

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

3 In Re: Monthly Board Meeting of the Commission

4 DATE: December 15, 2010
5 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: Narragansett Bay Commission
Corporate Office Building
One Service Road
Providence, RI 02905

PRESENT:

7 Vincent Mesoletta, Chairman
8 Raymond Marshall, Secretary-Executive Director
Angelo S. Rotella, Vice Chairman
9 Joseph DeAngelis, Esquire
Richard Brown
10 Richard Burroughs
Bruce Campbell
11 Mario Carlino
Michael DiChiro
12 Jonathan K. Farnum
Joseph Kimball
13 John MacQueen
Al Montanari
14 Richard Worrell

15 ALSO PRESENT:

16 Sherri Arnold, NBC
Richard Bernier, NBC
17 Francie Brown, NBC
Tom Brueckner, NBC
18 Tony Dalmazzi, NBC
Harold Gadon, CAC
19 Karen Giebink, NBC
Jennifer Harrington, NBC
20 Laurie Horridge, NBC
Joanne Maceroni, NBC
21 Karen Musumeci, NBC
Paul Nordstrom, NBC
22 Joe Pratt, Louis Berger Group
Jamie Samons, NBC
23 Deborah Samson, NBC
Mark Thomas, NBC
24 Tom Uva, NBC

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1 (HEARING COMMENCED AT 11:24 A.M.)

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We do not have a quorum
3 presently, so we cannot take any official actions; but
4 we can begin the meeting. We have some presentations
5 that can be made for the benefit of the Board this
6 morning.

7 So, we will call to order a Narragansett Bay
8 Commission, Board of Commissioners meeting for
9 Wednesday, December 15th to order at 11:24.

10 (COMMISSIONER WORRELL IS NOW PRESENT)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Now we have a quorum.
12 Good timing. So, now then, recognizing a quorum, the
13 first order of business is Approval of the Previous
14 Minutes of November 3, 2010. Have all of our members
15 had an opportunity to review the minutes?

16 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MacQUEEN: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: If so, we have a motion
20 by Commissioner Montanari and seconded by Commissioner
21 MacQueen and Commissioner Farnum to approve the minutes.
22 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; and the minutes are approved.

3 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The next order of
5 business, Number 3, is Old Business. Is there any old
6 business to come before the Commission? Old business?

7 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, we move
9 right along to Item Number 4, which is the Executive
10 Director's Report. Mr. Secretary, do you have a report
11 for us this morning?

12 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

14 RAYMOND MARSHALL: We have both the October
15 and the November Monthly Report up for your perusal on
16 the Board of Commissioners' site. I'll go through the
17 November Report.

18 Overall, effluent has been good at the plants. Flows
19 are up slightly from their lows this summer, as you
20 would imagine from the rain that we've had. Effluent at

21 Bucklin Point has been excellent. At Field's Point it's
22 been good. We had a few interferences based on the
23 construction over there, but the Operations staff has
24 worked well with the Construction group and the
25 contractors to make the best of the situation that needs

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1 to occur from time to time as they install the new
2 equipment.

3 On Page 3, one of the problems that we encountered
4 over a particular weekend is that we're replacing all of
5 our old blowers that blow air into the aeration tanks,
6 and as they were taking the old ones off and putting the
7 new ones on, the new ones are a different type, they're
8 a different size than the old ones.

9 We're putting in nine smaller blowers rather than
10 five larger blowers so we can control better the air,
11 and therefore, the cost of running them, and at one
12 point in time, we had one or two of the new ones trip
13 out on us for different reasons, and so we were running
14 with an absolute minimum number, which made it up for a
15 very anxious and interesting weekend, but we met permit;
16 but there were several people, including yours truly,
17 who didn't get a lot of sleep actually getting worried
18 about whether we'd be able to keep everything operating

19 as required by our permit.
20 It did happen. The contractor responded right away.
21 The manufacturer flew up here from Houston with people,
22 and they resolved it over the weekend. So, a good
23 example of two things: How things can sometimes go
24 wrong, even though the best laid plans of men are well
25 thought out, and how a team can work together to solve a

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1 problem that if just one of the participants walks away
2 from the problem it can really become a disaster. So,
3 we got through that really well.
4 So, we have four new blowers in, five more to go,
5 everything's been running great, knock on wood, and we
6 have four new screw lift pumps in also; so they're all
7 operating well at this point in time. So, that's all on
8 Page 3.

9 Down toward the bottom of Page 3, I make a note that
10 we had two rain events in November, and this November
11 was the 25th month that we've had the tunnel in
12 operation; and over those 25 months, we've now captured
13 about 2.5 billion gallons of flow and given it treatment
14 at Field's Point right across the street.

15 That's an average of 100 million gallons per month
16 extra flow that we've been treating over that 25-month

17 period, which has resulted in noticeable improvements in
18 water quality in Narragansett Bay, and that's been borne
19 out by the sampling we've been doing and by the reports
20 we're getting from the shellfishermen, from Save the
21 Bay, from DEM and from just about every other source
22 that you can think of. So, it's been a very good two
23 years for the Phase I facilities.

24 As know you, we'll be moving into Phase II, and under
25 the CEO report today, we're going to give you a nice

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1 PowerPoint presentation which shows how we're going to
2 approach Phase II, and the Chairman will give you a
3 little bit of an introduction on that while they're
4 dropping the screen and everything.

5 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Excuse me, how many
6 billion gallons?

7 RAYMOND MARSHALL: 2.5 billion.

8 Unfortunately, that's not money, that's flow.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: But it translates into
10 money.

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, it does. On Page 4,
12 I made a note that the Maintenance staff has gone
13 through and test run all the emergency generators that
14 we have associated with our facilities, whether they're

15 at the plant, at the pumping stations or out at the gate
16 and screening structures on the CSO system, so it'll be
17 ready for any bad weather we get this winter.
18 Moving to Page 6 where we go through the Bucklin
19 Point report, the nitrogen removal season which runs May
20 through October in our permit is now over. We had a
21 very good season. The Operations staff up there did a
22 great job running the facility. That's designed to get
23 down to 8 parts per million. They averaged less than 7
24 over that 6-month period. Even in the month of
25 November, they were below 7, which the temperature has a

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1 distinct impact on your ability to remove nitrogen.
2 Just like any other biological process, the colder it
3 gets, the harder it is to get it to grow and flourish
4 and maintain the way it's supposed to.
5 So, now we're moving into the winter mode. We'll
6 still keep it running. The process will be running, but
7 at a very low level. It will be almost dormant, so that
8 then in the spring when we have to, again, meet those
9 limits, it will be easier to kick it into gear and to
10 get it ramped up so that beginning in May, we're now
11 meeting the less-than-8-parts-per-million requirement.
12 So, the bottom of Page 6, work on the Omega Pond Pump

13 Station, some of which you approved in a Resolution a
14 month or two ago for painting, electrical and medium
15 work is well underway. We are also doing some work with
16 our own staff on some of the mechanical equipment in
17 there.

18 Page 7, the Interceptor Maintenance Section reports
19 that there were no dry weather overflow events during
20 the month of November. As you continue on to Page 8,
21 very few alarms at our pump stations. The pump stations
22 have alarms for any number of items or issues, and
23 sometimes you get a lot of nuisance alarms. Even a
24 slight variation in the power supply can trip alarms,
25 but generally, it's been a pretty quiet month in that

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1 regard.

2 The middle of Page 8 indicates that there were at the
3 Lincoln Septage Receiving Station, 246 trucks came in
4 discharging well over 700,000 gallons, so that continues
5 to be a well-used facility. We are, as we did last
6 year, going to move into a winter mode.

7 Generally, we're open Monday through Friday all day,
8 half a day on Saturdays, but we're moving into the
9 winter mode and will be closed on Saturdays starting
10 with a week from this Saturday, which will, actually, be

11 Christmas Day. So, from then until probably late
12 February, depending on the weather, we won't be open on
13 Saturdays any longer.

14 That's a cost-savings measure because generally in
15 the winter, you get very few, if any, trucks on some
16 Saturdays show up because the frozen ground, they can't
17 get out there to dig up the covers and do the pumping.

18 That caused a little bit of a ruckus last year, but
19 we managed to work through it; and as it turns out,
20 we're just fine with all the haulers up in the district.

21 So, just a heads-up on that, in case you hear anything
22 about it, and we have been alerting all the haulers as
23 we move into the holiday time period.

24 On Page 9 we make a note that on Warren Avenue in
25 North Providence, there were some problems up there with

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1 a sewer. It wasn't really a town sewer. It certainly
2 wasn't our sewer. It was a private sewer that was
3 installed where they connected a whole bunch of houses
4 or condo buildings, small condo buildings, to one pipe
5 in an inappropriate fashion.

6 EPA issued an administrative order maybe two years
7 ago on that jointly to the Town and the Narragansett Bay
8 Commission. So, we did all the analysis and determined

9 what the correct way to handle the problem was, and then
10 the Town actually went out and spent the money to
11 install the new pipe and to hook up the building. So,
12 that issue is now resolved.

13 Engineering starts on Page 10, and they've been
14 making good progress on any number of projects, but the
15 most notable one and you'll receive that presentation I
16 mentioned just a few minutes ago on Phase II, all the
17 plans are in and being reviewed by DEM. Permits are
18 starting to come in, and we are now ready to begin
19 advertising and bidding; and we'll show you how we plan
20 to do that in just a few minutes.

21 Moving on to Page 12, bottom of Page 12, I make a
22 note on the North Providence Inflow Study, another
23 component of what we're doing in that community. We
24 have finished our smoke testing. You probably remember
25 approving that a while back. That was very productive

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1 in terms of identifying sources of flow that shouldn't
2 be there, roof leaders, catch basins, those types of
3 things.

4 We are going to send letters out to the people who
5 are directly connected to our interceptors who fall into
6 that category. They have stormwater coming in. It's

7 not a combined system. We're not supposed to be a
8 combined system in North Providence. Those need to be
9 removed.

10 So, there's about 20 of those, but in the Town's
11 system, and they own the vast majority of the pipe in
12 the community as is true in all the our member
13 communities, there's a couple of hundred that have to be
14 removed.

15 So, we're meeting with the Town now and discussing
16 with them how they approach the homeowners, property
17 owners, business owners, to start removing those sources
18 of flow that should not be there.

19 How they got there is something that no one's really
20 able to identify because it happened over many, many
21 years, but that process needs to be reversed; and the
22 roof leaders, a lot of times you can just cut the
23 downspout that goes into the ground off cap it and just
24 put an elbow on the end of it, and let it spill onto
25 your lawn. That's in the simplest case.

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1 There are many more complicated cases, but it has to
2 be done because it's not an allowable discharge, and all
3 of that causes problems when we have wet weather and the
4 pipes start to surcharge and then you have overflows

5 from manholes; and it starts backing up into people's
6 basements and other unpleasant situations. You might
7 start hearing more about that as we get into the first
8 part of 2011.

9 Page 13, the design work for the next phase of
10 nitrogen removal at Bucklin Point is quickly coming to a
11 conclusion. The plans are about 90 percent done and
12 will be submitted to DEM in the next few weeks. They
13 will review them, and we will revise the plans
14 accordingly.

15 We'll probably advertise that project sometime in
16 late spring, open bids in the summer and you probably
17 will have an item before you in September to award the
18 next phase of the work at Bucklin Point, which will get
19 us, once it's complete, to 5 parts per million versus
20 the 8 that it's designed for now.

21 Page 15, the Construction Division, as you probably
22 noticed when you came down the street and pulled into
23 the parking lot, the contractor is really going great
24 guns over there. The Operations building is being
25 enclosed, the new Operations building. He's getting it

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1 ready for winter, which you probably thought was going
2 to happen about a month from now, but as you also know

3 from walking in here from the parking lot that winter
4 already seems to have started. So, fortunately, he had
5 made some pretty good progress.

6 I think he intends to continue to work through the
7 winter to the greatest extent possible. At some point,
8 he may have to shut down just based on snowfall and
9 really frigid temperatures, but he'll take that on
10 almost a week-to-week basis; but he was hoping to get a
11 few more decent weeks of weather; but unfortunately,
12 Mother Nature hasn't exactly cooperated.

13 He's also doing work on another building we have
14 further into the site. It's called the Screening and
15 Caustic Building, which is down more in the middle of
16 the plant. He has installed a bunch of the new blowers,
17 four of the nine. He's done work on the Primary
18 Clarifiers, Final Clarifiers, Gravity Thickeners and
19 installed the four new screw pumps.

20 So, pretty much anywhere you walk over at that plant,
21 there's construction activity going on, so it's a pretty
22 active place right now; and our staff has done a really
23 good job responding to coordination issues and to making
24 sure that they always have access to the facilities that
25 they need to meet permits because we do not get a break

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1 on the permits, even though we've been told that we need
2 to go to a higher level of treatment.

3 Page 17, Administration and Finance, Karen's going to
4 give a report under the Finance Committee's item on how
5 we're doing so far in our budget, but at this point,
6 we're doing okay. We are already beginning to develop
7 our Fiscal Year 2012 budget. That will begin next July.
8 I have an action item on that later in the season.

9 Karen will also explain some work that we're doing in
10 terms of online credit card and electronic check
11 processing, a new approach that we're trying to take
12 through the Rhode Island governmental option.

13 In IT we're upgrading our equipment, in certain cases
14 hardware and we're enhancing our networks and working on
15 some software revisions. That's all spelled out on
16 Pages 18 and 19.

17 On Page 20, Customer Service is reporting that in
18 November, they billed \$6.8 million, and they actually
19 had cash receipts of \$7.8 million. So, we're doing all
20 right in terms of billing and cash receipts. They are
21 taking a break now from water shutoffs because we're in
22 a period where you can no longer shut water off, at
23 least on residential properties.

24 We've identified 400 accounts for next spring's lien
25 sale, so those have been turned over to Legal, and

1 they're starting to do the appropriate research on those
2 so that we can have another successful lien sale event
3 sometime in either April or May. I'm not sure what the
4 date is at this point.

5 MS. HARRINGTON: May 5th.

6 RAYMOND MARSHALL: May 5th. If you move to
7 Page 22, under Human Resources, we had our open
8 enrollment sessions this fall in the last month for
9 employees so that if they need to make any changes to
10 their coverages or want to pick up life insurance or
11 other deductions that they might want to have taken out
12 of their pay, we have the open enrollment period for
13 that; and we also have some workplace wellness events
14 where United Health came in and did some preliminary
15 screening for people.

16 We actually had 93 employees participate, check your
17 blood pressure, your cholesterol and glucose and items
18 in that general category. So, it's all part of the
19 wellness program to help people take better care of
20 themselves so that they can live happier, healthier
21 lives.

22 Policy, Planning & Regulation on Page 23, we've had a
23 number of meetings with the Upper Blackstone Valley
24 District Commission, which is a comparable agency to
25 ours up in the Worcester area. We talked about nitrogen

1 removal levels. We gave them some information on our
2 water quality monitoring efforts because they're, of
3 course, being asked to step up and to remove nitrogen
4 down to 5 parts per million and phosphorous down to .1
5 parts per million.

6 So, they're trying to get a handle on what the
7 justification for that is from a scientific point of
8 view. So, being a sister agency, we figured we've give
9 them the data, and they can come to their own
10 conclusions. I'm not sure that they'll be able to
11 convince the regulatory people in Massachusetts
12 otherwise, but we always like to share information
13 because the more people that have it, the more impact it
14 has when we go to make our case because it does support
15 some of the things that we've been proponents of.

16 We've had some wind energy as in the wind turbines
17 with the City of Providence. They, apparently, have an
18 interest in erecting a couple of wind turbines of their
19 own down in this area. They wanted to put them further
20 south, I think somewhere in the area of Save the Bay's
21 property, but I guess FAA told them that that was too
22 much in the glide path or the landing path for the
23 airport. Remember we had a similar problem, but

24 fortunately, we're on the edge. We got ahold of the
25 right people. We got permission.

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1 So, Tom Uva met with them and helped coach them a
2 little bit, and they seemed to be very appreciative.
3 So, we'll see how they make out as they move forward.
4 On the other hand, we've gotten a letter from the
5 City that raises the question of zoning matters as it
6 relates to our wind turbines. We have not had to go
7 before Zoning in any community that we do business in or
8 are located in. Because we're a state entity, we're
9 controlled by the State Building Inspector's Office, the
10 State Fire Marshall's Office, the State Building
11 Commission.
12 So, Laurie Horridge has put together a communication
13 to the city kind of outlining why we don't feel that we
14 are subject to those requirements. So, we'll see how it
15 goes in the next week or two. The contract has not been
16 signed. We've been negotiating with a selected
17 contractor now for a few weeks, and there were some
18 issues there that we're trying to work out. So, nothing
19 has really been delayed at this point. I just wanted to
20 make you aware that that issue had come up.
21 On Page 24, we did have our one early opening of

22 shellfishing beds after a rainfall on November 17th.
23 Again, that's based upon the sampling that we do and the
24 analysis that the State does, so that made people happy;
25 and that continues to be a trend. It doesn't happen

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1 every time, but it seems to be happening a little more
2 often. We're probably up to, probably, 6, 7, 8 times
3 now over the course of the last year or so where we've
4 been able to open the shellfish beds early, and that's a
5 direct result of the CSO tunnel being effective.
6 I'll now jump way ahead to Page 28, our Stormwater
7 Mitigation Program, we did have one project that came in
8 and we gave a permit for, and it will help reduce
9 several thousand gallons more flow from entering the
10 combined system in the Providence area when it rains, so
11 we keep chipping away at that, of course.
12 In general, development has been down, renovation
13 projects have been down, so the amount of flow that
14 we're removing through this program has diminished just
15 because of the general overall economic or lack of
16 economic activity out there. The fact that we have it
17 in place, and once things pick up again, it will, again,
18 ramp up and become more and more effective.
19 Why don't we go to Page 32 to report on the number of

20 sampling we've been doing, just over 2,000 samples from
21 November and nearly over 25,000 for the year, so by the
22 end of this month, December, we will have exceeded the
23 number of samples taken for analysis by about 5 percent
24 over the prior year, and that's because of the
25 additional requirements that we have placed on us by the

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1 regulatory people.
2 Then moving to Page 35, in a parallel situation, the
3 amount of lab parameters analyzed for will also be about
4 5 percent higher this year than they were last year.
5 They'll probably hit somewhere around 107, maybe 108,000
6 parameters analyzed for, and this also speaks to the
7 need for the new lab building that we now have under
8 design because we have more and more samples of
9 different types and various levels of sophistication are
10 needed through the analysis and a much more controlled
11 environment to do it in, hence the need for a new lab.
12 Finally, the Executive Division starting on Page 37,
13 we received a lot of press in the past month. Almost
14 all of it had to do, it was very positive, had to do
15 with World Toilet Day. You remember that Jamie came
16 before you last month to ask for money from
17 Environmental Enforcement? I saw a number of smiles on

18 people's faces when she made her presentation, very
19 enthusiastically, I might add.
20 I've been at the Bay Commission now for 18 1/2 years,
21 and other than the press we get on the tunnel, I don't
22 think we've ever had a single event that received more
23 positive press than this event. It is just remarkable.
24 Everybody loved it, although we were challenged. We
25 were challenged by the Truth-O-Meter, you know, the

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1 Politifact, and when the guy first contacted us, I can't
2 remember the reporter's name.

3 MS. SAMONS: Ed Fitzpatrick.

4 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Ed Fitzpatrick was very,
5 very skeptical and really wanted to know what all our
6 source data was, so Jamie pointed him in the right
7 direction. He did extensive research, and she received
8 a complete clean bill of health on everything that she
9 reported. No liar, liar, pants on fire for Jamie. She
10 knocked it out of the park, but actually, it really was
11 a great event.

12 There are some of the toilet artwork in the back
13 there that the kids did, if you weren't able to get to
14 the actual exhibit. Some of it is remarkable. These
15 young people, they're just so talented, and you'll

16 probably enjoy taking a look at that as you go through
17 your buffet line up there. So, that went very, very
18 well.

19 Other than that, within Executive, we are preparing
20 for another General Assembly session. There will be a
21 lot of new faces up there this year, as I'm sure you all
22 know. On the lien sale that we completed in October, we
23 are now wrapping up the paperwork, filing the lien
24 documents with the various cities and towns.
25 With that, I will just let you know, I'm wrapping up

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1 my meetings with the staff, the Operations and
2 Maintenance staff, and everyone in the office,
3 Environment also. Twice a year I've been to all the
4 shifts at all the facilities. Everyone seems to be in a
5 very positive mood, and like all of us, they're hoping
6 that things get better in general, but they all seem to
7 be very happy and pleased to be working for the Bay
8 Commission.

9 So, with that, I will wish you all a Happy Holiday,
10 Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and thanks for all your
11 support through the year.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Ray. Having
13 heard the Executive Director's Report, are there any

14 comments or questions with regard to the Executive

15 Director's Report?

16 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Moving right along, the

18 next order of business is Item Number 5, which is

19 Committee Reports and Action Items Resulting. The CEO

20 Committee did not meet this morning or this week or this

21 month, but we do have a presentation of the CSO Phase II

22 Construction Schedule. I'm going to move right to it.

23 Joe Pratt is going to be making that presentation. I

24 see he has a stack of handouts. While he's passing them

25 out and we're preparing to receive the presentation, I

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1 would just like to say that in the month of November,

2 what was the date, Joe?

3 MR. PRATT: The 16th.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The 16th of November.

5 I have been concerned recently and in the recent past

6 and more specifically with regard to Phase II as we

7 proceed with making absolutely certain that,

8 specifically, the Rhode Island community and the

9 communities that we service have adequate opportunity to

10 bid on the work which Narragansett Bay Commission is

11 going to be advertising for.

12 So, pursuant to that, through Louis Berger and Joe,
13 we advertised in various trade magazines, that the
14 Narragansett Bay Commission will be putting on a
15 presentation and inviting all the utility contractors to
16 please come to the Narragansett Bay Commission's
17 Boardroom and listen to a presentation regarding our
18 scheduling, the nature of the work that's going to be
19 led by the Bay Commission and encourage them to get
20 involved with that process, bid the work.

21 We also took a look at looking at some of the larger
22 projects and try to bifurcate some of those projects,
23 make them smaller projects, to let some of the smaller
24 construction companies who wouldn't have an opportunity
25 to bid because either they didn't have the necessary

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1 personnel or bonding capacity. If we broke the packages
2 up into smaller bid packages, they would have an
3 opportunity to participate in some of the work which is
4 being done by the Narragansett Bay Commission.

5 So, we had the meeting. It was well attended. I
6 don't know how many people we had. There were a lot of
7 Rhode Island utility contractors, some from the
8 outskirts of Rhode Island and Mass, but primarily, Rhode
9 Island contractors. It was very well attended. I think

10 it was very successful. I don't think a lot of the
11 utility contractors knew that the Phase II had
12 progressed to the status that it is.
13 So, having said that, what you have in your hand is
14 the handout that was passed out to those people who were
15 in attendance. It talks about the scheduling and the
16 nature of the projects, and Joe's going to give us a
17 presentation on that. So, having said that, Joe.

18 MR. PRATT: Yes. While my copilot here is
19 preparing the screen and getting ready for the
20 presentation, we will be projecting the slides that are
21 in the handout. We're going to do it in such a way that
22 you will need to follow in your handout because I'll
23 keep the graphics up on the screen, so you can see the
24 location of these projects because you may not be
25 familiar with where exactly we're talking about.

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1 Please also keep in mind that this package is
2 prepared with a contractor or a construction supplier in
3 mind. So, that was the drift we were trying to take,
4 the data they would be interested in. It may not be the
5 exact same data that you would be interested in, but
6 this is what the presentation is about. Next slide.
7 This is kind of an outline of where we're going.

8 Next slide. Just to orient everybody, this is the main
9 spine tunnel that Ray was talking about earlier. Phase
10 II consists of this green area shown here (indicating),
11 the green area shown here, the light green area shown
12 here and up here, and I'll go through each of those as
13 we go through this presentation. Next slide, please.
14 Just to bring you up to date, and some of this you
15 know very well, we completed Phase I the end of November
16 of 2008. The design is, basically, completed. We're
17 going through the review and permitting processes now,
18 and there's always, little difficulties in that process.
19 We've taken the five basic projects and broken them
20 down into 12 construction contracts ranging from a half
21 a million dollars to \$90 million, and the construction
22 period will be as shown, starting in 2011 with what I
23 call substantial completion by the end of 2014. That
24 means the systems are ready to come online. It doesn't
25 mean all construction is completed because we have a lot

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1 of repair work to do to the roads we tore up. We'll be
2 doing that that falls under the same contract. I call
3 it substantial completion because we're ready to
4 operate.
5 These are the major items in Phase II. We got two

6 interceptors, and we'll deliver additional flow to the
7 tunnel. The tunnel is designed to take additional flow.
8 We're putting in a new storm drain system on the East
9 Side of Providence, which is really a sewer separation
10 project, and that's a little different from what we did
11 in Phase I.

12 We're building a small storage facility about 1/3 of
13 a million gallons, and we're building a wetland in
14 Central Falls right next to the existing wetland to give
15 treatment to the overflow there. Next slide, please.

16 So, this slide will remain up as we go through each
17 of these projects, so I'll tell you when to turn the
18 page. This is the Woonasquatucket CSO Interceptor.
19 This is the single biggest project in Phase II. It's on
20 the West Side of Providence.

21 Olneyville is in the center here (indicating). This
22 is the VA Hospital up here (indicating). The tunnel,
23 the end of the tunnel is right there (indicating). I'll
24 talk about this later, but that dashed line, we're going
25 to dig and add it, connect to the end of the tunnel.

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1 The project we're putting in, basically, runs down
2 here (indicating). This is the lot you recently
3 purchased with the Governor Dyer Produce Market. We

4 follow the Woonasquatucket River all the way out east to
5 the west side of Providence.

6 Now, if you turn your page to the next slide, this is
7 the smallest project on the Woonasquatucket. We're
8 doing these regulators right here (indicating),
9 adjusting those regulators. It's a relatively small
10 project, roughly \$750,000. We broke that out because
11 it's a size that smaller contractors can pursue.

12 You see the major items here. There's a little bit
13 of sewerage pipe, there's a couple of structures we have
14 to put. All of this work is in the street. The bulk of
15 it, if you're familiar with the area, the bulk of it as
16 it runs along here along on Delaine Street, which is a
17 fairly busy street, so we'll have some impact, most of
18 it's on the side; but we'll have some impact on traffic
19 on Delaine Street.

20 I'll have a closing graphic at the end that
21 consolidates all of these where you'll see the dates and
22 the time frames for all of these. I won't bore you with
23 them now. I'll wait until I get to the end.

24 If you turn your page to the next project, being
25 engineers, we never come up with proper titles. We call

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1 this the CSO West because it's on the west side of the

2 project. This, basically, runs along the bike path
3 which runs along this area of the Woonasquatucket River.

4 This is a unique project in that it's hard to see,
5 but there's a pink colored line right here. That's the
6 existing interceptor. We're going to replace that
7 because it runs under Route 6, and it's not accessible
8 right now; so we'll build a pipe big enough to handle
9 the CSO and the dry weather flow. We'll put it in,
10 along here (indicating). It will be done by cut and
11 cover, which is the typical, classic way of building a
12 sewer pipe.

13 There's roughly 2,400 feet of 60-inch pipe. It's a
14 fairly good size project, roughly \$15 million. Again, a
15 project that a local contractor can pursue. When we're
16 done, we'll fill in the old interceptors. Turn your
17 page to the next project.

18 We call this the WCSOI Main. It's the bulk of this
19 project, this area running along here (indicating).
20 This is a project that's \$90 million. It will take the
21 longest to complete, three years. We got, roughly,
22 10,000 feet of micro tunneling, and I'll explain that in
23 just a second.

24 We also have to sink a shaft, 1,800 feet of 9 foot
25 adit connect back to the tunnel, we have to cross the

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1 Woonasquatucket River in four places, so we'll have four
2 river crossings. Those will be done by classic cut and
3 cover.

4 We purchased this piece of property, which will serve
5 as a central operations point for this project. In
6 addition, if I can get my pointer to the right place,
7 we'll end up temporarily taking a large portion of the
8 parking lot in what used to be the PriceRite Shopping
9 Center in Olneyville as another place for laydown for
10 the contractors.

11 This project will have major impacts on traffic
12 throughout this area. It's unavoidable. By micro
13 tunneling, we'll dig a pit, and micro tunnel to another
14 pit 700 to 1,000 feet away that will minimize some of
15 the impact on traffic and utilities, but you can't do
16 away with the impact.

17 In addition, we have to modify a regulator right in
18 the middle of Olneyville or right on the side of
19 Olneyville Square, and if you've ever been out there at
20 3:00 in the afternoon, the place is a zoo right now; and
21 we're not going to really make it a lot better until we
22 get done.

23 In addition, there's a couple of streets we'll have
24 to shut down. This is further complicated, if you will,
25 by the fact that right along this stretch right here

1 (indicating), the rock comes back up almost to the
2 surface of the ground.

3 In 1896, when your predecessors dug the original
4 sewer, they dug it in rock. We're going to be micro
5 tunneling through rock in that section of the job. A
6 major piece of work. It will involve lots of
7 subcontractors. Micro tunneling is a specialty that's
8 normally done by a subcontractor.

9 If you turn to the next one, we call this one the
10 WCSOI North. It's up here (indicating). This is the
11 Veterans Administration Hospital. These are ball fields
12 that are operated and run by the City. The Federal
13 Government leased this land in 1946 back to the City.
14 The Federal Government still owns it, so we had some
15 interesting negotiations with them getting access to
16 this.

17 There's an existing 100 foot right-of-way running
18 down through this area. We will stay within that. This
19 project will be done by cut and cover. It's, roughly,
20 1,800 feet of very large pipe. There's a whole bunch of
21 connections we have make to it.

22 There used to be a brook that ran down here called,
23 Pleasant Valley Brook. It was buried back sometime
24 before World War II. That brook now runs through a

25 72-inch pipe, and we'll be putting in a pipe right next

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1 to it. It will come down, and then we'll jack under
2 Pleasant Valley Parkway or Valley Street right here
3 (indicating), and connect back through pipe jacking
4 under two of the buildings you bought in Governor Dyer
5 and connect into the gate and screening structure which
6 connects into the drop shaft.

7 A whole lot of things going on. There's major
8 structures. All of them are 20, 25, 30 feet deep, and
9 as I said, four crossings of the Woonasquatucket River.
10 Then the last contract in this area, it's not shown
11 graphically up here, is, there's an area, particularly,
12 right here at outfall 49 where the NBC will be
13 purchasing a number of sites. We got to tear down those
14 buildings. That's about a, a half a million is probably
15 a little high, but it's a half a million demo job taking
16 down the buildings and the typical lead paint, asbestos
17 and all the things that exist in old buildings. So,
18 that's the Woonasquatucket.

19 The next one is the Seekonk. If you bare with me
20 while my copilot gets his act together. You'll remember
21 on the graphic we showed along the Seekonk, we have two
22 projects for the Seekonk River Interceptor. The Seekonk

23 River Interceptor is going to connect to the tunnel
24 right here (indicating) where there's a gate and
25 screening structure right next to the new bridge for

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1 195, basically, run along the Seekonk River behind the
2 East Side Market place up here, across a few ball fields
3 down here. It will be right next to the Epoch Senior
4 Citizens Home and the Salvation Army and end there.
5 If you turn to your first sheet, the other aspect of
6 this job is located right up here (indicating) where we
7 have to modify. There's an outfall there called,
8 Outfall 25. We have to modify that. It's roughly a \$2
9 million job. Again, something that can be competed by a
10 local contractor.
11 Then if you turn to your next sheet, you'll see the
12 information on the main contract, which is this one
13 right here (indicating). Approximately 5,700 feet of
14 trenchless technology. We use that term because it
15 might be micro tunneled or pipe jacked. It will
16 probably be pipe jacked. That's why you see that it
17 runs with these right angles and straight legs because
18 that's how you do micro tunneling and pipe jacking.
19 Except for this portion down here where we have to
20 replace about 500 feet of an existing brick sewer, which

21 is starting to collapse, that will be open cut. There
22 will be major impacts of traffic down here because the
23 traffic pattern's been changed, and this interceptor
24 runs right down the middle of new India Street, and
25 there's no way to get around having impact of traffic.

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1 The impacts of traffic up in this area are
2 significant but much less than down here (indicating),
3 and they diminish as you go up here; and all will become
4 a lot more manageable. When we do this one, we'll have
5 a little bit of traffic problems because we're right in
6 the middle of River Road. This is a large project,
7 roughly, \$60 million, say, 30 months to complete.
8 Going to the next graphic, to locate you here, this
9 is the East Side of Providence. This is North Main
10 Street, Interstate 95. This large complex in the center
11 here is Miriam Hospital. The outfall comes down and
12 goes into the Moshassuck River down in this area. The
13 Moshassuck River runs right there (indicating).
14 We're going to put in a new drain system here. It
15 would be too difficult to do anything else, and this has
16 an added benefit that doesn't necessarily apply directly
17 to the Bay Commission, but applies to the population in
18 general, but right now, there's major flooding along

19 North Main Street every time we get a heavy rain. Our
20 actions will go a long way to alleviating that, except
21 in the largest storm.

22 We've broken this down into three projects. I'll
23 describe them each to you. Something we should keep in
24 mind, Summit Avenue is right up, roughly, here
25 (indicating). From Summit Avenue down to North Main

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1 Street is a considerable drop, so this is a very steep
2 area. Next slide.

3 If you turn to the first of the contracts, we call it
4 037 West, it includes North Main Street. It'll be a
5 very relatively disruptive project, but we're going to
6 do that at night; so we'll disrupt as little as
7 possible, the traffic during the day.

8 There's 4,000 feet of drain line throughout this area
9 and about 9,200 feet of large pipe. This is a major
10 project, about \$20 million, but again, it's in the size
11 that a utility contractor can do.

12 If you turn your page, you'll see the South Project,
13 which is located right here (indicating). Again, we're
14 talking about, roughly, 7,000 feet of pipe. They'll be
15 some replacement of gas lines ahead of the contract, and
16 they'll be replacement of water lines in this area.

17 Then, if you can, turn your page to the North
18 Project, again, very similar. One of the impacts it
19 will have here is, and we've already started this
20 coordination with Miriam Hospital to make sure we've
21 maintained access to Miriam Hospital at all times, all
22 of these projects in this area, it impacts all of the
23 projects, but in this area, in particular, it's a
24 significant thing. When we're done, we will completely
25 do curb-to-curb replacing of all the roads we've

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1 disrupted.

2 If you look on your graphics, you'll see that it
3 tells you how many square feet of restoration we're
4 going to be doing. There's substantial replacement of
5 road service in these areas.

6 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: That is part if it,
7 right?

8 MR. PRATT: Yes. That will all be included
9 in the contract, everything will be included. We've
10 coordinated that with the DOT and the City and all of
11 that.

12 If you go up in that area now, the streets are pretty
13 well tore up and the water company coming in, and the
14 gas company coming in, and we'll go in and we'll

15 completely replace that. Some of it will be very

16 interesting --

17 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: How about on the

18 other Phase --

19 MR. PRATT: Any place we disrupt the street,

20 we'll replace it curb-to-curb. That's included in every

21 project and in all the prices I've been quoting you.

22 MR. BERNIER: In the Woonasquatucket area,

23 there'll be doing pits 30 by 30.

24 MR. PRATT: These are the most substantial

25 because we're really doing a lot in the street.

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1 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: It's curb-to-curb

2 because you're so deep and the trench is so wide.

3 MR. PRATT: It's curb-to-curb because you

4 can't really, these roads are very thin. We've got to

5 replace the roads. These streets are in very bad

6 condition.

7 RAYMOND MARSHALL: You are right,

8 Commissioner. As you know, the deeper you go, the

9 trench is wider, and with the equipment running all over

10 it, it will be pulverized by the time we're done. We

11 might as well do it right, do it one time. Sometimes

12 it's harder to pave a wide trench than is it to do it

13 curb-to-curb, get it over with, and then walk away from
14 it.

15 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: During the design
16 phase, were the other utilities, you know, normally,
17 with a state project, they send it to all the utilities,
18 and I'm just concerned because I know we have an
19 agreement with National Grid regarding staying far away
20 or staying away from them so that we don't have to pay
21 for some of the --

22 MR. PRATT: Well, we also have to, it's a
23 complicated thing. In extensive detail we will
24 coordinate with the other utilities, both National Grid
25 and particularly, the Providence Water Supply Board.

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1 We've worked out, now, does that mean everything's
2 perfect? No, but we really worked very long and
3 diligently with all the utilities to do that.

4 The reason that the gas company is going in ahead of
5 time is that a lot of these gas lines are cast iron, and
6 it's very dangerous to work around cast iron; and they
7 don't replace them. They replace them with plastic. It
8 works to our long-term benefit, although the short-term
9 pain can be great.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I don't quite

11 understand what those drains do. What are they
12 draining, and where are they draining it?
13 MR. PRATT: All right. They're taking all
14 the stormwater from this area, say, it'll drain down to
15 a larger pipe along North Main Street, and then it'll
16 run down this area to go to the river.

17 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: So, they're draining
18 the stormwater into the river?

19 MR. PRATT: They're taking the stormwater so
20 it doesn't mix with the sewer.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I see, but it's
22 draining into the river.

23 MR. PRATT: Oh, yes.

24 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Have we done that at
25 all in Phase I?

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1 MR. PRATT: No, we didn't

2 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: We didn't do that at
3 all in Phase I?

4 MR. PRATT: We had no reason to do it. This
5 is not necessarily the greatest option, but in this
6 case, it is the best option.

7 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: What about the
8 environmental impact?

9 MR. PRATT: There isn't one. It's
10 non-existent. It's a matter of principal I mean, right
11 now it goes to the sewers. It goes to the river and
12 it's combined with sewerage. All we're doing is saying,
13 we're taking the combined sewerage out of it, and
14 letting the rain water go to the river. There's what
15 they call treatment, best management practices, at the
16 end of the pipe. It will separate out the sand and
17 grit.

18 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Before it goes into
19 the river.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So, it's a positive
21 impact.

22 MR. PRATT: It's a very positive impact on
23 the quality of the water in the river because we've
24 taken the sewerage out. If you kept the sewerage,
25 except in mega, mega storms from going into the river.

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1 That's why it's called sewer separation.

2 COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS: Do you have a sense
3 of how much of the area of the service district will now
4 be connected to the CSO facility? In other words, as
5 you're building all of these things, you're collecting
6 more impervious area, so to speak.

7 MR. PRATT: I don't. I can find out, but I
8 don't.

9 COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS: That will be very
10 useful to show the progress. Also, the flip side of
11 that is, will the time to till the tunnel be getting
12 shorter and shorter as you --

13 MR. PRATT: It was designed to get shorter
14 and shorter.

15 COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS: Yes, I know that,
16 but would it be good for us to be able to know that in
17 advance and anticipate --

18 MR. PRATT: Well, we have an idea of it.
19 When the tunnel was originally designed, the outfalls it
20 addressed, were to generate 47 million gallons, another
21 14 million gallons would be generated by these two
22 projects in Phase II. We think we'll generate less in
23 Phase II.

24 The newer modeling we've done, the better modeling
25 we've done, the measurement the Bay Commission has done

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1 on actual flows is indicating that we'll be taking a
2 little bit less in the tunnel than we anticipated, so
3 we'll just take more out of the one in Phase I. We'll
4 fill the tunnel up without a problem. So, the capacity

5 should be there.

6 It's been an interesting drill seeing whether or not
7 we meet design criteria because if the ground's real
8 wet, we usually don't. If the ground's a little dry, we
9 exceed it by huge amounts.

10 1.64 inches of the rain is supposed to do the trick.
11 We've been as high as 2 1/4; we've been as low as 1 1/4.
12 So, it depends on so many different things, whether or
13 not you got a lot of inflow into the pipe. The system
14 tends to overflow quicker when there's a lot of inflow
15 going into the pipes in wet weather. I can tell you
16 right now, as opposed to July, you've got to look at
17 more than just one storm. You got to look at a series
18 of storms.

19 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: This may be a
20 question you can't answer.

21 MR. PRATT: Don't worry, I won't.

22 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: If you had "X"
23 gallons of combined effluent during a storm, during a
24 reasonable wet weather event going through the CSO
25 facility right now, what percentage of that do you

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1 figure you would drain off by separating the sewers?

2 MR. PRATT: These don't go to any facility

3 right now. What they do is, they go into a combined
4 sewer that goes to the river. We're going to,
5 basically, except in the larger storms, eliminate
6 sewerage mixing with the stormwater. The only thing
7 that will go to the river is stormwater. The sewerage
8 will continue to go to the plant.

9 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Well, right now, does
10 any of the stormwater in that particular neighborhood go
11 into the combined sewer?

12 MR. PRATT: Yes. They're combined. They
13 mix.

14 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: So, right now you've
15 got some household effluent, sewerage, and some
16 stormwater?

17 MR. PRATT: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Now you're going to
19 do a separation of the two?

20 MR. PRATT: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: So, that you're going
22 to take stormwater out of the CSO?

23 MR. PRATT: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: In a combined storm
25 that may produce, we'll call it 100,000 gallons of flow,

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1 whatever it is, how much of that 100,000 gallons will
2 you take out of the combined sewer system and put into
3 the stormwater, the now separated stormwater portion of
4 that?

5 MR. PRATT: It won't be perfect, but it will
6 be .99 or higher.

7 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: .99 of the total?

8 MR. PRATT: 99 percent or higher. We'll
9 take the stormwater out.

10 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: I'm not stating my
11 question clearly. Right now, you've got 100,000
12 gallons, or something or other, flowing into a combined
13 sewer. In the middle of a storm, a reasonable
14 medium-level storm, part of that's going to be
15 stormwater, and part of it's going to be household
16 sewerage.

17 MR. PRATT: Yes. It's mixed.

18 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: It's mixed. Now,
19 you're going to take the stormwater out of that mix.

20 MR. PRATT: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Of the 100,000
22 gallons, how much are you going to take out?

23 MR. PRATT: All of that stormwater. I don't
24 know the specific answer to your question.

25 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I think the question

1 might be, it's 99 percent of what's in those blue, green
2 and red areas, but as a whole, the entire system, I
3 don't know that we know the answer to that.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: You asked a similar
5 question about the district. You're asking about what
6 we're actually capturing; is that right?

7 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: What I'm trying to
8 figure out is, we're going to go to this expense, we're
9 going to do this job, and when we get done with it, we
10 will have greater capacity for the toxic sewer flow
11 that's coming out of the houses so that that is going to
12 get treatment during heavy weather, whereas before it
13 might not have because it would have been mixed with so
14 much stormwater.

15 MR. PRATT: It would have been diluted, and
16 a lot of it would have gone directly into the river.

17 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: So, what would have
18 gone into the river would have been both stormwater and
19 effluent, sewerage.

20 MR. PRATT: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: What we're doing now
22 is we're going to this construction project, and we're
23 going to remove out of that mix, we're going to remove
24 all of that stormwater. When all is said and done, what
25 I'm trying to do is to get an idea of how much of the

1 total we're going to reduce. In other words, if the

2 total flow during a storm is 100,000 gallons --

3 MR. BRUECKNER: I think the answer is about

4 90 percent. The amount of the stormwater and combined

5 sewerage, it's about 90 percent.

6 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: I understand we get

7 all of the sewer water out of there. So, 90 percent of

8 the total is stormwater?

9 MR. PRATT: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: That's the answer to

11 my question.

12 MR. PRATT: It actually is a moving number.

13 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Yes, I'm sure, based

14 on the severity of the storm.

15 MR. PRATT: Yes. It's very much a moving

16 number. I would rank it higher, to be honest with you.

17 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Well, thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Currently, this is

19 not tied into the tunnel. It will never be tied into

20 the tunnel.

21 MR. PRATT: It will never be tied into the

22 tunnel.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Right. It will

24 never tied into the tunnel.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN ROTELLA: But it's all tied

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1 into the plant. It goes to the plant, that's the point.

2 MR. PRATT: You have the Moshassuck River

3 Interceptor which runs partly under the Moshassuck River

4 that takes the sewerage to the plant. Now it takes the

5 sewerage some that's mixed with stormwater, it goes to

6 the plant and the other overflows we're keeping the

7 stormwater from getting into the Moshassuck River

8 Interceptor.

9 Okay, I think I know where we are. Go to the next

10 slide, if you will. Now, this is the other side of that

11 area I showed you where we're doing the sewer

12 separation. This is Hope Street (indicating); this is

13 Blackstone Boulevard; this is Butler Hospital, and Jamie

14 lives some place up here (indicating).

15 This shows you the areas where we're going to go in

16 and put in new storm systems to get the stormwater out

17 of the combined system. Again, we're approaching the

18 same level of separation here. Smaller project,

19 roughly, total 10,000 feet of new storm line, about an 8

20 to \$10 million project.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Where does the water

22 go?

23 MR. PRATT: The water goes into the storm
24 system that exists today.

25 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Oh, okay.

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1 MR. PRATT: The gas company has already been
2 out here replacing the gas lines in this area. They're
3 ahead of us so that we get plastic lines instead of cast
4 iron lines to work around.

5 This is a unique project. You don't see many of
6 these. This is the only one in the CSO program. This
7 is in Central Falls, but actually, if you drew the line,
8 the Town of Lincoln sneaks over in here a little bit.
9 This is the Moshassuck Valley Industrial Parkway. This
10 is the Higginson Sports Complex in Central Falls, and
11 this is an existing wetland, kind of part of the
12 headwaters of the Moshassuck River.

13 What we plan to do here is put in a, roughly, 1/3 of
14 a million gallon holding tank and build a wetland down
15 here (indicating). Now, how it operates is, the flow
16 will come in here, go into the tanks, the tanks will
17 fill up, and then the tank will start overflowing into
18 the wetland. So, you're getting treatment in the
19 wetland, but the dirtiest portion will sit in this tank

20 and then will be pumped back into the interceptor, which
21 is located under this highway.
22 If you turn the handout to this first page, you'll
23 see this is, roughly, an \$8 million contract. It's
24 unique in that the permitting with the wetlands people
25 and all of the rest of this has been an interesting

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1 challenge. These have worked in other parts of the
2 country, and you can put plants in there that do consume
3 fecal coliform.
4 The next graphic, this was put in there for the
5 vendors at the presentation. If you have any questions
6 about it, I would be happy to answer it, but it's the
7 type of pipe we're using; and all I was trying to do was
8 keep the vendors from asking questions. It was nothing
9 more than that. We allow a whole series of different
10 kinds of pipes, all standard in the field.

11 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Did it work?

12 MR. PRATT: I got questions afterward, but
13 not during the presentation. These are the typical
14 things that you'll see for construction contracts, is to
15 let them know how it's going to work, what the
16 procedures are. Next slide, please.

17 This is a summary. This is all the contracts, the

18 advertise dates, the bid dates, the date we seek your
19 approval, the notice to proceed, substantial completion,
20 and the rough order of magnitude and the cost. We're
21 trying to stick to this. There will be some minor
22 slippages of a month or two in there, but we'd be very
23 close to it. Do I have any other questions? Sir.

24 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: So, when you go
25 through the evaluation process, you have bids coming in,

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1 you're going to have more than one contractor bidding on
2 multiple contracts. Obviously, you're going to look at,
3 and I don't know who the contractors are, but you're
4 going to look at, do they have the workforce, but
5 sometimes you look at, they give you the best price,
6 they qualify; but if they only have a workforce of 100
7 people, so how are you going to get all of this work
8 done when you need 300 people?

9 So, do you have a team that's looking at that,
10 obviously, you're not just looking at the price, but
11 you're also looking at, can they deliver it in the
12 amount of time because of the workforce that they don't
13 have?

14 MR. PRATT: I don't think workforce, per se,
15 has ever been an issue.

16 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: There's a lot of
17 work.

18 MR. PRATT: Well, it's over a three-year
19 period. Qualified workforce is a different question.
20 That's always hard to judge, but quite candidly, we do a
21 check of their business capacity, their bonding
22 capacity, and their bonding capacity is a very critical
23 thing because many of them do not have bonding capacity
24 to bid on more than one or two of these jobs,
25 particularly the smaller contractors.

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1 The larger contractors will come in and just hire the
2 people they need to hire through either the union shops
3 or they're getting the people. In the case of some
4 specialty contractors, they'll just bring the people
5 with them, particularly the supervisory people and the
6 superintendents and the foremen. They'll bring them
7 with them if there's a specialty contract.

8 So, it's very hard to look in detail other than at
9 the top people, the critical top people at people from
10 that standpoint because right now, there are lots of
11 people looking for work in the construction field, so
12 for somebody to say there isn't adequate workforce out
13 there would probably be a misnomer because business is

14 down in the construction industry right now. Well,
15 we're doing this over three years.

16 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: But there's going to
17 be overlap.

18 MR. PRATT: Well, we're doing this -- in
19 three years. There'll be overlap. There's some
20 overlap, but smaller contractors aren't going to bid on
21 a \$60 million job. Some of them won't bid on a \$20
22 million job because they know what their bonding
23 capacity is, also, so that's why we broke it up as much
24 as we could.

25 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Right, and that's the

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1 reason why we spread it out. The advertising date, the
2 bid opening date so contractors can work on their bids
3 thoughtfully without wondering, well, am I going to get
4 this one and not get that one?

5 We tried to make sure that we gave them a little bit
6 of breathing room. So, I'm not saying that we won't be
7 opening one while they're putting together the bid on
8 the other, but then if they get the first one, then
9 they'll know that the next bid that they're working on,
10 maybe they'll throw in a high price, maybe they'd back
11 out, whatever. Ultimately, their bonding capacity will

12 control what they're able to do, according to the
13 market.

14 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: There is a start and
15 end date on each phase of the project. Just from, like,
16 working for National Grid, we have \$700 million, and we
17 try to work, you know, do capital improvements on it,
18 and we get some contractors that come in and they want
19 to do all of this work, and then, eventually, they run
20 out of the skilled workforce because they have multiple
21 projects.

22 So, over the last three years, we've been monitoring
23 that to make sure that certain people aren't getting all
24 the work and that we're asking the questions, how are
25 you going to provide the skilled workforce to do all

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1 this work if you've got this other work; it's just an

2 FYI.

3 I do have one last question. Who's going to project
4 manage this or program manage this internally?

5 MR. PRATT: I guess you're looking at him
6 right here.

7 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Internally?

8 MR. PRATT: You're looking at him, right
9 here.

10 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Internally it's Rich.

11 MR. PRATT: I work for him. I was the
12 program manager on Phase I, and I'm the program manager
13 for this. That's why I'm presenting.

14 MR. BERNIER: About six months ago, we came
15 with Joe's contract for Phase II, the program manager.

16 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: So, you will be
17 program managing this three-year project over \$200
18 million, and you have field coordinators that are
19 inspectors that are feeding you the information.

20 MR. PRATT: We hire a number of people. We
21 put it out to the competition to hire appropriate
22 inspectors, and we've got the designers already on
23 board. That's how the program works. That's how it
24 worked in Phase I.

25 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Do you monitor this

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1 in some type of -- we use what's called P-6 -- it's a
2 scheduling tool. It's date schedules, it's money. Do
3 you use something internally, or is it, basically,
4 you're getting information from a contractor, and you're
5 just monitoring that on a weekly, monthly basis?

6 MR. BERNIER: Joe will be monitoring the
7 overall --

8 MR. PRATT: We manage it. We don't use P-6
9 because twelve contracts are not that hard, for
10 contractors that have 100 or 150 tasks but we monitor
11 that, and then we advise NBC of what we see as the cash
12 flow business and how that's working, and each
13 contractor has a schedule of values and has to provide
14 the schedule within one of the typical software
15 packages. Some of these contractors aren't big enough
16 to do P-6s.

17 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Right. So, you would
18 be monitoring schedules, costs and change requests that
19 come in?

20 MR. PRATT: Yes.

21 MR. BERNIER: Phase I had 15 contracts over
22 7 years, so this is going to be about 12 contracts over
23 4 or 5 years.

24 MR. PRATT: It's kind of a hard cake to
25 swallow, sometimes. Yes, sir.

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1 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Joe, I want to go
2 back for a minute to the environmental question I raised
3 on the sewer separation issue. Are you aware whether
4 the environmentalists and the EPA, et cetera, in any
5 other jurisdictions around the country have raised

6 environmental issues concerning stormwater effluent and
7 the requirement for any treatment of that?

8 MR. PRATT: Yes, they have. It's an ongoing
9 process, and there are procedures you follow and things
10 you need to do, frankly, they have not yet so far raised
11 the level of treatment that's significantly for
12 stormwater. That's why I said, BMP, best management
13 practices and grid chambers and separators to keep the
14 oil from flowing in -- but beyond that, they haven't
15 made it a whole lot more --

16 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Wouldn't we be
17 incorporating fuel separators, that kind of thing?

18 MR. PRATT: That's the best management
19 practices which may or may not include that. Yes, we're
20 addressing that. It's a DEM requirement. We're
21 addressing that stormwater much cleaner than the
22 combined sewers, so it's a very different thing.

23 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Yes, but it's not
24 without its issues from an environmental point.

25 MR. PRATT: And also depends on the size of

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1 the receiving water. The smaller the receiving water,
2 the bigger the issue. So, if you're dumping into the
3 Seekonk River, it's one thing. If you're dumping into

4 the Moshassuck River, it's a much more smaller river
5 it's a creek.

6 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: All right. Those
7 best management practices that you're referring to, are
8 they built into the bidding process?

9 MR. PRATT: Yes, of course. We've included
10 this, and we've included the design and submitted it to
11 DEM for their approval. Basically, they've accepted
12 everything on these so far. We have a couple of issues,
13 we are working out with them, but that isn't one of
14 them.

15 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: While we have the
17 screen, down, I'm going to jump ahead to New Business.
18 We have a less-than-four-minute presentation on our
19 Annual Affirmative Action Plan, the progress we've made
20 in that regard, and that presentation is going to be
21 made by Tom Uva. I'm sure he heard me say less than
22 four minutes. You did hear me say that, right?

23 MR. UVA: I did hear that, Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, while we have the
25 screen down, Tom, why don't you proceed with the

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2 MR. UVA: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
3 We're running a little late, so I'm going to try to keep
4 this to a couple of minutes.
5 Every year we're required to prepare an Affirmative
6 Action Plan and submit it to the State, and our staff
7 does an exemplary job with it. Karen is going to hand
8 out a little Christmas present for all of you. This is
9 a recipe cookbook that we prepared over the past year.
10 This is something that we did in the Affirmative Action
11 Committee to show the ethnic diversity that we have here
12 in the workplace at the Narragansett Bay Commission.
13 We have an Affirmative Action Policy that was
14 developed to promote fair and equitable treatment of all
15 of our employees and the public and to demonstrate our
16 commitment to equal opportunity and affirmative action
17 at the agency and also to ensure compliance with state
18 and federal regulations.
19 We post all vacancies, recruit, hire, train and
20 promote equally and fairly. We prohibit harassment by
21 supervisors and provide reasonable accommodations for
22 handicapped persons and religious practices.
23 Each Division Director is charged with immediately
24 addressing any complaints and bringing them to the
25 attention of the Executive Director, and the Executive

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1 Director has to address those complaints immediately and
2 suitable action must be taken.

3 The Affirmative Action Policy requires that we
4 provide the Plan to the Directors, the Section Heads,
5 and also present to the Commissioners, and it is
6 available on your website. We didn't want to kill all
7 the trees and make copies, like we did in prior years,
8 so the Plan that we submit every year is on your
9 website.

10 The Affirmative Action Committee is made up of staff
11 members from every section of the Narragansett Bay
12 Commission. The Committee oversees the Affirmative
13 Action efforts and equal opportunity efforts, and we
14 maintain communication with staff about what happens at
15 our different meetings and projects that we're working
16 on.

17 We develop procedures, practices, activities and
18 plans for promoting equal opportunity throughout the
19 agency and to educate our staff about the ethic
20 diversity in our workplace. We review and adjust the
21 Plan annually.

22 We've met all of our goals over the past fiscal year.
23 We've posted all of our policies and job notices on our
24 bulletin boards. We've posted job opportunities on our
25 website. We provide summer internships to college and

1 high school students here at the NBC, and staff
2 continues to work with the Met School to provide
3 environmental career guidance to school students.
4 Cynthia's program up in Public Affairs has provided
5 environmental education programs for over 500 students
6 this past year at 12 grammar schools throughout the
7 district. We provide multi-faceted training to our
8 employees and our Supervisors regarding sexual
9 harassment, interpersonal communications and conflict
10 resolution. Over the past year, 199 employees out of
11 our 246 attended various training classes and workshops.
12 One of the educational accomplishments of the
13 Affirmative Action Committee over the past year was this
14 dessert cookbook that we just distributed to all of you.
15 We have 76 recipes in here that were provided by our
16 staff members from 21 different countries, and each
17 section has a section on the countries; and it talks
18 about the history of the country, where it's located and
19 how those people immigrated to America. So, it's pretty
20 interesting, and I hope you enjoy your cookbook and cook
21 some recipes out of there. The stuff is very good.
22 We've met all of our hiring goals this past year.
23 One of our hiring goals was to hire either one minority
24 or one female in the Technician category, and although

25 we didn't hire a new person, we promoted from within, a

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1 female staff member to the Technician category from the
2 Skilled Craft category.

3 The other goal was achieved and surpassed when we
4 hired several people in the Administrative Support
5 category. He hired a Hispanic female and an
6 Asian/American Pacific Island female in the
7 administrative support category.

8 We also had six other hirings of minorities, hirings
9 and promotions in the agency, so we've done very well
10 over the past year in meeting and exceeding our goals.
11 This slide, basically, shows you how we've done over the
12 past decade here at the Narragansett Bay Commission with
13 regard to representation.

14 As you can see back in 1999, we had 25 1/2 percent
15 female workforce, and 8.4 percent of our work staff was
16 minority. As of fiscal year 2010, we've had 34.1
17 percent female work staff and 11.4 percent minority work
18 staff, so we've been working hard to improve our
19 minority and female representation at the agency.

20 And you may ask, how do we compare with other
21 agencies? We think we do pretty well. We have a
22 minority work staff of 11.4 percent, and we exceed the

23 DEM's workforce of 5.8 percent minority and the DOT's 10
24 percent.
25 For female, we're pretty close in line with DEM at

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1 34.1 percent and definitely exceeding the DOT workforce
2 of 18 percent female.
3 Our goals for the upcoming year are about the same as
4 we have for every year. We want to distribute the Plan
5 to the Supervisors and Commissioners, educate them about
6 where we can do better so that when our supervisors and
7 managers interview, they recognize and are aware of
8 where we need to improve our diversity in the agency.
9 We continue to post our job opportunity information on
10 our website and our bulletin board. We'll continue to
11 provide training to all of our supervisors and staff,
12 and we encourage training throughout the agency.
13 The Committee will continue to promote ethnic
14 diversity of our employees. To that end, this fiscal
15 year we are developing an ethnic calendar, so hopefully,
16 by the January Board Meeting, we'll have a calendar to
17 distribute to all of you and to all of our employees
18 that will highlight different ethnic important events
19 and holidays from all the different ethnicity of the
20 NBC.

21 We're going to continue to build our relationship
22 with the Met School to provide educational and career
23 guidance to the students at the Met. We have
24 established a 2011 fiscal year hiring goal to hire one
25 minority in the Administrative Support category and one

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1 minority in the Skilled Craft category.
2 I would like to thank all of the EEO and Affirmative
3 Action Committee members that work hard throughout the
4 year, and we have some new members that came on this
5 year; and I particularly want to recognize Joanne
6 Maceroni, Claudette Kalf and Brenda Smith for their hard
7 work on the EEO Plan every year, and they crunch all of
8 their numbers and statistics that you'll find in this
9 plan; and I'm available to answer any questions, if you
10 have any. If not, I'll just turn this back over to the
11 Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Any of our members have
13 any questions with regard to our Affirmative Action
14 presentation?

15 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Tom. I
17 appreciate that being brief and concise. Moving right
18 along, Finance Committee. Karen, I'm sure you have a

19 very brief report for us, right?

20 MS. GIEBINK: I do.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are we still rolling in
22 dough?

23 MS. GIEBINK: Cookie dough. I believe you
24 have before you the November 2010 Monthly Financial
25 Report, and things are looking pretty good for NBC.

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1 With respect to Budget versus Actual, we are currently
2 spending under Budget. With respect to Personnel, we
3 currently have 251 of the 254 net budgeted positions
4 filled or 99 percent.

5 On Page 2 of the report, the actual cumulative
6 billings are higher than the projected cumulative
7 billings at this point, and that's because we have seen
8 a recovery in the consumption-based billing, so that's
9 looking good.

10 Item B, the receivables, this is probably the first
11 month where we actually have a true comparison since we
12 converted over to monthly billing, and you can see that
13 the collection activity has been very effective and
14 actually our receivables are lower than they were a year
15 ago, and that's probably a combination of the water
16 shutoffs as well as the lien sale, I believe, in

17 November. Overall, the receivables are about \$3 million
18 lower than last year.
19 On Page 3, the Cash & Investment Balances totaled
20 50.1 million. Investments are shown under Item B. On
21 Page 4 of the report you'll see the NBC versus the SIFMA
22 Index, and you can see that the Variable Rate Demand
23 Bonds are still pricing through or below SIFMA, so
24 that's excellent. Our outstanding debt is 402.9
25 million.

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1 On Page 5 of the report you can see the available
2 capital funds, and we currently have 72.7 million. We
3 did fully expend the 2 million take over loan, the SFR
4 Loan, that had relatively significant principal
5 Forgiveness portion.
6 On Page 6 of the report, Capital Payments by Month
7 and Source are shown, and we have been expending some
8 significantly more in the last few months than we had
9 been previously.
10 You'll also find attached the Statement of Net
11 Assets, the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes
12 in Net Assets and also detail budget versus actual, and
13 that concludes my report.
14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much,

15 Karen. Thank you very much. Any of our members have
16 any questions?

17 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The next committee
19 reporting is the Personnel Committee.

20 RAYMOND MARSHALL: We have one action item.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I'm sorry. I glossed
22 right over that. Continuing on with the Finance

23 Committee, there are no Purchase Requisitions.

24 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Right.

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are no Personnel

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1 Actions that need approval by the Board, but we do have
2 one matter, Item D, which is Review and Approval of
3 Resolution 2010:36, which is a Recommendation for Use of
4 Environmental Enforcement Funds. This request came from
5 the Shellfisherman's Association. We have a request. I
6 don't have the Resolution in front of me, but I believe
7 it's \$10,000.

8 The \$10,000 request was made by the Shellfisherman's
9 Association to provide for a seedling, is that the term,
10 transplant in, what area is it? Some area of the Bay.

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Right. They actually
12 have special areas. Tom knows just a little bit more

13 about it than I do, so he can briefly tell us where.

14 MR. UVA: As you know, the most productive
15 areas for shellfishing are in the upper bay, and when it
16 rains heavy over a half an inch or over an inch, areas A
17 and B in the upper Bay just south of Conimicut Point are
18 closed to shellfishing, and that really hurts their
19 industry.

20 So, they've approached us, and they would like
21 \$10,000. That will buy one million seeds that are about
22 1 millimeter in size, and these seeds will go under
23 docks that are located around the state in what they
24 call upwellers.

25 These upwellers circulate the water. They have a

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1 solar panel that turns a pump, and the pump pumps
2 nutrient rich water into the shellfish and they grow;
3 and within about four months, they're about 12
4 millimeters in size, and they're able to be transplanted
5 to management areas; and those management areas are in
6 areas that will be open to shellfishing by the
7 shellfishermen but also to the general public, and
8 they'll grow the rest of the way in those management
9 areas. They'll be ready for harvesting in about 4 to 5
10 years. They reach about an inch in size where they're

11 able to be served on our dinner table.
12 A \$10,000 investment will provide one million
13 shellfish, and that will turn into over \$100,000 in
14 revenue when these shellfish are captured and even more
15 than that if you take into account the reproduction
16 cycle of the shellfish.

17 So, it's a very good investment, and they will give
18 us some publicity on this. On the upwellers at the
19 dock, they will put up a sign that says, Funded by the
20 Narragansett Bay Commission, so anybody that goes down
21 to their boats to go to their docks will see the sign on
22 these upwellers there. So, I recommend that the Board
23 support this project.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, we've had this
25 request. As many of you know, the Shellfisherman's

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1 Association has been very supportive of the Narragansett
2 Bay Commission. In fact, there was a comment in the
3 recent press by Mike Givney, is that his name,
4 commenting on the great job that Narragansett Bay
5 Commission does, and I will support this.

6 But beyond that, before we take a vote on this
7 Resolution, I looked at the economic impact of a \$10,000
8 investment made by the Narragansett Bay Commission, and

9 you just heard Tom Uva talk about the fact that this
10 \$10,000 investment will turn into, generally, a \$100,000
11 revenue, economic generation.
12 So, one of the things I would like to talk to the
13 Board about at some future date is whether or not
14 recognizing this economic impact, whether or not we
15 start thinking about making an investment with the
16 shellfishermen in a program where we could actually loan
17 them some monies out of our Environmental Enforcement
18 Funds to create this kind of economic generation. I
19 think it's something worth talking about.
20 I don't have anything to bring before the Board
21 today. I'll just mention that, Ray, last week we were
22 talking about this, and perhaps, it's something this
23 Board would consider in assisting the shellfishing
24 industry and moving forward. Commissioner Rotella.
25 VICE CHAIRMAN ROTELLA: Mr. Chairman, I

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1 think we're all well aware of how many times the
2 shellfishermen have come to our meetings here and told
3 us about the great things that have happened for our
4 being willing to be a part of what they do in terms of
5 either transplant or this type of micro planting of
6 tomorrow's catch. So, I certainly would want to

7 recommend passage of the Resolution.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you. We have a
9 motion to approve Resolution 2010:36. Second?

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER MacQUEEN: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by
13 Commissioner Brown, Commissioner MacQueen. Further
14 discussion on the Resolution?

15 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All of those that are
17 in favor 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: There is no other
25 business before the Finance Committee. Personnel

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1 Committee.

2 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Personnel Committee
3 met and voted on an administrative change which did not
4 cost anything, and so it does not require full Board

5 approval.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: That's your report?

7 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: That's my report.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much.

9 Rules and Regulations did not meet. There is no report.

10 Long Range Planning, no report. Citizens Advisory.

11 MR. GADON: Mr. Chairman, I'll make a short

12 report. We did express our support of the grant

13 application for \$10,000 from the Shellfisherman's

14 Association which was approved today. Jamie did receive

15 a request from a Providence resident and Councilman to

16 join the CAC, and we will submit his name to the

17 Chairman.

18 The strong interest was expressed in the NBC planning

19 with the Resource Recovery Agency since one of our

20 members is on their Board, and member, Howard Schacter,

21 consults with them on their wastewater situation. Jamie

22 has scheduled an NBC staff member at our next meeting to

23 inform us on this project.

24 We expressed our thanks to Jamie for her fine support

25 of us during the past year, and the CAC expresses, as

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1 I'm sure we all do here, our sincere wishes to

2 Commissioner Michael Salvatore now at home for a speedy

3 recovery and successful recovery from his recent
4 accident. Our next meeting is January 12th, and we wish
5 you all Happy Holidays.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Harold.
7 There was no Executive Committee meeting, neither were
8 there Ad Hoc Compensation or Internal Ethics.
9 Chairman's Report, the first thing you heard Harold talk
10 about it, many of you already know Commissioner
11 Salvadore had a serious accident. He's been
12 incapacitated. He sustained some injuries, broken
13 ankle, broken ribs, as a result of an automobile
14 accident.

15 We're wishing him a speedy recovery, and hopefully,
16 he'll be with us if we have a January Board Meeting, and
17 I wanted to make sure that all of our Commissioners here
18 knew of Mike's unfortunate accident. Commissioner
19 Rotella.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN ROTELLA: I'd like to ask if
21 the Board could send some sort of a greeting to Mike,
22 best wishes for a speedy recovery, whatever the case may
23 be, we're thinking of him, or whatever can be spent
24 within any proper regulation. Unfortunately, I have to
25 add that to it, but whatever can be sent, can we do that

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1 to our fellow Commissioner?

2 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: I'll second that.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
4 send a communication to Commissioner Salvadore, seconded
5 by the entire Board.

6 I know Joanne doesn't have a lot to do this week.
7 We'll dedicate that responsibility to Joanne to get that
8 done. We have a motion, we have a second. All in favor
9 will say aye.

10 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: None opposed.

12 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The Chairman does not
14 have a report today, but I would like to relate to the
15 Board and staff and employees and guests some of the
16 comments I've heard recently.

17 I have the fortuitus experience of having my office,
18 my business office, on the same floor as the Governor's
19 transition office, and in that regard, I've met just
20 about everyone that's in and out of the Governor's
21 transition office in the last several weeks; and I've
22 had occasion to meet some people who are familiar with
23 the work of the Narragansett Bay Commission, and I would
24 just like to pass on some of the remarks that I've
25 heard.

1 One of the people I've met was the former Director of
2 Save the Bay, Curt Spalding, who, as you know, is the
3 Regional Administrator for EPA, and he was being called
4 into the transition meeting, for what reason, he did not
5 say, but on his way into the meeting, I asked him how
6 things were going in his new capacity, and basically, he
7 said, it's not like dealing with the Narragansett Bay
8 Commission.

9 As he goes around to the region in his jurisdiction,
10 he gets told time and time again why they can't achieve
11 or do certain things that EPA is requesting, and he
12 said, I have a very basic and simple response to that,
13 and that is, Narragansett Bay Commission does it. Why
14 can't you? If you don't know how to do it, call them,
15 and they'll tell you. So, that's his response.

16 The other comments I've heard is, you probably didn't
17 know former Commissioner John Simmons. John Simmons is
18 also the Executive Director of RIPEC. He's on that
19 transition team and was in a meeting of the transition
20 team where he tells me the issue of quasi publics had
21 come up, and they're having a discussion about the quasi
22 publics to the State, and he tells me that Narragansett
23 Bay Commission surfaces, and the comment was, of course,
24 there's a lot of things that are broken in this state.
25 Narragansett Bay Commission is one of the few things

1 that is not broken. Why are we wasting our time talking
2 about that? Let's just leave it alone and let them
3 proceed.

4 The final comment, I think, and maybe the best of all
5 is that on my way into the office one day, I happened to
6 come across Governor Elect, Lincoln Chaffee. I
7 congratulated him on his election and just indicated, I
8 thought that he certainly had his hands full, and
9 basically, his comment was, well, if I can get at least
10 half of our departments of State government to run half
11 as well as the Narragansett Bay Commission, I'll
12 consider our Administration a success.

13 So, having heard those comments and how our agency's
14 being discussed at that level, I certainly think it's
15 commendable to our Board, to our staff and our
16 employees. It's nice to know that the agency is
17 recognized and appreciated, and I thought all of you
18 should know that.

19 So, having said that, the Chairman has no further
20 report, except to say, I wish all of you a safe holiday.
21 Thank you all for your contribution and participation
22 with the Board. We look forward to seeing all of you
23 next year.

24 I don't know whether or not we have enough
25 substantive issues to have a January meeting. If we can

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1 avoid it, we will, rather than get you here, but if we
2 can avoid it, we will. If not, we'll see you in
3 January. Other than that, the Chairman has no further
4 report.

5 The next order of business would be Other Business.
6 Any of our members have any other business?

7 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, then,
9 Commissioner Rotella, that's all that's left on this
10 agenda is Item Number 8.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN ROTELLA: Move adjournment.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
13 adjourn from Commissioner Rotella.

14 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

15 COMMISSIONER MacQUEEN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Second by Commissioner
17 Montanari and Commissioner MacQueen and all of our other
18 members. All in favor of adjournment will say aye.

19 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

21 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
23 the motion carries.

24 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you all for being

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1 here today. We have our usual holiday luncheon. We'd
2 love for you to stay and have some lunch with us. Thank
3 you very much.

4 (MONTHLY BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 12:58 P.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 4th day of January 2011.

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

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