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MARYLAND BOAT ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPRING MEETING

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ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

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1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

2 CHRIS PARLIN: We will go ahead and  
3 convene our meeting of the Boat Act Advisory  
4 April 12 here at 10:00 a.m. Introductions.  
5 Start with John.

6 JON SHELLER: Captain Jon, Deale,  
7 Maryland. Another day in paradise. We're open  
8 for business.

9 ROBERT NICKEL: Bob Nickel, Western  
10 Maryland, up in, as I always say, the Great  
11 White North.

12 FRED LEVITAN: Fred Levitan, Timonium.  
13 CBYC Past Commodore.

14 RUSS DWYER: Russ Dwyer, Talbot County.

15 AMY CRAIG: Amy Craig, Upper Marlboro,  
16 Maryland.

17 THORNELL JONES: Thornell Jones,  
18 Annapolis, Maryland.

19 JOE HELLNER: Joe Hellner from Anne  
20 Arundel County, in the Millersville area. Been  
21 a boater most of my life. All types of

1 vessels, power and sail. Also former board  
2 member, officer and past Commodore of several  
3 yachting organizations and a former Naval  
4 officer.

5 ROBIN ALLISON: Robin Allison, Galesville,  
6 Maryland. Power, sail, commercial. You name  
7 it, if it's on the water, we use it.

8 BOB LUNSFORD: Bob Lunsford, Anne Arundel  
9 County. I'm a trailer boater.

10 ROMONA TRAVANO: Romona Travano, Anne  
11 Arundel County. I'm a waterfront homeowner and  
12 all kinds of little boats, big boats, whatever  
13 I can get my hands on.

14 STEVE KLING: Steve Kling, Annapolis area.  
15 I own a sailboat. And I was just thinking, I'm  
16 trying not to be a former anything.

17 JOHN PEPE: John Pepe, Oxford, Maryland.  
18 Marine surveyor and licensed 200-ton master  
19 captain.

20 DAVE BLAZER: Hi everybody. I've Dave  
21 Blazer, Director of Fishing and Boating

1 Services for the Department of Natural  
2 Resources. Most of my background is in  
3 fisheries, however when I did start my career I  
4 did have a 25 ton captain's license and ran  
5 some charters early on for the Chesapeake Bay  
6 Foundation. It's a pleasure to be here. I've  
7 been on the job for a while and this is my  
8 first Boat Act Advisory Committee. I'm glad to  
9 be here and glad to meet you. I already heard  
10 a couple issues, so I appreciate some of the  
11 communication we've had already and I look  
12 forward to the day. Thank you all.

13 LOUIS WRIGHT: Louis Wright, hydrographic  
14 operations, DNR.

15 RACHEL EISENHOWER: Rachel Eisenhower, I'm  
16 with the Attorney General's Office with DNR. I  
17 haven't been to a meeting for a while, which I  
18 apologize, but it's good to see everybody  
19 again. And I don't have any boats.

20 JON SHELLER: We can fix that.

21 ANN WILLIAMS: Ann Williams, hydrographic

1 operations, Fishing and Boating Services.

2 JEANNINE MOANEY: Jeannine Moaney, Fishing  
3 and Boating Services.

4 MIKE GRANT: Mike Grant, Fishing and  
5 Boating Services.

6 CHRIS PARLIN: I apologize, I cut you off  
7 there. And Chris Parlin, chairperson for one  
8 last day. All right. And -- actually lately  
9 I've been introducing myself to folks as a  
10 yacht captain. I used to say retired fire  
11 fighter, but now I think I've gotten to that  
12 point where I am a yacht captain.

13 JOHN PEPE: I think you qualified.

14 CHRIS PARLIN: Thank you. More fun in it  
15 too. All right. Mike, Manadere Creek.

16 MIKE GRANT: As you recall, Manadere is  
17 still around. We still have some issues  
18 between the skiers and residents. This year,  
19 again, the residents convinced Senator Reilly  
20 and another Anne Arundel County delegate to  
21 introduce a law to do what you all didn't do,

1 or what the community wants to do. Ultimately  
2 that was pulled. I think greater minds sat  
3 together and decided that they didn't want to  
4 go against a legislative directive that they  
5 had created, letting you guys do your job. So  
6 that's what happened to that. The ultimate --  
7 the short story is -- and then another letter  
8 was written to the Governor, to which Secretary  
9 Dalton responded we're keeping to our guns,  
10 however you may consider consulting with the  
11 Boat Act folks if you and the ski club need to  
12 come up with some kind of a compromise. It  
13 won't affect the law specifically, but if you  
14 can play nice together, perhaps we can find an  
15 end to this. Well, that's what we tried to  
16 encourage to happen. And phone calls missed,  
17 e-mails not returned, et cetera, et cetera. So  
18 finally Bill Anderson said we're going to  
19 provide a venue for both groups at our building  
20 or wherever they want, but at our building, and  
21 they can hash it out together. Bill and I sat

1     there and let them do their thing.  It was to  
2     find compromise.  It wasn't a wheeler dealer  
3     day, it was to find compromise.  Three members  
4     of the ski club and two members of the  
5     community showed up and it started out with one  
6     of the members of the community saying, "so  
7     what do you got to offer."  Which kind of set  
8     the tone.  And it dragged on a bit.  Bottom  
9     line is at this point, from what we understand,  
10    what we can understand, is the community is  
11    still complaining about a two to three foot  
12    wake.  At the turns, not on the course.  The  
13    noise and the available time for the course.  
14    Not the amount of time the skiers are actually  
15    skiing but the time they can ski if they want  
16    to.  They only ski five and a half hours a  
17    week, period.  That's all they can ski.  That's  
18    not only time but they just can't ski that much  
19    any more.  So the community wanted to know when  
20    specifically, eliminate days, et cetera.  And  
21    the ski club would not accept that.  They did



1    however say here's some phone numbers, contact  
2    information and here's access to our web site  
3    where we schedule our skiing. So that we're  
4    not running over each other, we know who is  
5    coming in any given day. No, that didn't work.  
6    Ultimately the meeting ended after about an  
7    hour and 15 minutes. And the community left,  
8    two of the members of the ski club, both  
9    attorneys, remained and discussed it for  
10   another hour. According to Bill, Bill was  
11   still in there in the same room. So that's how  
12   we ended. That was on the 3rd. This weekend,  
13   past weekend, Bill and I both were copied on  
14   e-mails to Senator Reilly and the Secretary and  
15   attendees of that meeting that basically  
16   spelled out the community's disappointment with  
17   the venue, the meeting, nothing was  
18   accomplished. And then at the very end it said  
19   we're considering judicial action, which  
20   basically closed the door on us. We're not  
21   talking about it any more. It's in Rachel's

1 capable hands, or at least the OAG, if it goes  
2 forward. But we're hoping it doesn't go that  
3 way. It's just that's the way they want to  
4 play, that's the way it is. That's where we  
5 stand right now. Rachel, you want to add  
6 anything.

7 RACHEL EISENHOWER: No, not at this point.

8 MIKE GRANT: Anybody have any questions.

9 JOHN PEPE: Mike, where does this leave  
10 the ordinance?

11 MIKE GRANT: Everything is fine.

12 JOHN PEPE: Everything is staying just as  
13 it is.

14 MIKE GRANT: Yes. The Secretary stands  
15 behind you all 110 percent. It's legislative  
16 directive initiative. It's why you guys are  
17 here. You're doing what you were told to do,  
18 doing it quite well, and that's the way it's  
19 going to stay for now. If somebody else wants  
20 to try to pass a law, then here we go again.

21 BOB LUNSFORD: During the meeting with

1 community members, were there claims of  
2 interference with particular activities or  
3 claims of damage, or just...

4 MIKE GRANT: There were inferences that  
5 "well, my kids came down, my grand kids came  
6 down to visit and they couldn't paddle board,  
7 they couldn't kayak. Well, why not. You were  
8 running in the course. Well, they can paddle  
9 over there, they can paddle over there, and if  
10 they want to paddle across the course, we would  
11 stop at the end of the run and let them go  
12 across the course." We got people in there  
13 anchoring out, liner vessels, get up in the  
14 morning, drank their coffee and watch these  
15 guys ski. There is -- there was no indication  
16 and there is no proof from anybody that it  
17 wasn't going on. So the skiers kept saying,  
18 we -- they watch us all the time and we don't  
19 prevent anybody from going in there. Now, when  
20 we're not there if a boat comes in and gets  
21 crazy, that's an NRP issue, we have nothing to

1 do with that.

2 ROBIN ALLISON: Was there any complaints  
3 to NRP.

4 MIKE GRANT: We have not heard of any.  
5 Given that number -- like generally their  
6 consensus is they never show up, but when they  
7 show up, it's too late.

8 CHRIS PARLIN: Well, thank you. One of  
9 the most frustrating things I think I've been  
10 involved in the whole time, and of course it  
11 fell under my chairmanship. But I agree with  
12 you, Mike, I think we did our jobs, we did it  
13 properly, and it's nice to hear the Secretary  
14 supports us. That's what we're here for and  
15 that's why we keep doing what we're doing and  
16 do the site visits and gather our information  
17 and do our jobs the best we can. All right.  
18 Thank you, Mike, appreciate it. Legislative  
19 wrap-up.

20 MIKE GRANT: She is not here yet. Allison  
21 called and said she had some -- the school is

1 having muffins with moms this morning, so she  
2 got to school and she will be in here as soon  
3 as she can.

4 CHRIS PARLIN: That's fine. Family first.  
5 Okay. 2017 proposed regulation status.

6 MIKE GRANT: I have no official requests.  
7 I have had a number of inquiries which I'm  
8 going to present. And I apologize, this new  
9 projector does not have the hoods that it  
10 should to generate a good picture in any kind  
11 of ambient light. I think we can work through  
12 this. I've added some new graphics that I  
13 think will help. First of all, South River,  
14 Edgewater Beach and Cape St. John's.  
15 Independent. Edgewater Beach is back again.  
16 It's a different person but same scenario.  
17 They are complaining about the issues, and here  
18 we are. Let me jump down. At Marker 17,  
19 here's Edgewater Beach right here. Here's  
20 Marker 17. Go back up again. Here's our  
21 current speed limits here, six knots. Up here

1 as we know it's six knots Saturday, Sunday and  
2 holiday. 35/20 during the day. They have not  
3 officially submitted anything but he called  
4 yesterday and promised he had something  
5 electronically and postmarked by the 15th, so I  
6 expect to get that one. They have not given me  
7 a line yet, but he inferred that that's about  
8 where he wants it, right about there. So that  
9 he's -- they are not affected by wakes,  
10 although these people will be now if it's  
11 there. But they want the six knots run all the  
12 way up to here now. At the same time, Cape St.  
13 John, all along here, they want the whole thing  
14 six knots all time. Currently, and again --  
15 here we are. This is from Ann's chart. This  
16 is the current at the bridge, Cape St. John,  
17 Edgewater Beach, they want this to be six knot  
18 all the time. If you go back to the minutia,  
19 to go from the Route 2 bridge to the Riva  
20 bridge all the way through from here to here at  
21 six knots, it would be about almost 15 minutes,

1 ball park. And these are the various -- I  
2 didn't print these out because nothing was firm  
3 yet. Once we get solid information I will get  
4 them out to you so you can keep them on your  
5 coffee table. It would be a 15 minute run from  
6 here to here. I don't know if we're going to  
7 get this one. When the woman asked for more  
8 information, I explained the best thing she  
9 could do was come up with some kind of a  
10 backup, complaining about damage to property,  
11 damage to sea walls, erosion, that kind of  
12 thing. She said -- she called me back and  
13 said, Mike, I don't think I have any of that,  
14 I'm not sure this is really worth going after.  
15 But she is going to have a community meeting.  
16 And she has got until the 15th to get it in  
17 here.

18 JON SHELLER: We keep coming back to this  
19 area. Do we know or can we find out what the  
20 population of boaters is above the bridge.

21 MIKE GRANT: I'm sure we could. That

1 would be licensing and registration. I guess  
2 we could get that information. It's a bunch,  
3 no doubt about it.

4 JON SHELLER: Yes, I'm assuming that. But  
5 that would give us a data point to say this is  
6 the people you're impacting on a daily basis  
7 with your proposed regulation, or current  
8 regulation. And they would -- if I was living  
9 up there, I would want someone to tell me that  
10 someone proposes to close the door on my  
11 boating.

12 MIKE GRANT: Well, that will happen if  
13 this comes to fruition, we'll pop that big  
14 Humvee in the middle and say notice regulation  
15 change being proposed with my phone number on  
16 it, and I'll just transfer the calls to you.

17 JON SHELLER: I've got one of those voice  
18 mails that takes 15 messages and turns off.

19 CHRIS PARLIN: John Pepe.

20 JOHN PEPE: You also have to keep in mind  
21 you're affecting a business north of there.



1 There is a destination restaurant, several  
2 businesses up there.

3 ROBIN ALLISON: Which is another question,  
4 have we heard any more complaints from Mike's.  
5 Mike's was complaining about the wakes also.

6 MIKE GRANT: No. Since it didn't go  
7 through last year, I haven't heard anything  
8 this year. Because he's aware that it takes  
9 three years for you guys to look at it again.

10 ROBERT NICKEL: But they would have input  
11 on this.

12 MIKE GRANT: Oh, of course they would.  
13 And, again, I apologize for this, but this  
14 is -- there's the distance from the Cape St.  
15 John, about 980 feet. About 230 feet out to 17  
16 from Edgewater Beach. And I wish this would  
17 look better, here's a close-up again. Here's  
18 the docks. And those of you that have been  
19 here, you realize this is just about at sea  
20 level. In fact their stone bulkhead is above  
21 the land and the land is actually at sea level.

1 So there is an issue there. This is the one I  
2 wanted to show you. This is April 1994. It  
3 looks pretty much the same if -- as it dose  
4 2017. There is very little evidence of any  
5 kind of erosion. Again, got to get a better  
6 projector here. So any more questions on this  
7 one. Blow through this. This is Tred Avon,  
8 Dixon Creek, Maxmore Creek. Again, these were  
9 inquiries over the winter. Here's Easton.  
10 There is a little marina up here. John, what's  
11 the name of it.

12 JOHN PEPE: Easton Point.

13 MIKE GRANT: Easton Point Marina. Dixon  
14 Creek is up in here, Maxmore Creek down here by  
15 Royal Oak. From the marina to Dixon is about  
16 1.2 nautical miles and down to Maxmore is about  
17 three nautical miles. This gentleman was not  
18 clear, he just wanted something done and he  
19 never got back to me. I think he was looking  
20 for six knots. Here's Dixon. It's a decent  
21 amount of water. I think he was mostly

1 complaining about jet skis, but again he hasn't  
2 gotten back to me. Maxmore was more specific.  
3 This gentleman has a lovely little estate right  
4 here and he's complaining about boaters zipping  
5 by. 700 feet, 500 feet. It's about a half  
6 nautical mile to the entrance. It's a lot of  
7 room to operate up in there but he wanted this  
8 area shut down to six knots all time. Again, I  
9 have not heard back from him.

10 JOHN PEPE: A lot of new development north  
11 of that area, between Easton Point and Maxmore.

12 MIKE GRANT: Okay. So that has not come  
13 through. Here's where he is. And the Tred  
14 Avon down here. Any questions on this one.  
15 Easton Bay Greenwood. And I should have pulled  
16 this one because a friend I know through the  
17 yacht club over on Kent Island approached me  
18 about this and I explained that this gentleman  
19 right here, again, this is about 425 feet wide,  
20 about a nautical mile to the bay, it's  
21 chokepoint here but it's not that much at four

1 and a quarter. He wants it shut down just  
2 right here. And the gentleman who I spoke with  
3 lives up in here and he went up and down here  
4 and talked to everybody and nobody wants it.

5 BOB LUNSFORD: Community support, we like  
6 that.

7 MIKE GRANT: For us. Or for you.

8 JOHN PEPE: Great waterskiing creek too.

9 MIKE GRANT: I bet. That's a picture  
10 right there. Wye Narrows up in here, Wye  
11 River.

12 STEVE KLING: I'm noticing a pattern that  
13 these water skiers are getting us in trouble  
14 all the time.

15 MIKE GRANT: Plus they're competitive.

16 AMY CRAIG: I narrowed them down to three  
17 spots. Keep the trouble contained.

18 MIKE GRANT: So Greenwood I think we're  
19 not going to hear anything from. Ocean City,  
20 Isle of Wight. This is a questionable one.  
21 This just came in last week. Isle of Wight is

1 up here at this point of land that comes out  
2 right here. It has the Jolly Roger amusement  
3 area. And this end right here, as you can see,  
4 kind of barely. Of course all the channels are  
5 six knots in here. The channel is very skinny  
6 through here. All these vessels are on lifts.  
7 And there is your distance from the green all  
8 the way up to the shoreline. This is the area  
9 they want to go to six knots. And this down  
10 here is all six. Here's the area again.  
11 Here's the current channel. As you recall, you  
12 made a change to this a couple years ago,  
13 included this in the six knots. Once you get  
14 out of here, you're freewheeling all the way up  
15 to Delaware. They want this going to six  
16 knots, which would mean, you know, wide open,  
17 six knots, wide open, and then six knots all  
18 the way to the ocean. There it is again, the  
19 marks.

20 BOB LUNSFORD: Mike, did that come in as a  
21 petition or just a request.

1 MIKE GRANT: Came in as a call and  
2 discussed it with him, and I said you've got  
3 until the 15th. And he said he would try to  
4 get something in and postmarked by the 15th.

5 ROBIN ALLISON: What was the issue?

6 MIKE GRANT: They are getting too much  
7 wakes. That people swimming in there are  
8 getting rocked. The boats are getting rocked.  
9 Bulkheads are getting rocked. It's  
10 uncomfortable.

11 ROBIN ALLISON: And everybody is on a  
12 lift.

13 MIKE GRANT: Yeah, pretty much. Or on a  
14 float.

15 ROBIN ALLISON: Very curious.

16 ROBERT NICKEL: And the prevailing wind is  
17 from the west, so that's a lee shore where you  
18 always have waves because it's always blowing  
19 in Ocean City. So the boats are probably  
20 tamping down the...

21 RUSS DWYER: If anybody has been there,

1 you're just trying to get to that bridge before  
2 it closes too.

3 MIKE GRANT: That's true too. I have a  
4 feeling that this might be fought pretty hard.

5 CHRIS PARLIN: And everybody just  
6 remember, we've got a stenographer trying to  
7 keep up with us, so one at a time.

8 MIKE GRANT: Here it is again. And some  
9 charts again. This area all along here, it's  
10 all regulated now at six knots. Here's the  
11 area that you all put in a couple years ago.  
12 Six knots all time. So this is the canal right  
13 here right out. That's all I have.

14 ROBIN ALLISON: So are any of these  
15 petitions yet?

16 MIKE GRANT: No.

17 ROBIN ALLISON: Just phone calls.

18 MIKE GRANT: I expect to get the Edgewater  
19 Beach and possibly this one, the Ocean City.

20 BOB LUNSFORD: Can I get season pass for  
21 Oak Grove Marina, Mike.

1           CHRIS PARLIN:  Mike, you jumped ahead to  
2   the 2018 regulation request.  2017 proposed  
3   regulation status.

4           MIKE GRANT:  I'm sorry.  The only thing we  
5   had was the data point on Yans Creek on the  
6   Severn River.  We had -- we lost the land to  
7   the southwestern tip of the ski zone and had to  
8   move it to a new point of land.  Louis and Ann  
9   figured that out and that went through no  
10  problem.  That's all we had, right.  It went  
11  into effect March something.  That's it.

12          CHRIS PARLIN:  Thank you, Louis.  
13  Legislative session wrap-up.  Allison.  
14  Welcome.

15          ALLISON CORDELL:  Good morning.  Good to  
16  see you all again.  Allison Cordell, the  
17  legislative director for the Department of  
18  Natural Resources here to give you a quick  
19  update on legislative session that wrapped up  
20  on Monday at midnight.  So it was a long, long  
21  Monday and still recovering from the lack of



1 sleep. But it was a good session for us. So I  
2 wanted to talk to you about the new -- the  
3 bills that have passed that are likely to be  
4 signed by the Governor. They are not new laws  
5 yet but we expect they will all become -- I  
6 don't anticipate that any will be vetoed. We  
7 had four departmentals. This was for our  
8 recreational discount promotion program to  
9 continue. So we're allowed to give a discount  
10 for our fishing and our hunting licenses. We  
11 also repealed two of our defunct commissions.  
12 So if you look at our commission list, it is  
13 getting cleaned up so that the ones that are  
14 active are going to be listed and the ones that  
15 are not have been repealed from our article.  
16 We also clarified that pigeons are still  
17 unprotected in the State of Maryland. And that  
18 on our tidal fish license you can designate a  
19 beneficiary at any time and that the cancer  
20 crab would be added to the, conch, turtle,  
21 lobster permit license. So those were our four

1 departmentals, but the one that would really  
2 have to you with you is MDE's departmental.  
3 This was SV 100, reservoir, dam or waterway  
4 obstruction plans, designation of approval.  
5 This just helps streamline the process with MDE  
6 for those removals. Now, really on to the  
7 waterway related ones. We had Senate Bill 115,  
8 Deep Creek Lake Policy and Review Board.  
9 Department of the Environment was added to the  
10 list. Pretty simple. On our licenses, when  
11 you go to purchase a license through DNR,  
12 through our compass page, you will be able  
13 to -- you will be able to give a voluntary  
14 donation, both to the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the  
15 2010 Trust Fund, as well as if you want to  
16 designate funds to our veterans. We would be  
17 able to give a discount to our veterans through  
18 that voluntary donation. Senate Bill 501 was  
19 on the State lakes protection plan. This  
20 requires an appropriation of a million dollars  
21 to the State lakes fund. We have 16 State

1 lakes, and I'm sure that there will be a  
2 competitive award process on who receives the  
3 funding from that million dollars. There also  
4 was Senate Bill 1260 Waterway Improvement Fund,  
5 Ocean City dredging study. This requires  
6 300,000 from the Waterway Improvement Fund for  
7 this purpose. The department had looked at  
8 what was available in the Waterway Improvement  
9 Fund, had offered the Town of Ocean City  
10 200,000 as our portion of the match. However,  
11 they decided to go another round from what we  
12 were offering through the legislature, and we  
13 are now to designate 300,000 for this purpose.  
14 House Bill 917, this was a local bill on  
15 Frederick County Scenic River Advisory Board  
16 changing their membership. And House Bill  
17 1845. This was those for those that have  
18 aquaculture off of their piers. They would be  
19 able to harvest not just from 5 feet but up to  
20 10 feet. There is a restriction but this is  
21 for noncommercial purposes. What failed might

1 be of most interest to you. We had the State  
2 Boat Act, which was on carbon monoxide. This  
3 was House Bill 795. And there was also House  
4 Bill 803, the boat winterization shrink wrap.  
5 This was -- unfortunately a gentleman named  
6 Matthew passed away after removing the shrink  
7 wrap from his vessel, and so they wanted to  
8 require additional notice from the department  
9 and from those that were providing the shrink  
10 wrap on the harms of carbon monoxide poisoning.  
11 We talked to them about how we do have this  
12 information included in our boating safety  
13 course and we do have that information printed  
14 in the brochure. So it is available for all of  
15 our boaters, and so this ultimately did not  
16 pass. Madamere Creek ski zones. This was also  
17 put up again. This year it did not make it  
18 through. This was House Bill 299 and Senate  
19 Bill 141.

20 CHRIS PARLIN: Finish up and we'll come  
21 back.

1           ALLISON CORDELL: So that would be on  
2 Madamere Creek. We had an interesting bill  
3 come up by Delegate Metzgar on solar reflective  
4 lights on our buoys. This would require all  
5 buoys in state waters to have solar reflective  
6 lights. This had a very high fiscal cost and  
7 we were concerned about really lighting up the  
8 bay, not only how it could confuse boaters but  
9 also what it would do for our wildlife. So  
10 this did not pass but Delegate Metzgar does  
11 want to follow us with up about some concerns  
12 he has about visibility for the buoys. A  
13 question that might come to you. We also --  
14 there was criminal negligence, manslaughter or  
15 homicide by vehicle or vessel. This did not  
16 pass. House Bill 325. And House Bill 406,  
17 life threatening injury by vehicle or vessel.  
18 This would increase the penalties. Neither of  
19 those made it through. House Bill 820, this  
20 was put up by Delegate Mautz. To exempt both  
21 the purchase -- the purchase of boat motors

1 from sales and use tax. And the final one that  
2 also did not pass but is boating related would  
3 be the creation of a state debt, House Bill  
4 654, Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park. No  
5 funding was given to them. And that is all.  
6 Any questions.

7           JOE HELLNER: I have a question on the CO2  
8 bill. It looked like it got through the Senate  
9 after a bunch of amendments. If I recall  
10 correctly it was widdled down to a brochure  
11 that the DNR would provide.

12           ALLISON CORDELL: It was.

13           JOE HELLNER: Do you see that coming back  
14 perhaps next year since it made it all the way  
15 through the Senate. Did there -- I know the  
16 sad case of Matthew passing away kind of drove  
17 this.

18           ALLISON CORDELL: It did. And there was  
19 very compelling testimony that was provided.  
20 The house subcommittee on environment and  
21 transportation really, you know, felt for the

1 family, did not want to give an unfavorable  
2 report. So instead of ever publishing that it  
3 was an unfavorable, they held that one and it  
4 just didn't cross the finish line instead of  
5 receiving that unfavorable from the committee.  
6 While I think they feel for the family, they  
7 see that this was one incident. It's not  
8 something that we have a substantial need for  
9 more education to our boating community on this  
10 issue.

11 JOE HELLNER: Your early read on it is the  
12 legislature probably won't bring the carbon  
13 monoxide or the shrink wrap back next year.

14 ALLISON CORDELL: This was two years in a  
15 row, so I don't believe they will try for a  
16 third. But new membership next year, you know,  
17 maybe.

18 CHRIS PARLIN: Any other questions.

19 ALLISON CORDELL: Thank you.

20 CHRIS PARLIN: Thank you, Allison. We're  
21 going to push forward. Old business. Does

1 anybody have any old business they would like  
2 to talk about. Okay. Hearing none. New  
3 business. Steve Kling. I'm sorry.

4 DAVE BLAZER: If I can, I just want to  
5 make the committee aware, and Allison may help  
6 me out here a little bit, the Governor signed  
7 an executive order a couple months ago about  
8 the Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Economics  
9 Initiative. And we, the Department and the  
10 Department of Tourism, are putting together an  
11 advisory group that is supposed to meet soon.  
12 I don't think they have met yet.

13 ALLISON CORDELL: May 18th is the date I  
14 have in my mind.

15 DAVE BLAZER: But they are going to look  
16 at how can the State help with outdoor  
17 recreation experiences, both from a business  
18 viewpoint and also the consumer and the people  
19 getting out. In Fisheries, we're pretty active  
20 in it and they are looking at parks and  
21 wildlife, but boating is obviously a part of



1 the outdoor experience as well. So I wanted  
2 you all to be aware of that, that that's just  
3 kind of kicking off. I'll make sure, Mike, if  
4 we can get a copy of the executive order, we  
5 will send that to you just so you're aware of  
6 what that group is doing and make you aware of  
7 other meetings and then efforts to look at some  
8 of the boating outdoor experience that we have  
9 in Maryland. So just wanted to bring that to  
10 your attention.

11 ALLISON CORDELL: One of the things the  
12 Commission is going to be looking at is how to  
13 really brand and market our State for our rec  
14 opportunities. So boating is a huge component  
15 of that. All of the waterways that we have to  
16 offer to the recreational community is going to  
17 be of course a needed aspect of this  
18 conversation.

19 JOHN PEPE: Will this possibly get some  
20 grant funding or sustainable waterways or  
21 working waterfront community type.

1           DAVE BLAZER: I think that's a  
2 possibility. You know, obviously you put a lot  
3 of the advisory groups together that are going  
4 to put recommendations, and their hope is to  
5 put recommendations together. Funding is  
6 always one of those. Bunch of great ideas but  
7 how do you pay for them. So I'm sure that will  
8 be some of the discussion that they will have.

9           ROMONA TRAVANO: What's the membership on  
10 the group.

11          DAVE BLAZER: It's statewide. I think  
12 they have got an Ocean City rep, a Deep Creek  
13 person and a bunch of people in between.

14          ROBERT NICKEL: And from what walks of  
15 life or experiences.

16          DAVE BLAZER: Well, I know there is a  
17 couple fishing folks. But it's a 16 --

18          ALLISON CORDELL: There is some from  
19 industry as well. I want to say from Under  
20 Armor or REI there is a representative. And  
21 the membership, I think at least around 30.

1           DAVE BLAZER: It's a pretty large group.

2           ROMONA TRAVANO: And the objective of the  
3 executive order is to promote recreational  
4 tourism.

5           DAVE BLAZER: Yeah, outdoor recreation and  
6 tourism. Again, we'll make sure we send that  
7 executive order and the membership.

8           CHRIS PARLIN: Thank you.

9           JOE HELLNER: On that topic, since you  
10 mentioned there is interest in boater feedback,  
11 how would boaters be able to get back to the  
12 committee and provide comments or suggestions.

13          DAVE BLAZER: Well, they haven't met yet,  
14 so I think setting up -- I know they plan to  
15 have meetings across the state. They are not  
16 just going to be housed here in Annapolis, they  
17 are going out to Deep Creek and Ocean City and  
18 a lot of places in between and heavily  
19 advertise those. I think as they go we'll make  
20 sure that we advertise those things and use our  
21 advisory committees to try and get information

1 about what's going on and let you be aware of  
2 that. I know on the fishing side, our Sport  
3 Fish Advisory Committee, you know, this is  
4 something obviously that they are very  
5 interested in as well.

6           JOE HELLNER: And would consideration be  
7 given to posting that on the DNR web site so  
8 that we can -- if, for example, I get questions  
9 about this, I can point people in the right  
10 direction as to how they might engage with the  
11 group.

12           DAVE BLAZER: Absolutely, that will all be  
13 set up.

14           CHRIS PARLIN: Thornell.

15           THORNELL JONES: Is this in any way  
16 related to the National Park Service trying to  
17 get more people on the water.

18           DAVE BLAZER: I'm not sure where the  
19 initiative came from. I know REI was  
20 interested in doing it. So I don't know all  
21 the details of how it got legs originally.

1           ALLISON CORDELL:  There is a national push  
2   for this, for more information and marketing of  
3   our outdoor recreational opportunities.  So  
4   there was a National Governor's Association  
5   meeting a couple, maybe a month ago, that many  
6   members from different states that are engaged  
7   in this activity met together and we had  
8   national park representatives there as well.

9           CHRIS PARLIN:  Okay.  Thank you.  Any more  
10  questions.  We had another guest walk in.

11          BILL ANDERSON:  How are you.

12          CHRIS PARLIN:  Good.

13          MIKE GRANT:  Assistant Secretary Bill  
14  Anderson.

15          CHRIS PARLIN:  Give the opportunity for  
16  somebody to introduce him.  Welcome.  All  
17  right.  Still under new bills.  Steve Kling,  
18  you have some housekeeping to do here.

19          STEVE KLING:  Yes.  Nominating committee.  
20  It's time for -- our two years is up, your two  
21  years is up.

1           CHRIS PARLIN: Which it was at the end of  
2 the year this past year but we didn't meet in  
3 the winter so here I am.

4           STEVE KLING: And the nominating committee  
5 comprises of Mr. Lunsford and myself to discuss  
6 things, and we would recommend to the committee  
7 for a two year term, to end at the end of the  
8 calendar year 2019, Amy Craig as Chair,  
9 Thornell Jones as Vice Chair, and Jon Sheller  
10 as Officer at Large.

11          ROMONA TRAVANO: Second.

12          STEVE KLING: You don't need a motion,  
13 second, when it's a committee.

14          ROMONA TRAVANO: Sorry.

15          CHRIS PARLIN: Just a vote on it. And any  
16 questions.

17          RUSS DWYER: You heard from the attorney  
18 too.

19          CHRIS PARLIN: Vote to approve.

20          BOB LUNSFORD: Wait a minute. Do you want  
21 to veto this motion. This is your last chance.

1 JON SHELLER: No, that's fine.

2 CHRIS PARLIN: Everybody in favor.

3 Anybody opposed. Okay. There's your new  
4 membership. Happy birthday to me.

5 ROMONA TRAVANO: Chris, thanks for doing a  
6 great job.

7 CHRIS PARLIN: Thank you. Appreciate it.  
8 Like I said, I think Manadere was our toughest  
9 meeting and it was a long meeting, but I think  
10 in the long run it really matters that we took  
11 that time to listen to everybody, give  
12 everybody their chance to speak. And I think  
13 we truly did a good job on that one. Even  
14 though it keeps coming back, we have triumphed  
15 through so far. Okay. I guess with that,  
16 anything else, any other new business.

17 BOB LUNSFORD: Chris, you have to give  
18 your personal reflections over lunch.

19 CHRIS PARLIN: That's right.

20 ROMONA TRAVANO: This isn't new business.  
21 But the web site that has all the regulations,

1 boating regulations, I continue, just random  
2 people, friends of mine, say what a wonderful  
3 site that is and how much they really enjoy it.  
4 A friend of mine who is active in the Coast  
5 Guard Auxiliary and they are interested in the  
6 site as well. I just wanted to say job well  
7 done, folks.

8 CHRIS PARLIN: And that's something I kind  
9 of started years ago when I first got on the  
10 committee and said, hey, we've got a younger  
11 generation that's tech minded and everything is  
12 online. And Louis and Ann put in so much work  
13 on that and I'm sure there is a few others in  
14 the background that did the web site  
15 development and what not. Yes, thank you both  
16 of you, and anybody else who was involved. It  
17 really is a good product.

18 ROMONA TRAVANO: I don't know if you're  
19 getting that feedback directly, but I hear it  
20 all the time.

21 ANN WILLIAMS: We don't get all the good



1 stuff. We get the Manadere phone calls.

2 CHRIS PARLIN: Job well done, seriously.

3 Thank you for bringing that up, Romona. Very  
4 good. Any other new business.

5 JOE HELLNER: I would also like to add,  
6 following Romona's theme, for the record as  
7 well, I've been a user of the DNR web site for  
8 a long time and I just want to say the whole  
9 DNR web site gets better it seems every year.  
10 It's more user friendly than ever, more  
11 intuitive, I'm able to get quickly to the  
12 things I want to see on the DNR web site. I  
13 wanted to give that positive feedback back to  
14 the DNR as well. It gets better every year.  
15 Thank you.

16 CHRIS PARLIN: Okay. Did you have any  
17 words you want to share.

18 BILL ANDERSON: No, seems like a bit of a  
19 light agenda this year. Again, I just want to  
20 thank you guys for your commitment to being a  
21 part of the committee. These things are tough,

1 and you mentioned Manadere, but they are tough  
2 in general and it takes away from your  
3 business, your family, so I want to thank again  
4 everybody on the team. And our DNR support  
5 team for everything you guys do for the boating  
6 public.

7 CHRIS PARLIN: Thank you. All right.  
8 Motion to adjourn.

9 BOB LUNSFORD: Can we hang around for  
10 lunch. That's a lot of food to save.

11 CHRIS PARLIN: We can have some off the  
12 record discussions after adjourning.

13 BOB LUNSFORD: I'll make a motion we  
14 adjourn.

15 JOE HELLNER: Second.

16 CHRIS PARLIN: All in favor.

17 COMMITTEE: Aye.

18 CHRIS PARLIN: We're adjourned.

19 (Meeting concluded at 10:43 a.m.)  
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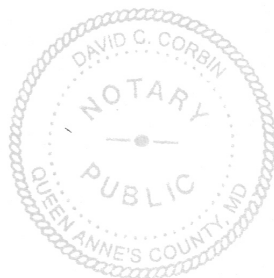
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