value. I mean we all know the value of the County but just help them know the value.

Yes, over here, Delegate Harder.

Delegate HARDER: Thank you. Just because you mentioned it, people are wondering, East Harwich is now going to have to have sewers. Are sewers going to be covered under the Septic Loan Program?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Private hookups through municipal sewer systems are covered under Septic Loan. And if we need more money to advance the program and we’re talking about some pilot-type programs where maybe for the first 12 months if you sign up for the loan, the interest will be free. Obviously, to encourage people to sign up quickly so towns know how to plan for the construction process. Those are the kind of things we’re looking into now. We have to have the State Treasurer sign off on that with DEP.

Delegate HARDER: Okay. Thank you.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: But, yes, citizens can use septic loan to cover the cost of their hookups to municipal service.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Delegate Killion.

Delegate KILLION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good afternoon and welcome to Barnstable County.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thanks.

Delegate KILLION: When do you anticipate being able to give us the final numbers for FY19?

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: We’re looking to close the books at the end of August, so sometime in September we should be able to put some comprehensive numbers together.

I’d like to also get some feedback from you folks about the budget process and what you’d like to see in the budget document. If you’d like to see something different than you've gotten; if you like specific things in that; I’d like to be able to build something that's useful and makes sense to everybody.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Great.
Delegate MCCUTCHEON: I have a question.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate McCutcheon.
Delegate MCCUTCHEON: All right. You’re aware of the fact that we’re having discussions among the Assembly about restructuring the organization; are you?
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: I was not.
Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Do you have an opinion as you sit here today as to whether or not it should or could be restructured or anything about it?
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: County organization?
Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Yes, like this one, the Assembly of Delegates is a County-wide --
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: I don’t at this time. I’d like to get my arms around more of it so I can see how it rolls now, and if there's anything I can think of that would help after I kind of get my feet wet a little bit more.
Delegate MCCUTCHEON: And what do you think you’d need to know to coalesce such a decision?
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Well, this is my first Assembly meeting that I'm coming to so. Like I said, I would like to come to more meetings and see how it's all working. I haven't been able to get entirely through the County Charter; I will get through it. The language in there is not the easiest to follow sometimes and just a few more months in to see every department. I’ve been meeting with department heads and kind of getting my arms around what each department does and what their function is and the grants, etcetera. So I need a little more time.
Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Okay. Thank you.
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Green.
Delegate GREEN: Thank you. Just a little background; of course we meet on Wednesdays and our packet comes to us with our material for the next meeting on Friday. The Clerk is very efficient and really wonderful to work with, and I know you'll find that you’ll have a great relationship with her, our Clerk. So it would be really helpful for all of us if you're going to be speaking to us and you have any hand-out materials that would help us to understand what you’re going to be presenting or talking about for you to have -- to get the material to our Clerk so that we can get it in our packet, and we can review it, and really try to understand it a little bit before our meeting.
Thank you.
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Absolutely, and certainly reach out to me if you have a question.
Delegate GREEN: Thank you.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. I think a lot of us are used to, perhaps, calling if we have a question. So thank you for that offer. I’m sure every once in a while someone will want to go over something, and if you have the time that would be great.
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Okay.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Potash.
Delegate POTASH: Welcome.
Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.
Delegate POTASH: I’m the Assembly Delegate from Chatham, and I'm new too.
And it takes a while to understand how this all works and what needs to be done and what you agree with and what you don't agree with.

So I can sense your enthusiasm, and I think you're very well spoken for a finance person.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: I’m taking it as a compliment.
Delegate POTASH: I’m married to a CPA so…so I just wanted to say welcome and best of luck.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.
Delegate POTASH: And one other thing, I totally agree that if we could get some idea of what our town benefits from financially, that would be extremely helpful. Because it's a tough question to answer like what does the County even do? People ask that all the time. And they’re talking about their money, of course.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Right.
Delegate POTASH: And what services and how much they pay for it. So, if you could somehow help us out with that, I mean you’ll have done a lot. Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And, of course, there’s the budget which will be -- you will have barely caught your breath on getting oriented to the complex and then the budget starts.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: I did the budget schedule this morning to look at the date and said, “I’ve got to get moving.”

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And last year we did the budget presentations as an entire body so that we organized -- the Clerk organized things sort of by topics that kind of made sense. We have everyone come in and do their presentations and ask questions.

So, traditionally, we’ve done it in subcommittees and it just seemed to be -- people were missing pieces of information. So I anticipate that we’ll probably repeat that same process this year. I think it was well received and people felt like they had a better grasp of the budget.

So in terms of our schedule, you know, you have the schedules in the Charter, and they’re dictated and the dates and -- it depends also on the Commissioners, but that's how it will work. After your budget is done, then it will come to us and we’ll review it over a period of a couple months.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Okay.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Thank you, very much.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I don't see anyone from public officials. I'm just going through the rest of the agenda.

And I don't see any members of the public. So right now -- did you have something else?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Nope.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. I didn't know if I had missed something.
Administrator JACK YUNITS: No.

Assembly Convenes

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Now the Assembly will convene.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: I don't know if we have any Committee Reports. Has anyone been to any meetings? I think we were going to talk about the OneCape Summit but that's not a committee report.

**Summary Report from the Clerk**

- **Noted that change to the Reimbursement Policy now eliminates the use of odometer readings for mileage calculating purposes**

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Report from the Clerk.

Clerk O’CONNELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I really don't have very much to report, but I did take note the reference was made to changes in the Reimbursement Policy, and I just want to let you know that what I heard at the Commissioners’ meeting was the only change will be to how people submit reimbursements for mileage. I understand that we will no longer need to use odometer readings. Phew. And you're using something else anyway right now. You're using that MapQuest, so that's the change and I think that was it.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Good.

Clerk O’CONNELL: And that's it.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate McCutcheon.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Could I ask a question of the Clerk?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Sure.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: How are you going to know how many miles if you don't have somebody who’s going to add them up?

Delegate O’MALLEY: Computers.

Delegate HARDER: She does it now.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, she does it.

Clerk O’CONNELL: MapQuest. You put in your starting destination and your ending destination --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And it gives you the miles.

Clerk O’CONNELL: -- and that's recognized by the County; it’s acceptable. The auditors except it and it tells you how many miles and it goes on a chart and every time you report to a meeting or a committee meeting or an Assembly meeting, I keep a tally of that. I put it in the folder quarterly and you review it and sign it and submit it.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: So that substitutes for an actual mileage --

Clerk O’CONNELL: An actual odometer.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: -- to show whether or not you’ve gone off to Macy's or something in the meantime.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Right.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Okay.

Clerk O’CONNELL: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, so they’re just paying you for the business mileage. If you did side trips, it wouldn't show up.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: It would be a challenge.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: It would be a challenge with an odometer; you're right. So this way this is what the distance is.
Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Yes.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Any other questions for the Clerk? Okay. We did --
Deputy Speaker MORAN: One.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Oh, I’m sorry. Delegate Harder.
Delegate HARDER: Thanks. You said that you had ideas about changing -- that
you were taking notes.
Clerk O’CONNELL: Yes, I've been keeping some notes over the course of time of
things in the Charter that could be updated or tweaked a little bit based on how you’re
accustomed to operating. So I imagine that may come up at the Charter Review meeting.
Delegate HARDER: Okay. I didn't know if you wanted to send them to us or just --
Clerk O’CONNELL: I think I'm going to wait until the meeting convenes and see
what direction you all go in.
Delegate HARDER: Great. Thanks.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: The big question, “Where are we going?”

Summary of Other Business
- Delegates who attended the CCC OneCape Summit provided comments about
  their experience

Speaker MCAULIFFE: We did agenda any comments from the Delegates who
attended the OneCape Summit. I know there were a number of Delegates who went, and I
didn't know if anyone wanted to give some comments to the rest of the Assembly?
Yes, Delegate Harder.
Delegate HARDER: Thank you. I'll start. I do want it on the record I thought they
did a wonderful job. It was a great summit. I think this was my fourth. And I learned a lot
with one exception that I want to put on the record. The second day was supposed to be
about housing which, as everyone knows, is a huge problem on the Cape, and the main
meeting that they had, breakout session, to discuss housing and planning of housing in
towns was run by developers who had been there the year before and it’s completely useless.
It is an infomercial for the developers who have no idea what we need on the Cape, what
we’re trying to do on the Cape, and they come up with -- I didn't go see them this year
because I had seen them last year. But last year they said there was no feasible way to build
anything that didn’t cost $800,000 per unit.

And so I wish that the housing portion had been much more specific to the Cape
with realistic numbers and more options for how we could help get more affordable housing
on the Cape.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Yes, Delegate Potash.
Delegate POTASH: Thank you. I agree that that housing portion of it was half of
what Delegate Harder said. But the second half was helpful this year. The first half was all
about some development up in Plymouth and it was boring, and it had nothing to do with the
Cape. It was bragging, bragging, bragging about that and how wonderful it is to live there,
but it didn't even chime in about the Cape.

But the second half of it had some people from Orleans, and she talked about she
basically knocks on doors of houses that look abandoned and try to figure out who owns
them and how those houses could come into play. And so I got some ideas, not that I’m
going to go knocking on doors in Chatham, but there's a lot of houses that look like they could meet that criteria; a lot.

So there are some things that people could do and at least part of that meeting was about that.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: It sounds like they could do more of a symposium with local housing --
Delegate POTASH: Right. That’s right.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: I know Yarmouth had for at least 15, maybe longer, has had an Affordable Housing Trust. The town took the CPC Funds and funded an Affordable Housing Trust. And one of the things they do is they will buy rundown properties and refurbish them and then sell them as a deed-restricted affordable. That's one of the things they do with their affordable.
Delegate POTASH: Yes.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: But there are a lot of things going on in different towns that if everybody just got together in a room and shared what each town was doing that may even, you know, be worthwhile.
Delegate POTASH: Yes. Then there was somebody from one of the islands; I think it was Nantucket.
Delegate OHMAN: Martha’s Vineyard.
Delegate POTASH: He talked about how he was really moving along with that really well.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes.
Delegate POTASH: So he would be a good example to --
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, to get some more local idea-sharing.
Delegate POTASH: Yes. So it was good.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Is there anyone else? Yes, Delegate Ohman.
Delegate OHMAN: Yes, I'm just going to pile on; it was the Flatley Company at the Pine Hills. It was basically a 55-minute infomercial. But to their detriment, I certainly can sit through that. But they had the Jordi guy who was from Martha's Vineyard. He did an affordable housing thing, and it was very interesting how he had to go almost door-to-door to get any effectiveness out of it.
And Alisa Galazzi from HAC was hurried. I think she had to speak at triple speed just to get a few ideas out, but I thought one of them was great.
Now they’ve had some limited success with trying to get people to transfer their seasonal housing to a year-round housing and offer them a thousand bucks or something like that. And I thought we might take that, and I think it was the other guy that said they match the billing address that they sent the property taxes to to the actual address. And if they send it to an off-Cape address through -- to approach them and say, “What can we do with you? Would you consider affordable housing and we’ll give you a tax break.” Whatever the town decides to do, but I think as representatives, the County representatives, to each of our towns.
It’s an interesting idea to locate how many -- we all know these unutilized properties and some of them are in pretty bad shape. And I wonder if that might be an effective way for our towns to go forward with acquiring for the usage at least of some affordable housing that’s underused in our towns. I thought that was the best thing that Elizabeth or Alisa
Galazzi said in her very quick presentation.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Zuern.

Delegate ZUERN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. There were several things that I learned, and I found very interesting. One of the reasons I wanted to go was for the tours, and I thought I was going to be able to go to all three, but they were all at the same time.

So I got to choose one, and I did go to the shellfish hatchery in Dennis, and we had supported that financially. It was very, very interesting. They took us through the whole procedure. We even got to see the little quahogs and oysters under a microscope from that size all the way to the size that they were selling. So that was about a 90-minute tour. It was very worthwhile. And I would hope that in the future they would do more of those kinds of things.

I found sitting there for hours was a little bit too much, so I would've rather gone on three or four of these tours and maybe make the convention one day instead of two.

I did learn some other things. They were talking about some of the land or the buildings in Boston sort of sinking and so -- but they were still talking about two-foot sea-level rise in Boston. So the two of them just didn’t really make sense to me that if buildings are sinking, it's not really a sea-level rise if the buildings aren’t, you know, the ones that are moving. But they did mention that two-foot sea-level rise quite often, and I really don't see that on the Cape but other people, I guess, do.

The meteorologist talked about reports of the climate or the temperatures changing. And we talked before about how you can make the data say almost anything you want it to say. And he said when you do look at these reports, you shouldn’t look at how many years are covered in the report because a lot of them now are just 10 years. So they’re saying there’s a temperature rise but it might be only on the Cape or it might be only in the eastern part of the country and only for 10 years. So it's not really giving you the cycles that you see if you include the times of the middle-ages and go back further in time.

One of the other things I found really interesting was the model that they were using for planning and you can go to different areas on the Cape and click on the computer model and look at the coastline and choose a remedy for that situation. If you wanted to build a dune or restore the marshes, it would tell you what the results of that are; whether you’re going to lose beaches, you’re going to restore or what the cost is going to be, and if you do nothing it tells what the cost is and what the results are. So I thought that was very interesting.

There was also a mention of a Housing Options Bill and I did a little bit of research on that when I got home, and that upset me quite a lot, and I know Governor Baker is going around the state supporting this. But it's to change the majority vote at Town Meetings -- I think its Town Meetings and Planning Board on zoning so you only need a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote, and it covers nine different categories of housing.

So the red flag went up in my head and, you know, they’re not getting some of these things passed, so they're trying to find another way to get them passed at Town Meeting. And I think its kind of dangerous if you only need a majority vote to sort of change a residential area or a single lot to all of the sudden multifamily, you know, affordable housing.

So I thought it was worthwhile. I just like to move around more so. Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Yes, Delegate Chaffee.

Delegate CHAFFEE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to say that I thought
the first day was particularly effective and it focused on the threats of climate change that are real and validated. A number of different speakers approached it from different perspectives and the focus was on building a resilient Cape Cod. So there was an awful lot of good food for thought that was, I think, very well timed since I think we’ll be talking about this sometime --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: September.
Delegate CHAFFEE: -- in the near future indeed.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Getting everybody in the room at the same time.
Delegate CHAFFEE: Thank you.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: It wasn't fair to take it up with someone when one of the proponents of the climate change ordinance wasn't there. So, it's on my list for September.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you. I just wanted to clarify what Delegate Zuern was talking about as far as the resources, the maps where you click on different towns or different areas, that's being developed by the Cape Cod Commission. And a lot of it will be online in the near future. And they did seem like really helpful and useful resources. I know my town is very anxious to see more.

I was very impressed with the conference or the summit. I went to different sessions than it sounds like a lot of the people in this room went to and I was very impressed with each one of them. I got a lot out of it, and I was even thrilled to be in the room with our Energy Committee, which is now called Energy and Climate Action Committee who presented Outer-Cape Energize where several towns on the Outer-Cape collaborated to bring resources like solar panels at a lower cost to the Outer-Cape towns and provide information on heat pump hot water heaters and electric vehicles and other energy-saving devices.

So it was, from my standpoint, I was very impressed, and I really commend the Cape Cod Commission for all the hard work that they did to bring this conference to us.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Yes, Delegate Zuern.
Delegate ZUERN: I just wanted to add I believe that site is available now because they gave us the Internet site to go to and we were able to work on it. So it is available to the towns.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Good, yes.
Delegate GREEN: Right, but there are additional resources that will become available as we go through. And in the slides too should be available online from the various sessions as well as the main speakers. So that might be helpful for other people at this table as well as in the audience.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Great. Thank you. All right. I'll take a motion to adjourn.
Delegate CHAFFEE: So moved.
Deputy Speaker MORAN: Second.
Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. We are adjourned.
Whereupon, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the Assembly of Delegates at 4:45 p.m.
List of materials used at the meeting:

- Business Calendar of 8/7/19
- Unapproved Journal of Proceedings of 7/17/19
- Proposed Ordinance 19-14 submitted by Commissioners