

CAPE COD REGIONAL GOVERNMENT - ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
Barnstable County Complex @ 4:00 P.M.
Eastwing Conference Center
3195 Main Street, Route 6A
Barnstable, MA 02630

APPROVED Journal of Proceedings - January 15, 2020

Call to Order

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Good afternoon. This is the Cape Cod Regional Government, Assembly of Delegates. It's Wednesday, January 15th, 2020, 4 p.m., in the Barnstable County Eastwing Conference Center. I would like to call the meeting to order, please.

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

(Moment of silence.)

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

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Do we have a call in?

Delegate CHAFFEE: Yes. This is Mary Chaffee.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Are you calling due to distance?

Delegate CHAFFEE: Due to distance.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. Will the Clerk please call the Assembly roll?

Roll Call Attendance

Present (97.27%): Mary Chaffee (4.55% - Brewster – Remote Participation – left remote meeting @ 5:20 p.m.), J. Terence Gallagher (2.30% - Eastham), Lilli-Ann Green - (1.27% - Wellfleet), Elizabeth Harder (5.67% - Harwich), 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), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Linda Zuern (9.15% - Bourne).

Arrived Late (2.73%): Christopher Kanaga (2.73% - Orleans - arrived @ 4:10 p.m.).

Clerk O'CONNELL: Madame Speaker you have a quorum with 97.27 percent of the Delegates present; and 2.73 percent are absent.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Approval of the Calendar of Business

I'll take a motion to approve the Calendar of Business.

Delegate GREEN: So moved.

Delegate O'HARA: Second.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Any discussion? Okay. This will be a roll call vote due to remote participation.

Voting "YES" (97.27%): Mary Chaffee (4.55% - Brewster – Remote Participation – left remote meeting @ 5:20 p.m.), J. Terence Gallagher (2.30% - Eastham), Lilli-Ann

Green - (1.27% - Wellfleet), Elizabeth Harder (5.67% - Harwich), 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), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Linda Zuern (9.15% - Bourne).

Absent (2.73%): Christopher Kanaga (2.73% - Orleans).

Clerk O’CONNELL: Madam Speaker, the Calendar of Business is approved 97.27 percent voting yes; 2.73 percent absent.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Approval of the Journal of Proceedings of 12/18/20

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I’ll take a motion for approval of the Journal of December 18, 2019.

Delegate O’MALLEY: I move acceptance as distributed.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: Second.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Any discussion? Okay. A roll call vote for approval.

Voting “YES” (97.27%): Mary Chaffee (4.55% - Brewster – Remote Participation – left remote meeting @ 5:20 p.m.), J. Terence Gallagher (2.30% - Eastham), Lilli-Ann Green - (1.27% - Wellfleet), Elizabeth Harder (5.67% - Harwich), 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), Patrick Princi (20.92% - Barnstable), Linda Zuern (9.15% - Bourne).

Absent (2.73%): Christopher Kanaga (2.73% - Orleans).

Clerk O’CONNELL: Madam Speaker, the Journal is approved 97.27 percent voting yes; 2.73 percent absent.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Summary of Communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners

- **Commissioner Bergstrom provided the delegates with a brief update of board actions for January 2nd, 8th, and 15th**
- **Board of Commissioners reorganized on 1/2/20. R. Bergstrom is Chair, M.P. Flynn is Vice-Chair, and R. Beaty is the Clerk**
- **Commissioners appointed to committees changed as follows: Mr. Beaty to Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative and Mr. Bergstrom to the Economic Development Council**
- **Five-Year Capital Plan reviewed by Commissioners**
- **Commissioners continued with reviews of department proposed budgets for FY21**
- **Commissioners approved laboratory fee increases beginning in FY21 through**

FY22

- **Commissioners approved Request for Qualifications for the Barnstable County Farmhouse Extension with an architectural firm**
- **Commissioners approved and submitted the FY21 county capital budget proposed ordinance to the Assembly**

Speaker MCAULIFFE: We have communications from the Board of Regional Commissioners. Good afternoon.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Well, good afternoon. It's been a while. Almost a month since we've been here. I hope you guys all had a good holiday and a good New Years and enjoyed it. And now we're all back here doing the County's business and, of course, most of our meetings starting with our first meeting on January 2nd have to do with the progress in the County Budget and, hopefully, you've all been copied some of the documentation that we get.

I'm going to start with January 2nd. We met on the 2nd, which was the first business day of the year, and the first order of business was a reorganization of the Board of Regional Commissioners. We have the same organization that we had in the previously year. I'm Chairman; Mary Pat Flynn in the Vice Chairman, and Ron, Commissioner Beaty, serves as the Clerk.

We then reappointed the Commissioners to the various committees on which we serve. The appointments were pretty much as they were last year with one exception and that is that Mr. Beaty took the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, which I had formerly served on, and I am now on the EDC, a point which I may have failed to notify the Chairman.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: Considerate it notified and welcome and terrific.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: Okay. And I was sworn in by the Clerk so I'm now officially a member. Okay. We then went -- we also sent a letter to the Massachusetts Legislature Joint Committee on Ways and Means from the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners in support of House Bill 3929, an Act relative to the Unfunded Pension Liability for retired Sheriff's Department employees in Barnstable County. This is something you should all be familiar with. We're making some progress with the legislature. It will be in front of Ways and Means. We are going to, Jack and I and several others, are going to address the Chairman of Ways and Means coming up next week. And we're also going to talk -- it's not on our agenda but Jack will probably inform you -- to Representative Peake and also Julian Cyr about the Fire Training Academy and the progress in moving that to the Base.

But we have great optimism about that relieving ourselves of the responsibility of the unfunded liability for the Sheriff's, and I think more optimism now than we've had in the past. So, hopefully, it will go well and we'll see how that works out.

So we put out a budget schedule. It's kind of odd this year because, obviously, you guys did not meet for the first meeting of this month and stuff so, hopefully, I'm hoping that you guys can catch up. We've already had two meetings now which I'll get into where we had in front of us the department heads giving us the individual department budgets. So that's pretty much what we did.

Oh, we also got the presentation of the Five-Year Capital Plan, which I assume you

guys have been copied, okay, so we're doing that.

We've now, as the Speaker will recognize and the former Chairman of the Finance Committee, separated the capital projects from the Operating Budget now for a couple of years and comes out a lot more understandable and so we did that.

And we passed a couple of ordinances. I don't know if they were initiated by us or whether it came back from you just to purchase equipment and so on. We made some authorizations for capital equipment.

The rest of it was pretty much boilerplate. We appointed Jeffrey Ribeiro as the Truro Representative to the Barnstable County HOME Consortium.

We had an agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Cape Cod Commission in the amount of \$192,999 -- I don't know they didn't make that just a round 193 but who am I to question it -- to provide technical assistance to the Cape Cod towns consistent with the Commonwealth guidelines for a period through December 31, 2020.

We contracted with the Aquacultural Research Corporation to provide quahog seed to deliver something we do yearly.

We did the same with Cape Cod Oyster to provide oyster seed. So this is when you see people going out in the winter -- I know in my Town of Chatham a lot of the residents like to go out with a basket and get enough oysters. It's kind of an annual event. They wait there as the day opens, first day it opens. I know they do that here in Barnstable too. It's very popular.

Okay. We have a contract to -- we put out an RFP which was something we talked about previously, but now we have executed a contract to serve for the office trailer to serve as a mobile lab for the County Health and Environmental Department. If you have any questions on that, the Health and Human -- the man's right here to talk to and you'll talk to him later. And the rest were discharges of mortgages.

That brings us to the 8th. Okay, on the 8th, we did a budget overview, a total budget overview. And at that point on the 8th, it looked like we were going to have a 3 percent increase over the 2020 Budget. That has since been changed and I'll get into that in a minute. But we also noticed there was an increase of 17 percent in the Commissioners' Budget. We're not planning any trips to Acapulco or anything like that. It turns out we took -- as happens as -- as has happened in previous budget cycles, we simply took an employee that was paid in a different pot of money and put it in this case the account -- the Assistant Administrator and we put him on the Commissioners' budget. Formerly, he was paid out of partial salary; he was paid out of the Dredge Fund. So now he will be paid out of the Commissioner's budget but the Dredge Fund will reimburse us for that same amount. So it's really just a wash. So it will be reimbursed from the Enterprise Fund. So that was the Board of Regional Commissioners' office.

Then we had your budget, which we looked at and kind of turned upside down and stuff and decided they were worth whatever it is we're paying you. No, we approved the Assembly of Delegates' Budget.

The Finance Department -- I'm not going to go into these because these -- you're going to be getting these individually as well.

The Resource Development Office and AmeriCorps and the Cape Cod Center for Public Safety Training. Okay. We purchased more capital equipment on the Proposed

Ordinance. I don't know if that's coming from you or not or whether we have sent it up to you.

We authorized the filling of a vacancy for a full-time Extension Educator/Youth Coordinator position in the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension as recommended by the County Review Committee.

We authorized fee increases for County Water Quality Laboratory analysis and, once again, if you have any complaints about that, you know who to talk to. Okay. They weren't significant increases.

We received from the -- we execution -- executed an amendment to an agreement for a grant from the United States National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration through a Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute to the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$985,500 to support the Woods Hole Sea Grant Marine Extension Program for a period of February 1st, 2018, through January 31st, 2021, to extend the performance period for an "Evaluation of River Herring Passage" project for an addition year. So this was a grant that was already in place. We extended -- we simply extended the performance period that they have to accomplish their chores.

We are going to include Nantucket County in the invitation for bids for trade contractors on an annual basis pursuant to Section 1.5 of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter.

We authorized the approval Brown, Lindquist -- well, I'm not going to -- it's architect firm as the finalist recommendation of the Proposal Evaluation Committee for the County-issued Request for Qualifications for the Barnstable County Farmhouse Extension and delegation of authority to the committee to negotiate and recommend a contract with the successful bidder pursuant to the County Designer Selection Process.

Now just a note on that, that was the subject of some discussion among the Commissioners because -- and I'm sure that Jack or others will embellish this, but it was originally going to extend the old farmhouse in order to use it from the Extension Service. However, it was determined that that wasn't practical for various reasons.

So now we are going to build an entirely new structure and the price tag went up considerably from the original amount that was proposed which I think was \$600,000 to about 1.4 million dollars. We talked to Mike Maguire and he said that they don't have the space; they need it. This is the most -- we said, "Well, if you're not going to" -- I brought up and said, "So if you're not going to use the old building, you could probably put it anywhere."

But after a brief discussion, it was determined that the best place for it to be is on that property. And we have space needs that I'm sure will be brought up later all over this campus. We're having to leave the Registry of Deeds building and so on. And, right now, the Extension Service will be leaving the Registry of Deeds building before we have any other place to put them. They have to rent -- may have to rent a facility to bridge them until we can provide permanent placement for them. So that's where we are with that.

Other than that, it was pretty much routine; septic betterments and so on.

Okay. Now, it comes to today. Today we looked at the Health and Environment, Human Services, Children's Cove, Informational Technology, and Facilities. There weren't significant increases in any of them averaging, you know, let's say 2 or 3 percent in Health and Environment. Human Services pretty much level funded. Children's Cove pretty much level funded. Of course, they depend on grants which have to be renewed every year, so

there's some little wiggle room in there. You know, we hold our breath every year to make sure those grants are renewed. Information Technology went up a little bit, and I think the Health and Environment actually dropped 3 percent or so; is that right?

Director SEAN O'BRIEN: Yes.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Yes, so there were some departments that had actually a decrease due to mostly to early retirement.

And we talked about Facilities and their appropriations for maintaining this building and the other building, and more or less in a worse-case scenario, the hope will be that if -- and we provide X number of dollars that is -- that's provided for maintenance should something come up but we're hoping that it's, usually, it's more than enough to cover it and it's returned to the General Fund at the end of the year.

Okay. Now, we did some bizarre highway thing where we had to approve of a road layout even though we don't own the road anymore. So that I can't tell you much about. We used to own these -- we used to have County roads all over the place and some of this, you know, procedure still falls into place.

We appointed Elizabeth Wade to the Barnstable County HOME Consortium Advisory Council as an at-large representative.

We authorized a grant from the License Plate Fund to the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce and the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the operation of the Route 6 Rest Area for the 2020 and 2021 seasons. This is money coming from the License Plate, I think, and we, in subsequent communications, I find that it's our part of the work is to clean the restrooms; is that right, Jack?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: So we clean the restrooms. The Chamber mans the booth, the information booth and so on. And somehow before I was on the Economic Development Council they decided not to fund this so we funded it anyway. But, no it's, as you know, those of you who have been here a while it's an issue every year how this is going to be funded and whose finding it. But the primary purpose is to increase the -- traffic in that rest stop has increased every year with thousands of people there. We definitely have to keep it going. So, you know, we bicker a bit back and forth on how it's done, but at the end of the day it gets done and it's manned and the food service was relatively successful last year even though they had a late start. And then, of course, they're ready to go again, hopefully, as early as Memorial Day and maybe even -- they're hoping to be extended into the later season in October. So that's where we are on that.

And then we had three dredge authorizations. We're going to do with Dennis and Mashpee and Truro to do and perform all dredge-related work to the towns.

Then we had an agreement with the Town of Barnstable to provide a license to access the County Farm for the limited purpose of conducting exploratory test drilling for a period of July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019, to extend the term of the agreement for one year through December 31, 2020.

In the original agreement we made with the Town of Barnstable in relation to the Fire Training Academy, they were looking for well sites. Included in the agreement was their ability to access the property in order to test -- to do a perc test to see how good the water was; they haven't been able to do that and so all this does is extend their lifetime of their permission to do that. It passed 2 to 1. Mr. Beaty was against it. He explained that he was

against the original agreement and that's why he voted against this even though it's just a minor part of it.

And that is pretty much what we've done so far.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: You've been busy. Thank you, very much. Yes, Delegate Princi.

Delegate PRINCI: As far as the contracts go with certain vendors within that rest area, how did that -- how was that process -- did you get a lot of interested parties? Did you contract to one entity? Did you contract out to multiple entities, and did you do any background checks on the individuals that did contract the service?

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: This goes back to last year so I'm going to have to ask Jack to fill you in on that.

Delegate PRINCI: Did you hear any of that?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Those were very good questions, Pat. We didn't get any interest at all. It happened that the owner of the cleaning company that works the site for us heard a discussion about the availability of this option and he went out and bought a food truck. That's how it happened.

Delegate PRINCI: Okay.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And the Chamber negotiated a deal with him because he's always cleaning the site. We had none of the negatives that would naturally follow a new vendor. But when we put it out for options, we didn't get any response. We ran it through the Chamber itself. The Chamber took control of it so it wasn't a County contract.

Delegate PRINCI: Oh good. So the contract is a Chamber contract.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Right.

Delegate PRINCI: So the Chamber would be held liable.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And our license -- our license was -- the authority of our license was expended by the state to allow us to do this on a pilot basis. So that was our only exposure.

Delegate PRINCI: Okay. So the Chamber would done any background checks --

Administrator JACK YUNITS: The Chamber would have, right.

Delegate PRINCI: -- and so forth on individuals. Okay.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: I'd be hard-pressed to think that the fellow made any money at all last year because he went out and bought the truck. The Fire Department had him retrofitted to be compliant with local regs. And then by the time he got started it was --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Late.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: -- really the end of July/early August. So we'll see what happens next year.

Delegate PRINCI: Thank you.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: You know, we had this discussion briefly and as Jack said and he'll probably tell you that the regulatory regime for dealing with these food trucks wasn't set in stone because there's so few of them. So, basically, in order to vet him, the Town of Yarmouth, they had to, basically, get together and decide what requirements they were going to make and do stuff.

So I think that not only does the Chamber hire this person but he's also responsible to the Town of Yarmouth, I imagine, the Board of Health, to make sure he has all his permits too.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Delegate O'Hara.

Delegate O'HARA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So on the same issue -- oh, there you go. On that same issue, are they restricted to just one vendor or is it open to more than one? And is there -- is it seasonal only or can it be open year-round?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Our license only runs from Memorial Day to Columbus Day presently. The state -- we've met with the state. They've entertained the notion of extending that license if we really want to. And they put no limits on the number of vendors.

Delegate O'HARA: Oh, that's good to know. I may know somebody that would come down in a food truck. A good friend of mine has a hot dog stand and he's lost his location. Great. Thank you, guys.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. Delegate Green.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, both. I did want to follow-up on a topic that we've heard a considerable amount about and that is an office space for the Assembly Clerk and the County Clerk. And it's my understanding from what we've heard in the past is that, you know, that an appropriate office space was being worked on, that there was an agreement about the space. It was agreed upon, and the space was being worked on, and it should've been done months ago.

Also, I understand there's been a request for the Clerk to have her own parking spot and that hasn't happened either. So I'm asking for an update on both and if, indeed, the space that was negotiated is no longer appropriate for any reason, why isn't it in the capital projects?

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: Just let me -- we had this discussion earlier and I'm trying to think. Are you referring to this because we originally designated some space in the basement of this building for the Clerk, and I think that the environment down there was not conducive to something.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Anything.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Is that right?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Not conducive to anything.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Not conducive to anything. So if that's -- if that was what you heard that was on the table --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: No, no, it's the space where the Tobacco Control Office occupied that has the roof leak that we were -- you were going to take care of the roof leak and then --

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: This is downstairs?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: No, it's right over here.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: Okay.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And then renovate that space for the Clerk. I think it's -- we know space is an issue countywide but this has been in the works now for over a year.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: We'll I'm going to have to pass the buck on that one because I don't know where we are on that.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: We're going to deal with that a little bit when we get to the Capital Budget. I mean I could do it now or --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: No. Why don't we do it under Capital Budget.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: It's probably better to hear from Donnie on that.

Delegate GREEN: What about the parking spot? Can we get that done today?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Again, let's deal with Donnie on that. I don't see why that could be -- there aren't a lot there but I'll give up my spot in a minute, I don't care, if that's an issue. That's the first time I heard that's an issue so.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: No, that's not. I've asked you --

Administrator JACK YUNITS: I'll give up my spot tomorrow.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: I don't care.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Any other -- yes, Delegate Harder.

Delegate HARDER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Did I hear when listening to one of the Commissioners' meetings since January that the dredge is broken or part of the dredge is broken?

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: The booster is broken.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: On which dredge?

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: The booster can be used on any dredge, I guess.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. So it's not the dredge then.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Correct.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: No. Yes, that was -- I wasn't happy about that to be honest with you. I thought we had -- I thought we had inventoried all of our equipment over the summer so that when we began the dredge season that we knew that the equipment was up to snuff and it was ready to go.

So when I found out, I guess either last week or the week before, that the booster pump -- now the booster pump is only used in a few areas but it's necessary -- you know what it does? The dredge can only pump the sand so far. So you pump it and then it comes to the booster pump and then they can pump it further. I mean I'll let Jack tell you but the information given to us was that it would cost half as much as a new one to renovate the dredge.

So myself and I think Commissioner Beaty said, well, why don't we buy a new one rather than try to fix the old one. And, you know, we had after a brief discussion it became clear that the dredge people felt that they could rebuild the current booster pump. And that also the timeframe, and I'll let Jack talk to this because no one else is here, but the timeframe was pretty much similar, talking four months. So, yes, that particular piece of equipment failed and --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: How is this going to impact our ability to meet contracts after last year's problems?

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: Well, for instance, in Chatham if you want to let's say do beach nourishment, right, so you want to -- you have the permit for the dumping of the sand is too far away from the place where you're actually dredging, you need the booster pump to get the sand there. Now that doesn't occur in every instance. I think it's probably less than half-a-dozen. So we're going to have to deal with that, you know. That's the best I can tell you. It wasn't good news.

Delegate HARDER: So Chatham's not going to get dredged this year?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Lydia's Cove will get dredged. I don't know about

DNR. We're still working with Chatham on that. I can tell you that the official version was that the crew estimates they can replace or rebuild the booster for \$70,000. A new booster would have cost \$600,000.

And the consultant has suggested that we need to continue to reevaluate how many booster projects we're going to take because of the expense of getting a new booster and you need to raise the fees if we use the booster on specific big jobs. So that's what they're looking at right now.

God love them; we had probably the best mechanic on Cape Cod who worked for us for years named Steve Bradbury and, unfortunately, last summer Steve passed away unexpectedly. He held this -- all our equipment together. That's why we were never in the business of replacing older equipment or rebuilding it. This booster should be rebuilt every two to three years. It goes under so much stress.

And because Steve had that unique ability to fix things and carry them forward, this was never done that way. So when it blew, it really blew and we didn't have Steve anymore. So that's why it's taking some time. It's almost the same amount of time to rebuild it as it is to buy a new one. So time wasn't a factor in the decision; it was just the savings of \$500,000 and the indecision about where we want to go going forward.

I think the way to go because jobs like Bass River and under the bridge and jobs like Stage Harbor, certainly Cotuit Neck, Sampson's Island, these are jobs that are going to require boosters. So I think we'll make the investment but we won't do it without coming back to you and doing a real in-depth study with the consultants on it.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Yes, my personal opinion is that this is a valuable service we provide and that the towns would be more than willing to pay let's say an extra 10 percent if they can be assured that all the jobs will be done.

And as far as the booster pump goes, a lot of towns are suffering, as you know, from coastal erosion. I know Sandwich is. I know other towns that -- so part of the dredging program, at least in Chatham and probably some other places is the disposal of sand to protect the shoreline. So, I mean, my personal opinion is that we need the booster.

I mean I'm looking at the Dredge Enterprise Fund coming before the Commissioners and we can flush out the entire program, what the revenues are, what the expenses are, what would be the effect on let's say a slight increase in the dredging fees, and what we could do with that money to make sure that the program is ready to go and that the equipment is up to par and we'll go from there.

Because I get copied from Chatham and also from others, you know, when this happens and they're in that kind of never never land between being polite and to the point, if you know what I mean, and I don't blame them. But we're doing the best we can under adverse conditions.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I agree with you on the dredge being an essential service, but I am extremely disappointed that year after year there's a problem with the dredges in new dredges and old dredges. And I think part of the problem is we don't necessarily have good oversight. I would think that the County would want to be on top of these dredges and not be caught off-guard. Then all of a sudden the equipment's not working or we have the wrong dredge or whatever.

So, perhaps, maybe in the future I could put on the agenda a topic of what it is the County would like to do about making sure that the dredges are operational.

And I agree, I think towns would pay more, but I don't think that -- I think if we lose the ability to provide the services, it's going to be a black eye to the County.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Well, I don't want to speak out of turn, but my opinion is I mean, and I don't want to bring up another topic here, but I had hoped -- I had originally proposed looking at the entire organization of the County as far as personnel goes. You know, you and we appropriated \$50,000 for that purpose. And I thought that the dredge service would be included in that. We haven't pulled the trigger on that for various reasons. We're waiting for the Capital Plan to come through.

But I agree with you, I think that the structure -- the operational structure of the dredge, the Dredge Fund and the dredge itself has to be looked at very carefully. That's all I'll say about that right now.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And I just want to take a second to defend the dredge crew because we have invested over 4 million in new dredges and dredge equipment, a new pipe in the last two and a half years. And with the exception of the Bass River project because of the booster at Stage Harbor, which we hadn't committed to anyway, we are on schedule and on time with most of our jobs.

Today, we signed three additional contracts for \$330,000. We finished Sampson's Neck. They're finishing Pamet today. They'll be heading to Sesuit. We got a time extension for Sesuit Harbor. We got a time extension for Eel River over in Falmouth. They're doing an outstanding job. Now keep in mind that we had a period of 45 days when the wind blew over 25 miles an hour 30 of those 45 days and they stayed on target. The three boats are running great. The booster, we knew it was coming, we just didn't know when, and I apologize for that but we'll fix that.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: I'll add to what Jack said. The people on the boat have been terrific under adverse conditions. I mean you can imagine, you know, they say that fishing is like the second most dangerous job in the world and people think, oh, people drown, you know, but, actually, it's the equipment that kills people. So working in those conditions with dredge -- with winches and so on, you have to really be careful and you have to really know what you're doing, and they do an excellent job, and they're aware that we were under the gun, especially last year, and they worked weekends, you know, whenever they could. So that's not the issue.

I think the issue is we lost two long-term employees. We lost Wayne, who had run it, and we lost the engineer, Mr. Bradbury. And sometimes when you have two people running it, you know, in that kind of position and they leave, it takes a little sorting out before you get everything settled so.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Ohman.

Delegate OHMAN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to get back for a moment to the Yarmouth Rest Area. I was there today when you approved up to \$50,000 for the next two seasons - its License Plate money and it's meant for tourism, and that is true that that's going toward tourism. My issue is with the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce and, as 14 of us are here, many from the Lower-Cape, I happen to know and I had Jack check it out today that if you want to use the Yarmouth -- any business, any motel, bed and breakfast, restaurant, anybody on the Lower-Cape from Exit 7-ish out that wants to use that rest area to promote their business costs \$175 apiece. That, I think, is an outrageous amount. So it

essentially benefits the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce which is a private agency. This is public money. It should be used for a public regional purpose.

And I would urge you to reconnect with the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce chair and find out if there's any way that they could help the very difficult nature of being in business, small business on the Lower-Cape. Fifty grand of our money, your money, tax money that's been given to a private agency.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I'd like to respond.

Delegate OHMAN: Oh sure.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: The License Plate money goes to the restrooms maintenance only -- restroom cleaning only so that -- I believe it's for two years. They have come in \$15,000 under in the last two years.

What you're referring to is the information service, the tourism service which they do charge a fee for because they have to hire people 7 days a week, 9-to-5, from May to October. They have to maintain the buildings. They have to clean. They have to present the tourism part of the building.

So the Chamber money -- the Chamber is paying its own fees through the fees for putting out your rack material, your promotional material. I think they cleared \$200 after expenses last year. So the County money goes to maintaining the restrooms. The Yarmouth Chamber through a lot of volunteer help from other chambers cleaning up the area, manning it, then runs the information service.

So it is not a money-making, profitable thing for the Yarmouth Chamber. They do it as a service, and they do it a lot of times without recognition or even reimbursement. You know, you'll see heads of Chambers out there cleaning the property on their own time and not getting paid for it, picking up trash, picking up litter. So it's not like it's a boondoggle or a moneymaker.

Delegate OHMAN: I wasn't expecting to say that there was a moneymaker. I'm just saying that it's of almost no cost to them to let other Chambers of Commerce, other small businesses to use that.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: There is a cost. They man it. There are people at the information service seven days a week from 9-to-5 from May to October.

Delegate OHMAN: Promoting the Town of Yarmouth's Chamber of Commerce.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: No, promoting all the towns.

Delegate OHMAN: No.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes. All the rack -- all the rack information for all the services, the restaurants, the motels, all the chambers and all the tourism benefits from that. It's not just Yarmouth; it's for the Cape.

Delegate OHMAN: But they charge a fee for small businesses to put menus there, for example, or flyers.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Right, to pay for the people who are there to answer the questions.

Delegate OHMAN: Pay for volunteers, ma'am?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: It's not volunteers. They pay people and minimum wage goes up. They pay people to man this. They do, in addition, volunteer their time to -- because they don't pay enough. I'm very involved in this because for 10 years the head of the Yarmouth Chamber before we contributed to this literally ran that service station on his own

with no help from anyone.

So now that there is money to take care of rest areas, the Yarmouth Chamber has provided a service to coordinate and do the tourism and information part of it and they hire people, they man it, and then, in addition, there are volunteer people who clean. So it's not a moneymaker.

Yes.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: I was going to say if there are no further questions, that concludes my report to the Assembly.

Delegate O'HARA: I have one more question.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate O'Hara.

Delegate O'HARA: Sorry, you can't run out so quickly. I was wondering if we could get an update on the dredges. You said they're working fine; they're staying ahead. Just how the new one is working, you know, is it that much better of a unit and just a little bit of an update.

The other thing is on the secondary pump, I think absolutely you have my support if you need it now because I know that if you lose one day, that could turn into five days and you lose the weather and all that. So, absolutely, by all means, if you need to get a pump, I'd be -- absolutely say go now.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: I can tell you the Mashpee contract was signed today. It was approved today by the Commissioners. So as soon as we get done in Falmouth --

Delegate O'HARA: Yes. I mean that for every town, not just mine.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes.

Delegate O'HARA: Each Cape town. They're all as important to me.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I just had one question and I don't know if it's coming up later; you had mentioned earlier that there were going to be lab fee increases at some point and there would be ordinances coming forward to us for that.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes. They were approved last week by the Commissioners, the fee increases.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: We're going to convert that to ordinance form.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. So that's coming.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Run it by the Commissioners again next week.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Because we do need to have public hearings on that, and it starts to get dicey when we have -- we're going to have Charter Review and Budget Review coming up. And do you have the Capital Ordinance to submit today?

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: And I'd just like to say before we leave is that, you know, the budget is the most important thing we can do and, of course, we want -- the Commissioners want to cooperate in any way, shape, or form with the Assembly as far as scheduling certain departments, you know, if you want people -- extra people to come in, just let us know because I think that years -- several last -- several years have gone by, it's become easier and easier -- not easy but, you know, better organized. So we want --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, and we do have a schedule. I think you're aware of. Yes. Thank you.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: There's no pressure on the Assembly on the fee increase either because our objective would be to notify the towns that we've asked for this and not impose it until July 1st anyway.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. Okay. So it's not something that you're needing right away. Great.

Yes, Delegate McCutcheon.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Delegate O'Hara brought up the question of the quality of the work being performed by the dredges; what about the new one that they dropped? We never heard anything after about any report from an engineer or whether that one was working well now or --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: There was a report.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: Yes.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: We did get a report from the engineer. I think I sent it to -- I'm pretty sure I sent it to Janice.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, we got it.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: So it was signed off by an independent engineer.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And we're negotiating right now with the company and we've come to a resolution of the lost time -- on the lost time issue. So we'll be getting credits from Ellicott and we'll be getting some relief on the price from Ellicott on that issue.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: And you don't know yet what relief or how much?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: I don't have those. I have him deal with that -- this is Steve Tebo's.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Okay. Well, thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Great. Thank you. And I think you stay because our next thing is the Five-Year Capital Plan.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: You have another question.

Oh, I'm sorry; Delegate Potash.

Delegate POTASH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I just want to note that my understanding is that Chatham is thinking about getting their own dredge. I know that shouldn't be any surprise to you.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: No.

Delegate POTASH: But just in case it is, I just wanted to make that known because that could get contagious. And I know that folks are thinking that the dredge program is really important and they're already looking into it. So there's that.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: Well, Randi, there's two issues there. One is, yes, they may have lost some confidence in our ability to do it, but there are also some dredging projects especially out in Chatham Harbor that are beyond the capacity that we can do, which they would have to get the Currituck in. And I think they may -- they may already have talked to the federal government to come in. Because we can only do so much and we can't dredge Boston Harbor.

Delegate POTASH: Yes.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: So the Chatham Harbor is right on the cusp of our ability to dredge. But as far as, you know, all I can say is that there's supposedly a Dredge Advisory Committee. I don't know if it's met, but I really would like to speak to

them and talk to them and get them reestablished and reorganized so that we can flush these things out directly to the people who are the stakeholders.

Delegate POTASH: Yes, because there are some communication issues with the people in Chatham with what the county plans because they've told me.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: I got a very nice letter from Stuart Smith, okay.

Delegate POTASH: Right. Okay. I just wanted to say that.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you. Was it a nice letter?

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: It was more like right on those nice -- like I said --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: It was a nice letter. Thank you.

Commissioner RONALD BERGSTROM: It was nice. Very polite, it was very polite.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: You can say anything if you say it politely.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Actually, it was a copy of a letter. It was not from Stuart Smith. It was a copied letter Robert -- Dr. Duncanson to Jack, I guess.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. Well, thank you.

Commissioner RON BERGSTROM: Okay.

Summary of Communications from County Administrator and Finance Director on the 5-Year Capital Plan

- **FY21 projected capital expenses at 2.61 million**
- **General discussion and review of projects targeted for FY21 and beyond**

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Our next item is the Five-Year Capital Plan, and I believe by -- if you check the Charter, it is actually a requirement in the Charter that there be a discussion with the Assembly prior to the budget about a Capital Plan and possession of a Capital Plan. So I'm very happy that this is occurring. Some years it does; some years it doesn't. So this is, I think, a good start to the whole budget thing.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Good evening, everybody.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And we are not going to -- we are not on a time crunch because we -- our Recall Committee doesn't have something for us to go into session for. So the Charter Review Committee meeting will be postponed to the next meeting. So you can go ahead and do your --

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Do my thing.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: -- do you full plan.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Okay.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: So you all received a copy of the 5-Year Plan, I hope?

Delegate HARDER: Yes.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Okay. Great. I'll touch base a little bit. I know Jack and Don can talk a little bit more about the details of some of the projects. But the overall plan, the 5-Year-Plan for Fiscal Year 2021, the total Capital Improvements

amount to \$2,610,000. On page -- well, I don't have page numbers; I apologize for that, but there's a spread of the 5-Year-Plan.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: It's the second page in here.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Where you see the funding sources at the bottom of the second page. Of that \$2,600,000, a \$1,300,000 we'll be borrowing. We'll have Grants and Town Reimbursements for \$395,000. The Dredge will cover their cost of \$70,000, and then reimbursements from the Commonwealth will amount to \$820,000. And that is dependent on if they approve these -- the facility improvements by building from DCAM. If they don't approve it, we don't go forward; is that right, Don?

Director DON REYNOLDS: Through the lease.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: We have to get their approval, yes. So those are tentative based on approval at that time. And then I asked each department to fill out -- you'll see they each put in a detailed sheet of their requests, and they did a great job. This is the first time in each -- one of the departments met with the new Capital Improvement Committee before we put this together to present to the Commissioners and then the Assembly.

So I don't know how much you want me to go into detail on each project. I have the ordinance in here. As you see, we have the Cape Cod Commission. They have a plan to do a planometrics update. They did one I think like five years ago. So they're due to update that. Once they get that complete, it will work with GIS systems. It's a great tool for them for economic development, for planning; it's just really kind of a neat thing. That's the first time I've ever heard of it, and I was like, "Oh, that's pretty cool." You've got the plane and check out everything.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: The second thing is we're going to be exploring space for a new office building, that's the hundred thousand -- I'm sorry; the planimetric is \$395,000 and that is when that is grant funded. It will not be borrowed. It will not come out of taxes.

The \$100,000 for the exploring the new office building, that is to find -- it's really to do a study, a feasibility study to find a location. As you know, we're kind of busting at the seams, so we're looking for some more space. And Jack had talked a little bit about the area, one of the areas that we're looking at. I can't remember the property, Jack, do you -- for that office --

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Right there. Old Jail South Wing.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: That building there because we discovered that it is rehabable.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes. The next one is the two pickup trucks for the Dredge. Like I said, that will be paid from by the dredge.

Then we also have -- we'll look at the Facilities. The Registry of Deeds new AC unit for \$80,000; the Second District HVAC replacement for \$750,000; County Complex emergency circuit upgrade for \$50,000.

The next group is the -- well, this is the big one that we talked about earlier; the Farm Facility. We had appropriated \$600,000 initially thinking that we would be able to rehab that building, and we discovered through that process we can't rehab that building. So we will have to tear that down and build a building there. We're adding \$800,000. I think Ron talked

we've awarded the contract for the engineer to start that project, and it is for the Extension to move there. They currently have a group of them working out of that building, so they would have to vacate that once the construction starts. And as you heard, we'd have to vacate the basement of the Registry. Mike Maguire has worked diligently finding some space that we can rent in the interim. That project wouldn't be able to start probably until the July timeframe.

And next is Children's Cove. They came forward several years ago for an addition that never kind of took off. We did appropriate the money. That was part of the rescinding that we had done. So this is coming forward again to ask for \$50,000 to do a study, if you will, or like an engineer plan to see what the actual cost would be to build out on the existing building we have there. And --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I had a question --

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: -- on the wording of the statement above that.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: It says, "Children's Cove," which I understand, but it says, "For use in conducting business specific to the operations and services of the Barnstable County Commissioners." Is that just --

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: That's just regular wording for every --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. So this is -- it's in the other ones but this isn't any -- this is just Children's Cove?

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. Fine. So all of them are Barnstable County Commissioners. Okay.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And the Commission really refers to a small real estate group, that's Donnie. When they deal with the Farm, it's Mike Maguire. When they deal with the Lab, it's Sean. When we deal with the Cape Cod Commission finding them new space, it's Kristy.

The mainstays on the committee are Donnie, Linda -- Linda Zuern, and Ron Beaty. Everything's got to pass through that commission before it goes to a recommended expenditure.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: And the Health Department looking to replace their mass spectrometer for \$150,000. They need a fume hood for \$45,000 and looking at a four-wheel drive hybrid pickup truck for \$40,000.

And then the last one is the Public Safety Training Academy. They're looking to do a study design for their new public safety facility. As you know, we can no longer use the property we have. We are -- I think we have a grant right now -- I'm sure we have a grant now; I'm sorry. We do have a grant right now to get a mobile unit, training unit, and we're working with the airbase. Is it the -- what are we working with, the property that we're going to put and you'll see it in the budget that Phil has budgeted -- Phil Burt has budgeted for rental of a mobile office building, and then there's money in there to prepare the site, and it will be hopefully located there at the airbase. We're still working out those details.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: For those of you who had experience dealing with the Base, it's a little bit convoluted. There's federal, state, there's National Guard out -- and that National Guard answers to the Commonwealth's Secretary of Public Safety, Mr. Turco, Secretary Turco. So there's a lot of layers. As George likes to call them, "layer cakes," but there's a lot of layers out there that we have to go through.

So, for now, we're planning on just getting temporary facilities in hope that they'll give us a real spot, a future spot that we can call our own.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Princi.

Delegate PRINCI: Thank you. Thanks for getting us everything in advance too. So, anyways, I have -- I have -- Don Reynolds, you've done -- you've been doing a great job since you took over.

Director DON REYNOLDS: Thank you.

Delegate PRINCI: You're very responsive to the needs of the facilities. Thank you.

Director DON REYNOLDS: Thank you.

Delegate PRINCI: My comments as I look through the budget for the capital expenditures, one, I noticed that past years there was close to a million dollars; I think it was \$710,000 spent on just the campus here on drainage, paving, and so forth. And there's a lot going on out in front of us right now too as far as -- I don't know what they're doing, but I'm hoping that they're doing something relative to -- I see nice bricks there though. It's going to be beautiful. Hopefully the villages will like it.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: They're making it pretty.

Delegate PRINCI: But remember in the past years when we've had those heavy rain storms and it's only inevitable that it's going to happen again. With the past money that was put into the capital for drainage and paving and so forth, was there money put in for better, I don't know, drainage or water holding facilities or runoff areas or what because I just hope that, you know, these are buildings that we're putting so much money into right now to revitalize them and renovate them, I'm just -- it would be a shame if, you know, if there were water problems and so forth in the future. So that's one question like what the plans are for the future capital expenditures because I don't see much of this in this 5-Year Plan for the campus here.

And the second question I have is, basically, coincides with most of the delegates here desire and interest in the county becoming more green, whether it be solar, wind, what not. Could you elaborate on any of those potential upcoming projects?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes. The solar's not included in this contract because it was already bid and awarded via CVEC's consultants. So we have contracts -- and this can answer both of your questions, actually, Pat. Contractors will actually come in and when they set the solar arrays in the parking lot, they'll have to reconfigure the drainage for obvious reasons, everything's going to change. So they'll be a new drainage plan as part of that solar installation.

Those contracts were bid and awarded. We're waiting to hear now from the companies. I'm sure they're still doing their own internal feasibility stuff. But we didn't put it in the Capital Budget because we're not paying for it. It's we're actually going to lease the land to the solar companies, so we'll be getting revenues from this solar arrays.

And they'll go on first the parking lot and then eventually when Don gets the okay from the Commonwealth and we start to work on the roofs, which will include this roof here,

which is part of the answer to the question that was raised earlier about Janice's office space, solar will go on top of that as well as new flat roofs. And that has -- I don't think we've bid that part yet.

Director DON REYNOLDS: That has not been.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes, because we wanted to get the prices and the okay from the court to go forward with the roofs. Your courthouse definitely needs a roof.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Killion.

Delegate KILLION: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Along those lines, the energy efficiency part, this budget that's been put together, does it include efficiency upgrades? In other words, I understand some of them are reimbursed a hundred percent. But the HVAC, has that been taken into account to go with the highest efficiency available and be able to research the funding that's available through MassSave?

The fuel is another one that could be an energy efficiency project. Has that all been taken into account or is that something that will happen prior to implementation?

Director DON REYNOLDS: That is --all those are included in the scope of work detailing the latest in technologies relevant to energy efficiency and comfort. It's all part of what -- they say replace X unit on the roof, that's part of our big package is to include those parameters.

Delegate KILLION: So is it incumbent upon the bidder then to get any grants or rebates that are available or is the County going to do that?

Director DON REYNOLDS: Well, they go back-and-forth, both of those can happen. Sometimes they're directly paid to the vendor, other times we broker it and we take advantage of those savings directly.

Delegate KILLION: So how does that get arbitrated at the --

Director DON REYNOLDS: It depends what's available, what program currently is available, whether it be state, DEP, whatever grants and/or programs, and we consult typically with folks at Cape Light.

Delegate KILLION: So I'm still unclear. If you have an RFP for equipment, is the bidder responsible for it or is the County responsible for it? How does that get arbitrated?

Director DON REYNOLDS: We're responsible for our own scope of work detailing what is expected of the vendor. To answer your question, it's on us to make sure that they understand what we're asking for.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: When our Procurement Director puts out the RFP for take Orleans where the equipment is 40 years old and, obviously, the momentum down on the Cape, and rightly so, is to get to net zero. That means we've got to operate these -- this equipment with the best energy credits that we can possibly get to justify it.

So our Procurement Director will actually include that in the bids, that she'll set the specs, and she knows she's done this for years with UMass so she knows the job. So she'll set the specs to do exactly what you say, Jim.

The savings, the energy savings in that building alone will be dramatic, and it will be a much greener building when this new system gets in. But she'll set those specs based on standard state procedures.

Delegate KILLION: And beyond the HVAC, the other type of applications for like building envelope or heat reclamation, is she responsible for that as well? Heat reclamation, like you've got a vent project here, so typically when you exhaust treated air into space, you

can reclaim the heat before it goes outside and reintroduced it into the building.

Director SEAN O'BRIEN: I think you're referring to the fume hood?

Delegate KILLION: Yes.

Director SEAN O'BRIEN: Yes, okay. So for the record, my name is Sean O'Brien. I'm the Director of the Health Department. And we put the request in for the fume hood actually to replace an old fume hood we will be -- this new fume hood is actually all self-contained. So we're going to be taking it out of the ventilation system so that it's replacing probably a 15-year-old hood, and we have to actually for safety reasons look at something that could filter sulfuric and nitric acid and that's why we went for this hood. And we wanted to pull it out of the ventilation system so we won't be able to reclaim anything because it's all going to be self-contained in the unit.

And the purpose for pulling it out -- pulling it out also was to prolong the life of the air conditioning unit that supplies the whole building because having that acid go into that ventilation system was just damaging the system.

So we tried another technology earlier. It really -- it helped but it wasn't the right way. And so instead of maintaining this hood, we decided to go with a standalone system with filtration, and we'll make sure that the most efficient, fuel-efficient model is purchased as a part of that.

Delegate KILLION: So is there a chiller inside it that condenses the fumes?

Director SEAN O'BRIEN: My understanding is it is using charcoal filtration, yeah, and it uses about 16 filters that it goes through. So we've actually seen these fume hoods up at the Center for Coastal Studies. They're very nice and very efficient and, hopefully, we'll get longer than our 10-year lifespan on the laboratory air conditioning unit.

Originally, too, just to point out, the laboratory building was designed as a green building.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: As a what?

Director SEAN O'BRIEN: As a green building.

Delegate KILLION: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Green.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you. So I did have questions along the same lines as Delegate Killion and Delegate Princi was asking, as well as clarification about specifically the office for the Assembly.

So, I'm assuming that what you're talking about, the \$100,000 for the feasibility study for the office space, you're including measures for green renovations in whatever you're doing moving forward as far as that's concerned and as whereas there's any kind of renovations you're doing.

I know in Wellfleet we've been keeping track of the energy usage in the buildings, and then when we do measures to reduce the energy, the fossil fuel usage that's being recorded and tracked. Are you doing that with each one of the buildings and are you taking into account the green measures: solar, delete the wind because that's not appropriate because of the health and safety risk to the population nearby, but are you taking into account those kinds of things?

Director DON REYNOLDS: Well, okay, yes, is the short answer. The \$100,000 for the Cape Cod Commission, I assume with their building they're going to pursue all those greenest of technologies.

Delegate GREEN: But there's no -- but you're not --

Director DON REYNOLDS: That's not mine. That's the Cape Cod Commission's now.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes.

Delegate GREEN: But you guys don't coordinate that?

Director DONALD REYNOLDS: No.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: The hundred thousand dollars that you're talking about right now --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: For the new office building.

Delegate GREEN: A new office building.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Exactly. Cape Cod Commission is spending \$184,000 a year in rent right now. With today's bonding rates --

Delegate GREEN: So this is for the --

Administrator JACK YUNITS: -- we could build a new building and save the Commission about \$90,000 a year probably if we can do it on this campus. And that's what the Commission -- that's what the hundred thousand will be to look at this campus and figure out buildings like this, could that be used or should that be used for the County? Is there another spot on the campus so the architects or the engineers will come back with some type of feasibility recommendations on that?

The question you're asking next is how do we get the green buildings and that's very legitimate in today's day and age. For instance, the main building here is heated and cooled mostly by splitters. It doesn't have a central heating system, and Sean can talk a little bit about that. It blew up two years ago so.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: The main system.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: The main system for the main building here. Here in the East Wing you do and the Harborview does but the main building does not. So that's a huge piece of what we have to do with our energy studies.

Delegate GREEN: So first of all, the \$100,000 is to replace the Cape Cod Commission's office space. It has nothing to do with the Assembly, basically.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: No, it does not. Well, you're part of the whole because it has to do with the county space needs.

Delegate GREEN: So what are we going to do -- you said that when we got to the Capital Budget you were going to be talking about the Assembly.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Well, Donny's going to talk to you a little bit about the roof of this building because it all starts there and --

Director DON REYNOLDS: So, yes, we looked at, as you recall last year, we more or less had a very similar conversation, so we consulted with roofing professionals, engineers, structural and otherwise. It immediately became clear that it was beyond just the roof. It wasn't a matter of reroofing it and throwing some paint on the walls and getting that Clerk space done.

So that led to a longer conversation that had to do with the rest of the building as well with the heating plant no longer functioning. We are still actively pursuing what we referred to as the ESCO bid, Energy Savings Company. I'm sure you're familiar with it. So that's ongoing. In addition to we embraced the solar aspect. So it is simply a process and it does take -- it's too long but it's the nature of the beast.

Delegate GREEN: So what are you going to do to remedy the situation? I mean just even putting a divider wall here at the end of this room, I mean, could be a temporary solution, a temporary wall. I mean or some other negotiated solution for the Assembly Clerk. I mean so that there's a face to the public so that there's a County Clerk, an Assembly Clerk, who has an appropriate office with file cabinets and everything else. I mean, can we do something like that in a couple of months or something? Something simple that works and is appropriate?

Director DON REYNOLDS: Well, we can certainly sit down and discuss other options, I mean ----

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I think we should because it's not just the face of the Assembly. It's the ability to work for this group during meetings. It's challenging to things -- get things updated or changed because there's no -- the Clerk has to go find someplace and if it's after hours and has to try and find a copy machine. It impacts the ability to work here.

So this is a great space but if there's a lot of extra space, I think the point is well taken. I think we need to, as we're doing capital, put on the top of your list "Assembly Clerk Office," please.

Delegate GREEN: And so that would be really, really helpful if we can address this issue. We can come up with a plan and with an agreement and buy-in from the Speaker and the Clerk and the Assembly, I mean, this is important to us and it's important to the county. It's just dragged on forever and it's not appropriate. So that's one thing.

The other thing is, I mean, when you're talking about this \$100,000 and you're talking about the Commission, you're talking about making whatever plan you're working on, it should be coordinated so that the plan is a green plan, which I assume it is but just to make sure, you know. Another layer of checking just to double check and make sure that it is.

Director DON REYNOLDS: Yes.

Delegate GREEN: And, also, so I'm assuming that you're not tracking the energy usage in each building by building now so we have a baseline or do we have a baseline?

Director DON REYNOLDS: Yes, it's all based on your billing. It is tracked as far as usage goes. Each building has its own account. And it's part of the function of my office is to monitor that.

Delegate GREEN: So the electricity, the fuel oil --

Director DON REYNOLDS: Yes.

Delegate GREEN: -- all of that is tracked so that we know what kind of savings we're

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Director DON REYNOLDS: Trends and such, yes.

Delegate GREEN: -- making/having with each project that we do. And are there other plans -- I know the Commission is looking into EV charging, electric vehicle charging stations. I know that we've talked about that in the past.

Director DON REYNOLDS: Yes.

Delegate GREEN: Are we doing that, more of that as well?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes. Eversource has done a construction plan. The first charging station is being used right now with the County's first electric vehicle but that's private. We want to do -- was it four or six public?

Director DON REYNOLDS: Four.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: It was four.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Four public stations and they'll be down by the First District Court between the fire station and the First District Court. There will be four charging stations that Eversource will put in for us. We just haven't got a start date yet. And we are in the process right now through procurement of getting a contract with SharePoint. SharePoint is the Commonwealth's vendor. So they're the ones you're going to see on the highway. These are the ones you're going to see at the Barnstable Town Hall. And the way it works is you get an account with SharePoint and you get access to the charge via that account. So we wanted to keep it consistent with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts because it will be on most of the highways.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you. And as far as the Clerk is concerned and the parking spot, I mean, I wasn't asking you to give up your space.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Yes, I'll do that. That's not an issue.

Delegate GREEN: But I mean --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, that's not appropriate. I think there's other remedies.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Delegate Harder.

Delegate HARDER: Thank you. I don't understand and I'm sure I'm just uninformed, the sheriff is no longer under the County; he's under the state. So why is his building here? Can't we take -- shouldn't the sheriff be moved away from the County and we could then use that building?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Because when they passed the special legislation, everything came back to the County that the County had invested in but nothing came back to the County the sheriff had invested in. And the Commonwealth had actually paid to build this BCI building next door, so, or paid to significantly renovate it, I should say.

So that's how they got -- that's the only building they own, this one right next-door, that BCI building.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Delegate Zuern.

Delegate ZUERN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Green energy can often be more costly and I have -- I've heard you say energy savings but I haven't heard you say cost savings. So by using the solar or whatever green energy that we're using, do you see a cost savings in that?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: No, because we're not taking the power necessarily. We're selling the power to the grid and through a contractor, and the contractor will, in turn, be paying us rent. The estimate for the County Complex here is \$471,000 a year in new revenue for the County to do the right thing. So that's why we're pushing in that direction.

Now, we do buy green energy for your contract with the grid so that we do buy green energy credits and so on and so forth. So we do participate in the green energy world to a limited extent.

Delegate ZUERN: Okay. So my question is are we saving money by doing that or is it costing us more?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Not really. I mean the rent's going to be a huge plus because that rent will be dedicated to an account, a capital account, so that we'll be taking the rent and reinvesting it back into the complex. So, energy-wise, it's going to be the same as is.

If we had decided to own the energy over time once that was paid back, it would be a good savings for the County but we're not in that position to afford to do this complex solar

arrays over -- parking arrays. We just don't have that capacity.

Delegate ZUERN: So you're saying that by going green we're not really saving any money?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Well, it depends on how you look at it. We're raising revenue and we're investing it back in the campus. I think that's a pretty good savings.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Well, it doesn't cost us anything to put the solar --

Administrator JACK YUNITS: It's not costing us a nickel.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: We are not putting any investment into it. They are and we're just getting -- they're renting our space basically and we're getting the revenue from it.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: If the Town of Barnstable permits us to put solar at the farm, between the additional rent that we'll be getting as a County for vacating the courthouse and the solar, we'll be getting that building for about \$10,000 a year, a brand-new 8,000 square-foot building. So that's a pretty good savings.

Delegate ZUERN: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Delegate O'Malley.

Delegate O'MALLEY: Staying on the same green vein here, and this is a relatively small budget line but I want to look at an inconsistency. We have the Health Department purchasing a hybrid pickup truck, four-wheel-drive hybrid pickup truck. And we also have in this thing the Health -- the Dredge Department buying two pickup trucks that are not hybrid.

Going forward, this is a relatively small line but it's a recurring expense, are we planning to commit to buying as much as possible EVs?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Hybrid pickups are new to the market and because the dredge intends to tow heavy equipment with those pickups, we're sticking with traditional. But if things change by the time we get around to buying those pickups, we'll certainly go to hybrid.

Delegate O'MALLEY: Thank you. That's a fair response.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes. Delegate Kanaga.

Delegate KANAGA: Thank you. This is just a quick question. Whenever I see reserves being used, I always like to know what's in the reserves, you know, what portion of it does this represent, the \$70,000 for the Dredge?

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Oh gees, the reserves right now in the Dredge at the end of last fiscal year was \$1.2 million.

Delegate KANAGA: Thank you.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: You're welcome.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And there's \$800,000 in receivables out there right now too, which is guaranteed receivables.

Delegate KANAGA: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate O'Hara.

Delegate O'HARA: Thank you, Madam Chair. So I'm going to jump back on what Mr. Killion and Mr. Princi had brought up, and we were talking about the drainage because I thought that Pat had brought up some good ideas and that was on the drainage to control it.

I heard somewhere along the line that I thought you were going to pave -- said

something about paving the parking lot first. And I know you're going to do canopies; I believe that that conversation was canopies in the parking area with the solar arrays on top.

Director DONALD REYNOLDS: Yes.

Delegate O'HARA: So shouldn't we be addressing that before we do anything as far as the drainage. We know where the canopies are basically going to go on the center post, so you recapture and drop the drains into those catch basins; am I correct on that one?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: The funds that's listed in this budget book isn't for this year. It was appropriated before --

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes. Several years of appropriations.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: -- it hasn't been spent because of these changes.

Delegate O'HARA: But, I mean, are you doing that beforehand rather than waiting till after? Are you going -- it sounded as if you were going to pave the parking lots before you put the solar panels in.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: No.

Director DON REYNOLDS: No.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: No, any investment in the parking lot, especially the drainage, would come based on the engineers from the solar company's recommendations.

Delegate O'HARA: The solar company's recommendation?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Solar company --

Delegate O'HARA: Are not the engineers?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: The contract is -- the engineer that comes in and contracts with the solar company put these panels up. We'll have to redesign. The Town of Barnstable will not give us a permit unless we have an upgraded redesign.

Delegate O'HARA: So you have a drainage plan before you go to put a shovel in the ground?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Absolutely, yes.

Delegate O'HARA: Okay, and that was one of my concerns. I thought he was saying something different. So there's -- and then once it's all done, you'll resurface the parking lot after everything's been constructed and put in.

Director DONALD REYNOLDS: Yes.

Delegate O'HARA: All right. One of the other questions was we were talking about earlier the lack of usable space with the buildings here. I know that this building next door they said -- I think you had commented it was you could park a truck on the top of it. Well, how about building another floor on top of it and then maybe even on this building as well. How well are these built? You can always go up. It's the land that is the problem.

Director DON REYNOLDS: Exactly and the structural engineer indicated that the Southwing could hold another floor.

Delegate O'HARA: Are we looking into that?

Director DON REYNOLDS: It's part of the conversation.

Delegate O'HARA: And this building as well? Is this the same building, same construction?

Director DON REYNOLDS: It's different construction.

Delegate O'HARA: It's different construction. So that building, it is at least you could look into that possibility. Let's face it, it's cheaper to build another floor than it is to build another building.

Director DON REYNOLDS: True.

Delegate HARDER: And that's part of the hundred thousand study?

Director DON REYNOLDS: That has to do with -- yes, basically.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes.

Delegate O'HARA: Okay. And one of the last things I had here and I just caught it quick, when you were asked by Ms. Zuern about the green -- so the green is basically a train off -- trade-off. There's no -- we're probably breaking even at best; is that correct? Does that sound right?

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Keep in mind too that because the Commonwealth reimburses us for 80 percent for some of the buildings, 100 percent on others for the energy. The savings would have all gone to them anyway.

It really wouldn't have been a benefit to us. The huge benefit to us is, obviously, getting new rent, new reserved income.

Delegate O'HARA: Right.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And we can put back into capital going forward.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Correct.

Delegate O'HARA: And I guess, I mean, in Mashpee I remember we're doing solar arrays on all of the school properties and whatnot. And when the presentation comes it's always that we're getting all this money back; we're getting all this money back but we're really not making anything so.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Right.

Delegate O'HARA: And it's the same thing here so that's what I wanted to check on that. Great.

Director DON REYNOLDS: Thank you.

Delegate O'HARA: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I just had an overall comment on the 5-Year Plan. On your final page where you kind of summarize, I know it starts this year with \$2.6 then goes down to potentially \$960,000 for next year's capital.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Correct.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And then up to 5 million primarily because the fire -- not the fire but the Training Academy expenses.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Right.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And then down again to \$907,000 and then down again to \$250,000. These are all just plans tentative and as you get more information these will change.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Now we're in kind of a precarious position because we haven't incurred a lot of debt. So we don't have debt coming off. So when we incur debt, a lot of times what you do is you incur debt to keep your expenses the same because whatever debt's coming off, you can borrow to keep your expenses level.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Exactly.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: We don't have that. So we potentially could be running into some increased expenses if we do have some big building needs coming up that aren't covered by the state.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: True. In the budget book, you'll see

there's a page at the end of our debt, the Debt Budget.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: I have a chart that shows you where the debt drops off.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: How it's coming off, okay.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: And what room we have in there.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: So we can have that discussion then a little more.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, that's great.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Okay.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: So you are trying to keep a --

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes, a level --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes. Right. Does it make sense to --

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: To let it drop off completely?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: No. It's crazy. It's good to have debt. People say, "No, it's not." Well, in the municipal world it actually is.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yeah, it is because that's how you take care of everything.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Yes, exactly.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. Are we all set on the capital? Great. Thank you.

This is a great discussion and appreciate all the information.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: Thank you.

Finance Director ELIZABETH BRACCIA: Thank you, all.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: And we will turn it up a little bit on the Clerk's space, but I have to admit with all the other stuff going around --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I know. There is a lot. That's why we're squeaking again.

Administrator JACK YUNITS: That's a legitimate concern raised by Lilli. Thank you.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Any communications from Public Officials? Okay. Seeing none.

And I don't see Members of the Public.

What we were initially going to do was have a Charter Review Committee -- as I said earlier, we're not going to do that. I'm going to postpone that.

Assembly Convenes

Speaker MCAULIFFE: So I'm just going to convene the Assembly.

Summary of Committee Reports

- **Charter Recall Subcommittee Chairman Susan Moran provided a brief update and report of the work done by the committee on 1/15/20**
- **The Recall Committee is working on a draft recall provision that will come forward to the Charter Review Committee for their consideration**

- **The Recall Committee expects to continue working on the draft and conclude its work possibly at the next meeting on 2/5/20**

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And the first committee report is the Charter Recall Committee, and I think perhaps you just want to give a brief update of all the information you've --

Deputy Speaker MORAN: Sure. So the Charter Recall Committee with respect to recall met just before this meeting, and we had a report from Attorney Troy that reviewed a compilation of the committee's suggestions, prior legislation that was fired -- filed in connection with the Charter Review Recall including that by Rep. Hunt and other research.

So the draft review was begun. We got probably more than halfway through, included things like whether the Assembly and the Board of Regional Commissioners should be included. We thought that made sense. Time for recall works out so that it's typically after the period of a year for ways of fitting in the timing.

There was a priority given to concerns of the public that any expense for a recall would be as low as possible. And you do that by incorporating the timing of the local clerks, and so there was great attention paid to that.

And then the grounds were discussed at length because we had heard earlier from constituents and amongst the committee that to really look for a middle ground in terms of not being too detailed and not -- and having definitions that could be easily found whether based in statute or case law.

So great effort by the committee has been taken to make this an inexpensive process, an understandable process, and the time just ran out so we're more than halfway through it. We've asked -- we sort of recessed that meeting, and we will reconvene as soon as possible so we can get the recommendations to the whole Assembly.

Does anyone on the committee want to say anything else? Sure.

Delegate HARDER: Thank you. Well what I want to say is that because we're trying to make it equitable and not, you know, we can't say, oh, we're going to recall the Commissioners but we're untouchable, and we wanted to make the Assembly also be held accountable.

We talked about making the Assembly four years and not a two-year term because it is untenable to recall someone in two years. By the time, you know, they have to be in office in a year; well, they're going to be out of office in a year so that doesn't matter.

But in order to be fair and equitable, we thought that it would be better if the Assembly of Delegates' terms were made four years, which I think also would probably, besides recall, would also save the towns money.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And that's not a topic for discussion right now. This is more of a report but that is a separate issue from recall.

Delegate HARDER: Right.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: So that we'll have to have a discussion, and it may impact what the recall recommendations are so that will be on our next agenda.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: Exactly. So this is just a preliminary report, and we expect to provide more after the next meeting.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: And, obviously, everything that -- all the information that we're getting in will go to you ahead of time so that you have an opportunity to try and read it

and understand it.

However, I will say that the recall committee may in their deliberations make some changes but at least you'll have some of the basic information. And Attorney Troy and the committee have worked really hard to bring forth something that will hopefully really work well.

We do have a bit of a time crunch because this is a legislative action, and so we will need to really kind of push this on our February 5 meeting because we don't know when the legislature would act on it, but we really do want to get it up to them so that they do have some time to act on it. So that's why we're trying to get it as bulletproof as possible before we vote on it.

Yes, Delegate Princi.

Delegate PRINCI: I understand what you're saying. You're basically saying that you'd rather have a discussion once more or less the final draft document is ready for --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Delegate PRINCI: -- okay, that make sense.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, because this was just a report of what went today. They didn't get it finished, and it would be premature to be having discussions without their recommendations coming forward.

Delegate PRINCI: Okay.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: But I wanting this teed up because there is a bit of urgency on this. The rest of the Charter Review, which Janice and Attorney Troy have been working on, the redline copy where you go through and all the changes of language and current -- making things current, they are working on. So that should be pretty straightforward but that doesn't have the urgency that that can go to probably sometime the end of May/June. But this really is a more urgent got to get it done kind of thing.

Yes, Delegate O'Malley.

Delegate O'MALLEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not a part of the committee but did sit through this and had been following. And I think it seems to me that much of what this work remains to be done is language getting it to be exactly what do you mean by malfeasance and misfeasance and how egregious does the violation have to be? But I think we cannot lose sight of this fact that Delegate Harder pointed out that in terms of equitability this involves a major change for us going to a four-year cycle and that needs to come up for discussion somewhere.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Right. Well, that will come up --

Delegate O'MALLEY: I think it's a good idea but --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: -- that will have to -- that will have to come up --

Delegate O'MALLEY: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: -- because the recall recommendation may be that.

Delegate O'MALLEY: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: The Assembly may decide differently then that impacts the recall.

Delegate O'MALLEY: Yes.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: So, yes.

Delegate O'MALLEY: Exactly.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Our next meeting. Stay tuned. Yes, Delegate O'Hara.

Delegate O'HARA: So this actually came up today in conversation and that was the cost to the communities; how are we going to control that? What's the estimated cost to the communities for a recall, a vote?

Deputy Speaker MORAN: So the committee is prioritizing --- having the lowest cost or no cost possible.

Delegate O'HARA: What's the lowest cost? I mean --

Deputy Speaker MORAN: Zero.

Delegate O'HARA: You think they're going to -- who's going to man the polls?

Deputy Speaker MORAN: Again, the beginning part of the report was that it would coincide with ongoing elections. That's why it's zero.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Tied to state elections.

Delegate O'HARA: Piggyback it onto an election?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: That's the goal.

Delegate HARDER: Yes.

Delegate O'MALLEY: That's why it's a four year.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Tied to state elections.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: That's was prioritized and it's still -- that's still part of our deliberations. We haven't finalized it but that's been a priority all along.

Delegate O'HARA: One of the other things that came up during the conversation, I don't know where you want to -- because I don't want to get into too much of your thoughts on it, but it was the -- if it were in the last year of a term, they thought that it would be pointless to move forward with a recall.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: They are considering deadlines and timelines.

Delegate O'HARA: Okay. Yes, that's what was said. Great.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: That hasn't been finalized but that is on the --

Delegate O'HARA: Yes, just some of it.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay. And that's the beauty of all the work that's gone on before is that a lot of these questions were on the table to address right away.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Is there a report from the Clerk?

Summary Report from the Clerk

- **Mileage reimbursement change noted: going from .58 cents to .575 cents per mile**
- **Finalized updated budget books for FY21 will be available for anyone who wants a paper copy**
- **Request to notify the Speaker or Clerk if an absence is anticipated on 2/19/20**
- **Clerk completed Narcan, CPR and AED training last week through the county**
- **Reminder about receipts and registration process for delegates attending the MMA Annual Conference in the next few weeks**

Clerk O'CONNELL: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A few things, I just want to let you know that the reimbursement for mileage has decreased as of January 1 by a whole half percent.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Because it's cheaper now?

Clerk O'CONNELL: So it's 57-1/2 versus 58 and that will be reflected on your next quarterly mileage logs.

Also a reminder, I did send you an electronic version of the Budget Book, and I'm more than happy to print it for anyone that would like to have it now. But, warning, there are going to be some changes in that document. Once the budget is delivered to the Assembly by the Commissioners that's going to be the best version you're going to get, the most up-to-date.

But if you want to familiarize yourself with it, you want the paper versus electronic, then let me know and I will have one of those prepared. But, honestly, by the time you meet next, I think you're going to have a final complete and revised budget book.

Also, if anyone knows that they are not going to be present at the meeting on the 19th of February, not the 5th but the 19th, we would appreciate knowing. We want to make sure that there's going to be a quorum. Sometimes, as Mary has, you can participate remotely. But if you're physically not going to be present or present remotely, we'd like to know that in advance, if possible.

And just to let you know that last week I did take CPR and AED and Narcan training because they kind of packaged it altogether. So I did that in case, you know, we've ever got to use the box in the back of the room.

Delegate GALLAGHER: What's AED?

Delegate O'MALLEY: Automatic External Defibrillator.

Delegate GALLAGHER: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: So we know how to use that now.

Clerk O'CONNELL: Yes. And the MMA Conference is coming up. The next time we meet it will be over. Just a reminder to the people who are attending, be very careful with receipts: parking, food, hotel that you produce a receipt for me when you come back that's going to be accepted by the gatekeepers at the bottom of the hill because they're very strict. Your name, the name of the company, the amount; it's got to show that it's been paid. So that's my directive regarding that.

And anyone who has not had an opportunity to register through me yet, the word I got late today is the window has now closed. You can attend but you have to register on site. And that's okay because they will invoice the county, but you're going to have to go through the process. It takes a little longer for them to produce your ticket and your badge but the window closed now for on-line advance registrations. So if you have changed plans and you're going to attend, you've just got to register on site.

And I think that's it.

Summary of Other Business

- **Speaker McAuliffe submitted a proposed resolution to create a Standing Committee on Budget review by the Assembly**
- **Chatham Delegate Potash submitted a proposed resolution asking that the US Coast Guard abandon its plan to remove Chatham Whistle Buoy "C"**
- **Wellfleet Delegate Green informed the Assembly that she had attended the Cape Cod Commission's Climate Initiative meeting**
- **Mashpee Delegate O'Hara is interested in scheduling the NRC before the Assembly to discuss the decommissioning on the Pilgrim Plant; threatened**

litigations were cited as the reason for the delay

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Great. I do have a resolution I'm submitting for consideration for our next meeting, and it's a resolution regarding how we do our budget process because it currently in the Charter states that we do things by standing committees. So until we get the Charter changed or cleaned up or a little bit more flexible on that, this is a proposed resolution saying that the Finance Committee will appoint a Standing Committee on Budget Review which includes all members of the Assembly, which effectively then allows the Assembly to do the budget review the way it did last year and is a little bit more official than, oh, let's just do this.

So this is being submitted and it will be -- as a proposed resolution voted next meeting.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, Delegate Potash.

Delegate POTASH: Yes, hi. I mean I have a resolution for your consideration about a buoy in Chatham that the Coast Guard is very highly considering, very seriously considering removing, and I'm hoping that everybody can review that and perhaps it could be on for the next meeting because it's time sensitive.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes. So I think with the Chatham Buoy Resolution, why don't we get these out to people as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or need more information, let Delegate Potash know so that there can -- we can provide information or questions because I know the Assembly in areas that they're not familiar need information. And it may be the Assembly feels that they just don't have enough information.

But, but if there's individuals who really, you know, you can reach out to Delegate Potash, but you can also let the Clerk or the Speaker know as well.

Yes, Delegate Harder.

Delegate HARDER: So, I missed -- I was taking notes. So you want us to pass a resolution asking the Coast Guard not to remove the buoy; is that --

Delegate POTASH: Yes.

Delegate HARDER: Oh, okay. Good. We need to. I was just making sure.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, you're last. Delegate Green.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you. As I was speaking with the Speaker recently, she asked that I just announce that I had attended the Cape Cod Commission's Climate Initiative meeting. They're having several meetings across the Cape and then they're meeting with various stakeholders. I'm on the Energy Committee and was invited to attend that particular stakeholder meeting.

And I think that all of us in one way or another are very interested in climate change, and so I think it's really wise to take a look at and keep apprised of what the Cape Cod Commission is doing in that regard.

It seems like they're trying to be as thorough as they possibly can to reach out to as many different stakeholders as possible and to really take very seriously some of the concepts that people in the community have raised.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Is this in relation to a specific project or are they just doing this as a general, let's see, sort of take the pulse of the Cape?

Delegate GREEN: No, they intend to have specific outcomes, and they are calling it the Cape Cod Climate Initiative.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Delegate GREEN: So they do have various goals and objectives which will be defined as they gather more information in the information-gathering phase.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Excellent. Thank you.

Delegate GREEN: Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Anyone? Yes, Delegate O'Hara.

Delegate O'HARA: Two issues; one of them is it happened a while ago and I thought that this board had sent a letter out to them and it was strongly worded and that was to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the new operators of the Pilgrim Power Plant, dismantling or whatever securing. We never heard anything.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, we did.

Delegate O'HARA: What's going on?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, we did, but we deferred based on the litigation at the state. Right after we sent it out, there was a meeting set up for someone to come. But because of litigation at the state by Maura Healy, it made it a problem for us to be grilling them on issues that were in litigation.

Now, we can get an update and see if that litigation is ongoing because they were more than agreeable to come and talk to us. But it also -- I'm not sure if there would be -- what the answers would be if it was in litigation.

Delegate O'HARA: Well, at least we'd know what's going on because we're the communities that are directly affected.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Maybe not, yes. Maybe not. When somethings in litigation, a lot of times the information is very restricted. But we will reach out to them again or we will research that but we did get a response. We did have them scheduled and that week was the week that Maura Healy filed her litigation.

Delegate O'HARA: And I think that, if I'm not mistaken, that I think it was Vinny deMacedo and whether it be the Senator or the Reps that were wanting to know -- they were against this group taking over the --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Right.

Delegate HARDER: Everybody is.

Delegate O'HARA: So the other people are having conversations and I'd like to know just what's going on. I know that the residents in my town that I talk to, every now and then I get a comment, "What's going on?"

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Delegate O'HARA: I said, "I don't know. I haven't heard."

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, we'll look into that because I'm not sure what happened with that litigation. In the back of my mind, I don't know if it got thrown out.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: If I might?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes.

Deputy Speaker MORAN: As part of that request, you can ask them to appear with counsel who could just advise whether the question was appropriate or not.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Okay.

Delegate O'HARA: Oh, that's good. Secondly, one of the meetings not so long ago, I think it was Sean who talked about their new D-Nite Systems that are being developed up at the Base and they're pretty effective reducing the nitrogen levels of the wastewater.

I was wondering if -- and I have asked -- I've called and asked them if there was any opportunity to just bring me up to speed on what these systems are, how effective they are, and I haven't heard anything. Do you think we could have them come in and update us?

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, and you're talking about their laboratory where they're testing?

Delegate O'HARA: Yes. They do it at the -- at the Base.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Yes, George Heufelder did that, yes.

Delegate O'HARA: So they keep it on track and, supposedly, they're very effective and they're doing a couple of test sites. I think Falmouth has a couple going in and whatnot and they're pretty effective.

And some towns, even Mashpee, we're putting our plans together now and not every house is going to be hooked up to a wastewater treatment plant, but these D-Nite Systems could be enough to reduce the nitrogen and be effective --

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Right.

Delegate O'HARA: -- so that they won't harm the environment. Innovative /Alternative Systems. That's it. Thank you.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Delegate MCCUTCHEON: Motion to adjourn.

Delegate HARDER: Second.

Speaker MCAULIFFE: Thank you.

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the Assembly of Delegates at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

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

List of materials used at the meeting:

- **Business Calendar 1/15/20**
- **Unapproved Journal of Proceedings 12/18/19**
- **Barnstable County 5-Year Capital Plan for 2021 through 2025**
- **Proposed Ordinance 20-01 FY21 County Capital Budget submitted by Commissioners**
- **Proposed Resolution 20-01 To Create a Standing Committee on Budget Review by Assembly submitted by Speaker McAuliffe**
- **Proposed Resolution 20-02 To Request the US Coast Guard Abandon its Plan to Remove Chatham Whistle Buoy "C"**