

1 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
2 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

3 In Re: Monthly Board Meeting of the Commission

4 DATE: January 20, 2010
5 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: Narragansett Bay Commission
7 Corporate Office Building
8 One Service Road
9 Providence, RI 02905

10 PRESENT:

- 11 Vincent Mesolessa, Chairman
- 12 Raymond Marshall, Secretary–Executive Director
- 13 Angelo S. Rotella, Vice Chairman
- 14 Robert Andrade, Treasurer
- 15 Richard Brown
- 16 Bruce Campbell
- 17 Michael DiChiro
- 18 Leslie Gray, III
- 19 Ronald Leone
- 20 John MacQueen
- 21 Joan P. Milas
- 22 Alan Nathan
- 23 Michael Salvadore
- 24 Leo Thompson
- Richard Worrell

25 ALSO PRESENT:

- 26 Cecille Antonelli, NBC
- 27 Sherri Arnold, NBC
- 28 Richard Bernier, NBC
- 29 Francie Brown, NBC
- 30 Diane Buerger, NBC
- 31 Anamaria Clarkin, NBC
- 32 Leah Foster, NBC
- 33 Harold Gadon, CAC
- 34 Linda George, Senate Fiscal Office
- 35 Karen Giebink, NBC
- 36 Jennifer Harrington, NBC
- 37 Laurie Horridge, NBC
- 38 Joanne Maceroni, NBC
- 39 Marcus Mitchell, Shere Enterprises

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1 ALSO PRESENT, cont.

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Karen Musumeci, NBC

3 Paul Nordstrom, NBC

Joseph Pratt, Louis Berger Group

4 Deborah Samson, NBC

Thomas Uva, NBC

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1 (BOARD MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:15 A.M.)

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All right. We have a

3 very short agenda today, but we do have a 22- or

4 25-minute clip. This would be the clip of the

5 continuing documentary of the Agency's accomplishments

6 of the past. So, we'll get through the agenda very

7 quickly, and then I want to make sure that everyone's

8 here to see that clip. We want to solicit your comments

9 on it.

10 Okay, having said that, we will call to order the

11 meeting of the Narragansett Bay Commission Board of

12 Commissioners. First order of business is the approval

13 of the previous minutes. Have all of our members had an

14 opportunity to review the previous minutes, and if so,

15 are there any comments, questions or corrections?

16 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Move to adopt the

18 minutes.

19 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to

21 approve the previous minutes, seconded by Commissioner

22 DiChiro. All of those that are in favor will say aye.

23 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

25 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

2 and the motion carries.

3 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Next order of business

5 is Old Business. Is there any old business to come

6 before the Commission this morning? Old business?

7 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, moving

9 right along to the Executive Director's Report. Do you

10 have a report for us today, Mr. Secretary?

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Just very quickly. This

12 is the month that I usually review what happened in 2009

13 or the prior year with you. What I'm going to do is, I

14 am going to defer that because we want to show you the

15 video.

16 What I will do is I'll put out a one-page summary of

17 each Division on the Board of Commissioners' website in

18 bulleted form, so that you'll be able to see in each

19 Division what they've accomplished in 2009; and so then
20 that way you can quickly get up to date on what the
21 staff accomplished in the prior year, and you won't have
22 to read through an entire 60-some-odd-page report.

23 And other than that, the tunnel operated, it was very
24 active last month. We've had four large storms, and
25 they pumped out of the tunnel on 25 days out of the

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1 month; so it continues to work as planned, and
2 everything is going well. That is it, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. So, I guess what
4 we'll do is, we'll go through our business, and then we
5 will show the clip, okay? The first Committee reporting
6 is the CEO Committee. Commissioner Salvadore, do you
7 have a report?

8 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: We have one item
9 for the Board of Commissioners this morning, Mr.
10 Chairman. We're slacking off.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We'll have to give you
12 more to do next month.

13 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item A, Review and
14 Approval of Resolution 2009:38, Authorization for the
15 Executive Director and Chairman of the Narragansett Bay
16 Commission Board of Commissioners to approve Engineering

17 Contract Amendments, and CEO recommends approval, Mr.

18 Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.

21 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to

23 approve Resolution 2009:38. Was there a second? I

24 heard it. Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Worrell

25 second the motion. Is there discussion on the motion?

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1 This is the matter that we heard last month, and there

2 were some amendments pursuant to a recommendation by

3 Commissioner Worrell. They are satisfactory?

4 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: They are

5 satisfactory.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. We have a

7 motion; we have a second. Further discussion.

8 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of

10 those that are in favor will say aye.

11 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

13 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed.

15 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is it noteworthy to
17 mention the discussion about the construction process,
18 the change order process? We're going to have a further
19 discussion on that, Commissioner Salvadore?

20 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: At a later date.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: At a later late.

22 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Yes. That
23 concludes our report, Mr. Chairman, for this month.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much.
25 The next committee reporting is the Finance Committee.

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1 Chairman Andrade, do you have a report?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, I do, Mr.
3 Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: There were three
6 resolutions approved by the Committee this morning. The
7 first is Resolution 2010:01, Authorizing the
8 Narragansett Bay Commission to Borrow an Amount Not to
9 Exceed 2,000,000 dollars from the Rhode Island Clean
10 Water Finance Agency for the Purpose of Financing the
11 Acquisition, Design, Evaluation, Inspection,
12 Construction, Improvement, Installation, Cleaning,

13 Rehabilitation, Furnishing and Equipping of the Field's
14 Point Wastewater Treatment Nitrogen Removal Facilities,
15 and authorizing the Commission to Issue an Amount Not to
16 Exceed 2,000,000 dollars in Revenue Bonds, and I move
17 approval of the resolution.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I have a motion to
19 approve Resolution 2010:01. Do we have a second?

20 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner DiChiro
22 seconds the motion. Is there discussion on this motion?

23 Further discussion on this motion?

24 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of

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1 those that are in favor will say aye.

2 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

4 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
6 and this motion carries.

7 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

10 The next Resolution is 2010:02, Authorizing the

11 Narragansett Bay Commission to Borrow an Amount Not to
12 Exceed 25,000,000 dollars from the Rhode Island Clean
13 Water Finance Agency and Authorizing the Commission to
14 Issue an Amount Not to Exceed 25,000,000 in Revenue
15 Bonds, and I move approval of the resolution.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
17 approve Resolution 2010:02. Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER MacQUEEN: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER ROTELLA: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Rotella
21 seconds the motion. Is there further discussion on the
22 motion? Just one comment. Karen, the distinction
23 between the previous resolution and this one is this is
24 for any and all NBC projects, this 25,000,000.

25 MS. GIEBINK: Correct.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The previous two was,
2 specifically, in addition to the nitrogen project,
3 correct?

4 MS. GIEBINK: That's correct.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. Does everyone
6 understand the distinction?

7 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. We have a motion

9 and a second. Further discussion on the motion?

10 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of

12 those that are in favor will say aye.

13 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

15 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

17 and the motion carries.

18 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report,

20 Commissioner Andrade.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

22 The last resolution that the Committee approved this

23 morning was Resolution 2010:03, Authorization to File a

24 Compliance Filing for the Rate Relief Related to Debt

25 Service with the Rhode Island Public Utilities

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1 Commission, and I move approval of that Resolution.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. We have a motion

3 to approve Resolution 2010:03.

4 COMMISSIONER MacQUEEN: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by

6 Commissioner MacQueen. Is there further discussion on

7 this motion?

8 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Everyone understands

10 the motion?

11 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All of those that are

13 in favor will say aye.

14 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

16 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

18 and that motion carries.

19 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I believe that

21 concludes your report?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: It does, Mr.

23 Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Moving right along, the

25 next committee reporting is the Personnel Committee.

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1 Commissioner Campbell, do you have a report?

2 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: The Personnel

3 Committee met this morning concerning an organizational

4 change, but it does not require the full Board's

5 approval.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, that was,
7 basically, a job description, job scope change?

8 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Right.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Very good. Does that
10 complete your report?

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: That completes my
12 report.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. Rules and Regs,
14 no report, right? Long-Range Planning, no report.

15 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: No report.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Citizens Advisory,
17 Harold, you always have a report.

18 MR. GADON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. This is the
19 fastest you've ever kept things moving along. I was
20 pleased to meet a new friend, Linda George, who you've
21 all met from the Senate Committee on Government
22 Oversight, and I've already told her what a great
23 organization this is.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, thank you,
25 Harold, thank you. We appreciate that.

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1 MR. GADON: The CAC meeting was held last
2 week on January 13th with Laurie Horridge moderating the

3 meeting in Jamie's absence. After presenting the
4 previous month's report, Laurie presented a preview of
5 the new NBC documentary. It was well-received and
6 approved with complimentary comments. Further comments
7 as received will be given to Jamie.

8 It was also noted that Curt Spaulding, the former
9 Executive Director of Save the Bay, has been appointed
10 Director of EPA Region I. Curt has attended the CAC
11 meetings, and is well known by the NBC staff. We
12 welcome the appointment and plan to send him a
13 congratulatory note. There was further discussions on
14 the CSO with questions well answered by Laurie. The new
15 NBC calendar was made available and distributed to the
16 members.

17 Other points of interest are that Providence Water
18 included with its last quarterly statement a notice of
19 an increase of 5.9 percent granted by the PUC effective
20 October 5, '09. The Bristol County Water Authority also
21 announced an increase of 58 dollars a year on their
22 water bills.

23 In December, the Rhode Island Resources Board
24 announced that it had successfully drawn water from the
25 Big River Management area, and this is essential because

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1 for the State to economically expand, it has to have an
2 adequate water supply. Our next scheduled meeting is
3 March 3rd, and that concludes my report. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Harold. The
5 next Committee reporting would be the Executive
6 Committee, if we had an Executive Committee meeting, but
7 there were none. Ad Hoc Committee on Compensation I
8 don't believe met. Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Ethics
9 have not met, I believe.

10 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: No report.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Legislative Report, I
12 don't believe we have a Legislative Report today. Any
13 legislation that's been submitted we should be aware of
14 or concerned about?

15 MS. MACERONI: Not at the moment. The
16 initial deadline for bill introduction is February 11th.
17 That's when the bulk of the legislation is introduced,
18 so I expect my first report to be at the March meeting.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: That's early, isn't it,
20 February 11th? Wow. The Chairman has no report. It's
21 been very quiet the last month.

22 (COMMISSIONER MILAS IS NOW PRESENT)

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, the Chairman has no
24 report. The next order of business is Item Number 6,
25 which is New Business. Do any of our members have any

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1 new business you care to discuss? Commissioner Worrell,
2 you look like you have something on your mind, nothing?

3 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Negative.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Really? All right,
5 good.

6 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: I'm usually positive.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Any other business?
8 Commissioner Nathan.

9 COMMISSIONER NATHAN: Yes. I would like to
10 ask the Finance Committee to meet just to review salary
11 practices. There's a couple of thoughts that I have.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. I will ask
13 Commissioner Andrade to schedule a meeting of the
14 Subcommittee and ask the appropriate staff to be there.
15 We'll have a Subcommittee Meeting and report our
16 findings to the Board. I think that's a very good idea.
17 Everyone should know what our compensation practices
18 are, and I think it's appropriate.

19 Other than that, before we adjourn, if there's no
20 other business, I think we can begin the clip. What
21 you're going to see, Jamie, do you want to tell us what
22 we're going to see?

23 MS. SAMONS: Sure. I'm, actually, going to
24 ask you two to move while we take the screen down. So,
25 what we are about to show you is about 26 minutes long.

1 It's a documentary about the history of the Narragansett
2 Bay Commission, our ongoing projects and our Mission for
3 clean water, and one of the things that I'm really
4 excited about with this video is that, well, it updates
5 our old documentary, which was produced in 1997; and
6 everyone had really different hair styles and facial
7 hair back then, so it's good to get all of that updated.

8 I just need to make sure I turn the screen on. This
9 will take a second. So, but what you're seeing is, what
10 you'll see today is essentially sort of our 90 percent
11 completed version. We still do have some room to make
12 some final edits. As you may know, if you've ever been
13 involved in any video production, for every minute of
14 video that you see on the screen, we have, you know,
15 hours and hours of footage.

16 So, if as you watch this you determine that, well,
17 perhaps it would be better for us to have more footage
18 of X and less footage of Y, then we do have some leeway
19 with that.

20 But one of the things that I would like to point out
21 right away ahead of time, our last video we had the
22 narrator. We had someone who voiced over the whole
23 time. This one, this video, the story here is told

24 entirely in the words of our own people, which I'm
25 really excited about. I think that we are much more

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1 eloquent at talking about what we do than just about
2 anyone else.

3 So, got maybe just a few more seconds before this
4 thing warms up, so if you want coffee, do that. If you
5 decide that you want to skip this and go have your
6 picture taken, that's fine, too. We can always let you
7 see this later.

8 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Jamie, do you have
9 some sort of schedule as to where you're going to show
10 this?

11 MS. SAMONS: Our hope is that we can get
12 this on our local PBS station, and we'll also be looking
13 at cable access. Additionally, we'll make it available
14 to schools in our area, community groups, the State
15 House. We've had very good luck distributing the
16 message of the CSO project using our CSO DVD in that
17 way, and so we're hoping that this will sort of be
18 another form of outreach.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Will there be a DVD
20 distributed to the Board?

21 MS. SAMONS: Oh, absolutely.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAY, III: Are you planning to
23 put it on our website?

24 MS. SAMONS: Yes, we will put it on our
25 website, so, yes, it will be available for people to

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1 watch online as well. There is no popcorn. All right,
2 and away we go. So, we may turn down the lights, but
3 you're not allowed to go to sleep. If you have any
4 thoughts on, you know, something else you'd like to see,
5 please feel free to direct them to me.

6 (DOCUMENTARY, HISTORY OF THE NBC FILM SHOWN)

7 MS. SAMONS: If anyone still needs to have
8 their picture taken, she's upstairs ready to pack up,
9 but there's a chance for you, all right? In the
10 meantime, I'll be happy to entertain any questions about
11 the video.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We invite your comments
13 and questions regarding that video. That's the first
14 clip, and like Jamie said, we have hours and hours of
15 footage that we supplemented. We'd like to hear your
16 comments.

17 Before we adjourn, I just have one remaining piece of
18 business. The next Board meeting is March 10th, if
19 you'd make a note of that. I would like the Board to

20 entertain a Resolution of Condolences to our Board
21 attorney, Joseph DeAngelis, whose father passed this
22 week, I guess. I was away when that happened. So, I
23 would like the Board to entertain that we pass a
24 Resolution of Condolences, and send it to Counselor
25 DeAngelis.

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1 COMMISSIONER ROTELLA: I make the motion.

2 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Rotella,

4 seconded by Commissioner DiChiro and the entire Board.

5 I thank you very much. Having said that, is there any

6 other business to come before the Commission at this

7 time, any other business of any nature?

8 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none,

10 Commissioner Rotella.

11 COMMISSIONER ROTELLA: Motion to adjourn.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to

13 adjourn.

14 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by

16 Commissioner Salvatore. All of those that are in favor

17 will say aye.

18 THE COMMISSION: Aye.
19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?
20 THE COMMISSION: (No response)
21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
22 and the motion carries.
23 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)
24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Regarding the video
25 again, if you have comments, something you think should

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1 be included, I'm sure we have the footage, please make
2 those comments as soon as you possibly can. You can
3 call Jamie direct within the next couple of weeks, I
4 would assume. We'll try to get a final version. We
5 will make absolutely certain that all of the
6 Commissioners get the appropriate copy or copies as the
7 case may be, and we'll begin, we'll add to our agenda of
8 our intended advertising program to get this video out
9 to the public.
10 So, thank you very much. I appreciate you being here
11 this morning. The photographer is still on board, so I
12 encourage you to get your picture taken.

13 (BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 11:55 A.M.)

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4 I, Heather Marie Finger, do hereby certify
5 that the foregoing is a true, accurate, and complete
6 transcript of my notes taken at the above-entitled
7 hearing.

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7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand
8 this 5th day of January 2010.

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HEATHER MARIE FINGER, CSR, NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4/02/12

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