

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

3 In Re: Monthly Board Meeting of the Commission

4 DATE: April 20, 2011
5 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
6 PLACE: Narragansett Bay Commission
Corporate Office Building
One Service Road
Providence, RI 02905

7 PRESENT:

- 8 Vincent Mesolella, Chairman
- Raymond Marshall, Secretary–Executive Director
- 9 Angelo S. Rotella, Vice Chairman
- Robert Andrade, Treasurer
- 10 Joseph DeAngelis, Esquire
- Richard Brown
- 11 Bruce Campbell
- Mario Carlino
- 12 Michael DiChiro
- Jonathan K. Farnum
- 13 Ronald Leone
- Joseph Kimball
- 14 John MacQueen
- Al Montanari
- 15 Alan Nathan
- Michael Salvatore
- 16 Leo Thompson
- Richard Worrell
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18 ALSO PRESENT:

- 19 Rich Bernier, NBC
- Tom Brueckner, NBC
- 20 Diane Buerger, NBC
- Charlie Donovan, House Policy
- 21 Linda George, Senate
- Karen Giebink, NBC
- 22 Jennifer Harrington, NBC
- Laurie Horridge, NBC
- 23 Karen Musumeci, NBC
- Paul Nordstrom, NBC
- 24 Joe Pratt, Louis Berger Group
- Vincent Ragosta, NBC

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1 ALSO PRESENT, cont.

2 Jamie Samons, NBC
Deborah Samson, NBC

3 John Zuba, NBC
Thomas Uva, NBC

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1 (MONTHLY BOARD MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:07 A.M.)

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Good morning, everyone.

3 Thank you for attending. We will call the monthly
4 meeting of the Narragansett Bay Board of Commissioners
5 to order.

6 The first order of business is the approval of the
7 previous minutes of March 23, 2011. Have all of our
8 members had an opportunity to review the minutes, and if
9 so, are there any comments, questions or corrections on
10 the minutes of March 23, 2011?

11 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Comments, corrections
13 on the minutes?

14 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Motion to approve.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I have a motion from
16 Commissioner Carlino to approve the previous minutes.

17 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by
20 Commissioner Farnum and Commissioner Montanari.

21 Discussion on the minutes.

22 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
24 those that are in favor will say aye.

25 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

2 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
4 and the motion carries.

5 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Next order of business,
7 Item Number 3, is Old Business. Is there any old
8 business to come before the Commission this morning, old
9 business of any kind, nature?

10 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: No old business. In
12 such case, Item Number 4, which is the Election of
13 Officers. For the purpose of the election of officers,
14 the Chair will turn the meeting over to the Secretary
15 and accept nominations for election of officers.

16 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Are there any nominations
17 for officers for the Narragansett Bay Commission for the
18 next year?

19 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: I have some
20 nominations, Mr. Secretary, but is the Chairman going to
21 leave the room, so we can talk about him?

22 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I think he has thick
23 enough skin where we can probably talk about him with
24 him here.

25 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: I think you're

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1 probably right. At this time, I'd like to make the
2 following nominations: For Chairman of NBC, Vincent
3 Mesolella; Treasurer, Robert, you got it again, and for
4 Vice Chairman, Angelo Rotella.

5 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

7 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Multiple seconds. Is
8 there any discussion on that nomination?

9 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

10 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Any further nominations?

11 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

12 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Hearing none or seeing
13 none, the Secretary will cast one vote for the slate as
14 proposed, and the motion carries. Congratulations.

15 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I'd just like to say,

17 thank you, once again, for your vote of confidence, and
18 as I said through the years past, this Commission is a
19 big part of my life; and I'm proud of the
20 accomplishments of the Narragansett Bay Commission,
21 especially proud of the Board of Commissioners who
22 contribute and participate.

23 Again, I commit my 100 percent effort to complete the
24 mission of the Narragansett Bay Commission. So, thank
25 you very much for your vote of confidence.

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1 Having said that, the next order of business, Item
2 Number 5, is the Executive Director's Report. Mr.
3 Secretary, do you have a report for us today?

4 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, I do, and I promise
5 it will be brief. I am not going to go through my
6 multi-page report, as usual. I just wanted to let you
7 know that in terms of Operations, the plants are running
8 well, and our Maintenance is doing a good job following
9 the Asset Management Plan.

10 The tunnel through the end of March has now captured
11 2.7 billion gallons of combined sewer overflow, and
12 we've given all of that treatment, most of it full
13 secondary treatment.

14 The Engineering Group has been very busy preparing

15 Phase II CSO projects to go out for bid. One bid has
16 already been accepted. That will come before you next
17 month. Two more are out on the street as we speak, and
18 there'll be several more between now and the end of this
19 year.

20 The Construction Group has been very active with all
21 that is going on across the street on the Biological
22 Nutrient Removal Contract. They're about 50 percent
23 complete. The contractor is doing a great job, and the
24 cooperation between their staff and our Operations staff
25 has been excellent.

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1 The dog pound right outside this window, the
2 demolition of that will probably be done by the time you
3 show up in May, so that will be a step forward.

4 The Wind Turbine Project, we've had to go before the
5 City of Providence Zoning Board for a height variance.
6 We received that Variance at the Board Meeting. The
7 20-day comment period has now elapsed, so we're off and
8 running on that activity.

9 In Administration and Finance, the FY-'11 Budget is
10 going very well. Right now we're running about 7
11 percent below budget, and we're working feverishly to
12 put together an approvable budget for FY-'12, which

13 starts on July 1.

14 The Finance Committee is going to meet on the draft
15 Budget on May 12th at noontime. You're certainly all
16 invited to attend that. We'll put that out on the Board
17 of Commissioners Website, if it's not already there, and
18 then we'll come before you, actually, at the June Board
19 Meeting for final approval; but we'll go through the
20 draft with the Finance Committee first to see if they
21 want us to make any changes.

22 In the last month, we billed \$6.1 million in user
23 fees. We collected \$7.1 million in user fees. We went
24 live with our on-line payments for sewer bills, and it
25 has been a resounding success. People are using it and

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1 even at a greater rate than we thought it would be,
2 paying their bills, as Karen has indicated, at 2 a.m. in
3 the morning. What you are doing up at 2 a.m. paying
4 your sewer bill, I don't know, but in any event, they
5 seem to really appreciate the opportunity.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I expect it started
7 with something else that might have been related to
8 that.

9 RAYMOND MARSHALL: That could have been. In
10 PP&R, we've had the Woonasquacket River Water Cleanup

11 Day that the Chairman started many years ago, and that
12 was last Thursday. It was very successful, as usual.
13 Mayor Tavares attended, and he was very appreciative of
14 our efforts to go out and give back to the community.

15 We will have the shellfish transplant event that we
16 do in coordination with DEM for three days in May, so
17 that's coming up very soon.

18 We have scheduled a Narragansett Bay Water Quality
19 Symposium for June 16th. There will be an EEF item that
20 will require your approval a little later on, and what
21 we're going to do is bring all of those who have an
22 interest in what's going on in Narragansett Bay together
23 for a day where we can share all the scientific data
24 that we have developed over the last few years, as well
25 as that data that people, such as URI, Graduate School

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1 of Oceanography has, and to prove to the disbelievers
2 that the bay is getting better and that all the
3 investments we're making in our facilities and others
4 are making in theirs is actually paying benefits.

5 In Executive we've had several interactions with the
6 press. WPRI TV has, about six weeks ago, asked for all
7 of our payroll information, so you may see some of our
8 pays up on the screen someday soon. They won't tell us

9 when or exactly what they're doing with it, but they
10 asked for it; so we gave it to them.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Ray.

12 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: That is, they're doing
14 their survey of the highest-paid employees in the state.

15 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Is that right? We'll see
16 exactly how they report that. The Providence Business
17 News, this is their 25th anniversary, and they are
18 writing, or I guess they're actually producing an
19 edition will which address in their opinion the 25
20 biggest news events in the last 25 years; and one of
21 those is the CSO tunnel, I was interviewed for that.
22 So, that should be appearing sometime in the next few
23 weeks.

24 Save the Bay requested an interview with us for their
25 quarterly magazine. They're going to highlight all the

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1 improvements that have been made in Narragansett Bay
2 over the last few years, and I didn't realize that was
3 going to a videotaped event, but it was. I think it was
4 very positive, and I'm looking forward to seeing how it
5 all rolls out.

6 Jim Hummel of, You Paid for It, we've met with him on

7 a couple of occasions, or I should say Jamie has, and
8 he's now taking a new tact whereas before it was, You
9 Paid For It and didn't get what you paid for was,
10 basically, what the theme always was. This is, You Paid
11 For It and you actually did get what you paid for. So,
12 this is supposed to have a positive spin.

13 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: I was going to ask
14 you, why would you meet with him otherwise? It's never
15 good, but he's doing positive things.

16 RAYMOND MARSHALL: That's what we've been
17 told, right, Jamie?

18 MS. SAMONS: Yes.

19 RAYMOND MARSHALL: So, he's going to focus
20 on the tunnel and all the Phase I work and how water
21 quality in the bay has improved. A lot of people are
22 starting to notice that the bay is getting better, and
23 there are reasons for it and among those reasons is the
24 work we've been doing on our CSO program.

25 In fact, he spent I think an entire afternoon here,

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1 and Jamie and Phil Albert took him down into the tunnel
2 pump station and showed him all the facilities we have
3 down there. I guess he was pretty well entertained for
4 the afternoon.

5 The Woon Watershed Program Year-End Event that we
6 have every year at Goddard Park is, I believe, May 19th.
7 In case you're interested in attending that, we'll put
8 more information up on that on the website, in case you
9 want to go down and observe.

10 We have a lien sale scheduled for May 5th. We want
11 to bring to your attention that ethics form, you
12 probably all have received, are due next Friday, April
13 29th. I have not submitted mine yet, so I need to get
14 on the stick and get that done, and hopefully, you've
15 already attended to it. If you need any help with that,
16 call Jen Harrington, and she should be able to give you
17 a hand on that.

18 Finally, we finished negotiating the next Collective
19 Bargaining Agreement, and that will come before you
20 under the Personnel Committee Report; and we hope that
21 you'll approve what we, the point that we've come to,
22 that is it Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Do any of our members
24 have any questions for the Executive Director pursuant
25 to his report? Commissioner Carlino.

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1 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Just a quick question
2 regarding the Town of Johnston, the tie in versus the

3 City of Cranston. Can you give an update on that?

4 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Only that we continue to
5 work with all the parties involved, Resource Recovery,
6 Johnston, DEM, and the issue right now in DEM's mind is,
7 can we accept not the flow so much, but the loading that
8 the Resource Recovery leachate will place upon our new
9 treatment system in terms of nitrogen removal.

10 From all the work we've done, and we've run the
11 computer model several different ways or our consultants
12 have, we believe that we can accept that load and still
13 meet our permit.

14 One of the points we try to make to DEM is that, if
15 you think that we can't, you still have the permit that
16 they have hanging over our heads to beat our brains in
17 with if we don't meet it, but it is moving slowly
18 because DEM is somewhat sceptical; and I don't
19 understand why.

20 We have a lot of data to backup what it is we say we
21 can do, and we wouldn't say we could do it if, we
22 couldn't. They do tend to be very, very conservative,
23 and we're hoping that they will realize that what we're
24 telling them is accurate and grant the approval. That's
25 really the last hurdle we need to get over.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Ray, my understanding
2 is they put the sewer work on the street for bid; is
3 that right?

4 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I don't know that they've
5 actually put it out to bid yet.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Do we know that?

7 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I understand they have
8 their plans and specs already to be bid, but I don't
9 know if they've actually gone out and solicited bids.
10 They may have, but I know at one point Mike O'Connell
11 said that they were going to keep moving forward. They
12 just wouldn't necessarily authorize the contractor to do
13 any work until all of the approvals are received. So,
14 that may be right. I just have not heard that.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Any other questions of
16 the Executive Director pursuant to his report for this
17 morning?

18 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Moving right along,
20 next item is Item Number 6, which is, Committee Reports
21 and Action Items Resulting. The first committee
22 reporting this morning would be the Construction
23 Engineering and Operations Committee. Commissioner
24 Salvadore, do you have a report for us this morning?

25 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: I do, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

2 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: But before giving
3 the report, I'd like to address the Commission and the
4 members of NBC and thank them for their cards, their
5 calls, their visits. It was a tough part of my life, so
6 thank you very much.

7 The CEO Committee met this morning. We have one item
8 for the Board of Commissioners, and it's Review and
9 Approval of Resolution 2011:09; and it's Authorization
10 to Enter into an Agreement with National Grid for
11 Replacement of Gas Mains Related to Combined Sewer
12 Overflow Phase II, Sewer Separation Contract 303.06C
13 OF037 West, and CEO recommends approval, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion from
15 Chairman Salvadore to approve Resolution 2011:09,
16 Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with National
17 Grid. Do I have a second?

18 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Montanari
21 and Commissioner Farnum. Discussion on that resolution.
22 Commissioner Carlino.

23 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: I will recuse myself
24 from voting.

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Let the record reflect

1 that Commissioner Carlino has recused himself from the
2 vote on Resolution 2011:09.

3 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSED FROM VOTE)

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is there discussion
5 regarding this resolution?

6 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: 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 and that motion carries.

16 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

17 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSED FROM VOTE)

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report,
19 Commissioner Salvadore.

20 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: No further report,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you. Before we
23 move on to the Finance Committee, on behalf of the

24 Board, I would just like to say to you, Commissioner

25 Salvadore, we love you, and we appreciate your

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1 participation and contribution to the Board you've made

2 through the years. Thank you very much.

3 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Thank you, Mr.

4 Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Moving right along,

6 next committee reporting is the Finance Committee.

7 Chairman Andrade, do you have a report?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, I do, Mr.

9 Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Thank you. The joint

12 Long Range Planning and Finance Committee met earlier,

13 and there are, actually, four resolutions that we

14 approved, all relating to the recommended use of

15 Environmental Enforcement Funds.

16 The first Resolution is 2011:10, and that resolution

17 is for the use of Environmental Enforcement Funds for

18 the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council in the amount of

19 \$2,400, and I move passage of that resolution.

20 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

21 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a second on
23 Resolution 2011:10 from Commissioner DiChiro and
24 Commissioner Farnum. Discussion on this matter? Are
25 the members of the Commission familiar with the use of

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1 the Environmental Enforcement Funds? Do we need to
2 review it.

3 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I think they're familiar,
4 unless anyone has any questions.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Everybody was mostly
6 here.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Everyone was here. In
8 such case, all of those that are in favor of passage of
9 Resolution 2011:10 will say aye.

10 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

12 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
14 and that motion carries.

15 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report,
17 Commissioner Andrade.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

19 The next, Resolution 2011:11, is in the amount of \$2,000

20 for Save the Bay, and I move approval of that
21 resolution.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion for
23 use of Environmental Enforcement Funds Resolution
24 2011:11. Discussion on that resolution, use of
25 Environmental Enforcement Funds?

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1 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

2 COMMISSIONER FARNUM: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a second from
4 Commissioner DiChiro, Commissioner Farnum.

5 COMMISSIONER NATHAN: I have to recuse
6 myself.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Let the record reflect
8 that Commissioner Nathan has recused himself from this
9 vote.

10 (COMMISSIONER NATHAN RECUSED FROM VOTE)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Discussion on the
12 matter.

13 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All of those that are
15 in favor, then, will say aye.

16 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

18 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
20 and that motion carries.

21 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

22 (COMMISSIONER NATHAN RECUSED FROM VOTE)

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

25 Resolution 2011:12 is the use of Environmental

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1 Enforcement Funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the
2 Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council. I move
3 approval of that resolution.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion for
5 the use of Environmental Enforcement Funds, Resolution
6 2011:12.

7 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion,
9 second, Commissioner DiChiro. Discussion on this
10 motion.

11 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: You did second that
13 motion.

14 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: I did, yes.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further discussion.

16 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
18 the members will say aye.

19 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: 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: Further report,

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1 Chairman?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: One remaining
3 Resolution, it's 2011:13, and it's in the amount of
4 \$2,500 for NBC's PP&R Division to fund an educational
5 workshop that the Executive Director mentioned earlier,
6 and I move approval of that resolution, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Use of Environmental
8 Enforcement Funds, Resolution 2011:13.

9 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: A motion and seconded
11 by Commissioner DiChiro. Discussion. Commissioner
12 Worrell.

13 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: You know, there are

14 four resolutions here this morning that we have voted on
15 three of them, and presumably, we will approve the
16 fourth. These are all, what I would have to consider,
17 excellent environmental participation of NBC in the
18 environment of Narragansett Bay and the rivers around
19 here.

20 In addition to everything else we're doing, and I
21 think this kind of environmental activity by NBC is
22 something that we should do our level best to make sure
23 that the public is aware of this because, you know, so
24 often, the public, you know, ho hum, but this is eye
25 catching, these four resolutions. It's really eye

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1 catching that we are participating in all of these
2 different environmental causes, education on the
3 Blackstone River, education on the Woonasquatucket for
4 the kids who are going to be involved in studying the
5 plant life and invasive surveys, the big meeting we're
6 going to have of all the environmental scientists. This
7 is great PR for NBC, and we should take maximum
8 advantage of it. I know that Jamie doesn't need to be
9 told to go, but we need to encourage this. It's great
10 stuff.

11 COMMISSIONER NATHAN: I think it's

12 important, though, that when you do that, that where the
13 funds come from is also mentioned. Otherwise, we get a
14 negative that we're, we'd rather see a lower --

15 RAYMOND MARSHALL: One thing that I might
16 point out in that regard is that you probably heard that
17 over the years, you know, we try to get out these good
18 stories, and in part it's because the press doesn't pick
19 them up. That old saying, if it doesn't bleed, it
20 doesn't lead, but one thing I think Jamie has done very
21 well is, she's built these relationships with people
22 like Save the Bay, and now they're coming to us, and
23 they want to make us part of, when they put something
24 out, it's well received. So, we're trying different
25 avenues to get the word out.

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1 Meeting with Jim Hummel, even though when he calls
2 you up it doesn't bring a smile to your face,
3 necessarily, but she was brave enough to have a
4 discussion with him and to find out what he was really
5 looking for.

6 So, we're trying to find a different pathway to get
7 the word out because it's not always easy to get them to
8 buy into good news.

9 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Do we use Facebook

10 for any of this news?

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I can't use Facebook.

12 I'm not a Facebook fan at all, by the way. I'm sure
13 that we can have some of our younger employees, as
14 opposed to me, who might be able to start to work on
15 that. We'll have to have Rafael look into that, and see
16 if we can use that.

17 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Does the Commission
18 have a Facebook?

19 RAYMOND MARSHALL: No, we don't.

20 MS. SAMONS: No. We have made a decision
21 not to pursue those kind of social media.

22 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I don't Twitter, by the
23 way, either.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Speaking to that issue,
25 I mentioned to Tom Uva earlier today that, Tom put,

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1 there were 220 people, 200-some-odd people on the street
2 for river cleanup this past week, and a couple of days
3 later, I happened to be reading the paper; and they had
4 an article about Earth Day and all the activities of
5 Earth Day, and NBC was conspicuously absent from
6 mention, and as I say, we have probably the most
7 successful cleanup activity going on across the state,

8 200 volunteers, but not just the volunteers, but the
9 business community, the environmental community, they
10 all participate.

11 There was not a single mention of the NBC's
12 activities on that particular day. I think that's sad
13 because we work at that. We work at outreach; we work
14 at educational programs. Jamie does a fabulous job, so
15 does Tom. I don't know why that is, but we'll continue.

16 We do it for all the right reasons, by the way. We
17 don't do it for the press. We do it for the right
18 reasons, but it's bewildering to me why we don't get any
19 of the recognition that we deserve, even going back to
20 the letters that we sent to all of the leaders in
21 government last month with regard to our bond rating and
22 the press, we got very little press on that.

23 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: They don't like good
24 news.

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: When the previous

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1 Executive Director talked about the press, and he used
2 to say, every time I talk to the press, and we used to
3 call it the press, they don't want dog bites man
4 stories; they want man bites dog stories. That was his
5 favorite saying about the press. Well, we don't have

6 that. All we have is good news here, so we have to go
7 with that.

8 Having said that, we have a motion and a second
9 regarding the use of Environmental Enforcement Funds,
10 and that would be Resolution 2011:13. Is there further
11 discussion on that resolution?

12 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further discussion.

14 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
16 those that are in favor will say aye.

17 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

19 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
21 and that motion carries.

22 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Do you have a further
24 report, Commissioner Andrade?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: That completes the

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1 report of the committee, Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, thank you very
3 much. The next committee reporting is the Personnel

4 Committee. Commissioner, Campbell, do you have a report
5 for us today?

6 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Then proceed.

8 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: The Personnel
9 Committee met and considered Resolution 2011:14 in
10 Executive Session, which is the Authority to Enter Into
11 Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Laborers'
12 International Union of North America AFL-CIO Local 1033
13 and Council 94 A.F.S.C.M.E. Locals 1010 and 2884, and I
14 move approval.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Prior to accepting that
16 motion to approve, the Chairman would like to recommend
17 that the Board enter into Executive Session pursuant to
18 Chapter 42-46-5(a) to discuss Item 6 and approval of
19 Resolution 2011:14. Do I have a motion to enter into
20 Executive Session?

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Motion.

22 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Brown
24 makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Montanari. All
25 in favor of entering into Executive Session will say

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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 the motion carries.

7 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: If I may just request
9 that the our guests who are not appropriately involved
10 in this discussion leave the room temporarily.

11 (COMMISSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)

12 (CONTINUED BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:10 P.M.)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We are now back into
14 the public session. Have all of our guests returned?

15 Are we all in? All right. We are now in open session.

16 That next order of business are Committee Report from
17 Rules and Regulations.

18 RAYMOND MARSHALL: No report.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have no report.
20 Long Range Planning.

21 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: No report.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There is no report.

23 Next committee reporting is the Citizens Advisory
24 Committee. Harold, do you have a report for us today?

25 MR. GADON: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, then, proceed.

2 MR. GADON: It's great to see Commissioner

3 Salvadore back here with his sense of humor still

4 intact.

5 We had a very interesting CAC meeting last Wednesday

6 with a quorum present. Ray Marshall was there to

7 provide information in the Rhode Island Resource

8 Recovery Agreement. Apparently, because that was on the

9 agenda, DEM sent Angelo Liberte, a higher ranking staff

10 member than usual for our meeting. He seemed to want to

11 take the opportunity to communicate to Ray Marshall

12 DEM's understanding of the situation.

13 Most of the meeting was taken up with discussion on

14 that issue. Ray Marshall did indicate that NBC had the

15 situation well in hand and would continue to communicate

16 with DEM.

17 Jane Sherman, a CAC member, was nominated by Governor

18 Chaffee for appointment to the Board of Governors for

19 Higher Education. Because of time constraints, the

20 presentation of the Pretreatment Report by Kerry Britt

21 who did distribute the three volumes of that report,

22 will be held at our next meeting.

23 We still hope to have the DEM director, Janet Coit,

24 speak at one of our meetings. We also will be inviting

25 Ames Colt, no relation, who chairs a committee on Rhode

1 Island Waterways to also speak at our meeting. This
2 concludes my report.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, thank you,
4 Harold. Moving right along, the Executive Committee.
5 The Executive Committee did not meet. Ad Hoc Committee
6 on Compensation I don't believe has met. Ad Hoc
7 Committee on Ethics, did not meet, but again, a reminder
8 that we must fill out our ethics report on time this
9 year. Joanne is not with us today, so for the
10 Legislative Committee Report...

11 MS. HORRIDGE-BISSONETTE: It's just a short
12 legislative update, which I think you all have in your
13 packets. There's only four bills in addition to the
14 ones that she already gave you in March, which is a much
15 bigger report.

16 Essentially, two of the bills are what I would call
17 green bills, and we're just monitoring them. Two of
18 them have to do with state purchasing issues. One we're
19 monitoring, and one we're opposing because it,
20 basically, impacts the way that NBC selects its
21 engineers, architects and consultants and limits us to
22 only using Rhode Island firms, which we try to do.

23 We feel sometimes there's some cutting-edge
24 technology that we can't actually get in state, and we

25 don't want to be restricted, especially with the type of

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1 projects that we do and the expertise we need. So,
2 that's about it for an update. Joanne will be back next
3 month to give you more.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: You may have read in
5 Sunday's paper, in the Sunday's paper there are 2,000
6 bills now before the General Assembly. They're getting
7 back to work on Tuesday, so we'll see what happens.
8 Commissioner Campbell.

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: The bill that we
10 opposed is a real killer. I mean, it mandates the
11 selection of only firms from Rhode Island, and if
12 there's no Rhode Island firm, you have to work through a
13 Rhode Island firm.

14 MS. HORRIDGE-BISSONETTE: Which could
15 increase the cost.

16 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: That's not only NBC,
17 it's the whole state. I mean, that's a really
18 expensive --

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Yes, it would be.

20 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I believe the fine point
21 to that is that the main office has to be in Rhode
22 Island, so many of the large regional, national firms

23 that have branch offices here wouldn't even qualify.
24 They may decide to just pull up stakes and leave the
25 state, which wouldn't exactly help the economy.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: This debate has been
2 going on for the last 25 years. Commissioner Brown.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just remember what
4 Patrick Henry says, No one's life, liberty or property
5 is safe while the legislature is in session.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I thought Joe
7 Bevilacqua said that. You know, no one is safe while
8 the assembly is in session. Moving on, Chairman's
9 Report, the Chairman has a very brief report to report.
10 Regarding the dog pound, we'll be taking that down, and
11 if it's not down by the next meeting, I'm personally
12 going to take that building down brick by brick or block
13 by block.

14 I invite all of our Commissioners, of course, to
15 attend the Budget Committee hearing meeting on May 12th.
16 You've been noticed on that. Again, the labor
17 agreement, we've discussed that. I'm very pleased where
18 we have been on that. The next meeting is --

19 RAYMOND MARSHALL: May 18th.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: May 18th. I want to

21 thank Tom and John Zuba and everybody affiliated with
22 the cleanup efforts. This week was very successful.
23 Thank you, Tom.
24 One last thing, you may remember what these are
25 (indicating). You may have seen them in a museum.

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1 These are sunglasses. In the unlikely event that we
2 ever need these, to wear these, on your way out, see
3 Jamie.

4 For the Commissioners we have several styles for you
5 to select from, and in the unlikely event that you ever
6 need them in the course of the upcoming months, please
7 wear these. We have the Narragansett Bay Commission
8 insignia on the case. Having said that, New Business to
9 come before the Commission. Any new business?

10 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Other business?

12 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: No other business. In
14 such case, Commissioner Rotella.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN ROTELLA: Move adjournment.

16 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a second to
18 adjourn. I would then now invite you to a copious

19 repast provided by, Erica, what's the name of the
20 company?

21 MS. ERICA: Easy Entertaining.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Did everybody get that?

23 Easy Entertaining. All in favor of adjournment will say

24 aye.

25 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

2 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

4 and the motion carries.

5 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Don't forget to see

7 Jamie on the way out. Thank you all for coming today.

8 (MONTHLY BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 12:20 P.M.)

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7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand
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