

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

3 In Re: Monthly Board Meeting of the Commission

4 DATE: May 15, 2012
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 Joseph DeAngelis, Esquire
Richard Burroughs
10 Bruce Campbell
Mario Carlino
11 Michael DiChiro
Leslie Gray, III
12 Joseph Kimball
Joan P. Milas
13 Al Montanari
Alan Nathan
14 Michael Salvatore
Leo Thompson
15 Richard Worrell

16 ALSO PRESENT:

- 17 Sherri Arnold, NBC
18 Rich Bernier, NBC
Tom Brueckner, NBC
19 Brendan Cunha, NBC
Charlie Donovan, House Policy
20 Pamela Duckworth, NBC
Leah Foster, NBC
21 Linda George, Senate Policy
Karen Giebink, NBC
22 Jennifer Harrington, NBC
Laurie Horridge, NBC
23 Jean Lynch, CAC
Joanne Maceroni, NBC
24 Karen Musumeci, NBC
Paul Nordstrom, NBC

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1 ALSO PRESENT, cont.

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Jamie Samons, NBC

3 Deborah Samson, NBC

Mark Thomas, NBC

4 Thomas Uva, NBC

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1 (HEARING COMMENCED AT 11:13 A.M.)

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Good morning, everyone.

3 Recognizing a quorum, we will begin the Tuesday, May 15,

4 2012 Board of Commissioners Meeting at 11:13 a.m.

5 The first order of business is the Approval of the

6 Previous Minutes of April 10, 2012. Have all of our

7 members had an opportunity to review the previous

8 minutes, and if so, are there any comments or

9 corrections regarding the previous minutes? Mr.

10 Secretary.

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, I have two

12 corrections, Mr. Chairman. On Page 27, Line 16, where

13 it calls out DEM, it should say CDM, and on Line 21

14 where the word blocking appears, that should be

15 stricken, and it should say, causing water quality

16 problems on. Those are the corrections that I have to

17 submit.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Did you get that,

19 Heather?

20 THE REPORTER: I did, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So noted. Are there
22 any other comments or questions regarding the previous
23 minutes of April 10, 2012?

24 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none...

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1 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Move passage.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you. We have a
3 motion to accept the previous minutes.

4 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by
6 Commissioner Kimball. All in favor will say aye.

7 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

9 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: None are opposed, and
11 the motion carries.

12 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Moving right along to
14 Item Number 3, which is Old Business. Is there any old
15 business of any nature to come before the Commission at
16 this time, old business?

17 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, moving

19 right along to the Executive Director's Report. Mr.

20 Secretary, do you have a report today?

21 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, I do.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

23 RAYMOND MARSHALL: If you'd like to follow

24 along on my report, it is the one from March, but I will

25 give you a few updates in addition as we go along.

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1 On Page 2, the quality of the effluent has been
2 spectacular. Flows are low because of the dry winter
3 and the low rainfall through, at least, mid-April.
4 Single-digit numbers for effluent, fantastic. They are
5 the lowest ever at Field's Point total suspended solid
6 number the plant has ever achieved. We have now been
7 on-line for 30 years, starting on May 2, 1982, so we
8 just hit our 30th anniversary.

9 Moving ahead to Page 6, I would like to report that I
10 have met with all of our employees. It was the last two
11 weeks of March. Field's Point, Bucklin Point,
12 Interceptor Maintenance, the main building here, the
13 laboratory people, everyone, just to brief the staff on
14 what has been occurring throughout the Commission. We
15 also hosted the DEM Director and Senator Sosnowski on a
16 tour of our Field's Point facility in late March.

17 At the bottom of Page 8, there's a small note. If
18 you're planning to go over to the Bucklin Point plant
19 for a tour at all, that is now a hardhat area. The
20 construction of 809 has begun. It's just a heads-up on
21 that.

22 Page 9, Interceptor Maintenance, we had no dry
23 weather overflows in March. There were several private
24 dry weather overflows that we received calls on, and we
25 assisted as best we could, just by identifying who's

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1 responsible and what their problems actually were.

2 The owners of those private lines actually addressed
3 their own or found their own solutions after some advice
4 by us. So, I just want to let you know we do try to
5 help out wherever to the limits that we can.

6 Page 13, the Engineering Section has been very busy.

7 We have a couple of projects that are now moving into
8 final design, which include the new laboratory building
9 and our biogas project over at Bucklin Point. Final
10 design has begun on those projects. They're about 30
11 percent complete, which takes them through preliminary.

12 They've been very busy on the CSO Phase II
13 Facilities, spending time on land and easement
14 acquisitions and working with the property owners whose

15 property we need to access in order to efficiently build
16 the Phase II work, and that includes the project we have
17 going on in Pawtucket in the area of Esten Avenue where
18 the workers need access to their facilities. There's
19 been a lot of coordination out there. Engineering's
20 been doing a good job working with construction on that
21 effort.

22 On Page 16 there's a reference to the Johnston
23 Facilities Plant, but the reason I want to point that
24 out is because Rhode Island Resource Recovery
25 Corporation has submitted their plans and specifications

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1 to DEM for review. We've already looked at them, which
2 would eventually bring their flow to Field's Point.
3 We'll probably take bids in the next 30 days, and
4 construction will begin, I'd estimate that maybe around
5 this time next year, we might started receiving some
6 flow from them.

7 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: What does that
8 entail, the construction for the lines?

9 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes. The Resource
10 Recovery Corporation is going to build a sewer line from
11 the intersection of Atwood and Central Avenue, up to the
12 Resource Recovery facility. There's going to be a

13 number of discharges that Resource Recovery will place
14 into that line.

15 In addition, it will allow the residents of Johnston
16 who are along that route to also tie in. That's an
17 agreement that the Town of Johnston worked out with
18 Resource Recovery. So, that will mean more revenue for
19 us.

20 They also have another project where they're going to
21 build a pretreatment facility for their leachate, which
22 will probably take a year after the schedule I just
23 mentioned to you, and then they'll start discharging
24 their leachate in.

25 So, we'll be starting off at a few hundred thousand

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1 dollars a year of additional revenue to several hundred
2 thousand dollars a year additional revenue as those new
3 facilities come on-line.

4 Page 18 where the Construction Division outlines what
5 they've been doing, extremely busy. The Field's Point
6 upgrade is going very well and will actually be
7 completed ahead of schedule. That will be this fall.

8 We are moving into the new Operations Building as we
9 speak. I think tomorrow we'll have totally occupied the
10 building. That's something that we've been waiting for

11 for quite a while. The staff is very excited about
12 that.
13 The wind turbine project, they're working on bringing
14 all the connections from the turbines back to the head
15 of the plant where the power supply comes in. While
16 last month you approved the change order, which approved
17 the equipment to protect National Grid's system, that
18 would be placed on our side of the meter, there's
19 another item before you to pay for additional equipment
20 on National Grid's side of the meter in the CEO Report,
21 which is upcoming in the next few minutes.
22 Contract 106, which is at the bottom of Page 18,
23 you'll be awarding that contract today. A number of
24 contracts are mobilizing at this point in time, the
25 Woonasquatucket CSO Interceptor Main job, the Overflow

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1 37 West job, which is in the area of North Main Street
2 and the bus terminal, the Woonasquatucket River North
3 job, which is in the area of Davis Park, up by the VA
4 Hospital, Overflow 54, which is by the footbridge. That
5 was mobilizing as is the Bucklin Point BNR contract.
6 So, we have a lot of construction ramping up right now,
7 and then we also have those projects which are already
8 well into construction, such as on the East Side,

9 Overflow 27 Sewer Separation, which is on Page 19,
10 contractors have been working diligently in that
11 neighborhood. There's no doubt we are annoying some of
12 the neighbors. It's the nature of the work. We're
13 doing the very best we can to minimize that. Jamie's
14 been working hard reaching out to the community in that
15 neighborhood, trying to make sure that we address as
16 many of their concerns as we reasonably can.

17 On Page 20, the Woonasquatucket Interceptor West job,
18 which is along Route 6 by the footbridge heading from
19 the Johnston line, the contractor's probably approaching
20 60 percent complete now, and that's been a very
21 challenging job. The subsurface conditions there are
22 just brutal, and he's doing a good job to get this pipe
23 in in an efficient manner.

24 The demolition job where we had to take some
25 properties and level some buildings on Valley Street,

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1 that has been completed as well as a small building on
2 Manton Avenue, all getting ready for the large main job
3 along the Woonasquatucket River.

4 So, there's lots of construction activity already
5 underway and more to come. It's going to be a very busy
6 summer, well into and through next summer, too, the way

7 it lays out.
8 Administration and Finance, Page 21, the Operating
9 Budget for FY-12 is doing very well. We're
10 approximately 5 percent below budget, and that's due to
11 a number of factors, including personnel, biosolids,
12 utilities and chemicals, and part, the mild winter has
13 had a lot to do with that, lower rainfalls and snow
14 amounts, we need to pump less flow, less overtime for
15 snow removal, and the chemical costs also are reduced
16 when you have lower flows, so we'll finish under budget
17 this year.

18 FY-13 Budget at the bottom of Page 21, the Finance
19 Committee will be meeting next Tuesday at 12:30 to
20 review the preliminary budget, and then the final budget
21 will come before you next month on June 19th at the
22 Board Meeting.

23 Page 22, Pool Loan 15, which is the \$25 million loan,
24 plus an additional \$750,000 that was tacked on through
25 SRF will close in June, and we're getting that money

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1 into the pipeline because we have a lot to pay for in
2 the next year or so.
3 We did have an S&P telephone conference last week
4 where they were evaluating our creditworthiness, so

5 we'll see how that plays out in the next couple of weeks
6 as they report back to us.

7 Effective July 1st, we will have a rate increase of
8 2.25 percent, which is part of the PUC Docket 4305, and
9 they issued that on March 13th, and that's to cover debt
10 service for the Pool Loan I just mentioned a moment ago.
11 CIP will come before you today for 2014 through 2018,
12 and we have a little bit of good news in that area as
13 well.

14 Page 24, we billed about 6.2 million in March, and we
15 collected 6.1 million, so the money is coming in
16 reasonably well.

17 On Page 28, just to wrap up A&F, we applied for a
18 Workplace Wellness Award sponsored by the Greater
19 Providence Chamber of Commerce and Blue Cross & Blue
20 Shield, and we have been selected as one of the winners;
21 and they have designated our program as exemplary, and
22 that's the result of the great work that they do down in
23 HR.

24 Page 29, PP&R, the Shellfish Transplant is underway
25 for this year. We're working with DEM and the Rhode

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1 Island Shellfisherman's Association. We supply some
2 manpower to help that effort go forward every year.

3 There are only three days this year, one last week, one
4 today and one on Thursday. That's all DEM had the money
5 for, but we like to consider ourselves a part of the
6 solution rather than part of the problem, as the
7 Chairman always says, and that's one of the solutions.

8 At the bottom of the page on 29, we've been looking
9 into the renewable energy credits that are available to
10 us in the wind turbine project, as well as what will
11 become available through the biogas project, and while
12 we're still trying to get our arms around that program
13 completely, it looks like we should be able to get
14 something in the order of \$300,000 a year in terms of
15 payments on our renewal energy credits for those
16 projects. That will help us defray the cost of the wind
17 turbine project, so that's good news.

18 Jumping ahead to page, all the way to the Executive
19 Division, which is Page 43, I mentioned earlier that
20 Jamie's been going to a lot of community meetings, both
21 on the East Side as well as out in the Olneyville area
22 as we ramp up construction activity that is going to
23 disrupt the daily activities of the people in those
24 neighborhoods, and we want them to, as best as we can,
25 understand what it is we're doing and why we're doing

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1 it, and we'll continue to try to work hard to make sure
2 we minimize the impacts, but some impacts are
3 unavoidable.

4 We are getting to the end of our education program
5 year, and so there's been a lot of activities in the
6 schools in the field day, and then in late May --

7 MS. SAMONS: This Thursday.

8 RAYMOND MARSHALL: This Thursday. That's
9 down at Goddard Park, again?

10 MS. SAMONS: Yes.

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Where we bring all the
12 school kids into the area, and then we have a nice
13 little carnival festival type activity down there, and
14 the young woman who runs that for us, Cynthia
15 Morrisette, we're happy to report that she had a little
16 baby girl last Wednesday, and everyone is doing well.
17 She's going to miss Thursday's activity, by the way, but
18 we have backup. I think she actually wanted to go, but
19 Jamie wouldn't let her, so she'll be taking care of her
20 newborn.

21 We also have some other interesting activities taking
22 place. We participated in the State Science Fair; we
23 have our annual poster contest. All the submittals are
24 in. We have the Environmental Merit Award that
25 pretreatment gives scheduled for May 24th, and we'll

1 have a reception for the Science Fair and Poster Contest
2 winners on June 20th.

3 Finally, we have been very busy with legislation,
4 reviewing it and making sure that we weigh in on those
5 that are important to us. They'll be a Legislative
6 Report in the next half an hour.

7 We had a successful lien sale on May 3rd, where if
8 you look at the bottom of Page 45, the new numbers
9 aren't in yet, but we managed to collect in the entire
10 lien sale effort \$681,000. That includes the people
11 that we got to pay prior to actually going to the sale.
12 On sale day we collected \$137,000 plus. So, that
13 continues to be an important part of our effort here to
14 keep our cash flow strong and not let our receivables
15 build up to too great of an extent. With that, I am
16 through, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All of our members have
18 heard the Executive Director's Report. Are there any
19 comments or questions of the Executive Director pursuant
20 to the report?

21 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, moving
23 right along to Item Number 5, which is Committee Reports
24 and Action Items resulting. The first committee
25 reporting, as usual, is the Construction, Engineering

1 and Operations Committee. Commissioner Salvadore, do
2 you have a report?

3 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Yes, we do.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

5 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: We met earlier this
6 morning. We have five resolutions for consideration by
7 the Board of Commissioners this morning, the first
8 resolution being, Review and Approval of Resolution
9 2012:13, Approval of Fiscal Year 2014-2018 Capital
10 Improvement Program, and CEO recommends passage, Mr.
11 Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
13 approve Resolution 2012:13, which is the FY-2014 through
14 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

15 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a second,
17 Commissioner Montanari. Karen, is Pam still here
18 somewhere? Where is she? Pam, do you have an Executive
19 Summary of the other report? You can kind of walk some
20 of the Commissioners through, maybe the high points,
21 total budget for five years. Do you want to walk
22 through the whole thing?

23 RAYMOND MARSHALL: We went through it

24 extensively at CEO. I think Pam can give us a 3-minute
25 version of what's in the report. I know she's practiced

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1 for 10.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Pam, maybe just the
3 high points of total expenditures.

4 MS. DUCKWORTH: The total Capital Project
5 Cost Summary is on Page 1. The CIP for Fiscal Year 2014
6 through 2018 is 290 million, and approximately 140
7 million of that is for the Phase II CSO Facilities.

8 In Fiscal Year '13 and '14, expenditures exceed \$100
9 million based on the CSO Phase II Construction. NBC's
10 Capital Expenditures are expected to remain high over
11 the next two years, primarily due to investments
12 required to meet state and federal mandates for the CSO
13 Phase II Project and the nitrogen removal.

14 About 242 million of the 290 million in this year's
15 CIP is mandated, which is a ranking of A.

16 The Phase II Facilities have decreased by \$109,000,
17 and that is the total project cost compared to last
18 year's CIP in which bids have been received, so the
19 total estimated project cost for Phase II is \$233
20 million.

21 RAYMOND MARSHALL: That's on Page 12,

22 correct?

23 MS. DUCKWORTH: On Page 12, yes.

24 RAYMOND MARSHALL: It's 109 million less
25 than what was originally anticipated.

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1 COMMISSIONER NATHAN: 109 million?

2 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Less than what was
4 originally budgeted.

5 MS. DUCKWORTH: There's a tab labeled,
6 Capital Project Cost Summary. You can see all the
7 projects that are in this year's CIP and their project
8 priority, and then the following tabs after that is
9 project detail sheets for all the projects. You can see
10 the project duration and the project cost and a
11 description of each project.

12 Lastly, the last tab is just the construction
13 schedule and design schedule for all the CIP projects.

14 RAYMOND MARSHALL: That's on Page 80 and 81.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Perfect. So, this is
16 the Capital Improvement. We all have this document.
17 This, along with the budget, are the most improvement
18 documents you should familiarize yourself with through
19 the course of the year. It's a phenomenal presentation.

20 COMMISSIONER GRAY, III: Can this and the
21 budget will end up on the Commissioner's website?

22 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Sure.

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Yes. All of this, it
24 should on the website. Commissioner Carlino.

25 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Do we share this with

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1 the regulators?

2 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: So, every year we'll
4 go to them and say, here's our 5-year plan, here's our
5 outlook?

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: It just kind of gets
7 updated, yes. Again, like I said, this document and the
8 budget document are the most important documents you'll
9 have to familiarize yourself with through the course of
10 the year. It's a phenomenal presentation, Pam and
11 Sherri and Karen, of course, working under Karen's
12 direction. We appreciate it. It's a wonderful job.
13 Does anyone have any questions with regard to the CIP
14 document?

15 COMMISSIONER GRAY, III: Are there any
16 restrictions on sharing this with people, other
17 executives, outside the organization?

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: No, it's a public
19 document. I would just like to say that the CEO
20 Committee did receive an extensive review of the
21 document, confident enough to make a recommendation for
22 approval. If anyone has any questions either now or
23 later, feel free to ask Karen or Pam or myself or Ray,
24 and we'd be happy to expand on the document.
25 So, we have a motion to approve. Do we have a

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1 second? I think we did. We did have a second by
2 Commissioner Montanari. All of those that are in favor
3 of approval of Resolution 2012:13, Capital Improvement
4 Program, will say aye.

5 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

7 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
9 and the motion carries.

10 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report,
12 Chairman Salvadore.

13 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item B, Review and
14 Approval of Resolution 2012:14, Contract 303.04C-SCSOI
15 Main, Recommendation for Award, CEO recommends approval,

16 Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
18 approve Resolution 2012:14. Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

20 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Montanari,
22 Commissioner Carlino. Ray?

23 RAYMOND MARSHALL: This is a straight bid on
24 a construction job that's part of Phase II, of our CSO
25 Program along the Seekonk River. It starts just at the

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1 base of the Hurricane Barrier on the east side of the
2 Providence River and goes up underneath India Point Park
3 and wraps around and heads north up along the bank of
4 the Seekonk.

5 We had seven bidders open April 26th. The low bidder
6 was Northeast Remsco Construction of New Jersey. The
7 low bid \$18,657,000. The work includes about a mile of
8 four-foot diameter pipe and about 1,000 feet of
9 five-foot diameter pipe. They are a national
10 micro-tunneling contractor, and every contractor you see
11 on the list for a job as large and sophisticated as this
12 is from out of state. That was the question that was
13 asked at CEO.

14 The Louis Berger Group evaluated their
15 qualifications, their bid, checked their references, and
16 recommends that we award the project to Northeast Remsco
17 Construction. They are the lowest responsive and
18 responsible bidder. We ask your approval of Resolution
19 2012:14.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: It's interesting to
21 note that while the economy was raging, the initial
22 budget for this project was \$35 million, and the low bid
23 was 18,657,000, so this kind of speaks to the economy
24 and the fact that NBC is the only show in town right
25 now.

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1 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: But isn't that a
2 concern that it's less than half of the estimate? How
3 can they do it for 18 million when they estimated it at
4 35?

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, Northeast Remsco
6 is, we look at their reputation in the industry. They
7 enjoy a very fine reputation in the industry. Joe Pratt
8 did his due diligence on the company. Their good
9 reputation is shared by even their competitors, and
10 we've heard that even from some of the competitive bids.
11 Am I right, Joe? Do you want to speak to that, Joe?

12 MR. PRATT: Yes, sir, and the other thing
13 is, everybody desperately needs work. If you look at
14 those other bids, just because theirs is a half, those
15 other firms are very well-qualified firms, and theirs
16 were very close to it. They thought they were going to
17 win -- but the Chairman is right. The national
18 construction economy is in the pits, and that's what
19 that's reflecting.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: By the way, if you take
21 a look at these companies, Northeast is from New Jersey,
22 Barletta is from Boston. Cruz is from where?

23 MR. PRATT: New Jersey.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: New Jersey. Michels is
25 from Wisconsin, Cruz is from New Jersey, C.A.C. is from

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1 Long Island, and Jay Dee is from Michigan. All right?

2 Commissioner Carlino.

3 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: So, they're not going
4 to go under the river, just along the river, correct?

5 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Correct. They're not
6 going under the Seekonk River, right.

7 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Is this all
8 directional drilling, or is it open cut or a mix of
9 both?

10 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I'll let Joe address it
11 in more detail.

12 MR. PRATT: Micro-tunneling is similar to
13 directional drilling, except you're using a larger
14 machine, but it's done with a steel face and done
15 remotely from the ground. You don't go in the tunnel.
16 So, these are the 5- and 6-foot machines boring
17 through the ground controlled and directed from
18 aboveground.

19 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Is that how everyone
20 else bid on it?

21 MR. PRATT: Oh, of course. They were
22 required to bid that way. That was a specified method
23 of construction.

24 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: So, the estimate was
25 based on directional drilling?

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1 MR. PRATT: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion, we
4 have a second to approve Resolution 2012:14. All of
5 those that are in favor will say aye.

6 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

8 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
10 and the motion carries.

11 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further new business,
13 Commissioner Salvadore.

14 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item C, Review and
15 Approval of Resolution 2012:15, Contract 303.O2C-OF 106
16 Facilities, Recommendation for Award, and CEO recommends
17 passage, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
19 approve Resolution 2012:15.

20 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

21 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by
23 Commissioner Montanari, I believe, and Commissioner
24 Carlino. This is a straightforward bid.

25 RAYMOND MARSHALL: April 25th we accepted

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1 seven bids for the project. The low bidder was J.H.
2 Lynch & Sons out of Cumberland. The project is located
3 in Central Falls and includes a storage facility, a pump
4 station, some manmade wetlands and an overflow channel.
5 Almost every contractor on the list is a local

6 contractor. There's one from the Boston area, one from
7 the Connecticut area.
8 Lynch is well known and capable. The Berger review
9 showed that they do have the qualifications, that the
10 proposal was sound. They checked their references, and
11 award to J.H. Lynch is recommended for this contract as
12 outlined in 2012:15. They have to get their MBE Plan
13 and EEO approved by the Department of Administration, as
14 all contractors do, but we ask your approval of this
15 resolution.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion and a
17 second. Is there any discussion regarding Resolution
18 2012:15?

19 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

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

22 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

24 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

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1 and that motion carries.

2 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further new business,

4 Commissioner Salvadore?

5 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Item D, Review and

6 Approval of Resolution 2012:16, Contract 121.00C,

7 Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility Wind

8 Turbines, and the recommendation to enter into National

9 Grid Interconnection Service Agreement, and CEO

10 recommends approval.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to

12 approve Resolution 2012:16.

13 COMMISSIONER MONTANARI: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by

15 Commissioner Montanari. You may recall last month's

16 meeting we had a discussion about the potential cost for

17 interconnect equipment with National Grid. It was

18 uncertain as to what the cost might be. We now have a

19 range of \$500,000, plus or minus 25 percent.

20 The Executive Director, along with consultation from

21 staff, believe that we should reserve an amount of

22 \$700,000 that should remain available to acquire the

23 equipment for that. We had an extensive presentation on

24 it with the Executive Director earlier. We have a

25 motion, we have a second. Commissioner Carlino.

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1 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: I will recuse myself.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Carlino
3 wishes to recuse himself from consideration of this
4 vote.

5 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSING FROM VOTE)

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any comments
7 or questions with regard to the issue of acquiring the
8 necessary equipment for the National Grid interconnect
9 system for our wind turbine project?

10 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

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

13 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

15 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
17 and that motion carries.

18 (MOTION PASSED)

19 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSED FROM VOTE)

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Final item,
21 Commissioner Salvadore?

22 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Last item, Mr.
23 Chairman, Review and Approval of Resolution 2012:17,
24 Authorization to Acquire Land from National Grid, CEO
25 recommends passage.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
2 approve Resolution 2012:17, Authorization to Acquire
3 Land. Is there a second?

4 COMMISSIONER MILAS: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAY, III: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Milas
8 seconds the motion, Commissioner Thompson and
9 Commissioner Gray.

10 For those who were not here for this presentation,
11 the Narragansett Bay Commission is looking to acquire
12 fee simple either through acquisition or condemnation of
13 an abandoned transformer pad, which is located in
14 proximity to our pump station. This is to accommodate a
15 new access road for traffic inside the port that will
16 connect Shipyard Street to New York Avenue.

17 The participants in this agreement would be Johnson &
18 Wales who has agreed to lease to the Narragansett Bay
19 Commission a portion of their land, and it's going to
20 be, as I said, construct a road which will be built by
21 the participants, ProvPort and two private entities,
22 primarily to access the salt piles here and prohibit
23 traffic from flowing, commercial traffic to flow through
24 our newly-formed campus on Service Road here.

25 There's a more profound explanation of this, but

1 that's it in a nutshell. Anything else I should add to
2 that?

3 RAYMOND MARSHALL: No, I don't think so.
4 Johnson & Wales doesn't want the salt trucks going
5 through their campus. We don't really want them going
6 through ours either, so this is a good solution to that
7 issue that we all came together on, and we're able to
8 make a contribution of some kind in order to make it
9 happen.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The private entities
11 involved are constructing the road. This is not a
12 Narragansett Bay Commission expense, so the cost of that
13 road is in the area of \$400,000, and it will be
14 constructed by the parties. It doesn't involve the
15 Narragansett Bay Commission.

16 The Narragansett Bay Commission's participation will
17 be just to provide an easement along with Johnson &
18 Wales to provide an easement over their property, so
19 that's that. Having heard the explanation, are there
20 any comments or questions with regard to -- Commissioner
21 Carlino.

22 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: I'm going to recuse
23 myself.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Carlino

25 will recuse himself from consideration from this vote.

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1 Are there any other comments or questions regarding this
2 matter?

3 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

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

6 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

8 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
10 and that motion carries.

11 (MOTION PASSED)

12 (COMMISSIONER CARLINO RECUSED FROM VOTE)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report.

14 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: CEO reports for May
15 15th concluded, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very much.

17 The next committee reporting is the Personnel Committee.

18 Commissioner Campbell, do you have a report?

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Yes. The Personnel
20 Committee met and approved Resolution 2012:18, Proposed
21 Revisions to NBC Non-Union Salary Ranges Effective
22 Fiscal Year 2013.

23 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: As a result of a study
24 which was done by The Employers Association, we've had
25 them revisit the compensation structure of our non-union

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1 employees. The last time we visited that was 2007. I
2 think you have a summary of their report in front of
3 you.

4 We, basically, updated, it basically provides for up
5 to a 5 percent increase in various categories of
6 employee grades. That doesn't necessarily mean that our
7 employees will be getting 5 percent increase. It just
8 talks about the range of employment salaries and
9 compensation in our industry, and this is all based on
10 The Employers Association report. Does anyone have any
11 questions with regard to this report?

12 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Campbell.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I move approval.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Approval, there was a
16 second by Commissioner Montanari. Discussion on the
17 matter?

18 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

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

21 THE COMMISSION: Aye.
22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?
23 THE COMMISSION: (No response)
24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
25 and that motion carries.

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1 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further report,
3 Commissioner Campbell?

4 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I believe that is
5 all that has to come before the Board. There was
6 another resolution.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have Resolution
8 2012:19, the Appointment of the Reliance Trust Company.

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I'll move approval.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: You move approval of
11 2012:19?

12 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Yes, I move approval
13 of Resolution 2012:19.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, we have a motion to
15 approve Resolution 2012:19, which is the appointment of
16 Reliance Trust Company as the Trustee of Narragansett
17 Bay Commission Non-Union Defined Benefit Plan. Is there
18 a second?

19 COMMISSIONER MILAS: Second.
20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner Milas
21 seconds the motion. State Street Bank who was currently
22 our trustee has, essentially, gotten out of the
23 business, and Reliance Trust Company is now taking over
24 those responsibilities.
25 The fee for this is nominal. It's \$750 a year,

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1 \$1,000 a year for the service, so basically, Reliance
2 Trust is taking the place of the State Street Bank. So,
3 we have a motion, I think we have a second. Any
4 comments or questions regarding this matter?

5 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of
7 those that in favor will say aye.

8 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

10 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,
12 and the motion carries.

13 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There's no further
15 business, Commissioner Campbell?

16 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: No further business.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. The next
18 committee reporting is the Joint Long-Range Planning and
19 Finance Committee. One matter was the Review and
20 Approval of Resolution 2012:20, which is the
21 Recommendation for Use of Environmental Enforcement
22 Funds.
23 Annually, the Narragansett Bay Commission Board of
24 Commissioners has granted a request for use of
25 Environmental Enforcement Funds to continue the

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1 Blackstone Valley Tourist Council Education Program.
2 This year's request is \$2,400. This is part of their
3 educational program in conjunction with the Narragansett
4 Bay Commission. It's proven to be a worthwhile
5 endeavor. Commissioner Milas wished to be recused from
6 voting on this particular matter.

7 (COMMISSIONER MILAS RECUSING FROM VOTE)

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is there any discussion
9 with regard to the use of Environmental Enforcement
10 Funds for Blackstone Valley Tourist Council?

11 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Move passage, Mr.
12 Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
14 approve Resolution 2012:20.

15 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by

17 Commissioner Thompson. Discussion on the matter?

18 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Hearing none, all of

20 those that are in favor will say aye.

21 THE COMMISSION: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Are there any opposed?

23 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: There are none opposed,

25 and the motion carries.

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1 (MOTION PASSED)

2 (COMMISSIONER MILAS RECUSED FROM VOTE)

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: That concludes Joint

4 Long-Range Planning and Finance Committee Meeting.

5 Rules and Regulations did not meet. Citizens Advisory,

6 Harold. Do you have a report for us?

7 MR. GADON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The

8 CAC Meeting was held Wednesday, May 9th, with a quorum

9 present. Michael Quinn, a CAC member, formerly with the

10 State Police and now Director of Security for Johnson &

11 Wales announced that he had accepted the position of

12 Chairman of the Resource Recovery Agency. Although an

13 unpaid volunteer position, it's a very busy and
14 important one.

15 It was noted that NBC had received much favorable
16 publicity in the Providence Journal and was featured on
17 the cover of the magazine called, Sewer & Water. It was
18 also announced that on May 24th, an unusually high
19 number of companies, 21 in number, would be awarded
20 Perfect Compliance Awards at the annual breakfast. This
21 is due to Tom Uva's staff working with and encouraging
22 companies to attain such a status.

23 Jamie has invited the CAC at our next meeting on June
24 13th to tour the new Operations Building, and it's also
25 noted that they will be treated to a light meal. This

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1 concludes my report. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Harold.

3 There was no Executive Committee Meeting. There was no
4 Ad Hoc Compensation Committee Meeting, no Ad Hoc
5 Internal Ethics Committee Meeting.

6 We do have a Legislative Report. Joanne Maceroni
7 will give the report. Do you have a report? You're
8 prepared. Proceed.

9 MS. MACERONI: Thank you. You have the
10 report on your website. There are five additional bills

11 that were recently introduced after my April report to
12 you, and I'll just briefly review them.

13 The first bill, H 8109, establishes a task force for
14 the NBC to study the feasibility of acquiring, operating
15 and maintaining municipal sewer systems, lateral sewer
16 systems within our district.

17 This is an issue that has come up from time to time,
18 and I think with the particular interest in
19 regionalization of services to help municipalities with
20 their budget, it's come up again.

21 With this in mind, the NBC would be willing to
22 investigate the possibility or the feasibility of us
23 acquiring, operating and maintaining laterals within our
24 district. The way our statute is now, we are not
25 allowed to own laterals, so this would, if it proved

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1 feasible, this would require a change in our statute.

2 The next bill, H 7707, is basically, just
3 establishing a Commission in an effort to streamline
4 state government. This Commission would look at state
5 agencies, quasi state agencies, to see if the purpose
6 that they were originally created for still exists. If
7 not, then they would look towards abolishing them.

8 Again, another cost-saving measure, mostly for the state

9 budget.

10 The next two bills, which are similar, S 2758 and
11 2794, they would require the Office of Management and
12 Budget to manage and collect program performance
13 measures on state agencies and quasi state agencies and
14 also to conduct performance reviews.

15 We're just going to be monitoring these bills. We
16 already have performance measures established, so we
17 don't see any problems with this bill.

18 The next bill, S 2924, creates the Bureau of Audits
19 Committee. The Committee will conduct audits of state
20 agencies and quasi state agencies.

21 We have some major concerns with this bill. The
22 major one being that it would require the Chief of the
23 Bureau of Audits to attend all closed sessions of any
24 quasi or state agency.

25 As you know, from time to time, we do have closed

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1 sessions, and we usually do that for issues such as
2 union negotiations, litigations, personnel issues,
3 issues where we need privacy, at least for a short
4 period of time.

5 We follow the Open Meetings Law, and the Open
6 Meetings Law does give an exception to closed sessions,

7 and we do have a concern with someone from the outside
8 coming in and being allowed to not only attend this
9 session, but all of the records and handouts that are
10 part of the record.

11 We also have a concern because it also requires
12 agencies to give out to the Bureau of Audits
13 confidential health care information. Again, we see a
14 concern with this. It could subject NBC to violations
15 of HIPAA and the ADA.

16 Last, but not least, even though it pertains to state
17 agencies and quasi state agencies, it's the quasi public
18 that would be required to fund this Bureau. We already
19 pay for and submit audits on an annual basis. This to
20 us would be a duplication of our efforts. So, we will
21 be opposing this bill.

22 The last bill, H 8024, is similar to one that I
23 reported back in March regarding cost benefit reviews of
24 rules and regulations of all state agencies. The
25 difference in this bill is it would require the Economic

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1 Development Corporation to perform these audits for all
2 state and quasi state agencies, and our major concern is
3 that it stipulates that we could no longer enforce our
4 rules and regs until the EDC approves them. It also

5 gives EDC the authority to reject any of our rules and
6 regs, and if they do, we would have to go before the
7 General Assembly to reinstitute them.

8 So, we see this as a major hindrance to the
9 day-to-day operations of the NBC, especially with regard
10 to our pretreatment and permitting sections. So, again,
11 we will be opposing this bill also. I'd be happy to
12 answer any questions.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Any of our members have
14 questions with regard to the Legislative Report?

15 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: My inside information
17 tells me that they're looking at sometime between June 1
18 and June 15 for adjournment. June 1 seems to be
19 aggressive; June 15th seems to be a little bit more
20 realistic.

21 I only have one comment for the Board regarding the
22 first matter on the Legislative Report, which is 8109,
23 which requires us to perform an analysis of the
24 regionalization of all of the lateral sewers in our
25 representative district.

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1 This matter has been before the General Assembly on a
2 number of different occasions, most notably with the

3 City of Providence, so it seems like it's going to be a
4 perennial bill. So, the biggest fear for us is that the
5 General Assembly would pass a bill in June, and say
6 tomorrow, July, you own the system, and with all of the
7 labor, the labor issues and financial issues unresolved.
8 So, I think it's appropriate that the General Assembly
9 at least study the matter and its potential implication
10 and come back to us with a report on this.

11 So, this is probably the best thing that could have
12 happened at this time to give us an opportunity to get
13 our arms around the issue as opposed to waking up some
14 morning knowing that we own 2,500 miles of laterals in
15 our -- how many miles are there, Ray?

16 RAYMOND MARSHALL: We estimate there's
17 somewhere between 1,200 and 1,500 miles of pipe in our
18 member communities. We don't know exactly because they
19 don't know exactly, and that speaks to the problem that
20 the Chairman was just alluding to.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, we don't want to
22 wake up some morning and find out we own another 12, 13,
23 1,500 miles of pipe, and how are we going to manage it?
24 So, this will give us a good start to study the issue,
25 the financial implications, and all of the other

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1 implications of it, and we'll discuss this among the
2 Board and our findings as we go along. Commissioner
3 Campbell.

4 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Do the
5 municipalities collect sewer fees or something for
6 these? I mean, do these laterals generate any income?

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, these are the
8 issues we don't know, but we will know more about. I
9 know in Lincoln, I know I pay a fee, so I pay not only
10 the bill, but I pay a fee to the fire district. Joanie,
11 do you pay a sewer fee, right?

12 MS. MACERONI: You have to pay to the fire
13 district.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Sewer fee, right? So,
15 there's a lot of fees affiliated with the use of lateral
16 lines, and so I think once we get into this, we'll bring
17 in all of the executives, all the Public Works and find
18 out a little more about their systems and their
19 finances, and that will be part of our report.
20 Commissioner Worrell.

21 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Am I correct that we
22 own all the interceptors and everything else, and that
23 the cities and towns own the laterals that they feed
24 into?

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: That is correct.

1 RAYMOND MARSHALL: That's the way it is
2 right now, yes. We own about 110 miles of pipe.

3 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Does anybody maintain
4 those laterals?

5 RAYMOND MARSHALL: In some cases, yes, and
6 other cases, no. It depends on the community.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: But I mean, their
8 maintenance in operation of their system backs up as
9 well. I mean, if they have poor maintenance of their
10 lines and system, it's going to impact us down the line.

11 I think it's a good thing that it's going be a study
12 commission and not a mandate to take over anybody else's
13 system. That's all I have to say on that. Thank you,
14 Joanne.

15 The Chairman's Report, a couple of things. I don't
16 recall exactly when, but it was at least a couple of
17 years ago, you may recall that this Board approved the
18 acquisition of Terminal Road, which is the dog pound,
19 which we ultimately took, demolished the dog pound and
20 constructed for the city a new dog pound facility on
21 Narragansett Bay Commission land.

22 As part of that discussion, we had talked at the time
23 about condemning two pieces of city property, one
24 which was the dog pound and the road, and the other one
25 was the transfer station, which has now become a dump,

1 really, but when we went to the State Properties
2 Committee, the State Properties Committee suggested that
3 we take these properties as separate pieces.
4 So, to ensure that we have land mass necessary to
5 accommodate our future and anticipated expansion, I
6 would like to report to you that we were finally able to
7 make the acquisition of the transfer station, and as of
8 yesterday, the Narragansett Bay Commission now owns not
9 only the portion of Terminal Road with the parcel that
10 had the dog pound on it, which is where our new lab
11 building is going to be, our new lab facility, but we
12 now also own the transfer station for our future
13 expansion needs. So, I wanted to report that.
14 The other thing I'd like to report is, and you've
15 heard me say and the Executive Director say in the
16 course of this meeting that, but for the Narragansett
17 Bay Commission, there would be a lot more people out of
18 work. We've put several hundred million dollars of work
19 on the street. So, as a result of that, I received a
20 call from Michael Sabitoni, who is, what is his title?

21 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I'm not sure.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Do you know what his
23 title is, anybody? He's the Director of Building

24 Trades.

25 MS. SAMONS: I believe he's the Business

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1 Manager for the Laborers.

2 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: Business Manager for
3 Laborers.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Business Manager for
5 the Laborers, and he's requested that the Narragansett
6 Bay Commission participate with the Governor's Office on
7 a press release photo-op. What would you call that,
8 Jamie? You're in discussions with them now.

9 MS. SAMONS: An event of some sort.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: They want to plan an
11 event, Number 1, to recognize the fact that the
12 Narragansett Bay Commission has been so successful in
13 getting our work on the street, getting the building
14 trades people to work, but not only that, that it's a
15 demonstration of how public funds are being used to
16 accomplish many things besides putting people to work.
17 So, do we have a date for that, Jamie?

18 MS. SAMONS: We're looking right now at the
19 second week in June.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So, we're looking at
21 the second week in June. The Governor's Office, as I

22 understand them, and I spoke with the Governor's Chief
23 of Staff, I can tell you they're extremely excited about
24 the opportunity to come to the public to talk about
25 maybe the one thing, one of the bright shining stars in

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1 the State of Rhode Island, and they're excited to talk
2 about it; we're excited, so I want to report that.
3 The last thing I'd like to put out for your
4 consideration is that I've been talking with the
5 Executive Director about this, and we know we have these
6 meetings, and some of our members are here at 9:00 in
7 the morning or a little earlier, like Michael who was
8 here at 8 today and stay until 12.

9 We're considering the possibility of changing the
10 process whereby we would have the Subcommittee Meeting
11 meet a week earlier than the Board Meeting, so then we
12 can have the members come in at, say, 8:00, maybe have a
13 cup of coffee, some breakfast, start the meeting at 9,
14 and for all intents and purposes, everybody will be out
15 of here at 10.

16 I don't know if that make sense to anybody. We're
17 going to think about it. If anyone has any specific
18 objection to that, I would like to hear about it. If
19 not, perhaps in September because we're going to be off

20 July and August. There are no meetings.
21 So, unless some people have a strong objection to
22 that, we're considering implementing that in September,
23 so I just put that out for your consideration, and just
24 drop Karen a line if there's any strong objection to
25 that, but if it's all right with everyone, I would like

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1 to give that a shot, that way we get everybody here at 8
2 for a cup of coffee, or 8:30, and then everybody will be
3 here on time, at that time, and we're out of here at 10.

4 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: So, that would mean
5 that, some people who are on multiple committees would
6 have multiple meetings during a month, plus they would
7 have the Board Meeting.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We would have one
9 night, I'm thinking of 5 or 6:00, something like that,
10 7:00 at night, maybe have the subcommittees come in, and
11 we would be able to say, come in at 5, come in at 6,
12 come in at 7.

13 So, the subcommittees would come in, and we would
14 have our meeting, and they'd go, and then when we have
15 the full the Board Meeting, everybody will already know
16 what's on the agenda, we would have already had the
17 meeting. We can breeze through the agenda pretty

18 quickly, and get everybody here at 8, have coffee, start
19 the meeting at 9, 10:00 everybody's gone.

20 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: But you still have
21 two meetings.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: A month.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: A month.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: And no 50 bucks,
25 either.

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1 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I drive from Foster.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, we give you
3 mileage, right? We do give you mileage, I think. In
4 fact, speaking of mileage, have we picked up the prices
5 of the Commissioners' mileage lately?

6 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Can't afford it.

7 RAYMOND MARSHALL: I think it's whatever the
8 rate is that we use for employees. So, it's based on a
9 federal number; is that correct?

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is it a floating
11 number, Karen?

12 MS. GIEBINK: Yes.

13 RAYMOND MARSHALL: 55 cents, is that what it
14 is?

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: 55 cents a mile?

16 COMMISSIONER MILAS: Are you being serious?

17 Is this serious, like, you pay mileage for a volunteer

18 board?

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Yes, for mileage. You

20 know what? Thirty-two, 33 years I'll be here, I haven't

21 put in for a nickel yet, and I'm here a lot, I can tell

22 you. So, just a thought. Commissioner Worrell.

23 COMMISSIONER WORRELL: Those subcommittee

24 meetings would have to be open meetings as well, so

25 advertised and all that?

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Open meetings, same

2 process. So, we thought about it, talked about it a

3 little bit, not extensively. I'm trying to make it more

4 convenient for everybody. People come in at 9, and they

5 don't get out of here until 12. The subcommittee

6 meetings would probably be after hours.

7 Think about it, and if you have a strong objection,

8 maybe you can drop Karen an e-mail, and of course, I'll

9 get all of those. It's just a thought. That concludes

10 the Chairman's Report. What do we have here?

11 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Upcoming meetings.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Upcoming meetings would

13 be, the Finance Committee Meeting is meeting on May

14 22nd. Of course all of our members are invited to
15 attend, and the next Board Meeting is scheduled for
16 June 19th.

17 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Finance Committee is at
18 12:30, and that's next Tuesday.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is there any new
20 business for the Board? Commissioner Carlino.

21 COMMISSIONER CARLINO: The 22nd, that's for
22 the Fiscal Year '13?

23 RAYMOND MARSHALL: Yes, for the new budget
24 starting July 1, correct.

25 COMMISSIONER GRAY, III: What is the June

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1 meeting date?

2 RAYMOND MARSHALL: The 19th.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: New Business for the
4 Board.

5 COMMISSIONER NATHAN: Anything happen with
6 the Providence Water Board?

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: No. There's been no
8 further discussion or contact with the Board or the
9 Mayor regarding that particular issue.

10 COMMISSIONER DiCHIRO: It's amazing because
11 when you listen to the talk shows and they talk about

12 bankruptcies in Providence, they say they can't because
13 they have to sell the Water Supply Board first.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I can tell you, I
15 received a number phone of calls after I was on Buddy
16 Cianci's Talk Show. We were talking about our agency,
17 and his question as to what our relationship would be to
18 Providence Water, and the reaction was very positive,
19 when are you going to take it, but many people think we
20 already did.

21 We're not the aggressors on it. It's out there, if
22 they want to discuss it. We've been wanting to discuss
23 that for the last 20 years. Other business to come
24 before the Commission.

25 THE COMMISSION: (No response)

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: No other business.

2 Commissioner Salvatore.

3 COMMISSIONER SALVADORE: Move adjournment,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a motion to
6 adjourn.

7 COMMISSIONER KIMBALL: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Seconded by
9 Commissioner Kimball. All in favor of adjournment will

10 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 the motion carries.

16 (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We are adjourned.

18 (MONTHLY BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 12:15 P.M.)

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4 I, Heather Marie Finger, do hereby certify
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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
this 10th day of June 2012.

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