

1 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

2 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

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4 IN RE:

Board of Commissioners' :

5 Meeting :

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8 DATE: January 29, 2013

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

9 PLACE: One Service Rd.

Providence, RI

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13 PRESENT:

14 JOSEPH KIMBALL

MICHAEL DICHIRO

15 RAYMOND MARSHALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VINCENT MESOLELLA, CHAIRMAN

16 ANGELO ROTELLA, VICE CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL SALVADORE

17 DR. RICHARD BURROUGHS

RICHARD WORRELL

18 JOAN MILAS

JOHN MACQUEEN

19 ALAN NATHAN

JOSEPH DEANGELIS, ESQUIRE

20 ROBERT ANDRADE, TREASURER

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1 ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

- 2 THOMAS UVA, NBC
- JOANNE MACERONI, NBC
- 3 JENNIFER HARRINGTON, NBC
- MARK PATRICK MCGUIRE, NBC
- 4 HAROLD GADON, CAC
- KAREN GIEBINK, NBC
- 5 JAMIE SAMONS, NBC
- TALIA GIRARD, NBC
- 6 JOE PRATT, LOUIS BERGER GROUP
- TOM BRUCKNER, NBC
- 7 STEVE MACERONI, PFM
- LINDA GEORGE, SENATE POLICY OFFICE
- 8 PAM CIOLFI, NBC
- SHERRI ARNOLD, NBC
- 9 CHRISTINE COOPER, NBC
- KARTHRYN KELLY, NBC
- 10 JEFF HECKMAN, US BANK
- GERRI KERR, US BANK
- 11 BILL FAZIOLI, PFM
- PAUL NORDSTROM, NBC
- 12 RICH BERNIER, NBC
- KAREN MUSUMECI, NBC
- 13 LAURIE HORRIDGE, NBC

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1 (COMMENCED AT 11:35 A.M.)

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, good morning,

3 everyone. Unfortunately, as a result of one of our

4 commissioners having to cancel -- we thought he was

5 going to be here, some unavoidable circumstances

6 provided that he was not going to make it -- we do not

7 have a quorum, the full board of commissioners'

8 meeting.

9 We do have matters today that are, have some

10 urgency associated with them, primarily the refunding

11 of our, of certain bonds. While we did not anticipate

12 a February meeting, we're going to schedule a meeting

13 for the month of February. It will be February 12.

14 Is anyone present who is not going to be

15 available? Okay. Commissioner Nathan will not be

16 available. Everybody else thinks they're good. This

17 is pretty important that we meet in February.

18 MR. ANDRADE: I may not be available,

19 Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is it that week or
21 that day?

22 MR. NATHAN: That week. What about the
23 week before?

24 MR. MARSHALL: Which is next week. I'm
25 not around the first three days, but the commissioners

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1 could make it.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: How does the 7th
3 look for everyone?

4 MR. DICHIRO: The earlier, the better.

5 MS. MILAS: I have to leave by 11:30.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We'll make it 8:00
7 or 9:00. It'll be very good. We'll be in and out of
8 here in 20 minutes.

9 Mr. NATHAN: That sounds good.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: 8:30 on the 7th.
11 Good. Thursday, the 7th, at 8:30.

12 MR. WORRELL: I may be out of town. If
13 I'm here, I could make it easily.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: If it's possible.
15 We're going to go with February 7, Thursday, at 8:30.
16 It will be a very brief meeting, 30 minutes the most.

17 We want to do at least a couple of things today.
18 The one thing I think we can take up today, Harold is
19 a Citizens Advisory. Do you care to give your report?
20 I know Phil Holmes, my dear friend Phil is here today.
21 I'm happy to see you, Phil. Would you give your
22 report:

23 MR. GADAN: With your approval,
24 Mr. Chairman, I'm going to have different members of
25 the CAC give the report. We're pretty proud of our

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1 members. We think it would be nice for the
2 commissioners to meet them.
3 Phil is one of our longest-standing members. He
4 was one the stakeholders; he was president of the
5 Shellfishermen's Association. He was also the star in
6 the biggest project you'll ever see. We're going to
7 have Phil give the report.

8 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, Harold.
9 Mr. Chairman, commissioners, we did meet last week,
10 and we had a quorum. We discussed the nitrogen
11 removal systems at both plants. Apparently we're
12 ahead of schedule and under budget. Nice to hear. I
13 congratulate you on the CSO project, also being ahead

14 of schedule and under budget. Who does that these
15 days? Seriously.

16 I remember reading in the paper about Rhode
17 Island's big dig. We were expecting cost overruns and
18 corruption and everything else. I heard Bill Rappleye
19 trying to get something out of you at the dedication
20 of the windmills. He says, I can't ever get anything
21 out of the NBC, because there is nothing ever
22 happening that would be newsworthy.

23 I think that's because what you have here is a
24 culture of integrity. I'm proud to be part of the
25 NBC, and I thank you for your time this morning. One

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1 of the things that I brought up at the CAC meeting,
2 which is why Harold said I could come speak, is I
3 started this whole adventure in December of 1989 in
4 Room 315 at the State House, before then with State
5 Senator Jack Reed.

6 I went up there to talk about the difference
7 between point source and non-point source pollution.
8 The Narragansett Bay Commission and other sewer
9 commissions in the State of Rhode Island have done a
10 wonderful job of repairing, controlling, eliminating
11 point source pollution. We now have to go after

12 non-point source pollution.

13 The question of that, it's a very expensive
14 time-consuming problem that needs to be dealt with.

15 There was an article in the Providence Journal by
16 Edward Fitzpatrick. He wrote an editorial about a
17 sewer fight in Warwick. Warwick has spent like
18 \$82 million putting sewerlines in throughout the Town
19 of Warwick.

20 There is one little community on Governor Francis
21 Farms that doesn't have to have, to pay to hook up.
22 So they got Senator McCaffrey to sponsor a bill that
23 said they were exempt. It was one of the eleven bills
24 that were vetoed by Governor Chafee, but it was the
25 only bill that was overridden.

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1 I told the Shellfishermen's Association at a
2 meeting before the elections that it was time for them
3 to get political. I can't do it; I live in Warren.
4 The president of the association can't do it, because
5 he lives in Coventry. The individual shellfishermen
6 that live in Warwick, I told them it's time to go
7 after this guy.

8 Now, if any of you people know Senator

9 McCaffrey -- I would like to pass these out. I don't
10 know if you read it when it was in the paper. It's a
11 rather interesting article. It's about non-point
12 source pollution.

13 In this room you've spent \$600 million going
14 after point source pollution. These people do not
15 want to pay \$1,500 to \$2,500 to hook up to the
16 sewerline that's in front of their house. The lines
17 are there; they just don't want to pay to hook up.

18 When I bought my house in Riverside in 1979,
19 there was a sewerline in front of the house. I paid
20 \$18,500 for the house, and it cost me \$1,500 to
21 \$1,800, I forget, to connect up to the sewerline.
22 10 percent of the cost of my house was to connect to
23 the sewerline. I did it, because I needed to, and it
24 was the right thing to do.

25 It's gotten to the point if it's financial, not

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1 if, you know, we don't want to do it. I think if any
2 of you people can bring pressure to bear on Senator
3 McCaffrey, I would ask you to do it. Get this bill
4 resubmitted, get it passed. Have these people hook
5 up.

6 They're a peninsula, North Conimicut Point,

7 stream on both sides, 345 houses with septic systems,
8 and it's right in the heart of the bay. We have
9 problems. We don't have problems in front of your
10 house. The water is perfect, run a test out here. We
11 can go shellfishing out here. You get down to
12 Conimicut Point, and there are problems.

13 A lot of the problems are non-point source
14 pollution, and some of them, they have to be coming
15 from Governor Francis Farm, because it's that close.
16 You could throw a rock or a quahog. It needs to be
17 dealt with. If anybody here can have some effect on
18 that, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you, Phil.
20 Thank you very much. Interesting.

21 MR. MARSHALL: I think Commissioner
22 Nathan might want to let everybody know about the Save
23 the Bay legislative information session.

24 MR. NATHAN: Following perfect with what
25 you just said, next Monday from four to six at the

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1 Save the Bay site is a legislative state agency and
2 municipal leader information session. Paul Nordstrom
3 is going to speak. DOT, CRMC and DEM directors are

4 going to be speaking. Senator Susan Seslowski and
5 Representative Art Handy are going to speak.
6 Stormwater management, climate impact, I have reminder
7 papers if anybody is interested.

8 The more people that show up, because Chafee will
9 be there as well, the more people that show up, the
10 better impact we have. I have these available if
11 anybody is interested. Thank you.

12 MR. WORRELL: What is the time?

13 MR. NATHAN: Four to six.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. I actually
15 didn't call the meeting to order. Are there any other
16 matters coming before the board today? If not, we'll
17 recess until -- we didn't call it to order, did we?
18 All right. We're going to meet on Thursday,
19 February 7 at 8:30. It will be a very brief meeting,
20 get some financial matters resolved.

21 We will provide breakfast, Alan, wherever you
22 are, if that gives you some incentive to show up,
23 because the pay is not as good as we'd all like.
24 That's it. We don't have to adjourn.

25 MR. MARSHALL: I'll do this briefly. I

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2 Plant last year went through the entire year without a
3 single excursion from its permit.

4 There are requirements in the permit. They have
5 3,970 compliance points, as we call them, that they
6 need to meet. They didn't violate a single one of
7 them the entire year. So the next meeting in March,
8 we'll acknowledge them in front of the board here.

9 That's like taking a test with nearly 4,000 questions
10 and you get every single one correct.

11 Bucklin Point did almost as well. They have
12 4,153 compliance points they have to meet. They only
13 had 3 excursions for the entire year. So quite an
14 accomplishment.

15 Last thing is, as far as the wind turbines go,
16 they have been running on a regular basis. For
17 January 1 through the 24th this month they produced
18 65 percent of the power that we needed to run the
19 Field's Point Treatment Plant, Ernest Treatment Pump
20 Station and Main Tunnel Pump Station. Of course, it
21 was a very windy month, so we don't do that every
22 month. That's where we are now.

23 We were able to export a little bit of power.
24 National Grid gave us that opportunity. We should be
25 able to export as much as we can generate after we use

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1 our share starting in, maybe, April or May. That

2 project is doing very well at this point in time.

3 That's it, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I'm really sorry we

5 weren't able to have a full board meeting. Thank you

6 very much.

7 (CLOSED AT 11:50 A.M.)

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I, ELIZABETH GREELEY, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that I reported in shorthand the foregoing proceedings, and that the foregoing transcript contains a true, accurate, and complete record of the proceedings at the above-entitled meeting.

Reading and signing of the transcript was not requested by any parties involved upon completion of the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of January, 2013.

ELIZABETH GREELEY, NOTARY PUBLIC
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