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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK
SUFFOLK COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

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Chairperson

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Suffolk County Legislator19 HON. VIVIAN VILORIA-FISHER,
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2 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Let's get
3 officially started. It's November 14.
4 Thank you to those who are here this
5 morning. We should be able to fly quickly.
6 So, first we want to go over the final
7 report. It's kind of a new format that John
8 Wafenschmidt had suggested at the last
9 meeting, which just is a reorganization, and
10 you should have a copy of that in front of
11 you. It says final --

12 MR. PROIOS: It's the other side of
13 the agenda.

14 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I mean, I think
15 it's pretty self-explanatory. If anyone is
16 breaking it into these different parts, the
17 Existing Conditions, Options For the Future,
18 then, finally, the Summary and
19 Recommendations, which I'm sure part of our
20 summary and recommendations will be that we
21 need further study in certain areas. But it
22 looks like, at least in terms of Existing
23 Conditions, the Current Conditions and
24 Trends, we have a nice, hefty update here.
25 We'll get to that a little bit later.

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2 Any comments or questions or anything
3 on the recommended format?

4 MR. PROIOS: Does this mess up
5 anybody in terms of the way the Committee is
6 working?

7 MR. SCULLY: No. The only thing I
8 would say is that the piece you've been
9 waiting for me to deliver really speaks to
10 the issue of Governmental involvement, and
11 it's something already written. I just
12 reviewed it to see whether or not I wanted
13 to add a couple of sentences. It basically
14 is a rehash of some of the things we've been
15 talking about since the Carbone versus
16 Clarkstown decision, in terms of what
17 Government was expected to do pre-Carbone,
18 and change the role of Government in the
19 private sector post-Carbone, and that sort
20 of thing.

21 I mean, we have some towns out here
22 that control every ounce of waste,
23 theoretically. Babylon contracts for the
24 collection of its residential waste, and
25 they had the guts to create a commercial

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2 district, so they contracted for the
3 commercial rates. They control every ton,
4 theoretically. We have other towns which
5 basically have nothing to do with it. Their
6 position -- Riverhead is the town I'm
7 thinking of. Private sector collects it,
8 private sector gets rid of it. We have no
9 involvement.

10 That's the new environment, and it
11 all is tied pretty much to what level of
12 commitment a municipality had made by the
13 time Carbone happened. And some of the
14 towns in western Suffolk and Nassau County
15 made big decisions to finance waste energy
16 facilities and recycling facilities. So,
17 once they had made those commitments on
18 behalf of their taxpayers, they had to
19 guarantee that the material would show up on
20 the scale. They had to do what they had to
21 do, to do that.

22 MR. PROIOS: How about if I put
23 Historical Overview of Suffolk County slash
24 Long Island Waste Disposal?

25 MR. SCULLY: Something like that.

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2 Yeah. I would just take a look at what's
3 already -- there was something drafted
4 already, right? Pursuant to this format?

5 MR. PROIOS: No.

6 MR. SCULLY: Oh, no? Okay. If
7 there's no governmental involvement piece,
8 I'll --

9 MR. PROIOS: Well, there's a piece
10 that was for D.C. regulatory, so that's part
11 of -- under Government.

12 MR. HEIL: What do you mean by "the
13 role of government"? Is it from operations;
14 management; planning; regulatory? I mean,
15 State policy? This whole...

16 MR. SCULLY: My area of interest was
17 the changing role of local government in
18 managing the waste treatment.

19 MR. HEIL: I mean in terms of what
20 are we looking for here? You know, we've
21 got regulatory aspects, planning. What are
22 you looking for?

23 MR. SCULLY: What it's intended for
24 under Item 4.

25 MR. HEIL: Operations?

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2 MR. KOWALCHYK: I guess to highlight
3 the fact that we have ten townships and that
4 they have the major responsibility, and how
5 does it work in terms of what they do in
6 each town, districts.

7 MR. SCULLY: So it's less about the
8 regulatory aspect as it is about the
9 management, day-to-day management, of the
10 stream.

11 MR. KOWALCHYK: On Existing
12 Conditions I would agree with you, but when
13 you get to Options for the Future, number 9
14 of the Role of Government, I don't know that
15 there's a Federal point to make, but
16 certainly there's a State -- is the State
17 policy going to stay the way it was; is it
18 going to evolve to something new or
19 different, and what's significant about
20 that, if anything, as it relates to a county
21 like Suffolk's role in the future or,
22 clearly, where towns will continue into the
23 future?

24 MR. SCULLY: I don't see anything
25 altering that dynamic, do you? I mean,

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you're a fisherman, I don't see how a county -- I don't care how many legislators are interested in it, would embrace that type of responsibility, given the financial implications of it.

MR. KOWALCHYK: All right. So is there a State policy to Town implementation point to be made in this report?

MR. PROIOS: The Solid Waste Management Act. I mean, that sets the policy and --

MR. KOWALCHYK: Well, that's existing. To me, that would be existing. Is this administration, this legislature, at the State level, going to do anything differently that will impact, in this case, towns on Long Island continuing to manage waste? And I don't really think that's the case.

MR. PROIOS: Let's talk to the new Commissioner and see what he says. But you're right, that could be something that comes under Recommendations, though. Does the State have a role to play, just the

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2 enforcement of the Waste Management Act I
3 think would go a long way. We don't have to
4 introduce new legislation, just see if what
5 they've already enacted can be implemented.

6 MR. SCULLY: And that type of work is
7 underway. You know, we have a new
8 Commissioner's policy office staffed with
9 some folks who are pretty serious on those
10 issues, and exactly the issue that George is
11 raising is one that's currently being
12 discussed up there. The way the Solid Waste
13 Management Act is set up, the responsibility
14 for recycling, for example, is that planning
15 units are responsible for implementing local
16 laws. So, to put the responsibility for
17 making sure recycling happened on the local
18 governments, and did not give the DEC any
19 enforcement authority over the local
20 governments because the enforcement
21 authority is contained in the general
22 municipal law section, it gives the
23 enforcement authority to the Attorney
24 General's office.

25 And we have pending enforcement

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2 action against Sanitary District No. 1 in
3 Hempstead, which is an example, but they're
4 looking for other situations in which the
5 State might consider using its enforcement
6 authority to make sure people are recycling
7 statewide.

8 MR. PROIOS: So that will fit into
9 what -- and then we'll just have the other
10 discussion about what the ten townships are
11 doing.

12 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay. Then I
13 think one of the other things we wanted to
14 figure out today is: Are there any other
15 particular presentations or information that
16 we think we need to finalize the report?
17 Lisa?

18 MS. BROUGHTON: Our technologist
19 would like to bring in a brief presentation
20 on plasma arc. That, of all the different
21 technologies that we've reviewed, is the one
22 that we think may have some future, and the
23 presentation is six minutes, so if there is
24 going to be a December meeting, it would
25 sort of bring something new and interesting

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2 for us to chew on just for ten, 15 minutes,
3 the presentation plus a brief discussion,
4 and that will help give us direction to
5 finalize our report.

6 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay. I think
7 we had December 5th, right?

8 MR. PROIOS: Yes.

9 MS. BROUGHTON: Oh, sorry. I'm
10 working on the old e-mail. December 5th?

11 MR. PROIOS: Yes.

12 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: There were too
13 many people that had problems with the 12th.
14 Isn't that right, George?

15 MR. PROIOS: Yes. The 5th had the
16 least amount of absences.

17 MS. BROUGHTON: December 5th at 9:30?

18 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yes, up here.

19 MS. BROUGHTON: So is that okay?

20 We're going to go ahead and book that.

21 MR. PROIOS: Sure.

22 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: And just let me
23 know if they're going to need PowerPoint or
24 a laptop or if they're going to bring their
25 own stuff and they'll just need the screen

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2 or...

3 MR. SCULLY: This room?

4 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yes, this room.

5 Just while we're on the discussion of
6 meeting dates, so I don't forget, we did
7 want to try to schedule all the rest of the
8 meetings. So, we have proposed, then,
9 January 10th and February 7th. I don't know
10 if anyone has anything already on those
11 dates. That's far enough after the holidays
12 that people should be back and in operation,
13 functional, in terms of the 10th. And then
14 February 7th, with the goal being that by
15 the 5th, other than the presentation, we
16 hopefully will have some more of these
17 report sections to at least get an update
18 on. By January 10th we would have a draft
19 report to actually look at, and then by the
20 7th have the final draft and really just be
21 modifying nothing too major at that point,
22 since the report deadline is, I think, the
23 end of February.

24 MR. PROIOS: Or we could have it,
25 obviously, in some sort of electronic format

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2 to play with it and put it in order.

3 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Does that seem
4 okay with you, Peter?

5 MR. SCULLY: Yeah. You're going to
6 nail this down now?

7 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yeah, that's
8 what I wanted to do. The only thing I don't
9 know about -- Vivian, I'm sure you guys
10 don't know yet -- is, obviously, the 10th
11 won't be Committee, so I don't --

12 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Well, the 10th
13 is a Thursday, so that's not a problem
14 with... It wouldn't be -- we have our
15 organizational meeting the week before, so
16 it wouldn't be a Committee.

17 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. It's a
18 Thursday, so there's not going to be a
19 legislative meeting. It shouldn't be
20 Committee yet. The week of the 7th,
21 February 7th, may end up being a Committee
22 week, but a Thursday morning wouldn't be.

23 Are you going to get Monday
24 afternoons again?

25 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I don't know.

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2 You know there's always flux.

3 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yeah. Okay.

4 So, George, let's send that out in an
5 e-mail, then, right after today's meeting,
6 just for people to mark their calendar, and
7 if anyone has a major conflict, too many
8 people have major conflicts, we'll change
9 it, but I'd like to just nail those down so
10 they're in everyone's schedule. It also
11 helps keep us on track.

12 So, Lisa, you want to try to get Star
13 Tech for the 5th?

14 MS. BROUGHTON: Yes.

15 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay.

16 MS. BROUGHTON: I'll let you know
17 what they need.

18 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay. Anything
19 else? Any other presentations that people
20 feel would really add value to the Committee
21 as we try to finalize the report?

22 MR. PROIOS: You need to find out
23 from Jay what he wants to do about
24 transportation, and Jim's trying to get
25 ahold of Don Knolls to find out if he's

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2 going to do something on that whole section
3 that he was handling; otherwise, we'll have
4 sort of a gaping hole.

5 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I have a
6 question about last month's presentation
7 regarding the Pay As You Throw. Is that
8 the...

9 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yeah. Pay As
10 You Throw, yeah.

11 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Now, when I was
12 looking at the business card, that's a
13 particular business who made that
14 presentation. Are there competing
15 organizations that do that kind of project
16 or, I mean, should we give equal time if
17 there are competing organizations? I don't
18 know. I'm asking a question, not making a
19 judgment.

20 MS. BROUGHTON: If a town or county
21 wanted to hire one it would go out to bid.
22 I think in our case, where we're bringing
23 one plasma arc company, it's to become
24 familiar with, in this case, the technology,
25 the logistics. That, I think, is more what

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2 they were showing us.

3 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Right. I
4 understand that. I was just curious as to
5 whether another entity would provide a
6 different kind of organization or a point of
7 view or different strategies for moving
8 forward with it.

9 MR. PROIOS: If you Google it, there
10 are actually more locations, municipalities,
11 governments that are actually doing it as
12 opposed to consultants that are helping. I
13 mean, you may hire somebody to do it, but
14 you look, it will mostly be a town or a
15 county or an entity that explained how the
16 Pay To Throw program is working.

17 MR. SCULLY: Variations of that have
18 been used on Long Island. Southold comes to
19 mind, and you know the devil's advocate will
20 always point out it's an incentive for
21 people to find another way to dispose of
22 waste, and it may lead to people taking bags
23 of waste and putting them into commercial
24 dumpsters and things of that nature.

25 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Didn't some

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2 mention that they tried it and it didn't
3 work? Didn't they say they tried it in East
4 Hampton and it didn't work?

5 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yeah.

6 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: In Seattle it
7 works. They have two different programs:
8 One is based on the size of the garbage can
9 that you buy, and I think they do that in
10 northern Seattle.

11 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: That was part of
12 the presentation that they showed us.

13 MR. SWANSON: And then another one is
14 by weight, I think, and I think those people
15 are a little more conscientious about their
16 garbage.

17 MR. HEIL: I think you can certainly
18 get other vendors that provide the bags to
19 come in, but you're probably going to get
20 the same thing.

21 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. Jay, I
22 was asking about last month's presentation,
23 that when I looked at the card, I saw that
24 it was a vendor who was actually making the
25 presentation, and I wondered if we --

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2 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: She used to be a
3 vendor. She used to represent the company
4 that produces those bags. She's left that
5 company. Now she's just a consultant for
6 Pay As You --

7 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But she is an
8 entity who is a for-profit entity, and I was
9 wondering if other groups --

10 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: But she has no
11 interest in bags versus cans or... She's
12 not selling a product.

13 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: She's a
14 consultant looking at a variety of different
15 ways of dealing with it; is that what you're
16 saying?

17 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: If a municipality
18 wants to move toward a mandatory recycling
19 program, they would use somebody like her to
20 help implement it, to get it started.
21 That's kind of the career she's created for
22 herself.

23 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. So what
24 she presented -- I mean, because I saw that
25 there were a variety of options that she

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2 presented, but I was just wondering if we
3 would have a -- if another consultant or
4 another private entity did a presentation or
5 let us know their point of view, if we could
6 see a bigger universe of choices.

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Possibly. But,
8 again, she's not representing a product
9 anymore, so I think her idea is to work with
10 various governmental levels or entities --

11 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: And find the
12 best product.

13 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- and cater
14 programs that make sense for that community,
15 so...

16 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Now, did you say
17 last month that you had tried something like
18 this in East Hampton and it didn't work?

19 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Southampton has a
20 bag program. It's a mandatory recycling
21 program. The stuff that you put into the
22 bag you pay for by buying the bag. That's
23 your non-recyclables, and everything else,
24 your recyclables, you pay nothing for. And,
25 actually, with the prices today, towns can

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2 actually make money off the recycling. Used
3 to be a losing proposition; now it's a
4 winning one. Southold has the same program,
5 and Shelter Island.

6 I thought it would make a lot of
7 sense for East Hampton. One, it would save
8 a lot of tax money because we're having all
9 these recyclables in the MSW bins that we're
10 paying 75, \$80 a ton to get rid of that we
11 could actually get paid for that material.
12 There's a big spread between the two. What
13 I ran into as a problem politically on, the
14 Town Board felt that the public, which was
15 so used to a certain way of doing things,
16 would resent this new tax, basically, to
17 have to buy the bag. And I thought they
18 would be saving it in their taxes. I would
19 lower their taxes and they'd have more money
20 to buy the bag. But, in conversations I've
21 had with Kristin talking about that issue,
22 maybe the best way to do it is to not
23 necessarily lower the taxes but give people
24 coupons for the bags, and they could go and
25 get the bags, and then whatever coupons they

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2 have left over at the end of the year, they
3 can redeem them for money so that there is
4 no additional cost that they're feeling,
5 only a savings that they see.

6 So it's all kind of perception. But
7 that's the problem I ran into in East
8 Hampton, is the sense that the public was
9 going to resent it. I was looking at a
10 supervisor saying, "Boy, I could save the
11 Town hundreds of thousands, maybe millions
12 of dollars, by implementing this program,"
13 and to me, lowering taxes was going to help
14 me get re-elected. So, I wasn't so much
15 worried about bringing in the bags, I was
16 more worried about increasing our recycling
17 rates for both environmental and
18 self-serving purposes. Does that make
19 sense?

20 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Is dumping a big
21 problem in places that have used this?

22 MR. SCULLY: I don't know that, quite
23 honestly, but I just know that I remember
24 hearing concerns about waste from Southold
25 finding its way into dumpsters in Riverhead

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2 and things of that nature. I mean, I think

3 that the programs are more viable in areas

4 which are not fully developed, suburban,

5 existing collection districts controlled by

6 the town, and all that sort of thing. They

7 might have more viability in more rural

8 areas where people do residential drop-off

9 and things of that nature. But, I mean, if

10 you consider a scenario, is there potential

11 for abuses? Well, yeah. I mean, if you

12 don't have any bags left, don't want to go

13 through the time and trouble or the expense

14 of getting additional bags, what's to

15 prevent you from buying a Hefty bag at the

16 supermarket, filling it with waste, throwing

17 it in your car, and when you come up Island,

18 finding a convenient place, be that a place

19 of business or other, to dispose of it.

20 That, potentially, yes. And the person

21 who's got a conscience isn't going to do

22 that, but, unfortunately, there are those

23 among us who don't have the same commitment.

24 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: In the areas that

25 have it, this has not really been a problem

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2 with this illegal dumping of waste in
3 Southampton, Shelter Island and Southold.
4 There's always going to be one or two people
5 who do that, but it's not a major problem.
6 It's a very small percentage.

7 The other thing I was going to say
8 is, it has been done in metropolitan areas.
9 And that might be one of the things that --

10 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: San Francisco,
11 right?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Seattle is one of
13 those.

14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And if the State
15 -- if the DEC says all towns must have
16 mandatory recycling, then there's no choice.
17 Everybody's got to bring it in.

18 MR. SCULLY: State law says that.
19 State law 120 double A of the General
20 Municipal Law says that all municipalities
21 have to have in place a local law requiring
22 store separation.

23 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Store separation,
24 but how does that translate into mandatory
25 recycling? In East Hampton, I can go to my

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2 landfill, which is now a transfer station,
3 and I can throw everything into the
4 non-recyclable bin and drive away.

5 MR. SCULLY: Okay, it sounds to me
6 like there's probably a question as to
7 whether or not the town is recycling and
8 regulatory structure is compliant with 120
9 double A.

10 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Now, there's a bin
11 there for the plastics and the glass and the
12 metals, but if I don't do it, there's no
13 consequence.

14 MR. SCULLY: Right, but not all
15 residents do drop-off, right? There are
16 some...

17 MR. HEIL: Including Southampton and
18 Southold, you can hire a private carter.

19 MR. SCULLY: You go back, at that
20 point, to what George is raising is, to what
21 extent has there been compliance with 120
22 double A? To what extent has the Solid
23 Waste Management Act of 1988 been complied
24 with as relates to recycling? These are all
25 good questions. I mean, internal at the

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2 Department, it's an issue that's being
3 discussed, and I'm observing in my
4 discussions with the folks up there, because
5 I have an interest in solid waste
6 management, the Solid Waste Management Act
7 of 1988, after all, is now 20 years old. I
8 mean, it's not inappropriate to take a look
9 at it, what's worked, what hasn't. Is there
10 a need to update it based on current
11 experience, changes in the waste stream?
12 The waste stream is much different than it
13 was 20 years ago, all that sort of thing.

14 So, I think that it's only a matter
15 of time before the matter gets to the
16 legislature and the legislature does some
17 updating of the law. It's just a matter of
18 when. Budgetary issues are not so front and
19 center that they get to look at policy
20 stuff, and the mood in Albany, quite
21 frankly, is a little more conducive to
22 progress.

23 MR. SWANSON: I think the paper bag,
24 where I live, would not work using a bag
25 system where we have a pick-up. And one of

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2 the reasons would be is that the carters
3 come very early in the morning. You have to
4 put your stuff out the night before, and if
5 you put out a plastic bag that you purchased
6 based on size, it's going to be all over the
7 --

8 MR. SCULLY: We have wildlife.

9 MR. SWANSON: Yeah. You would have
10 to have a hard container of some sort to
11 deal with that.

12 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Some
13 municipalities are using hard containers
14 rather than paper bags. I had suggested,
15 like, a decal that went on a container, a
16 bar code type of system where it could be
17 scanned by the curbside pick-up and actually
18 billed, like an EZ-Pass, to your account so
19 that as long as you have money in your
20 account...

21 MR. SWANSON: Well, I'd recommend you
22 look at Seattle, because they played games
23 with the bar code, and one of the bar code
24 problems has been they get destroyed, they
25 get dirty, and so forth, so...

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2 MR. SCULLY: I think anything you do
3 to simplify a system, you're doing yourself
4 a favor. Anything too complicate it, you
5 make things more difficult. And you have to
6 remember that the people who are doing the
7 thinking, like folks like us, are
8 environmentally conscious and have the best
9 of intentions. Your general population may
10 or may not be like that, and it's only --
11 you could say there's one or two people in
12 your demographic who are abusers. In other
13 demographics where people are struggling to
14 keep food on the table, working four jobs to
15 pay their bills and all that sort of stuff,
16 and living day-to-day, like some of the less
17 affluent areas, you're not going to find
18 that same level of compliance. You're just
19 not. I know that based on experience.

20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I think as things
21 tighten up...

22 MR. WILLIAMS: I did speak to Kristin
23 and I asked her if she could do -- one of
24 the things was to do trends and put together
25 the idea of about what we might save, and I

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2 put this together for the Committee as part
3 of the report, so you can take a look at it
4 and then it can be incorporated. I also
5 asked her if she would look at this issue of
6 people dumping in places where they
7 instituted it, and she said she would look
8 at whatever research she had. As Jay said,
9 she didn't feel that it was a problem where
10 they did put it in place. And I'll keep in
11 touch with her and ask her to bring that
12 back.

13 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Great. Okay.
14 Thanks, Tom.

15 MR. PROIOS: The next topic is going
16 to be the draft reports, but I need the new
17 outline, just to find out who's doing what
18 sections, and I see the question that John
19 had raised before about government. Two and
20 three sort of is the same. In going
21 through, now, quickly, what Jim just
22 provided, the Current Conditions. The
23 Current Conditions is what the towns are
24 doing in terms of management. So somehow, I
25 think maybe two and three should be sort of

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2 renamed in a different way. Unless I'm
3 missing something. I don't know what else
4 Current Conditions are, except other than
5 how local towns are handling waste
6 management, right? Is there something else
7 that that topic covers?

8 MR. HEIL: Generally, I thought it
9 was just what the town -- you know, you
10 could go into some global issues, but I
11 thought we wanted to keep it specific to
12 local. We can still talk current, like the
13 influence of rail for local status plants,
14 that type of thing.

15 MR. PROIOS: Or we can leave Current
16 Conditions just to be the local towns
17 handling waste, and then Government
18 Involvement would be Government regulations.
19 Keep that as a separate topic, then?

20 MR. HEIL: I think from my own
21 Committee --

22 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, I think
23 Government Involvement a little bit gets,
24 also, to -- Peter was going to talk about
25 the whole evolution, which is not what's

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talked about in the Current Trends. It's what the towns are doing today, not how it evolved, the fact that the towns are doing what they're doing today.

MR. SCULLY: Real short version is that since the Resource Conservation Recovery Act was approved by the Congress in 1976, Government was always assumed to have both the authority and the responsibility of making sure waste was managed in an environmentally sound manner to protect the environment and public health, and, so that was the driver. It required states to have solid waste management plans; states required the localities to have solid waste management plans. You must manage it; therefore, you have the responsibility to say where it goes. And that was all turned on its head in May of 1994, and, so whether or not Government has that responsibility or authority is kind of uncertain, unless you create a district and contract waste. That's basically the premise for that piece.

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay.

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2 MR. PROIOS: All right. So I'll keep
3 it that way. What I'll do is, Peter will be
4 -- under Government, there will be two
5 parts, the Historical, the Regulatory,
6 Current Conditions that Jim has.
7 Technologies is Lisa. Is there going to be
8 a separate thing on --

9 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Lisa and Syed,
10 right?

11 (Several people talking at once.)

12 MR. PROIOS: Number 5, technologies.

13 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Not under
14 Existing? Or you don't have much on
15 Existing. You want to say future?

16 MS. BROUGHTON: Yeah. We're only
17 looking at new alternatives to what we have
18 right now, I guess.

19 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay.

20 MS. BROUGHTON: What are the current
21 technologies right now.

22 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, we're
23 talking about mass burn, too, which is a
24 technology that's existing here.

25 MS. BROUGHTON: Oh, right. Do you

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2 want to do that, then?

3 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Is that in our
4 section?

5 MS. BROUGHTON: Yeah. It's in our
6 report.

7 MR. KOWALCHYK: John's going to
8 provide a section on mass burn.

9 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: So that will be
10 an existing one?

11 MR. RAHMAN: There's a lot of
12 technology that's existing right now, but we
13 were kind of focusing whether the technology
14 is out there, and then what is best suited
15 for Suffolk County.

16 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, I guess
17 the question we want to know: What
18 technologies are being currently utilized in
19 Suffolk County?

20 MR. SCULLY: Just waste energy.

21 MR. RAHMAN: Waste energy.

22 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Waste energy is
23 almost too broad, because there's about six
24 or seven different waste energy processes.

25 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, which ones

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2 are being used currently in Suffolk County?
3 MR. SCULLY: Mass burn.
4 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Incineration,
5 which they like to call it, the other term.
6 MR. SCULLY: Well, incineration
7 doesn't include an energy component.
8 Incineration is burning waste without a
9 benefit of turning a turbine or creating
10 electricity.
11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: But there are
12 multiple systems that turn waste into --
13 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Recovery.
14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- either methane
15 or electricity or --
16 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: But we're not
17 using -- I guess under part 1, Existing
18 Conditions would be --
19 MR. SCULLY: We're turning turbines
20 in Babylon, Islip, Huntington, Smithtown.
21 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: So that's the
22 only technology currently being used?
23 MR. SCULLY: Yeah. There are
24 differences in the type of technology. The
25 Islips' got the rotary combustor, the

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2 rototoaster as it were, and Huntington's got
3 water wall technology, but the basic concept
4 of turning a turbine to create electricity,
5 as was envisioned when Congress acted in
6 1976, is what is used here. Plasma arc is
7 something different entirely, that just...

8 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And I've heard
9 Brookhaven National Lab is going to set up a
10 plasma arc facility there. Has anybody else
11 heard this?

12 MR. SCULLY: I hadn't heard that.
13 That would be exciting news.

14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: A hundred ton.

15 MR. SWANSON: There's a proposal that
16 Stony Brook has evolved with a 25-ton-a-day
17 experimental thing, and I would suspect that
18 it would end up going to Brookhaven, because
19 I'm not sure our president would allow...

20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: That's what I
21 heard, Brookhaven National Lab. My question
22 really came along the lines of technologies
23 that are here on Long Island or Suffolk
24 County. The only one that's currently up
25 and running is the waste-to-energy

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2 facilities. But there may be another one
3 being built. That was my comment. At least
4 I heard --

5 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: But you might
6 still want to discuss that as Options for
7 the Future section.

8 MR. RAHMAN: What you could do is
9 have an existing, as whatever we have in
10 Suffolk County and Long Island, and then
11 also in the future, we could also include
12 that option.

13 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. And I
14 would assume you might mention briefly,
15 these are technologies that are out there,
16 but we really only think A, B and C would be
17 applicable.

18 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Some of them are
19 theoretical, some of them are actually up
20 and running. Not here in Suffolk County.
21 One is up and running in Connecticut, and
22 they're building a huge facility in Florida
23 right now, so...

24 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. That
25 makes sense to go under the --

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2 MR. KOWALCHYK: And remember that
3 John, at one point, said you want to look at
4 alternative technologies, and there are
5 probably 30 out there, and there's probably
6 a handful that have any viability
7 whatsoever.

8 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: We're looking and
9 discussing about six or seven, but I think
10 our recommendation may only be one.

11 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. And
12 that's fine. That's what I assume we want
13 to see, and as part of it, you might just
14 have a page that says, "For additional
15 information on any of these other types of
16 technologies, check this Web site," or have
17 a source so if people wanted to go in more
18 depth, you know that there might be 30 out
19 there; we're saying these are the six or
20 seven most feasible, but we're really only
21 recommending one or two in Suffolk County.

22 MS. BROUGHTON: With just two -- with
23 the Committee, we will come up with a couple
24 of pages on existing technology, which is
25 waste energy as it exists right now in our

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2 County.

3 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

4 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: We're working to
5 bring somebody here to present to the
6 Committee.

7 MR. RAHMAN: Right. Star Tech,
8 they're a vendor, one of the plasma arc
9 vendors, and I asked him if he is willing to
10 give a presentation and he says, "Yeah, no
11 problem. I can just cross the Sound and can
12 come down and give you a presentation."
13 It's a very short one. It's going to be a
14 video presentation for him, and then a
15 question-and-answer type of session. So, it
16 shouldn't be more than, like, 15, 20
17 minutes, so... I was hoping to get him
18 today, but...

19 MR. SCULLY: We're real excited about
20 these technologies, but we also go into any
21 discussion that we have -- and I'm
22 comfortable saying it because John's not
23 here -- that when these types of
24 technologies are commercially viable, we'll
25 see G.E., Westinghouse and Covanta moving

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2 towards these technologies, running as fast

3 as they can.

4 MR. SWANSON: G.E. is --

5 MR. SCULLY: Playing around, yeah.

6 MR. HEIL: Are you going to present

7 landfills, too?

8 MS. BROUGHTON: Do we need to?

9 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It's getting close

10 with the price of oil going up...

11 MS. BROUGHTON: As an existing

12 technology?

13 MR. RAHMAN: Landfill is not allowed

14 on Long Island.

15 MR. HEIL: They're on Long Island,

16 and it's a technology that's used by Long

17 Island. You're going to at least have to

18 talk about it.

19 MR. RAHMAN: Existing technology.

20 MR. HEIL: And it's going to be a

21 future technology, landfill.

22 MR. SCULLY: Yeah. Waste energy is

23 not a waste elimination technology, it's a

24 waste reduction technology. It takes an

25 incoming ton and reduces it to 25 percent by

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2 weight and 15 percent by volume, and the
3 residue has to go someplace. Long Island
4 Landfill Law says it's permissible on
5 Long Island. You know, sooner or later
6 we're going to run into --

7 MR. HEIL: We're going to change
8 that, right?

9 MR. SCULLY: Huh?

10 (Multiple speakers at once - not
11 audible.)

12 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Speaking on behalf
13 of our little Committee on new technologies,
14 I mean, I think you're confusing us a little
15 bit. We had no intention of discussing
16 landfill as a new technology.

17 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No, not new,
18 existing.

19 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: So I think that
20 really goes into a different section of the
21 report.

22 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Current
23 Conditions, maybe.

24 MS. BROUGHTON: It seems to me, isn't
25 that covered in Current Conditions?

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2 MR. SCULLY: It has to be covered
3 under Current Conditions.

4 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah, Current
5 Conditions, it would be.

6 MS. BROUGHTON: Well, our Committee,
7 like Jay just said, we understood our part
8 of the report to be things that are not
9 happening right now, something that might
10 happen in the future, so we did not look at
11 landfills, we did not look at -- we will do
12 something brief for the first part of the
13 report now that it's been reorganized. It's
14 something additional now that we hadn't at
15 all discussed in the subcommittee. But can
16 we manage it, do you think?

17 MR. RAHMAN: Include landfill as a
18 technology?

19 MS. BROUGHTON: No. Maybe John can
20 help.

21 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I don't think we
22 should include landfill as a new technology.

23 MR. SCULLY: No. It's part of
24 existing conditions.

25 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right, but waste

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2 energy. It's a technology.

3 MS. BROUGHTON: We're talking about a
4 couple of pages to say there are three
5 different kinds of plants, they're operating
6 in these different areas and doing this many
7 towns and doing this much energy.

8 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I think that we're
9 probably going to have to call it mass burn.
10 Because most of what we're talking about are
11 waste energy systems. So, we're just going
12 to have to distinguish it somehow and find
13 the right name for it.

14 MR. RAHMAN: It's waste-to-energy
15 using mass burn technology. They are, like,
16 RDFs, which is --

17 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Basically, it's
18 steam generated.

19 MR. RAHMAN: It's steam and
20 electricity.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: But electricity comes
22 from --

23 MR. RAHMAN: From the steam, right.

24 MR. SWANSON: Can we just get back,
25 then, to my sheet here? Maybe I should do

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2 this like we're in a courtroom. I'll just
3 answer questions and write yes or no or
4 something, so we don't get into long
5 discussions.

6 We don't need technologies done on
7 part 15 because we have future ones there.

8 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No, no, no.
9 We're going to do --

10 MR. SWANSON: The Current Conditions
11 will have that. Jim already has the
12 breakdown.

13 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Did he talk
14 about waste energy?

15 MR. SWANSON: He has in his diagrams
16 -- it shows all the towns, the
17 relationships, who has mass burn, who's
18 taking ash. That makes more sense. That's
19 a current condition. Current Conditions are
20 either we're incinerating it, we're shipping
21 it or landfilling it.

22 MR. RAHMAN: I agree with you. It
23 could go under Current Conditions, and
24 rather than have technology, current
25 technology, it's under Current Conditions.

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2 And then, in part 2, Technologies, we could
3 have the alternative to Suffolk and Long
4 Island.

5 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Options for the
6 future.

7 MR. PROIOS: Which includes a new
8 mass burn unit or the other ones, too.

9 MR. RAHMAN: Correct.

10 MR. PROIOS: All right. Six,
11 Transportation, Jay, I'm not sure what's
12 going on with that, and we haven't been able
13 to talk to Don, so right now we have
14 nothing.

15 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I was hoping he
16 was going to be here. He was with Winter
17 Brothers, and they sold. I don't know if
18 he's still there or...

19 MR. HEIL: No, he's not there. I
20 heard from him this morning, and he's going
21 to contact George and he will work it out
22 with George.

23 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Is he going to
24 deliver for us on this? Do we need to go
25 into plan B?

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2 MR. PROIOS: That's my concern. What
3 is plan B? So, we don't have anything on
4 transportation. We should have something,
5 at least, on the rail seminar that he put
6 together.

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And I know the
8 industry is kind of getting ahead of us on
9 this. Peter, you know there's, like, three
10 or four different companies that are vying
11 to get into rail transportation right now.

12 MR. SCULLY: Well, some of them are
13 just looking to sand mine and saying they're
14 rail facilities.

15 MR. HEIL: Talk to Don. I have the
16 overheads from the rail stuff, and we have
17 it on disc, and we can certainly talk about
18 truck and rail and...

19 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I think the rail
20 may make a lot of sense, at least as an
21 interim plan. It will lower the cost and
22 traffic. I don't know about a long-term
23 plan. We need to have, I think, a pretty
24 good discussion of transportation issues.
25 Has Don written anything so far? Do we

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2 know?

3 MR. PROIOS: No. Do you have
4 anything? Because you have a bunch of facts
5 and figures. Does Ryan, your aide, have any
6 of that stuff available that he might be
7 able to work as a fallback?

8 MR. SCULLY: You know, we've been
9 talking to Winters, obviously, given what's
10 been going on with the expansions and stuff,
11 and what they tell us with regard to rail is
12 that -- and somebody's going to need to
13 write up a section, and I don't know who
14 we're going to turn to to do it, but they're
15 telling us that they can never move to a
16 system that relies entirely on either rail
17 or truck transport because they don't have
18 any level of confidence that, at some point,
19 they would need to go the other way if
20 conditions existed where they weren't able
21 to use one or the other.

22 And, so, for that reason, they would
23 need to have an ongoing use of trucks so
24 that they didn't drive the haulers away so
25 that when they were needed, have a crisis on

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2 their hands. Very interesting. And they're
3 also saying that the relative economics, at
4 this point, do not greatly favor rail; that
5 rail prices that they've been quoted are
6 just slightly below trucking costs. It's
7 not a clear, you know, we've got to go that
8 way.

9 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: What about
10 environmental impact, though?

11 MR. SCULLY: Well, environmentally, I
12 think you want to remove truck traffic for a
13 lot of reasons.

14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Apparently,
15 there's a certain distance by which rail
16 becomes economical. It's like a 250-mile
17 trip or something like that, but there's
18 another aspect in that one is, you can rail
19 further and maybe get cheaper tipping fees
20 by going to further states, but there's kind
21 of a movement to shut down landfills in
22 other states, which may mean, even if
23 somebody set up the infrastructure for rail,
24 which isn't there right now, it might be out
25 of business in a couple years.

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2 MR. SCULLY: I would just point out
3 that the interstate debate has been raging
4 for almost 15 years in Congress, and states
5 have been pressing Congress to give them
6 authority to regulate interstate commerce
7 for precisely that purpose, and the rubber's
8 just not hitting the road. When I was a
9 municipal solid waste manager, we were
10 hawking that argument, saying, "Sooner or
11 later it's coming back, we need to plan for
12 the future," but we've just never seen the
13 type of reception in Congress that some of
14 the receiving states had hoped.

15 You need to understand that the
16 economic value of that activity,
17 notwithstanding the moral question, really,
18 what right we have to make it their problem,
19 the value of the economy is too significant.
20 So some of the more creative state
21 governments have taken about regulating it
22 sideways, you know, public safety
23 standpoint. Nobody can prevent me from
24 regulating the safety on my highways.
25 Pennsylvania's trash net example or

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2 attaching some sort of tax, but nobody's got
3 the ability to say you can't import into the
4 state.

5 MR. PROIOS: I want to try to keep
6 this back on track here. So, the fallback
7 will be that Jim Heil has the slides, and if
8 worst comes to worst, we'll try to include
9 those slide presentations in a condensed
10 format.

11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, we need a
12 backup plan if Don isn't coming, so who's
13 going to take on the Riding the Rails
14 section?

15 MR. HEIL: Well, we have the
16 information from the rail seminar which we
17 can put together, so we can verbalize it.

18 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah. And if you
19 can work on a draft, and then I can take it
20 from there.

21 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

22 MR. HEIL: We have current bidding
23 information about trucking and...

24 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: We'll see if you
25 can track Don down or Don gets in touch with

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2 you.

3 MR. PROIOS: If I don't hear from him
4 by Friday, I'll let you two know, then, that
5 you've got to work something out.

6 All right, number 7 --

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: George, when is
8 our report supposedly due?

9 MR. PROIOS: End of February?

10 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: February.

11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: End of February.

12 Okay.

13 MR. PROIOS: Seven is environmental
14 issues and concerns. We did have a
15 Committee, but I don't think it's met. And
16 I don't know if anybody's working on that
17 particular issue.

18 MR. SCULLY: That could be several
19 volumes.

20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: We're doing stuff
21 in our new Technologies Committee that deals
22 with environmental concerns and various
23 technologies. Maybe that is best....

24 MS. BROUGHTON: I don't think we can
25 handle it.

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2 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: No, I'm not saying
3 we should do all of it, but maybe the
4 environmental issues should be placed
5 throughout the report where appropriate.

6 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Two thoughts.
7 One, George, I think this is an area where
8 you have a lot of background. You could
9 take a stab at something or at least
10 identifying what are some -- I mean, I think
11 we need to have some type of general
12 discussion of environmental issues and
13 concerns with both existing practices, and
14 in terms of what we've got for the future.
15 And, then, second, this where we can reach
16 out to Marcia because I'm sure they have...

17 MR. HEIL: Well, that's a broad
18 topic. Where do you want to go from? Do
19 you want to go from product manufacture, to
20 product disposal, to collection, to
21 transportation, to disposal, to --

22 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No, I think it
23 --

24 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: That's what Jay
25 is saying. You could weave it through all

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2 of it.

3 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: No, I didn't
4 realize that we had it again, back for
5 options for the future, so this is basically
6 environmental concerns related to existing
7 conditions.

8 MR. SCULLY: Air, water, other. I
9 mean, John Wafenschmidt, were he here, would
10 make a strong argument that, from the
11 standpoint of global warming and climate
12 change, waste energy is far superior to any
13 other technology, and he'd lay out data
14 and... This would be an interesting
15 section.

16 MR. SWANSON: George, Frank has
17 recently done some stuff on emissions and
18 uses of gasoline and so forth. That may be
19 helpful.

20 MR. HEIL: We also have that proposal
21 that Mike Cahill and you and I were trying
22 to shop about trucking.

23 MS. BROUGHTON: George, I'm not in a
24 subcommittee, so I could work with you on
25 this.

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2 MR. PROIOS: I think there's enough
3 around that if Don doesn't indicate he can
4 do it, we can put something together, maybe
5 narrow the field.

6 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I can certainly
7 help with the Environmental Issues and
8 Concerns section, too.

9 MR. PROIOS: All right. I'll try to
10 take a stab at putting something together.

11 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Why don't you
12 take a stab at least outlining what we
13 should be addressing to narrow it down, and
14 then we can reach out to the different
15 people as appropriate for their input.

16 I think there's quite a bit in the
17 actual resolution that created issues about
18 different environmental uses, why we should
19 plot a different course for handling our
20 garbage and wasted resources, too.

21 MS. BROUGHTON: Isn't there --
22 Marcia someone?

23 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Marcia. That's
24 what I'm saying, we can reach out to Marcia.

25 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: She should work on

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2 this, yeah.

3 MS. BROUGHTON: Yeah, she mentioned
4 that.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: I can also contact
6 environmental -- (Inaudible -- multiple
7 conversations.)

8 MR. PROIOS: Number 8, economics. I
9 thought the economic department ought to be
10 working on that.

11 MS. BROUGHTON: Well, I'm knee deep
12 in -- again, this could be a huge thing if I
13 look at the economics of production of
14 materials, recycling --

15 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, is any of
16 it, Jim -- I mean, we're getting to this
17 section next. Is any of it discussed in
18 your assessment of the current trends and
19 conditions?

20 MR. HEIL: I don't think there's
21 economics in there.

22 MS. BROUGHTON: Jay, this would go to
23 how much are the towns spending and how much
24 we as a society -- if you're talking
25 about --

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2 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: How much money is
3 leaving the economy.

4 MS. BROUGHTON: Under existing
5 conditions with the new technologies we did
6 have an idea of how much it would cost to
7 convert, or looking into the future of what
8 it might take to bring some of the new
9 technologies down here, but I'm...

10 There's big changes, too. I mean,
11 the price for, say, aluminum cans is so high
12 now. About \$2,000. You know, it just makes
13 a hell of a lot of sense to get it out of
14 the MSW and get it into a bin. So the
15 economics, I think, of recycling are -- is
16 my number wrong?

17 MR. SCULLY: No. I think the markets
18 are great for raw materials right now.

19 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right. There's a
20 fundamental shift right now. I know when I
21 was East Hampton Town Supervisor, it was a
22 good week if we broke even. Usually, we
23 lost a little bit overall. You know,
24 between the glass, which we had to pay to
25 get rid of; there was plastic; maybe paper

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2 was good that week, and cardboard. But the
3 economics have shifted so that recycling is
4 really starting to look good. There might
5 be cash now in the future for the towns.

6 MR. SCULLY: There are other economic
7 issues. If you wanted to tackle it, you
8 could point out that export takes blank,
9 tens of millions of dollars, whatever, of
10 money from Long Island and throws it
11 someplace else. I mean, that's an economic
12 issue. You have to decide whether or not
13 that's something you want to observe. All
14 right? Then you have towns --

15 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And when you say
16 "export," hauling to another state?

17 MR. SCULLY: Yes.

18 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Take the money out
19 of the economy.

20 MR. SCULLY: Sure. And it's
21 providing jobs and revenues for those other
22 states. It's just an observation; I'm not
23 judgmental about it.

24 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: No, I agree with
25 you.

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2 MR. SCULLY: And then the other thing
3 is that towns have assets which are cash
4 positive, which offset their costs plus, or
5 are a significant source of revenues and
6 helps them run their day-to-day operations.

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And Brookhaven
8 continues to run on, what, a -- that's a
9 money-maker.

10 MR. SCULLY: Just a little one. A
11 tiny, little one.

12 MS. BROUGHTON: Seems to me you'd
13 have to put a cost on asthma, which I think
14 they -- you know, the lungs. They've done
15 that, kind of.

16 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. The
17 question comes back to who could actually
18 pull all this type of information together
19 in the timeframe we're talking about. Is it
20 feasible? So my recommendation, then, would
21 be, this is one of the things that we say
22 needs further study. We're going to provide
23 all this information, but that's something
24 you really need someone who could dedicate
25 -- that's something where a researcher or a

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2 consultant needed to pull all that type of
3 information together. I just don't see us
4 having a person that we can reach out to
5 who, in a month or two, can pull all that
6 together.

7 MR. SCULLY: I think that's a
8 realistic assessment.

9 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm looking at
10 John's Alternative Energy and Solid Waste
11 Management, Attachment 2, and this is more
12 about economics than anything else, but it's
13 a much broader global view of energy, waste
14 and economics than what we're talking about
15 the cost of recycling and, you know, what
16 kind of return there is on investments and
17 the different technology. I agree with you
18 that economics is so broad that possibly we
19 could look at different areas that should be
20 studied that are open to further study,
21 because I don't think any task group, task
22 force, expects to be the end-all. I think
23 many times the role of a task force is to
24 put forth the questions that need to
25 continue to be worked on. Some solutions,

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2 many questions.

3 MS. BROUGHTON: I would be willing to
4 put that list together as a draft, which,
5 Peter, would you go over it if I --

6 MR. SCULLY: Sure.

7 MS. BROUGHTON: -- draft something up
8 --

9 MR. SCULLY: Absolutely.

10 MS. BROUGHTON: -- that talks about
11 the cost of everything that touches solid
12 waste?

13 MR. SCULLY: Sure.

14 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay. Great.

15 MS. BROUGHTON: I'll ask Peter, and
16 we'll come up with a list of issues that
17 need more study.

18 MR. PROIOS: So my recommendation is
19 take that off, then, part 1-A out, and we
20 can put that under part 2 because it's
21 future, and that way you can just list the
22 different issues, and then the last thing
23 we'll say --

24 MS. BROUGHTON: The economic issues
25 of how we're doing it, and the additional

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2 costs that we've identified as far as
3 bringing some of the new technology.

4 MR. HEIL: You could put something in
5 as current without going too deeply or just
6 generic as to who's paying what in terms of
7 disposal and collection. It's not being too
8 specific just to set it up.

9 MR. PROIOS: I thought that would be
10 your section in terms of maybe you could put
11 it in there what the tipping fees are in
12 each town and what the revenues are. That's
13 part of, maybe, existing conditions in terms
14 of what's coming in.

15 MR. HEIL: Well, I'm not quite sure
16 how much you're going to get.

17 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Hasn't that been
18 a question all along that we haven't been
19 able to get that information easily? What
20 all the different towns are spending on...

21 MR. HEIL: Well, spending is
22 generally available, depending on how much
23 is buried in the individual budgets. And
24 revenues, I think it's difficult because
25 generally revenues go to a different office

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than the waste management office and can get lost in general revenue.

MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Well, it goes into the general fund.

MR. KOWALCHYK: Well, I think we could give you numbers, but the list of caveats and issues and problems with that would be longer than the value of the data itself. The first thing that comes to my mind is what percentage of waste on Long Island isn't even managed by government, and are we the tail of the dog? I don't know. It's probably 50 percent. I don't know how much more than 50 percent is handled completely in the private sector, but it's still an economic impact on citizens. Maybe not through the tax. And it's still an environmental impact on the quality of life here that we don't control and we don't have any handle on it, so...

MR. PROIOS: Okay. Has anybody -- as you come up with specific questions that can't be answered in your section, just give yourself a mental note to write these down,

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2 because these are going to be part of our
3 findings and/or recommendations for further
4 work. So unfinished business, whatever, as
5 we come up with these things, we'll try to
6 track them because they'll be part of our
7 recommendations as what we need to do.
8 Because, obviously, we're not going to have
9 a report that's going to be as complete as
10 we'd like it to be, so what we're hoping to
11 do is list items, send it back to the
12 legislature, say, "If you want to get these
13 done these are going to cost money to
14 actually finalize it into a much more
15 detailed report."

16 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Carrie was talking
17 a minute ago about trying to bring in a
18 researcher to help with the economics. Now,
19 are you just saying that we should finish
20 the report without it and say, "These are
21 areas that we" --

22 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Absolutely.
23 That's what Carrie said; that we should
24 finish the report and suggest that after our
25 work is done, that someone could do this

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2 research.

3 MR. PROIOS: Because I don't believe
4 we would have enough time to do it all
5 within the next two months.

6 MR. SCULLY: Right.

7 MR. SWANSON: You wouldn't even have
8 time to get a contract.

9 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: You know what?
10 I wanted to go back to something that Jim
11 said about economics, which is that we could
12 touch on some areas, and we have spoken a
13 lot about economics. I mean, you were
14 talking about the Pay As You Throw --

15 MR. SCULLY: Pay As You Throw, yeah.

16 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: -- program, we
17 could save two million here and bring in
18 revenue or whatever it is, so maybe some
19 parts of that presentation that we had last
20 month could be part of that economics. You
21 know, different feasibilities and the
22 different programs.

23 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Talking about
24 economics?

25 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: No, I just had a

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2 question -- Jim made a comment and I'm just
3 reacting to it. What do you think? Is that
4 what you had in mind, Jim? Just saying a
5 little bit about different programs and how
6 they could be balanced?

7 MR. HEIL: Just to lay out the
8 complexity with some numbers that are
9 readily available and understood.

10 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But within
11 different programs? For example, if you're
12 saying use of rail as opposed to trucks, you
13 know, a little bit of a cost savings, but
14 the greater savings is environmental, and
15 the Pay As You Throw, there could be real
16 savings. You know, so the different aspects
17 that we're looking at, what is their
18 economic impact, and just a short part.

19 MR. HEIL: There are a couple in
20 Manhattan, so we could go have a lot of fun.

21 MS. BROUGHTON: I want to be on your
22 committee.

23 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm just
24 wondering if that's where you were going
25 with that. That's all I'm asking.

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2 MR. HEIL: Well, I just said to try
3 and establish some of the complexities of
4 the economic impact so that it sort of sets
5 up the need when you talk about the future,
6 and that this needs to --

7 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: And what I'm
8 trying to do is understand the details of
9 what you're saying when you're saying the
10 complexities within different programs.

11 MR. HEIL: Specific numbers that we
12 know that are there and --

13 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: In different
14 practices?

15 MR. HEIL: Yeah.

16 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: For this purpose,
17 I think it should be somewhat broad. Maybe
18 talk about the sum total of the money that
19 leaves the economy or how many jobs are
20 created with waste practices. I think
21 statistics like you just mentioned about if
22 we would have -- if we switched to a Pay As
23 You Throw, or really translating it into how
24 much resources are in the stuff that's being
25 carted out that could have translated into

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2 dollars, and Kristin, I think, said about 32
3 million, if memory serves me.

4 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But, you know,
5 Jay, I've heard some things here -- and I
6 came into this committee not really knowing
7 very much about this topic at all -- and
8 I've learned some things, and many of them
9 have to do with economics, you know, glass
10 as opposed to paper, as opposed to... Maybe
11 gleaning that information, I know what I've
12 learned, and a lot of it has been economic,
13 and maybe we could take a short course on
14 what's the cost effectiveness in the
15 recycling of glass as opposed to the
16 recycling of paper. I think that's
17 important information that whoever is
18 reading this report should know because I
19 know it's something I've learned.

20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And the cost of
21 getting rid of the non-recyclables and
22 what's the average cost per ton to throw
23 your garbage out.

24 MR. SWANSON: Well, one of the big
25 issues with regard to Government and the

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2 private sector that's involved here is that
3 most of the things that you recycle are
4 based on a spot market and, of course,
5 Government gets involved in long-term
6 contracts, so when you look at the
7 economics, what's good today, and you lock
8 yourself in, the Government may not be good
9 tomorrow and you want to renegotiate very
10 quickly, so just to say that aluminum is
11 good today -- aluminum probably will be
12 always good, but plastic is going to be
13 quite variable, and the market may not
14 always be there. Paper, the same way.

15 So, I think one of the big things
16 we've got to look at, if you look at
17 economics, is how the industry is run in the
18 recycling business as opposed to how
19 government is run.

20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, we can look
21 at trends. I mean, certainly the trend is
22 that recycling is becoming more profitable.
23 It's more profitable than I have ever seen
24 it, and diesel and gasoline is more
25 expensive than I've ever seen it, so the

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2 trends are kind of moving in a direction
3 that is favorable to recycling.

4 MR. SWANSON: I'll always remember
5 when Pat Vecchio got in trouble, what, 20
6 years ago now, and he saw that the market
7 for paper went from \$20 a ton to minus \$20 a
8 ton, and he said, "Why should I keep paying
9 to get rid of it? I'm going to use it in a
10 waste energy facility." Well, the Town of
11 Smithtown just blew their top because we had
12 been told recycling is good and, so, we
13 wanted to recycle, we didn't want to change
14 our habits and so forth. So, it was really
15 a hot issue for him.

16 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: And going back
17 to the small topics, discussing economics,
18 when we talked about the economics of
19 recycling in schools where they have to pay
20 commercial rates, and you know we've been
21 fighting to get recycling in commercial, and
22 the economics has really prevented us from
23 doing recycling programs there.

24 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And the County,
25 too.

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2 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Yeah, the
3 County's terrible. But I'm just thinking
4 economics seems to be woven through
5 everything we've said.

6 MR. PROIOS: It is. So maybe some of
7 this is just going to be a subset of some of
8 those comments in there. So, I've gotten as
9 far as number 13. The Pay To Throw is a
10 future option, which is definitely
11 economically based, so that should be in 13.
12 The carbon trading, which indirectly was
13 mentioned. The greenhouse gas issues as an
14 environmental issue, which will be brought
15 up in number 12, then rolls over to 13,
16 because there is a carbon trading already
17 exchanged in Chicago that's already doing
18 this stuff without any government control
19 right now. The issues of restrictions on
20 diesel. There are going to be increases for
21 long hauls to out-of-state landfills, and
22 the recycling market and its increase in
23 profitability, so all that stuff I'll lump
24 in there. If nothing else, just short
25 paragraphs, I think, in 13.

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2 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: So, who's doing
3 that now?

4 MS. BROUGHTON: Vince, do you have a
5 neighbor or someone who can be schooled on
6 what -- or can you do stream of
7 consciousness on a couple of things --

8 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: You know what, I
9 had just volunteered to work with George on
10 the environmental issues, but you know what?
11 I'll try to get somebody in my office to
12 work on the economics.

13 MS. BROUGHTON: Okay. And we're
14 working with Ryan, and really we just need
15 some staff for some of this. I'm just me,
16 and I have all my other programs.

17 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: So you'll have
18 two Ryans, because I have Tom Ryan.

19 MS. BROUGHTON: Ryan and Ryan.
20 That's good. Yeah, just if -- and there's a
21 report that Syed identified from Los
22 Angeles. Did that e-mail just go to us?

23 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I saw it. You
24 sent the link. You sent the link.

25 MS. BROUGHTON: Yeah, the link. And,

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2 really, I think they came out with a
3 multi-volume -- I think part of me wants to
4 understand, what product are we trying to
5 do? If this is one chapter and we're going
6 to try, then, to add the other 12 chapters,
7 do we really want this thing to be a binder
8 that sits on someone's shelf? You know, I
9 want to try to understand what we're going
10 to try to accomplish with this report, and
11 rather than become an expert on the
12 economics of recycling, personally, I'd like
13 to know sort of where it fits in and what
14 the final product is going to be, and then
15 to be able to dispatch a Ryan or a Ryan to
16 say, "Hey, in the Los Angeles report they
17 quantify this eight-county collection. Can
18 we extrapolate something that would fit for
19 our population?"

20 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: And it would be
21 good for me to know your sources as to how
22 are we quantifying the value of recyclables
23 now.

24 MS. BROUGHTON: I'll take a shot at
25 it.

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2 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: So my Tom and
3 your Ryan will just talk and then go back to
4 you?

5 MS. BROUGHTON: Yeah. And I'll take
6 what we have so far and even bounce it off
7 of the DEC guys and say, "What are we
8 missing? Do we have a complete list?" And
9 then, "How many of these can we actually
10 flesh out into paragraphs or bullet points
11 that say this costs this much, recycling
12 this saves this much? If the school is
13 recycling, it would save and/or cost." You
14 know, I just think we can go on forever just
15 on this one chapter.

16 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I've been
17 throwing out a lot of things. I'm sorry,
18 I've been throwing out so much, but it's
19 almost as if, because I don't have a
20 background in this, I'm almost seeing as the
21 audience and what I've learned, and it seems
22 to me there seems to be an economic thread
23 through everything that we've discussed.

24 MS. BROUGHTON: Yeah.

25 MR. PROIOS: I think the point that

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2 Lisa was trying to make is that we could
3 fill a huge encyclopedia of this.

4 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Of course.

5 MR. PROIOS: What we should be
6 focusing on is more of those facts and
7 figures that will lead us to a specific
8 recommendation that we think can be
9 implemented here. So that's the way to
10 narrow it down.

11 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. We'll
12 put it in the State legislative agenda or
13 talk to...

14 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Well, actually,
15 that's exactly what I'm saying. I agree
16 with Lisa, yeah.

17 MS. BROUGHTON: Cans cost so much per
18 pound or are worth so much per pound, is
19 that going to get us to a place in the
20 report where we can say, "And, therefore, we
21 want to try or we want our town to do this.
22 We want the State to require them..."

23 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right. And there
24 are a couple places where this could go.
25 One, I guess I'm not even sure we have the

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2 authority, but if this becomes, let's say, a
3 County comprehensive waste management plan,
4 and it's adopted as such, you know, the
5 towns are supposed to -- their comprehensive
6 plans and they all have solid waste plans
7 that are supposed to be in conformance with
8 County regional plans, so maybe it could
9 lead to some changes. And another thing is,
10 if we find -- let's say there is -- we could
11 solve things through a new technology like
12 plasma arc, and we find that the County has
13 a piece of property that's in a good
14 location where we could solicit expressions
15 of interest to companies and say, "Look, we
16 may make this site available to you provided
17 you can run this at X dollars per ton to the
18 towns that bring their garbage in and
19 thereby reduce traffic and cost."

20 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: And then you'll
21 deal with all the neighbors there, right?

22 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, in a closed
23 system like plasma arc there's no pollution.
24 So, if you're reducing traffic, you're
25 reducing pollution. Still, we might need

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2 some money to sell the idea, but...

3 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Can I just get
4 back to something that Carrie had said
5 earlier regarding --

6 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I was just
7 throwing that out in some directions because
8 I don't want to see reports sit on a shelf,
9 either.

10 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But relative to
11 that, instead of saying after that we
12 recommend some kind of consultant to look at
13 the economics, I think we're looking more at
14 cost benefit analysis rather than economics
15 as a broad, theoretical study, a cost
16 benefit analysis to be done once we present
17 what we're looking at, the economics of
18 commercial areas and recycling and their --
19 you know, that's not working there, and all
20 of these different pieces of information on
21 Pay As You Throw, and what are the trends in
22 recycling, and then just presenting very
23 perfunctory looks at each one of these,
24 because we're not doing it at home, then
25 maybe if we're going to decide in which

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2 direction, then the cost benefit analysis
3 should be done in these different areas.
4 Rather than saying economics, because that's
5 more esoteric, we're looking at a more --
6 feasibility.

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I think economics
8 are going to drive this, though, more than
9 the environment. If we come up with --

10 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Well, that's
11 what I'm saying, cost benefit analysis.

12 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- a program
13 that's going to significantly lower taxes --

14 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Jay, I'm not
15 disagreeing with what you said. Actually,
16 what I'm saying is, a cost benefit analysis
17 is very practical, rather than saying
18 economics as a theoretical overview and what
19 the impact on global economy is.

20 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Sure.

21 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: We're saying, is
22 there a cost benefit to doing this? Are we
23 going to get it to work commercially?

24 MR. PROIOS: All right. Just one
25 last thing before I move on to Jim's part.

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2 MR. KOWALCHYK: You could do it just
3 by saying if the commercial carters aren't
4 going through the garbage, picking out all
5 those materials, then there is no cost
6 benefit.

7 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Where I see this
8 really leading to, frankly, is I think that
9 it will be helpful for the Regional Planning
10 Board, and once they have this, it will help
11 them. They can then -- as they're preparing
12 their budget for '09, this will hopefully be
13 out in time for them to look at, see what
14 our observations are, and they may be a
15 perfect group to then undertake doing a cost
16 benefit analysis. And it wouldn't be just
17 for Suffolk, it would be for Long Island as
18 a whole, and they could budget for that in
19 their '09 budget and make that funding
20 request. I see this as really leading to
21 that, and Mike wasn't able to be here today,
22 but I know that -- I'm sure he agrees with
23 that idea that you need this preliminary
24 legwork done, and then...

25 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Good.

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2 MR. PROIOS: Although, I was going to
3 say, that's the section we're missing, too,
4 Regional Approaches to Waste Management. I
5 don't know where that fits in here. I have
6 to find a place to put that, but we sort of
7 lost that in this reformulation, as we did
8 -- I think Tom -- the fellow that was
9 working with you is going to do something on
10 composting and ash, too, so I could fit that
11 into, probably, the Current Conditions. Was
12 it Mike Tegaines?

13 MR. WILLIAMS: Mike Tegaines. I
14 don't know about ash, but it was --

15 MR. PROIOS: But he was definitely
16 doing it on composting.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Yes.

18 MR. PROIOS: And I was going to talk,
19 maybe, to Frank Rosell about the ash part.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: That's an existing
21 condition.

22 MR. PROIOS: Right.

23 MR. SWANSON: With regard to the ash,
24 George, I wouldn't waste a lot of time on it
25 because it's really the State that's going

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2 to determine whether ash is going to be used
3 or disposed of, and the State is not
4 inclined to be doing anything.

5 MR. PROIOS: Well, that was the last
6 administration, so, again, we have an
7 opportunity to change minds up there with
8 new people in office.

9 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. So
10 that's the second area.

11 MR. HEIL: There won't be any ash
12 because they're going to close all the
13 incinerators.

14 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. The
15 policy group that's in there now is very
16 anti-incinerator, so... The new policy.
17 But I see that as the second track of where
18 this report would lead to is -- one is,
19 let's get the Regional Planning Board or
20 some group -- I mean, I say the Regional
21 Planning Board because they're
22 reinvigorated, they make sense, we work with
23 them on a regular basis, but the second is
24 using the information, the recommendations
25 and findings from the report to advocate at

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2 the State level to put it in with our State
3 legislative agenda to get the State --
4 because a lot of this does come down to
5 State regulation and State policy and State
6 enforcement, and maybe we say, "Hey, we
7 don't see a lot of enforcement going on. We
8 don't think a lot of these towns are in
9 compliance, and DEC needs more staff or DEC
10 needs more something."

11 I mean, I see this being -- that's
12 really where we can go. Or if there's a
13 particular technology the State should allow
14 and they're not allowing or, you know...
15 So, don't close the incinerators, because
16 what are we going to do with all that
17 garbage now?

18 MR. PROIOS: All right. Lisa, did
19 you have anything you wanted to -- you
20 discussed pretty much what you were doing,
21 so is there anything you want to add as far
22 as your section?

23 MS. BROUGHTON: Which section?

24 MR. PROIOS: Down under 4-A,
25 Alternative --

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2 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Under 4,
3 Alternative Technologies, Presentation of
4 Draft Report section. Is there anything
5 else you think you need to share with us
6 today or --

7 MS. BROUGHTON: Okay. Sorry.

8 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: -- is it really
9 going to dovetail with the presentation of
10 plasma arc next month, and you might want to
11 -- I mean, my goal is that at next month's
12 meeting we'll have a more firmed-up draft
13 report section. Jim, we can certainly go
14 through some of your information today, but
15 for the other sections that we can kind of
16 have that same kind of update and, oh, we've
17 got a big hole here or something so that by
18 the January meeting, like I said, we'll have
19 a final report. I mean, I would love for
20 our December 5th meeting people to have both
21 an electronic version and a hard copy that,
22 then, George can start working on compiling
23 everything into that draft report for the
24 January 10th meeting, and so we have one
25 document that we look at at the January 10th

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2 meeting that has all the sections included.
3 MS. BROUGHTON: Just that our
4 Committee met -- we have narrowed it down.
5 I think, Jay, you touched on that, that we
6 looked at a couple of different types of
7 technologies, and we really are narrowing it
8 down to one that we're recommending, and
9 we're going to bounce that off the Committee
10 next time, so I think we'll be ready.
11 That's all.
12 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay.
13 MS. BROUGHTON: Do you have the
14 dates?
15 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: We have
16 December 5th, January 10th and February 7th.
17 I want to make sure they're on everyone's
18 calendar. So Wednesday and, then, two
19 Thursdays.
20 MS. BROUGHTON: We'll do our
21 presentation on --
22 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: 9:30?
23 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yeah. 9:30
24 here.
25 All right. Jim, give us a brief

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2 overview.

3 MR. HEIL: This is sort of a start.

4 We had done an outline, and then I think the
5 new outline has changed some of what we were
6 focusing on, but this is what we've done.

7 It looks very impressive, but it's not. In

8 the fine tradition of non-government, what

9 I've done is, essentially, write an

10 introduction. I've taken -- Dave Conchess

11 (phonetic), a professor at Stony Brook

12 University, had done a current assessment

13 report. I spoke to him. He allowed us to

14 use that report as a basis for this report.

15 So, I just took out the Suffolk information.

16 He did a Nassau/Suffolk. So that's the body

17 of most of this. Then John Wafenschmidt did

18 a trends section for me. That's in here.

19 And, essentially, that's what you have here,

20 is an introduction that I wrote, the

21 information from Dave Conchess report which

22 was done in -- essentially, it came out this

23 year. So, it's fairly current. And then

24 John's section on trends, which he may want

25 to modify and clean up a little.

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2 So, there's still work to be done.
3 Dennis Lynch from Brookhaven and I had done
4 what we call the Schlossen diagram, where
5 waste goes back and forth across the Island,
6 which I thought says a lot. Those are in
7 here as an appendix, with all the arrows
8 going this way and that way across the
9 region. If that could be modified it says a
10 lot. One picture says a lot. You would
11 need to update it. So, it's work to be
12 done, and I would really like to sit with
13 George and get his impression on how to
14 incorporate this into the County report.

15 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Great.

16 MR. HEIL: Because right now, it is
17 what it looks like. It's essentially a
18 hodge-podge of stuff, so I will be sitting
19 with George -- I would like to sit with
20 George and see what else we can do to fill
21 in our Committee's work.

22 MR. PROIOS: Is Dave's report in
23 electronic format? I see you have this
24 pulled out from the 206 report, but --

25 MR. HEIL: Yeah, but, see, his report

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is a Nassau/Suffolk report, and I just --

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: So, they just pulled out the section?

MR. HEIL: -- pulled out the applicable Suffolk information.

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I think what you should do, George, is you should sit and go through, flag what you think is most important to include, then sit down with Jim and say, "This is great, but we'll need it electronically or we need to modify this, can we do that? Can you share with us that way? Can you modify? Do I need to do it?" Just figure that out within the next -- I mean, try to do that within the next week, like, before the Thanksgiving break, if possible, so that there's a little bit of time before the December 5th meeting to work on some of those changes so you can bring to the meeting, maybe, that more final section.

MR. HEIL: And at the end of the introduction I put in --

MS. BROUGHTON: I'm just laughing at the term "Thanksgiving break." I have 30

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2 people coming to my house.

3 MR. HEIL: Does that include the
4 Committee?

5 (Discussion off the record.)

6 MS. BROUGHTON: This diagram --

7 MR. HEIL: Oh, that was the
8 narrative. There was some discussion about
9 composting. It had to deal with some
10 leaves. Leaves coming from Huntington and
11 going there and some garbage going into the
12 plant.

13 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Right. Yeah.

14 MR. HEIL: But that never...

15 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: That never
16 materialized? It's hard to keep track of
17 all this.

18 MR. RAHMAN: Carrie, I've got a quick
19 question. Where are you going to use the
20 stuff I gave you about capacity of existing
21 facilities on Long Island? Remember?

22 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I don't know.
23 Well, George, you've got to incorporate
24 that. I think you have to incorporate that
25 up in --

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2 MR. RAHMAN: And what we have is
3 existing capacities --

4 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: It's Current
5 Trends and Conditions, right?

6 MR. RAHMAN: Current Trends.

7 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: It goes with the
8 section under Current Trends.

9 MR. PROIOS: That's like a summary of
10 the ten towns.

11 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

12 MR. PROIOS: Jim has it split up by
13 all ten townships and at the end, that
14 should be the summary of what's --

15 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Or up front,
16 even. Figure out how it makes most sense.
17 Summarize it up front, and then have the
18 detail behind or have the detail in front,
19 yeah.

20 MR. RAHMAN: It has the capacities of
21 existing facilities on Long Island and
22 what's permitted versus...

23 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Where are we, now?

24 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: We're done.

25 MR. PROIOS: Jim had something.

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2 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No. Basically,
3 we left it -- George is going to go through
4 everything that Jim provided, flag what we
5 want to modify in some way, shape or form to
6 include in the report, and then meet with
7 Jim to go over that and figure out how
8 they're going to get that done in time to
9 hopefully have that new draft for the
10 December 5th meeting.

11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Can I ask two
12 questions? One on findings and
13 recommendations, are we doing those as
14 committees or are we doing those as a
15 commission? If we're going to say that --

16 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I think each
17 committee should have a section on that,
18 that, then, George can pull out and put in
19 the end so it's not like he has to try to
20 figure it out at the end or we have to
21 scramble and figure that out. It would make
22 sense. It seems like your flow of
23 consciousness would be such that as they're
24 doing your report section, it would
25 logically flow and "Here's our

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2 recommendation or our finding," so that
3 there's something, some paragraph, and then
4 they can all get assembled at the end.

5 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: But do we as a
6 Commission put our stamp of approval --

7 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yes.

8 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- at that point,
9 and say yes?

10 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: At the very end,
11 the report does not go out unless every
12 Commission member agrees that they're a
13 hundred percent behind what's in it. We
14 don't want to have a report out there that's
15 not going to be...

16 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yeah. I mean, I
17 don't know about a hundred percent, because
18 we have some people here from industries,
19 like John. His job is to promote
20 waste-to-energy, and that's what his
21 business is, so...

22 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, I think
23 the thing is, we want everyone -- maybe not
24 everyone is a hundred percent comfortable
25 with what's in the report, not that you

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2 agree a hundred percent --

3 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I think we'll get
4 a general consensus of the Committee but not
5 necessarily. Or maybe those Commissioners
6 -- well, I can't call you Commissioners, but
7 --

8 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

9 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- those
10 Commission members --

11 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I'm the only
12 Commissioner in the room.

13 MR. PROIOS: John's a Commissioner.

14 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Oh, John's a
15 Commissioner, too? Okay.

16 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Those Commission
17 members who have a vested economic interest,
18 maybe they should just refrain from voting
19 on those particular issues, and then we can
20 have a hundred percent.

21 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But if it's a
22 general consensus, you don't have to have
23 voting on particular issues. You could just
24 have a general consensus that everyone has
25 seen and agreed with the contents of the

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2 report.

3 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Exactly.

4 Exactly.

5 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: That's how I've

6 done in other task forces.

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: That's fine.

8 The other thing I was going to ask
9 is: The final report, in terms of editing,
10 who was going to take it all --

11 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: George.

12 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- and put it into
13 one format and clean it up? George?

14 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: George is the
15 head of --

16 MR. HEIL: We all agree it's George.

17 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: We all agree
18 it's George.

19 MR. SWANSON: I can offer -- my
20 administrative assistant is a professional
21 editor.

22 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Oh. Okay.

23 MR. SWANSON: And if we can get it
24 into a reasonable --

25 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, that's

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2 what I figured.

3 MR. SWANSON: -- form --

4 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: George gets it
5 into reasonable form and --

6 MR. SWANSON: -- we can probably dump
7 it on her and say --

8 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: -- she can do
9 the final copy.

10 MR. SWANSON: -- "Now do it right."

11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I believe in
12 aesthetics. The more readable they are --

13 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: People take things
15 more seriously if they're well-presented.
16 So, if we can do that...

17 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: That's great.

18 MS. BROUGHTON: Not to belabor it, on
19 the economics, whoever did these charts, if
20 we could have a dollar sign associated --

21 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Can you just
22 show me which chart --

23 MS. BROUGHTON: I'm sorry. This.

24 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, yes.

25 MS. BROUGHTON: If I had a dollar

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2 sign associated with this, a dollar sign
3 associated with this --

4 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Meaning where
5 the money's flowing?

6 MS. BROUGHTON: -- and a dollar sign
7 associated with this, then there could be
8 some projections of -- but this would give
9 you -- could you just do that, Jim, real
10 quick, before the December meeting?

11 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: It would make
12 those lines readable, though. I wonder if
13 you should have, like, a fourth page that
14 has the dollar signs on it.

15 MS. BROUGHTON: No, I'm not being
16 facetious. This chart is really helpful.

17 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, you can
18 make it bigger. You can make it a whole
19 page size.

20 MS. BROUGHTON: How much does it cost
21 to do that, what that chart shows?

22 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: You might have a
23 chart with the flow of money separate from
24 those charts.

25 MS. BROUGHTON: Okay. Ryan and Ryan?

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2 Can I sic them on that?

3 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I don't know if
4 my Ryan has the kind of background to do
5 that.

6 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Jim would have
7 to explain, and we could always have -- you
8 said they need to be modified slightly, so
9 if someone could at least hand draw the
10 final version, we can probably get someone
11 -- I don't know if -- George, in your shop,
12 or we can find someone in the county that
13 can do it.

14 MS. BROUGHTON: Well, jokes aside, is
15 it not possible to go to the Huntington --
16 Josephine or whoever it is now doing that
17 and say, "How much does that cost? How much
18 does this cost?" No? It's not as easy as
19 all that, right? Because some of it's
20 handled privately?

21 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And, also, your
22 arrows, you might have an arrow that shows
23 ash going from one place to another, but the
24 money is going in the opposite direction.
25 Whereas you have, let's say, MSW going from

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East Hampton out of state, there the arrow of money is going the same direction. So, sometimes the --

MS. BROUGHTON: The off Island, that cost.

MS. VILORIA-FISHER: And part of what we're doing is saying off -- you know, bringing it off Island rail or truck.

MS. BROUGHTON: If nothing else, I'll use this as a wonderful demonstration of how hard the question of economics is really going to be, because if you look at those arrows and know that in each case, as you say, it's not just the direction the arrow's going in, it's both ways where the money is going.

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

MS. BROUGHTON: I think that the economics will definitely have more questions than answers.

MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Yes.

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Yeah.

MS. BROUGHTON: And that the job of tracking it might include trying to get the

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2 municipalities to pull out from their
3 budgets, and as we said before, the money in
4 is just counted as general funds, and they
5 may not be able to give us a specific
6 number. So, it's a thankless job to put a
7 dollar sign on this.

8 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay. Any other
9 issues we need to discuss today?

10 MR. SWANSON: I'd like to put one on
11 the table.

12 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay.

13 MR. SWANSON: Maybe it would go to
14 your recommendations, but I'd really like to
15 see us do something about getting plastic
16 bottles out of the environment, and what I
17 was going to throw out as an initial
18 suggestion is that the County implement a
19 25-cent deposit on plastic water bottles.

20 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Jay, you want to
21 champion that one?

22 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I just don't know
23 that we have the authority to put a deposit.

24 MR. SWANSON: We started the Bottle
25 Bill here.

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2 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: We started the
3 Bottle Bill here 25 years ago, yes.

4 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yes, we did, and
5 it got struck down.

6 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No, the State
7 adopted it, so, therefore, we were
8 pre-empted.

9 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And when they
10 adopted it, did they pass, like, a
11 pre-emption clause that says that only the
12 State can regulate recycling?

13 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No, it's just --
14 what happens is that, you know how normally,
15 you have that reverse pre-emption clause in
16 our local legislation? So as soon as you're
17 pre-empted, the local law becomes null and
18 void. So, because the State took it over,
19 now, if we were going to expand it, there's
20 -- you can get legal arguments either way,
21 because we looked into doing it
22 at the county level, again, to expand the
23 Bottle Bill when the Spitzer administration
24 had it.

25 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: They've done

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2 nothing.

3 MR. SWANSON: And they're likely to
4 do nothing.

5 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Well, it
6 continues to pass the Assembly but not the
7 Senate.

8 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, that's
9 interesting. I don't know about jumping
10 into a 25 cent, but at least picking up a
11 deposit on all containers.

12 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: But here's who
13 is against it. It's the distributors and
14 the supermarkets. The Claire Roses and the
15 King Kullen's. Because they don't feel that
16 they have -- the towns don't have the
17 capacity. They then become the recycling
18 facilities. They don't want to have to give
19 up space in their facilities for it. They
20 don't like the rodents, et cetera, that are
21 attracted, then, by having all these
22 containers stored there, and then having to
23 deal with shipping it somewhere else. So,
24 they're not happy about it. They're the
25 biggest lobby against expanding the Bottle

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2 Bill.

3 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Another approach
4 along those lines, if we have that
5 authority, I know with certain things, like,
6 we did this with the 208 study, when we
7 adopted a comprehensive groundwater
8 management plan for the County, we were able
9 to say to the towns, "You need to amend your
10 comprehensive plan to be in conformance."
11 And I know there's a State law that sets up
12 this ability, so I believe it extends,
13 because I've talked about this possibly with
14 housing, if we set up a comprehensive
15 housing plan, could we require towns to be
16 in compliance with it. If we set up a
17 comprehensive waste management plan, could
18 we require towns -- and Tom Isles would
19 probably know the answer, but I believe --
20 there's a --

21 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No, we can't.

22 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I don't believe
23 we can.

24 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: We don't do it
25 with groundwater. I think when you do

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2 regional plans, you can require --

3 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: No, you can't.

4 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: -- local plans to
5 be in conformance.

6 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: You can't. Our
7 plan has to be in conformance with their
8 adoptive plan, not the other way around. We
9 can work with them to try to get them to,
10 but it's the land use and zoning, anything
11 like that is the local level, so it's
12 actually kind of the reverse, where our
13 county plan has to work to try to be in
14 conformance with theirs.

15 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: I don't think -- I
16 had this conversation with Tom Isles, and
17 he's explained it quite differently; that
18 their comprehensive plan has to be
19 compatible with regional comprehensive
20 plans.

21 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Compatible is
22 different than being in conformance with.

23 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Okay.

24 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: We can try to
25 work with them, but it's like they can opt

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2 into it, but they aren't -- we can't
3 regulate them.

4 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: When we adopted
5 the 208 study, they -- all the towns had to
6 amend their comprehensive plans to be
7 compatible.

8 MR. SWANSON: Yeah.

9 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: And that's where
10 the two-acre zoning started to be
11 conforming.

12 MR. PROIOS: It was just a
13 recommendation. In fact, the SGPA was the
14 one that went a little bit further, and then
15 tried to get the towns to do certain things
16 within a subset of the old 208, but that was
17 strictly, again, voluntary --

18 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: It's like you're
19 opting in. It's voluntary.

20 MR. PROIOS: The State law said if
21 the towns didn't, then it would be looked at
22 as a Type 1 action to SEQRA. It put a
23 heavier responsibility in terms of the towns
24 not adopting it. And the second hook --
25 Suffolk Planning Commission went further.

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2 The Suffolk Planning Commission adopted most
3 of the recommendations of 208, most of the
4 recommendations of the SGPA. So, when they
5 review individual site plans coming in and
6 there's an application that's in
7 nonconformance with the recommendation, the
8 Suffolk Planning Commission will turn it
9 down, and then it can only be approved with
10 a majority plus one vote at the local level.

11 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: But, again, most
12 of the time it is approved at the local
13 level. So, the Planning Commission is...

14 MR. PROIOS: So, it's an extra
15 hurdle, but it can't stop it.

16 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But going back
17 to what Jay said, let's say we do have a
18 regional plan on solid waste and the State
19 is, by some stretch, on board, could that
20 become part of how the SEQRA determines
21 plans that the towns would make regarding
22 solid waste? Would that change the type of
23 action?

24 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I think it would
25 be similar if the Planning Commission would

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adopt it; they would include it in there.
But I don't think, under general municipal
law, that it would have to -- there's no way
to mandate that the local townships do it --

MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Okay. I'm just
wondering under SEQRA if that would change
it if the State came on board and --

MR. PROIOS: We specifically wrote a
section in the State law, which is where the
SGPA study was done, that said if there is
no local compliance with the
recommendations, then all actions undertaken
by a town are considered a Type 1 and must
go through a further review to make sure
that the action isn't going to contravene
the goals of the plan. Something like that.
It was a special additional two sentences
that were put in there. So you could do
that, but --

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: It requires the
heavier burden of compliance --

MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: But we would need
some State-enabling language.

MR. PROIOS: Yeah. The only one that

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2 really put controls on the towns was the
3 Pine Barrens Law, which told the towns
4 unless you change your local zoning a
5 commission would control land use, and that
6 just affected the three towns.

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Within the Pine
8 Barrens?

9 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Within the Pine
10 Barrens, so it's Brookhaven, Riverhead and
11 Southampton that are affected.

12 MR. SWANSON: So what do you think we
13 could do to get bottles off the street?

14 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Vivian, you missed
15 this. Larry was suggesting that, like we
16 led with the Bottle Bill originally,
17 couldn't we, in Suffolk County, pass a law
18 requiring deposits on all bottles?

19 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Twenty-five cent
20 deposits on water bottles.

21 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Twenty-five cent
22 deposit, which is a pretty big deposit.
23 What is it, currently, a nickel?

24 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: A nickel.

25 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But it only

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2 covers carbonated.

3 MR. SWANSON: With regard to the
4 water, I think it's actually a poor
5 utilization of a global resource. So that's
6 why I think water is a special thing besides
7 the plastic itself.

8 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Neil Lewis is on
9 board with that.

10 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Yes. Well,
11 actually, I gave George a recommendation
12 that Neil Lewis had given me regarding use
13 of water, bottled water in the County, in
14 the County buildings. It used to be when
15 you sat at The Horseshoe you had a Thermos
16 and everybody had cups, and now people
17 brought these water bottles, and we have the
18 water bottles in the cooler, so I have
19 legislation within County buildings not to
20 use these water bottles and --

21 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: The small, plastic
22 water bottles?

23 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Yes.

24 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: And coolers.
25 Ban the coolers.

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2 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: And that we use
3 coolers, and there are filtration systems
4 that you can put in coolers instead of
5 having to bring in that bottled water. So,
6 that's just a small step, but we've been
7 trying to just expand the Bottle Bill, and
8 that's -- I mean, that just won't happen.
9 The State isn't moving with it.

10 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: That's why
11 Larry's saying we should do it locally.

12 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I don't know if
13 we can.

14 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: We can. We
15 would be challenged. I mean, we can. We
16 would definitely be challenged, saying that
17 the State pre-empts us, but then it becomes
18 -- it's a legal challenge. We know that the
19 distributors and the supermarkets would
20 bring that challenge. They've told us that
21 outright, because we were exploring this and
22 should Suffolk County do it. It's the 25th
23 anniversary, then we thought the State was
24 going to move on it. When we saw that the
25 State wasn't, we tried to revisit it, but

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2 that's... So, we basically decided we
3 didn't want to take that on right now. We
4 were hoping that the Spitzer administration
5 would eventually get movement, but,
6 obviously, the climate in Albany is such
7 that it doesn't look like anything is going
8 to get done any time soon on anything
9 valuable.

10 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I brought
11 another idea. You know, they have these
12 circulars that are thrown, the unsolicited
13 circulars that are thrown on driveways in
14 plastic bags? They really create so many
15 problems on the roadways, and I tried to
16 have legislation to prohibit unsolicited
17 circulars being thrown on driveways, and
18 George Nolan said that there was a case that
19 was challenged, I believe in Westchester,
20 where they tried to prohibit that. Based on
21 first amendment, we can't prohibit that.

22 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

23 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: But it seems to
24 me that that's littering. If it's
25 unsolicited, it seems like it's littering,

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2 and I may ask George to push it and --

3 MR. HEIL: We tried it on litter, and
4 because they give you a newspaper in it,
5 even though it's called local news --

6 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Package delivery.

7 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Well, I'm not
8 even talking about local news.

9 MR. HEIL: Well, that's how they get
10 around it.

11 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: I'm talking
12 about circulars for supermarkets.

13 MR. HEIL: I understand, but that's
14 how they get around it.

15 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: I guess getting
16 back to Larry's original point, it's really
17 let's consider this as one of our
18 recommendations, and maybe it's not saying a
19 25 cent, but maybe it's saying something
20 about Suffolk County should take the lead in
21 expanding the Bottle Bill or X, Y or Z to
22 reduce the amount of plastic waste that's
23 out there. And I think if people are
24 comfortable with it, it's just a
25 recommendation in the report and, again, it

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2 could be -- then it gives us some leverage
3 if we wanted to move it forward again, or if
4 the Regional Planning Board comes up, for
5 them to study it, to include it in the cost
6 benefit analysis, at least if it's mentioned
7 in the recommendations of the report, so...

8 MR. SWANSON: Yeah. It might get the
9 State to move, and it might also get the
10 supermarkets to think about, "Gee, one of
11 these days we are going to have to be
12 prepared to deal with something."

13 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right.

14 MR. PROIOS: But the third big
15 objector is going to be the public. If
16 you've watched some of the local letters
17 going in the last couple weeks in the
18 "Suffolk Life" on this very issue, where I
19 guess Steve Jones had talked about the price
20 of water, how cheap it is to get public
21 water, and then he was attacked by people
22 saying --

23 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: By the way, this
24 is still from my faucet.

25 MR. PROIOS: But the comment from the

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2 public was that they're safer, it's cleaner,
3 it doesn't taste as bad as the chlorinated
4 water, and it's so easy to do when you're
5 going to a soccer game, and this and that.
6 So, they have a whole bunch of reasons, so
7 you're going to have a big educational
8 process with the public in order to convince
9 them. But I agree with you. If you talk
10 about this whole issue of air pollution and
11 diesel trucks, and every time I see a Deer
12 Park Spring Water truck driving up here, and
13 they drive all over the County dropping off
14 jugs of water when you just can turn on the
15 faucet and you get the same thing. And the
16 chlorine you can dissipate with a small,
17 inexpensive carbon filter to get rid of it.
18 But the chlorine is actually protecting your
19 health as opposed to that, which you can
20 easily get contamination.

21 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: This is my tap
22 water.

23 MR. SWANSON: And we haven't
24 discussed it, but we've talked a little bit
25 about emissions with transporting waste, but

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there's still emissions with transporting
recyclables. So...

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay. I mean,
George, I think we should incorporate that
in some way in the recommendations.

MR. PROIOS: Yes.

MS. BROUGHTON: You don't have any of
the economics of the water, do you?

MR. HEIL: You may want to suggest to
the Committee that they start giving you
recommendations early so you can start --
because it's going to be a long -- probably
a long list, and if it's going to have to
reach a consensus you may want to do a first
sifting them out.

MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Right. So
George has follow-up to today's meeting,
then you can send an e-mail out just
summarizing, since it takes awhile to get
the minutes, mostly the action items, the
dates and our goals for the timetable at
each of those meetings, so by the 5th, we
want to have the draft reports sections. If
you can't have that ahead of time, at a

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2 minimum, try to send ahead of time any
3 recommendations so that we can have a list,
4 maybe, to start looking at in terms of
5 recommendations. Even if they're not fully
6 fleshed out, just the one sentence or the
7 one list of recommendations. Is there
8 anything else? Dates, timetable, dates for
9 meeting the timetable and request for draft
10 report sections.

11 And, then, you're going to meet with
12 Jim.

13 MR. HEIL: Is the holiday party being
14 scheduled?

15 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Jay, maybe you
16 and Ryan and my Tom, when we go to Riverhead
17 next week, could we meet there and work
18 while we're in session? Start working?

19 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Probably not. I
20 mean, Catherine is still out. Ryan is the
21 only person I have working with me right
22 now, so...

23 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: He's going to
24 come to the meeting with you?

25 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: No.

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2 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: They changed the
3 20th to Riverhead?

4 MS. VILORIA-FISHER: Oh, I'm sorry, I
5 may be looking at another date.

6 MS. MEEK-GALLAGHER: Okay.

7 MR. SCHNEIDERMAN: After January,
8 I'll hopefully be fully staffed at that
9 point.

10 (Whereupon, the proceeding was
11 concluded at 11:20 a.m.)

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I, MICHELLE SCOTTI, a Notary Public in
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THAT the witness whose testimony is
hereinbefore set forth, was duly sworn by me; and

THAT the within transcript is a true
record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not
related, either by blood or marriage, to any of
the parties in this action; and

THAT I am in no way interested in the
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