

1 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

2 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

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6 IN RE: NBC MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
7 OF THE COMMISSION

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10 DATE: September 23, 2014
11 TIME: 11:00 A.M.
12 PLACE: Narragansett Bay Commission
13 Corporate Office Building
14 One Service Road
15 Providence, RI 02905

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16 COMMISSIONERS:

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- 17 Vincent Mesolella, Chairman
- 18 Angelo Rotella, Vice Chairman
- 19 Raymond Marshall, Executive Director & Secretary
- 20 Mario Carlino
- 21 Michael DiChiro
- 22 Seth Handy
- 23 John MacQueen
- 24 Joan Milas
- 25 Al Montanari
- Richard Worrell
- Robert Andrade
- Ronald Leone
- Mario Carlino
- Paul Lemont
- Alan Nathan
- Michelle DeRoche
- Joseph DeAngelis, Legal Counsel

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1 OTHER ATTENDEES:

2 Jamie Samons, NBC
Paul Nordstrom, NBC
3 Thomas Uva, NBC
Laurie Horridge, NBC
4 Jennifer Harrington, NBC
Joanne Maceroni, NBC
5 Terry Cote, NBC
Tom Brueckner, NBC
6 Karen Giebink, NBC
Sherri Arnold, NBC
7 Gail Degnan, NBC
Harold Gadon, NBC
8 Leah Foster, NBC
Karen Musumeci, NBC
9 John Zuba
Joe Pratt
10 Michael A. Corriea
Harold Brouillette
11 Carol Brouillette
Cecille Antonelli
12 Brenda Smith
Crystine Marandola
13 Carmine Goneconte
G. Richard Fossa
14 Anthony Gallone
Rebecca Songolo
15 John Motta
Deborah Samson
16 Rich Bernier
Linda George
17 Jean Lynch
Kyle Connors
18 Mary Sahady
Diane Buerger

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

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. Good
3 morning, everyone, and welcome back. I hope
4 everyone had a wonderful summer. Is this the
5 first day of Autumn.

6 MR. MARSHALL: It is.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All right, and
8 a beautiful day it is. The first order of
9 business is call to order, we call to order the
10 September 23rd, 2014, Monthly Board Commission
11 Meeting, Narragansett Bay Commission meeting at
12 11:11.

13 The first order of business is
14 approval of the previous minutes of May 28 and
15 June 24, the open and closed sessions of the
16 previous board meeting. Commissioner Montanari
17 moves approval, second by Commissioner MacQueen.
18 Have all our members had an opportunity to view
19 the previous minutes, and if so, are there any
20 comments, questions or corrections? Comments,
21 questions or corrections on the previous
22 minutes? Hearing none. All of those that are
23 in favor will say aye. Are there any opposed?
24 There are none opposed, and that motion carries.

25 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Before we
2 begin the meeting, if I could just have the
3 commissioners that are intending to speak today
4 to kindly speak clearly into the microphone so
5 that we can get -- make absolutely sure that we
6 don't miss a single word. Okay.

7 First order of business, Item
8 Number 3, which is Acknowledgement of Awards:
9 Resolution of Appreciation to Manuel Correia,
10 Jr. Mr. Secretary?

11 MR. MARSHALL: Yes, Mr. Chairman,
12 we'd like to acknowledge today one of our
13 long-term employees, Manny Correia. I just saw
14 him a minute ago. Where is he? Manny, stand
15 up, please. I'm going to have Carmen come up
16 and read the resolution. And Manny, why don't
17 you join him while he does that.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Come on up.
19 Come on up, Manny. How are you?

20 MR. CORREIRA: Good.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Come on,
22 Manny.

23 MR. MARSHALL: So for many years
24 Manny has worked for Carmine directly, and so we

25 wanted to give Carmine the privilege of reading

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1 the resolution.

2 MR. GONECONTE: Thank you.

3 Resolution of congratulations and appreciation.

4 "Whereas Manuel, Manny Correira, Jr. joined the
5 staff of the Narragansett Bay Commission on June
6 26, 1983, as an Operator 1 and was promoted to
7 Operator 2 on February 26, 1989. And whereas
8 Manny was named Field's Point employee of the
9 month in February, 1987, in recognition of his
10 initiative to learn the operation of the new
11 treatment facilities, his troubleshooting
12 ability, and his willingness to assist his
13 fellow employees.

14 And whereas his 1990 idea for using
15 the vacuum truck instead of the sump pump for
16 cleaning tanks and his 1997 idea for portable
17 trough flusher both received efficiency award
18 from the State of Rhode Island and earned him a
19 reputation as troubleshooter extraordinary
20 amongst his coworkers.

21 And whereas his strategic thinking
22 and efficient movements have enabled him to jump
23 claim on any newly empty locker and find the
24 special hiding place in various parts of the

25 plan for tools, gloves and supplies. And

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1 whereas Manny is well known and well feared by
2 vendors visiting the Field's Point facility for
3 his persuasive personality. And whereas his
4 efforts have enabled the Narragansett Bay
5 Commission to achieve its mission to maintain
6 the leadership role of and the protection and
7 enhancement of Narragansett Bay, and it's
8 tributaries by providing safe and effective
9 wastewater collection and treatment to its
10 customers at a reasonable cost.

11 Now, therefore, let it be resolved
12 that we, the Board of the Commissioners of the
13 Narragansett Bay Commission express our sincere
14 appreciation to Manuel Correia, Jr. on his
15 retirement for his many years of service to
16 protect public health and water quality in Rhode
17 Island, presented on June 29, 2014, Chairman
18 Vincent Mesolessa and Raymond Marshal, Executive
19 Director.

20 And just as a personal note, you
21 know, Manny and I spent many years together
22 working together. He is everything that this
23 resolution said, but most importantly, what he

24 was, he has a lot of fine attributes, but the
25 most important one was he was one of, if not,

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1 the best ambassadors for the Narragansett Bay
2 Commission at the plant. He came to us from
3 another employment opportunity, and as sometimes
4 happens, people are mean and complain about the
5 jobs that they're in and the situation at
6 certain times. Manny was the first one to tell
7 them that they should really think about where
8 they're at and what a good thing they have
9 working for the Bay Commission, and that did
10 very well for us, so for that, I thank you very
11 much for that, Manny, congratulations.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All right,
14 Manny. Let's see how photogenic you are.

15 MS. SAMONS: One more. You look
16 good. All right, awesome.

17 MR. CORREIRA: Carmine, thank you.
18 For all your varies of service.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Good luck and
20 God bless you.

21 MR. MARSHALL: Any time you want to
22 buy me breakfast, or anything.

23 MR. CORREIRA: Vinny, take care.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you.

25 Manny Correira is just another example of what

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1 it takes to achieve and have the kind of success
2 that the Narragansett Bay Commission has
3 achieved through the years, and we thank him for
4 his service. Thank you, Manny, so much.

5 MR. CORREIRA: You're welcome.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All right,
7 moving right along. The next order of business
8 is Item Number IV, which is the Executive
9 Director's Report, Mr. Secretary, do you have a
10 report for us today?

11 MR. MARSHALL: Yes, I do.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

13 MR. MARSHALL: After three months,
14 you can imagine. Overall, things have gone very
15 well over the summer. The Field's Point
16 Treatment Plant was operated under its new
17 permit five parts per million of nitrogen and
18 has performed very, very well.

19 We're down around three and a half,
20 or so, three and a half parts per million that
21 is, and the system has been running as it was
22 designed.

23 I do want to let you know that one
24 of the key components of the treatment system is
25 the so-called blowers and we have nine of them

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1 over there. And we have adopted a new
2 technology and brought a new technology into the
3 design and into the plant several years ago.
4 These new blowers are under a five-year
5 warranty, thankfully, because of the nine
6 blowers we've been having some problems and I
7 wanted to make you aware of that. At one point
8 we were down to five of the nine. Since we put
9 them on line, we've had problems.

10 The manufacturers fixed it. We've
11 gone back and forth on this, but we've always
12 seemed to have had seven available to us. And
13 we need five, so we felt that we had a cushion.
14 And in quick succession in early July. The two
15 spare blowers went down on us, and were
16 unavailable. So we were operating under some
17 pretty stressful conditions, to say the least.

18 And so I made that determination
19 that it was a situation that we had to act upon
20 immediately. I talked to Chairman. I told him
21 that I thought we had potential in an emergency
22 situation if we lost one more blower, we would

23 have been out of compliance. So working with
24 the legal staff engineering and operations we,
25 or I established the fact that there was an

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1 emergency situation that existed that gave me
2 the flexibility under our procurement regs to
3 take whatever steps necessary that had to be
4 taken in order to prevent what would have been a
5 catastrophe if we had lost one more blower.

6 So we hired an engineering firm to
7 study the situation, we went to the manufacturer
8 of the units and told them they needed to get
9 temporary units available to us. They were
10 portable units, but they were nowhere near big
11 enough to supply all of our needs, but there
12 were some improvements over the situation we
13 were operating under. And then we contacted
14 another manufacturer, one that we're using over
15 at Bucklin Point, and we are renting a couple of
16 units from them.

17 One is on line, one is on standby.
18 So our manufacturer who's known as HSI, or
19 Atlas, sent the units that were available back
20 to Houston where they're made and refurbished
21 and repaired two of them, sent them back to us.

22 So now we're in a much more comfortable
23 situation. We have five running, we have two of
24 the HIS blowers on standby ready to go, should
25 we have any more problems, and then we have the

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1 one alternate manufacturer that has a blower
2 that is hooked up into our system ready to
3 provide the level of treatment that we would
4 need in order to continue to meet permit.

5 So overall, it turned out okay. It
6 is going to cost us an amount of money that
7 we're still trying to tally, but it's probably a
8 couple of hundred thousand dollars, total, to be
9 up front with you, but I felt that it was
10 absolutely necessary.

11 We couldn't run the risk that we
12 would not meet permit, that we would have the
13 bay shut down during the summertime, and that
14 the reputation this organization would have been
15 tarnished if any or all of those things had
16 occurred.

17 But when we are now considering
18 what our next step is, we're going to be meeting
19 with the manufacturer of these nine turbo
20 blowers to see what we can work out with them.
21 The old technology that we had used prior to

22 switching over was not as efficient, but much
23 more reliable. And while the new technologies
24 are being used, the so-called turbo blowers are
25 great when they're running, there seems to be

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1 some sort of a reliability problem. And if you
2 can compare it to an automobile. I'll go back
3 to the days when I was young, quite a while ago.
4 It's like the old Chrysler Slant 6 where you
5 turn it on, it runs forever. You can't kill the
6 thing. The body rots around it, but the engine
7 keeps running versus one of the old time Jaguars
8 which were great cars when they ran, but they
9 were in the shop more than they ran.

10 So it's that type of comparison.
11 So we're really considering going back to the
12 old technology for our base air requirement, and
13 then using, keeping a few of the turbo blowers
14 as supplemental units, and to fine tune how much
15 process area we're actually delivering. That
16 final decision has not been made, and we need to
17 have some discussions with the suppliers of the
18 unit because they also supply the more
19 traditional blowers, and we're going to see what
20 we can work out, and we'll report back to you on

21 how that all comes together. But never missed
22 permit. That was the important thing.

23 At Bucklin Point the construction
24 has is ended. There's a few punch list items
25 and clean up to do. That facility has been

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1 operating very well, achieving a high level of
2 treatment. Again, around low to mid three parts
3 per million, and we should be around five, so
4 we're in great shape there.

5 Phase II has been progressing
6 throughout the summer. A lot of the projects
7 are coming to completion, final paving is being
8 done. North Main Street is a great example.
9 And the two larger projects in the
10 Woonasquatucket area, along that river and along
11 Seekonk, will probably be essentially done by
12 the end of this calendar year. There will be a
13 few small things that they probably need to
14 finish up in the spring.

15 Wind turbines have been performing
16 reliably as the wind dies down in the
17 summertime, the production isn't quite as
18 attractive or as good as it is in January and
19 February, but it will pick up again this fall.
20 Right now we're at about the 45 percent range of

21 power needs being met by the wind turbines at
22 the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility.
23 So we're still getting a good return on those.
24 Phase III of CSO, the Stakeholder's process and
25 all of the engineering reevaluation has been

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1 progressing since the last time you heard from
2 me. There are two more Stakeholder's meetings,
3 October 23rd and November 13th.

4 Overall, the alternatives are being
5 identified. They're being evaluated right now,
6 and the consultant is spending quite a bit of
7 time addressing the affordability issue at this
8 point, and at the next board meeting, we'll have
9 a presentation for you on affordability. It
10 will be first presented at long-range planning
11 prior to the board meeting, and then again at
12 the board's meeting so you have a feel for
13 what's actually going on regarding Phase III and
14 how it's shaping up. And then we'll bring the
15 consultants in one more time when the final
16 recommended plan that will go to DEM and EPA at
17 the beginning of next year.

18 So you'll have a good understanding
19 of what they looked at, why they decided, what

20 they did, and ultimately, what Phase III looks
21 like, and we'll compare it to the way that it
22 looked prior to this reevaluation. The
23 stormwater study was completed. The regional
24 study was completed. The first phase, there's
25 going to be another phase now. All they've done

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1 is identify that it should be handled
2 regionally. Phase II which will be done between
3 November and next summer is being paid for by
4 the Bay Coordination Team money, and so we'll
5 stay active in that, so we'll protect our
6 interest in terms of stormwater
7 responsibilities.

8 Standard & Poor, we had a meeting
9 with them and yesterday, we had our double A
10 minus rate confirmed. Both Collective
11 Bargaining Agreements, the one with 1033, and
12 the one with Council 94 were signed about a
13 month after you last met. So we have a new
14 Collective Bargaining Agreement in place with
15 those unions, which will be valid until the end
16 of June 2017.

17 We've been going through the Public
18 Utilities Commission hearings on our request for
19 a rate increase, and we have a settlement that

20 we believe is ready to be signed. The attorneys
21 are putting all the words in the proper order,
22 and then it will be ready for agreement. We
23 were -- we had some exposure in the press during
24 the month of August. On August 13th, we had
25 that four inches of rain and Channel 12 showed

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1 up and wanted an interview, and I accommodated
2 them in that regard. About a week later, Jim
3 Hummel was in, and he did about an hour
4 interview with me which he put on his website,
5 and then it was on WPRO 630 one morning with
6 Gene Valicenti on the CSO program, why does it
7 cost as much as it has and what's in store for
8 Phase III. And then Tom Uva took part in a
9 program that was on 790 WHJJ. It had to do with
10 water fire.

11 There's a segment on water fire
12 every week, I believe, and they were talking
13 about water quality and how it's improved and
14 why it's improved and how that's a big plus for
15 the water fire effort. So we've got some good
16 press in the month of August.

17 We had one issue that just came up
18 yesterday. We did have a dry weather overflow

19 event at India Street, and you might see that in
20 the newspaper today. Paul Nordstrom can fill
21 you in on that if you want more information. He
22 was actually the first respondent to that call
23 that we received.

24 And the last thing I wanted to
25 mention is for each of the committees, I've

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1 assigned staff members to attend those committee
2 meetings and to be a liaisons with the various
3 committees, so you have someone that you can go
4 to for information if you're on a committee, if
5 you want further documentation, or you have a
6 question that pops into your mind.

7 So all the committees will post a
8 list on the Board of the Commissioners website,
9 and you will see those staff members at each of
10 your committee meetings, so that you have
11 someone other than me to reach out to if you
12 need some assistance. So with that, that
13 concludes my report. Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay, our
15 members have heard the Executive Director's
16 Report. Pursuant to the report, do any of our
17 commissioners have any comments, or questions,
18 or issues they'd like to raise in regard to the

19 Executive Director's Report? Commissioner

20 Worrell.

21 MR. WORRELL: I hope this is a
22 quick one. The audit report this morning talked
23 about the fact that we had an additional
24 \$400,000 of revenue. Well, I wasn't sure
25 whether it was a result of selling our RCUs or

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1 -- what do you they call them?

2 MR. MARSHALL: Renewable energy
3 credits.

4 MR. WORRELL: RECs, was that where
5 that 400 came from?

6 MR. MARSHALL: Yes, it was.

7 MR. WORRELL: But in addition to
8 that, we also had the savings that we would get
9 in our electrical bill?

10 MR. MARSHALL: Yes.

11 MR. WORRELL: So the total savings,
12 the total revenue from those turbines is the 400
13 from the RECs, plus whatever we knocked down our
14 electric bill.

15 MR. MARSHALL: Which is probably
16 around a million dollars.

17 MR. WORRELL: Total, or a million

18 and four?

19 MR. MARSHALL: A million and four.

20 MR. WORRELL: All right. Thank
21 you.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. Are
23 there any other questions with regard to the
24 Executive Director's Report? Hearing none,
25 we're moving right along to Committee Reports.

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1 We're moving right along to Committee Reports
2 and Action Items Resulting.

3 The first committee reporting is
4 the construction engineering and operations
5 committee. Chairman MacQueen, do you have a
6 report for us today?

7 MR. MACQUEEN: I do.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

9 MR. MACQUEEN: We have two items of
10 action. Review and Approval Resolution 2014:20;
11 Contract 303.06C-OF037 Increase COR
12 Authorization Limit.

13 MR. MARSHALL: Yes, sir. This is a
14 contract that CB Utility, also known as Britto
15 had a lot of work on North Main Street, and
16 heading west down the hill toward Route 95.
17 This particular, that project is essentially

18 complete. You might have a few cleanup items to
19 do, but the work is done. North Main Street is
20 paved. What this request is for is for \$270,000
21 to increase the change order authorized amount.
22 And the reason why we came before you for this
23 is that we had asked National Grid to move their
24 pipe so we could put in the new storm drain. We
25 have to pay National Grid to do that. They

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1 moved their pipe. They did their temporary
2 paving. We went back in, we installed the new
3 storm drain. We restored our trench. When it
4 came to final paving, rather than have National
5 Grid pave over their trench, and we do our
6 trench, we decided it would be a better job if
7 we would just pave the whole street at one time.

8 So we asked our contractor to take
9 care of that, so this \$270,000 that we paid our
10 contractor to do, all of the paving is in place
11 of money, some of the money that we would have
12 had to pay National Grid to just do their
13 trench. So it's not a total increase in the
14 contract amount, it's just who we were paying
15 our contractor versus National Grid. So we ask
16 your approval of 2014:20.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So Chairman
18 MacQueen moved that we approve Resolution
19 2014:20. It was seconded by Commissioner
20 Montanari, Commissioner Milas and Commissioner
21 Leone and Commissioner Carlino. Is there further
22 discussion -- I'm sorry, I'm sorry.
23 MS. HARRINGTON: I don't mean to
24 interrupt.
25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I beg your

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1 pardon. Commissioner Carlino abstains from this
2 vote. Let the record reflect that he abstained.
3 Is there further discussion on Resolution
4 2014:20? All right. In such case, all of those
5 that are in favor will say aye. Are there any
6 opposed? There are none opposed, and that
7 motion carries.

8 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further
10 report, Commissioner MacQueen.

11 MR. MACQUEEN: Review and Approval
12 of Resolution 2014:21; Award of Contract
13 811.00C:BPWWTF Effluent Pumps Rehabilitation.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner
15 MacQueen makes a motion that we approve
16 Resolution 2014:21, seconded by Commissioner

17 Montanari. This is a discussion we basically
18 just heard as a result of the Executive
19 Director's Report regarding the emergency pump
20 situation. Is there further clarification of
21 this change order required, further explanation
22 required? Anything you care to add?

23 MR. ROTELLA: Motion to approve.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner
25 Rotella moves approval along with Commissioner

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1 MacQueen, Commissioner Montanari. No further
2 discussion? All of those that are in favor will
3 say aye? Are there any opposed? There are none
4 opposed, and the motion carries.

5 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further
7 report, Chairman MacQueen? No further report.
8 The next committee reporting is the Personnel
9 Committee. Commissioner Campbell was not
10 available.

11 Earlier today, the Chairman did
12 chair the subcommittee meeting. There was one
13 item for approval, which would be Resolution
14 2014:22 which was an amendment to the
15 Narragansett Bay Commission, Non-Union Defined

16 Benefit Plan. They were primarily housekeeping
17 matters. Karen, do you care to shed any light
18 on the issues regarding the Non-Union Defined
19 Benefit Plan.

20 MS. GIEBINK: Yes. These are
21 basically housekeeping matters that arose out of
22 the review Angel Pension Group and Mass Mutual
23 when we were converting over to a single
24 platform, and but the two items -- excuse me.
25 So the first item served to make the benefits

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1 the same if you died before or after you
2 terminate service with the Narragansett Bay
3 Commission. And previously, another issues was
4 if you died before termination you automatically
5 became a hundred percent vested was
6 inconsistent with if you actually retired before
7 termination or quit service before you retired,
8 I should say.

9 And the second item has to do with
10 the current plan allows if you are unable to
11 locate a participant when their benefits should
12 be distributed. The current plan language is
13 such that we had to succeed that to the State of
14 Rhode Island and this language would modify that
15 so that the assets would stay within the plan.

16 And then six months later if we were actually
17 able to locate the beneficiary, we would be able
18 to make that distribution.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. So
20 having heard the explanation, Commissioner
21 Worrell. Further comment for the record
22 regarding this issue. Okay, so having heard the
23 explanation relative to Resolution 2014:22, the
24 Chairman moves approval of that resolution,
25 seconded by the Commissioner Rotella. Further

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1 discussion and Commissioner Leone. Further
2 discussion on Resolution 2014:22? Hearing none.
3 All of those that are in favor will say aye?
4 Are there any opposed? There are none opposed,
5 and that motion carries, as well.

6 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The next
8 committee reporting is the Finance Committee.
9 Chairman Andrade, do you have a report for us
10 today?

11 MR. ANDRADE: Yes, I do, Mr.
12 Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed.

14 MR. ANDRADE: The first item is the

15 approval of Resolution 2014:23; Authorization To
16 Approve And Accept The Comprehensive Annual
17 Financial Report For Fiscal Year 2014.

18 We had a very detailed excellent
19 presentation by our auditors and most of the
20 commissioners were here. But we asked if they
21 could come and give us a brief five-minute
22 overview for the record of the Financial Report
23 for the year.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Is there
25 anyone who does not have a copy of the auditor

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1 report, along with the single audit document?
2 You don't have it, Commissioner Leone, or you
3 do? Commissioner Montanari? Karen?

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Proceed
5 please.

6 MS. SAHADY: Thank you, again. For
7 those of you who didn't meet me earlier today,
8 my name is Mary Sahady, and I'm the principal
9 with the firm Hague, Sahady & Company out of
10 Fall River, and I have with me Kyle Connors, and
11 he was the manager on this engagement. So
12 again, I would like to thank all of the staff
13 here, Karen, Leah, and all of the individuals
14 who helped put this financial document together.

15 I will have to say that of all the
16 entities that we audit, this is one of the most
17 comprehensive. It was very well done. The
18 staff is very helpful. And what I would like to
19 say above and beyond that is the information
20 that each and every one of you receive on a
21 monthly basis, you can certainly rely on. There
22 were very few audit entries at the end of the
23 engagement and so what you're looking at from a
24 monthly basis when you're looking at your
25 statement of net position is really good

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1 information. The document itself is a
2 comprehensive annual financial report. As you
3 can see, it's accepted in the previous years
4 from the GFOA, the Governmental Finance Offices
5 Association, and this year it will be presented
6 again for certificate of excellence.

7 So I commend you, as well, with
8 regard to being able to achieve that certificate
9 on an annual basis. Your Executive Director,
10 Ray, together with Karen and Leah, put together
11 a very nice transmittal letter for all of you to
12 read. At the beginning of the document, it
13 talks a lot about the local economy. It talks

14 about your CIP program, and it gives you some
15 projections out to the year 2020, which will be
16 very helpful and it's very interesting reading.

17 The report letter is our report
18 letter. We have given you what's referred to as
19 a clean opinion on the report. We have no
20 findings or recommendations with regard to the
21 report, itself. Following our report letter, is
22 something that's referred to as the management
23 discussion and analysis. And that's really a
24 summary of your financial highlights with regard
25 to the entity for fiscal year 2014 in layman's

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1 terms. So if no other part of the document gets
2 read, the MD&A is a good section of the document
3 to read so that you can get an overview. From a
4 financial overview, not to bore you and repeat
5 ourselves, but in this particular year, your
6 increase in your net position was 24 million
7 dollars, was up from 20 million dollars in the
8 previous year. Some of that came from your
9 increase in your rates.

10 Other things as you just talked
11 about earlier in this meeting, had to do with
12 your energy, renewal energy credits from your
13 wind turbines. Your debt this year was

14 increased by 45 million dollars which was a
15 result of partnering with the Rhode Island Clean
16 Water Revolving Fund, as well as 37 million
17 dollars in additional revenue anticipation notes
18 or bonds.

19 Other than that, I don't know if
20 anyone has any specific questions. And as I
21 said, most of you were all on the Finance
22 Committee so repeating all this doesn't seem
23 like it's necessary.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So you've
25 heard -- can I refer to you as Mary, Mary? Can

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1 I call you Mary?

2 MS. SAHADY: You can, certainly.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I don't want
4 any complaints, Human Rights Commission, or
5 anything like that. I don't need that. In
6 addition to that, Mary, perhaps you want to
7 touch on the issue of the single audit?

8 MS. SAHADY: Certainly.

9 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Do you mind?

10 MS. SAHADY: Not at all. So the a
11 secondary document that you received this year
12 is called the Single Audit Report. In previous

13 years, this agency, the Narragansett Bay
14 Commission was a component unit of the State of
15 Rhode Island, and as a component unit of the
16 State of Rhode Island, any federal monies that
17 you received were audited by the auditors who do
18 the state audit.

19 You are no longer considered a
20 component unit of the state, so you are required
21 to have your own single audit and that's really
22 a federal compliance audit. And it's an audit
23 for anyone that receives more than half a
24 million dollars of federal funds. So in your
25 case, you're revolving, our loan program is

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1 federal money. And so of the monies that you
2 received, 1.1 million I believe is the dollar
3 value is federal. So we were required to do a
4 compliance audit and that audit has to do with
5 issues other than financial.

6 We go into things like property and
7 equipment. We go into special tasks. We look
8 at Davis-Bacon there are various other aspects
9 of compliance auditing, and I am also happy to
10 tell you that you had no findings with regard to
11 that. So when we looked at compliance to the
12 specific program. There were no findings, as

13 well as no findings when we looked at your
14 internal controls over your entity, itself, and
15 over compliance with state laws and regulations.

16 MR. ANDRADE: Mr. Chairman, I move
17 approval of Resolution 2014:23; The
18 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a
20 motion by Chairman Andrade to approve Resolution
21 2014:23. Seconded by Commissioner DiChiro,
22 Commissioner Alan Nathan, Commissioner Rotella.
23 Is there any discussion or questions with regard
24 to the annual financial audit? Hearing none.
25 All of those that are in favor will say aye?

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1 Are there any opposed? There are none opposed,
2 and that motion carries. Thank you.

3 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

4 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further
5 report, Commissioner Andrade.

6 MR. ANDRADE: Mr. Chairman, the
7 next resolution is the authorization to approve
8 and accept the single audit report of fiscal
9 year of 2014. We just heard an explanation of
10 what that was and why it's now required by the
11 Bay Commission, and I move approval of 2014:24.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a
13 motion to approve resolution 2014:24. That
14 would be regarding the single audit report.

15 MR. ROTELLA: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We have a
17 motion by Commissioner Rotella, Commissioner
18 Leone, Commissioner Milas. Further discussion
19 on the Single Audit? Hearing none. All of
20 those that are in favor will say aye. Are there
21 any opposed? There are none opposed and that
22 motion carries.

23 (VOTE VOICE TAKEN)

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Further
25 report, Commissioner Andrade?

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1 MR. ANDRADE: That concludes the
2 Finance committee Report, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you very
4 much. Long Range Planning Committee reporting.
5 Commissioner Carlino.

6 MR. CARLINO: We had an
7 organizational discussion, and it's a lot of the
8 things that the Executive Director talked about
9 in his report today, which was the capital
10 improvement plan the CSO Phase III
11 affordability.

12 These are projects that we as the
13 Committee will be looking at in the future,
14 stormwater responsibilities, ownership of the
15 lateral services, alternative renewable energy
16 looking at solar, looking at biogas. And as the
17 chairman talked about, succession planning.

18 So those are some of the topics
19 that will be on our committees agenda for
20 discussion in the future.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay. Thank
22 you, very much. The next committee reporting
23 would be the Rules and Regulations Committee.
24 The Chairman did chair that committee.
25 Commissioner DiChiro came in just a little bit

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1 later. But basically, I think most of us
2 witnessed the presentation made by Joanne
3 Maceroni relative to the passage of a piece of
4 legislation, namely the Sheehan Bill which talks
5 about transparency and compliance of
6 quasi-public agencies. The requirement to hire
7 or pay for what will be performance audits some
8 time in the future. That would be under the
9 auspices of the Department of --

10 MR. ROTELLA: Bureau of Audits.

11 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Bureau of
12 Audits. Thank you, Commissioner Rotella. That
13 escaped me for a moment. So I was looking for a
14 little bit of help. But other than that, that
15 was the essence of the committee meeting, and
16 we'll be hearing more about that as we continue
17 to develop our mission statements, along in
18 consideration of the new bill that passed.

19 The next Committee Reporting is
20 Citizens Advisory Committee. Harold, do you
21 have a report today?

22 MR. GADON: Mr. Chairman, since we
23 did not meet in September, I do not have the
24 report. But we intend to meet in October where
25 we hope to receive an update, especially on

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1 Phase III. Having attended the Stakeholder
2 meetings, I think Tom Brueckner should be
3 complimented for the clarifying information he
4 is presenting and coordinating of those
5 meetings. See you in October.

6 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you,
7 Harold. Moving right along, the Compensation
8 Committee did not meet. The Ad Hoc Internal
9 Ethics Committee did not meet, as well.
10 Executive Committee meeting, there is no report.

11 There's a further report from the Legislative
12 Committee, Legislative Report. I'm sorry.
13 Joanne, do you have a further report for us on
14 the proceedings of the legislature this past
15 year.

16 MS. MACERONI: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
17 I have a final report regarding legislation that
18 we followed, and that did become law between
19 June and now, either with or without governor's
20 signature.

21 The first one is with the passage
22 of the state budget, there will now be Question
23 7 on November's ballot for funds. It is going
24 to be asking the voters of Rhode Island to
25 approve a general obligation bond in the amount

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1 \$20 million dollars for the Rhode Island Clean
2 Water Agency to leverage that money to finance
3 wastewater infrastructure projects.

4 Also on that bond, the question is
5 are monies for open space, farmland and Roger
6 Williams Park Zoo. So we're hoping that
7 everybody votes yes on the Question 7 when you
8 go to vote in November.

9 The next bill that was passed which

10 was discussed at Rules and Regulations is what
11 we call the Sheehan Bill. Next there was a bill
12 as reported during the year that amended the Net
13 Metering Statute. This bill was passed and
14 signed into law by the governor, and going
15 forward, the NBC can now generate electricity at
16 an off site location and net meter the power
17 generated which will then credit to the NBC's
18 account. Right now the only thing that prior to
19 the passage of this bill, the only thing we
20 could do would be on-site, renewable energy
21 projects. So now it actually goes off site.
22 And given the fact that we have limited land at
23 both of our facilities, this is a good thing for
24 the NBC to look at because it will have a
25 positive effect on our ratepayers.

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1 Next is a bill that created the
2 Renewable Energy Growth Program. Right now the
3 NBC is considering a solar energy system onsite
4 at the closed Bio Solids Landfill in East
5 Providence at the Bucklin Point facility. And
6 with the passage of this bill, this project
7 would now qualify for participation in National
8 Grid's distributed generation contract's
9 program.

10 Next, there was a bill that created
11 the Climate Change Coordinating Counsel.
12 There's been several bills over the past couple
13 of years that had to do with climate control.
14 It's an important issue, and it's coming to the
15 forefront. So this bill creates climate
16 control, climate change, rather, Coordinating
17 Counsel, and it's to insure that the state is
18 doing everything it can to reduce harmful
19 greenhouse gas emissions while advancing the
20 public's understanding of changes in sea level
21 weather events and critical infrastructure
22 vulnerability.

23 Next, there were amendments to the
24 Dig Safe statute. As you know, whenever anyone
25 does construction in the state, they have to

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1 report to Dig Safe, and all the effected
2 utilities have to mark the utilities so we don't
3 have gas leaks, explosions, et cetera. So now
4 they're asking for more information which we had
5 no problem giving, because the more you give,
6 the better the chances are that nothing is going
7 to happen dramatically. Fortunately, our
8 utilities are located well below everything

9 else's, so we don't have to worry too much. But
10 when we do go out and do construction. We want
11 to know what's around outside because of that8=
12 fact.

13 Next, there was an amendment to the
14 Government Oversight and Fiscal Review Act.
15 This act requires us to submit consulting
16 reports to the state. It used to be on an
17 quarterly basis, now it's going to be on an
18 annual basis.

19 These reports were submitted to the
20 Secretary of State's office, now they're going
21 to submitted to the Budget Office. And last but
22 not least, there was an employee social privacy,
23 social media privacy act, which created a new
24 section in the General Laws prohibiting
25 employers from requiring their employees to

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1 divulge their personal social media account
2 information. NBC does not require that so this
3 does not effect us, but it's something we should
4 know about. That is my report, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you,
6 very much, Joanne. Thank you, very much.
7 Informative as always. The next item is the
8 Chairman's Report.

9 I'd just like to mention a couple
10 of things. The first thing I'd like to mention
11 and ask the commissioners, has everyone received
12 the new iPad? And if you haven't, it is
13 available for you, right? We have our I Pads
14 for all of our commissioners so you can turn in
15 your old one and get a new one. So if you
16 haven't done it, do it at your earliest
17 convenience.

18 The second thing I'd like to
19 mention is, of course, something that the
20 Executive Director mentioned, and that is that
21 the Stakeholders meeting process should conclude
22 at the November 13th meeting at which time the
23 final report from MWH will be submitted and at
24 that point, we'll convene at a meeting of the
25 CEO Committee, make a determination as to how

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1 we're going to proceed with regard to the
2 report.

3 A couple of things coming up this
4 year. I want the commission to know some of the
5 things we should and would like to get involved
6 in. The first thing would be to get a
7 discussion going with the chambers, the

8 respective chambers House and Senate with regard
9 to the lateral legislation that has been on the
10 agenda for, oh, my God, it has to be six or
11 seven years now, Joanne, right?

12 MS. MACERONI: It pops up every now
13 and then.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: And as we've
15 said in the past, I think it's in our best
16 interest to try to conclude exactly how the
17 Narragansett Bay Commission should interact with
18 other communities within our district with
19 regard to lateral connections. And I think a
20 piece of a Comprehensive Legislation would best
21 address that. It seems like it's the wave of
22 the future and we'll try to be ahead of the
23 curve. The other thing that I think is
24 important to us this coming year -- when is
25 pre-filing, Jo, is it next month?

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1 MS. MACERONI: Yes, October.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: October, okay.
3 So legislation pre-filing starts in October, and
4 I think it's important to begin the discussion
5 early on the issue that we've been battling
6 around with this commission, as well as certain
7 state legislatures, and that is with regard to

8 seeking a direct appropriation in the state
9 budget for Narragansett Bay Commission
10 activities.
11 Of course the issue is that
12 Narragansett Bay Commission district foots the
13 bill for many of the improvements which we are
14 being realized downstream. And this is an
15 ongoing debate, and to those ends, I believe
16 it's fair and equitable for the state to
17 participate in some of the rate increases that
18 are our ratepayers have been experiencing while
19 the rest of the state benefits from the
20 activities of the Narragansett Bay Commission
21 and its representative district. So I'd like to
22 have a more in depth discussion with the
23 commission with regard to the development of
24 legislation which would provide for a direct
25 appropriation to mitigate rate impacts for our

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1 ratepayers.

2 The last thing I'd like to touch
3 on, and that is something Joanne just mentioned,
4 an extremely important piece of legislation in
5 my mind which has passed this year is the net
6 metering bill which Joanne alluded to earlier,

7 which the bill generally allows the Narragansett
8 Bay Commission, as I understand it, to
9 participate -- well, to establish off site
10 sources of alternate energy, and that's all
11 green energy, right, Jo, it could be wind, it
12 could be solar, it could be -- of the sources of
13 energies that you can net meter. And in that
14 regard, we've been, as you know, tremendously
15 successful with the development of our wind
16 turbines at this site, and I see no reason
17 unless anyone has any objections, to solicit
18 opportunities in both, in the private sector.

19 Anyone who might be interested in
20 submitting a proposal for some net metering
21 opportunity with the Narragansett Bay
22 Commission. I don't know what exists out there,
23 but I think it would behoove us to try to find
24 out what that is, and I would like to ask the
25 staff to draft a request for proposal that can

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1 be offered to the public to see what might come
2 forward. There might be some alternate energy
3 opportunities that we could avail ourselves
4 to as the result of the passage of this
5 legislation. So it would be my intent to ask
6 the staff within the next 60, 90 days to develop

7 a request for proposal, and then we'll review
8 anything that comes in to see if the
9 Narragansett Bay Commission can benefit in any
10 significant way from the passage of this
11 legislation. Having said that, the next meeting
12 of the Narragansett Bay Commission Board will be
13 on -- October 28.

14 MR. MARSHALL: October 28th.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: October 28th.

16 And the Chairman has no further report. Are
17 there any questions? Okay.

18 The next order of business is New
19 Business. Is there any new business to come
20 before the Commission today, new business? No
21 new business.

22 Item Number 7, which is Other
23 Business. The Chair would like to inform the
24 Board that it had received the communication
25 under the signature of Mayor Charles Lombardi,

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1 who has asked and requested to appear before the
2 Board today. It's a simple letter. I'd like to
3 read it to the board. It was directed to our
4 Executive Director, Mr. Marshall.

5 "Dear Mr. Marshall, I respectfully

6 request to appear before the Board on September
7 23rd, 2014, for the purpose of discussing the
8 sewer line on Mineral Spring Avenue in North
9 Providence. Thank you in advance for your
10 cooperation. Very truly yours, Charles
11 Lombardi, Mayor."

12 Commissioner Leone, I know we've
13 had the discussion. I assume it's about the
14 particular line in that area?

15 COMMISSIONER LEONE: I believe
16 Cooper Street and Doris Street or Dorman.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Okay, very
18 good. Is Mayor Lombardi present? If not, is
19 there someone intending to speak on behalf of
20 the mayor? Anthony, would that be you?

21 MR. GALLONE: Chief of staff.

22 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I'd like to
23 introduce to the Board, G. Richard Fossa, Chief
24 of Staff.

25 MR. FOSSA: Call me anything you'd

1 like.

2 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I can't do
3 that in public, Richard, G. Richard Fossa, who I
4 believe is Chief of Staff. And Anthony Gallone,
5 who is the Solicitor for the Town of North

6 Providence, whose mom was a long-time
7 commissioner on the Narragansett Bay Commission.
8 That was some years ago. So welcome, and please
9 proceed.

10 MR. FOSSA: Mr. Chairman, it's nice
11 to see you again.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Thank you.

13 MR. FOSSA: I want to thank you for
14 allowing us to come here, strictly
15 informational. As you just stated, I think to
16 Mr. Leone, we have an issue with this line on
17 Mineral Spring Avenue. As you know, I was
18 involved in politics since 1972, which is longer
19 than I'd like to think about it. But in any
20 case, that line runs from Cooper Street up to
21 maybe half a mile east on Mineral Spring Avenue,
22 and it's been a money shredder for the Town of
23 North Providence.

24 The first question is how did we
25 get to own that one section of the line on

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1 Mineral Spring Avenue, when I believe
2 Narragansett Bay Commission owns the rest of the
3 line? I'm sure there was a reason for it. We
4 just -- about two days, we haven't had a chance

5 to even look at this, found an agreement that
6 dates back to 1983.

7 Since I could remember, that's been
8 a problem there. The line is very deep there.
9 And one section caves in one year, and then two
10 years later another section caves in. And we're
11 in the process right now of digging up Mineral
12 Spring Avenue. And you know what it is dig up
13 Mineral Spring Avenue.

14 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I do.

15 MR. FOSSA: It's just not like a
16 side street where you dig down six feet and you
17 hit the sewer line. I believe that line goes
18 anywhere from 25 to 20 feet. It varies
19 depending on what location it is.

20 The other question is if that's a
21 line that's being used by whoever those
22 businesses and residents there, for us it's just
23 ownership of that line with no revenue coming in
24 at all? So all it is is a money shredder for
25 the Town of North Providence. We don't

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1 understand. We don't even have any revenue for
2 maintenance of the line. So it's a lose, lose
3 situation, I guess what the issue is. I'm going
4 to have an attorney look at it, but if someone

5 could say why the Town of North Providence has
6 ownership of maybe half a mile of line, we don't
7 know why we own it.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, all
9 right. So, I assume you're addressing the
10 question to me?

11 MR. FOSSA: No, anyone on the
12 commission.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, first of
14 all, let me say --

15 MR. FOSSA: It's a great deal for
16 the Narraganset Bay Commission, but we're not
17 doing good on the town side.

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, first of
19 all, let me just express my gratitude for your
20 attitude today in not being confrontational.

21 MR. FOSSA: Oh, we've had -- no,
22 we're not confrontational. So, as we speak, Mr.
23 Chairman, excuse me. The mayor probably will
24 walk in because he was at another meeting. He
25 called and said he'd be on his way.

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1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All right.
2 So, two things. Number one, it's very difficult
3 for, I think, any of us to speak to the reason

4 why, since it was done by the framers. We'll
5 call them the framers, right. That could be --
6 talk about the constitution.

7 I don't know what they meant, but
8 that's the way it is. So we don't know why it
9 is, but it would appear that it, it would appear
10 that it was intentional, so I don't know why
11 that is. That's the first thing. The second
12 thing is it's not just North Providence, because
13 that line continues through North Providence to
14 generally the Pawtucket line --

15 MR. FOSSA: Right.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: But that
17 continues on, by the way, from that Pawtucket
18 line on through the City of Pawtucket. So it's
19 a multi-jurisdictional issue. It is not a
20 singular district issue, it's a
21 multi-jurisdictional issue. So as to the reason
22 why, I don't think anyone one of us could even
23 contemplate an answer to that question. But it
24 is a multi-jurisdictional issue, and it's
25 something that I think the Board needs to

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1 consider. We have already explained to
2 Commissioner Leone in significant detail because
3 of his efforts in this regard, that we would

4 have a discussion about it, and put it through
5 the proper process to see what, if anything, can
6 be accomplished. I think you'll attest to that
7 Commissioner Leone.

8 We've had discussions with the
9 Executive Director about this matter as well,
10 and what process we would undergo to address
11 this particular issue. What makes it difficult,
12 and there are other commissioners who have
13 something to say about the issue is a broader
14 issue of acquiring specific particular lines in
15 the various jurisdictions and what the
16 implications are. Commissioner MacQueen has
17 expressed his concerns about that, as well.

18 So I think our approach would be to
19 examine, you know, what process we can undergo.
20 I know Commissioner Rotella had some suggestions
21 and so did Commissioner MacQueen.

22 MR. ROTELLA: My thing was this is
23 now under the long-range planning ownership of
24 laterals, right? So it has to go to that
25 committee, really, for some determination as to

1 where it is, and the fact that we can't take the
2 North Providence without taking the Pawtucket

3 one or vice versa.

4 So if we're going to move forward,
5 we actually should know A, what the plan is, B,
6 what we're facing. I mean, is this something to
7 be replaced in full. I mean, what you're saying
8 is that you have issues every year.

9 MR. FOSSA: It seems almost daily,
10 but it isn't. The problem with this is it's not
11 like a line breaking in a side street, you send
12 someone in --

13 MR. ROTELLA: I realize the nature
14 of this.

15 MR. FOSSA: The other thing is
16 blocking up Mineral Spring Avenue creates all
17 kinds of problems for the state, by the way. I
18 guess I'll request as simple as this, Mr.
19 Chairman. We have an issue there where we own
20 the land.

21 We don't get any revenue. I mean,
22 this sewer use charge, you know, that goes to
23 Narragansett Bay Commission. We don't want --
24 should there be -- is there a possibility that
25 the Town of North Providence gets some help or

1 some revenue from that use of that line,
2 strictly for maintenance? It doesn't have to be

3 deposited with the Town of North Providence, it
4 can be deposited anywhere, strictly for the
5 maintenance of that line.

6 So, like I said, this last estimate
7 of the work we're going to be doing shortly,
8 we're involved with DEM besides that, because we
9 do have some business there. One was a medical
10 business, a medical office. And the doctor
11 called up, he said, Dick, I'm running a medical
12 office here. You can't walk into building, it
13 smelled so bad.

14 So they do have a legitimate
15 complaint, but we've paid off claims for damage
16 to properties and now we're paying for the
17 repair of the line. And it just seems like
18 maybe the line is antiquated, I don't know, and
19 it's just going to keep collapsing. But like
20 this last estimate for the work we're doing is
21 approximately 70,000. And it never ends up at
22 70,000. Once they dig, it's always going to be
23 like another 30,000, and they find another
24 problem, and that's what happened the last time.
25 So, I guess the purpose of us being here today

1 is if we could get some help from the

2 Narragansett Bay Commission whatever way we can.
3 And I don't know how that could be accomplished,
4 but we're making the request anyway.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Mr. Rotella,
6 do you have a motion?

7 MR. ROTELLA: Well, I make a motion
8 that it goes from planning of four resolutions
9 as to some idea as to come up with a plan to
10 address this as it relates to the Narragansett
11 Bay Commission either -- I don't want to say
12 what a possible conclusion may be, but whatever
13 they are, if it's -- whatever it may be, I think
14 that's a proper place for it. Eventually from
15 there, that committee will report to the full
16 board and the full board will make a
17 determination on a final, what's going to
18 happen.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Ray, anything
20 to add?

21 MR. MARSHALL: No, I think that's
22 the right approach. You might be interested in
23 knowing that some of the other communities,
24 Lincoln, Johnston, they have an additional user
25 fee on top of our fee. They bill it completely

1 separately, although we have shared our billing

2 files so they know who to bill. And then I
3 think in Johnston, I think it's like \$75 a year,
4 that they use to address issues of that nature.

5 MR. FOSSA: Some kind of
6 compensation. Like I said, a separate account.

7 MR. MARSHALL: I want to be clear,
8 this is something that the Town of Johnston
9 decided they wanted, and they send out their own
10 bills and collect their own money and have their
11 own funds there, no co-mingling with
12 Narragansett Bay Commission.

13 MR. FOSSA: Right, okay. I
14 understand.

15 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So I would
16 just have to say that pursuant to this
17 discussion, it raises a myriad of other issues
18 besides the physical issue of the repair and the
19 cost. I mean, there are other legal issues that
20 we'll have to discuss, and the ramifications,
21 and the precedent setting ramifications mostly.

22 So for the purposes of today's
23 discussion, I believe Commissioner Rotella made
24 a motion to submit this matter that it goes to
25 the Long Range Planning Committee for its

1 investigation and recommendation. And to that
2 end, are you on the Long Range Planning
3 Committee.

4 MR. LEONE: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: And you are on
6 the Long Range Planning Committee. Your
7 representative on the Narragansett Bay
8 Commission is represented on that committee.
9 They submit that to investigate the issue, the
10 ramifications physically and legally, and come
11 back with a recommendation. And then we'll
12 report back to you with those.

13 MR. FOSSA: Mr. Chairman, the
14 bottom line is there any recommendation you can
15 make or help we can get will be deeply
16 appreciated. We don't have a solution to the
17 problem, so maybe jointly we could come up with
18 something that would will work for everyone.

19 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All right. So
20 we have a motion -- oh, there he is. Mayor
21 Lombardi has just arrived and has joined us. So
22 we have a motion. We have a second. Discussion
23 on the motion?

24 MR. MONTANARI: Whenever there's a
25 problem, you people are --

1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: The town owns
2 it. They want us to take it over. Well, I
3 assume that would be ultimately. They would
4 either like us to take it over, I assume, they
5 would be looking for us to take it over, assume
6 responsibility for its maintenance and operation
7 and/or some form of compensation. I assume
8 that's what he's interested in.

9 MR. LEONE: If that's one of the
10 recommendations for the solution, that'd be
11 fine.

12 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Yeah, so
13 anyway, so --

14 MR. FOSSA: There's no benefit to
15 us with the line.

16 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, so for
17 purposes of today's discussion, it's referred to
18 long-range planning. Commissioner Carlino?

19 MR. CARLINO: And I know the staff
20 is going to do the search regarding this line,
21 and so forth, but it will be helpful for our
22 committee also, like you stated earlier. What
23 do we do in other communities, and maybe we can
24 get some ideas whether or not we can or cannot
25 help.

1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, I think
2 it has to be part of that discussion. So that's
3 why I'm saying it's very difficult to answer
4 your question because of the ramifications.

5 MR. FOSSA: We haven't answered
6 them in 40 years, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So what's the
8 rush.

9 MR. FOSSA: Let me ask you a
10 question. If you can give us some kind of an
11 idea where we'll get some information on it,
12 just some kind of movement?

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, I think
14 that, well, you were here through the meeting, I
15 believe you were here earlier with the
16 discussion of other matters that were going to
17 be pending before the Long Range Planning
18 Committee, and I don't know what you're
19 thinking, Chairman, about a meeting. If you're
20 planning to meet in October or you're planning
21 to meet in November?

22 MR. FOSSA: Well, I guess how long
23 it take to get all that information to us. I
24 would say that when the Executive Director, when
25 you do have that information that we're asking

1 for, that we would schedule a meeting, post it
2 and meet as soon as we can. We don't have to
3 wait until November, but we need that
4 information.

5 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So I just
6 discussed the matter with our Executive
7 Director, and he's talking about possibly having
8 a subcommittee meeting. I don't know if we'll
9 reach a conclusion, but we'll have a
10 subcommittee meeting by October 28th. We'll try
11 to, we'll start to furnish information to the
12 subcommittee prior to that, so we can have at
13 least in a position, have a discussion at the
14 October 28th meeting, or prior, if you want to
15 have something prior to the actual board
16 meeting.

17 MR. CARLINO: Yeah, which we talked
18 about earlier. And we need to do that. I'd be
19 willing to do that, but as long as we post it 48
20 hours.

21 MR. FOSSA: Mr. Chairman, if
22 there's any information you need from the town,
23 just forward it to us, and we'll get it to you
24 as soon --

25 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Yeah, what I'd

1 like from you is the reason it was left out of
2 the original acquisition. Like I said, I don't
3 think you were aware that it's not just North
4 Providence.

5 MR. FOSSA: I guess from Centerdale
6 to the end of the Pawtucket lines are about
7 three miles, and we own that little piece.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: And again,
9 it's not just North Providence, the line
10 continues on to Lincoln through Pawtucket, so I
11 don't know the reason, but at the time it was
12 obviously some logic. What it was, we don't
13 know.

14 MR. FOSSA: Mr. Chairman, I didn't
15 come here with any high expectations where you
16 would tell me how it was done, because we've
17 been there forever and we don't. But I
18 appreciate the time that you give us here today,
19 and hopefully we'll come up with some kind of a
20 solution.

21 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Commissioner
22 Milas?

23 MS. MILAS: Wouldn't that report
24 also have to come to the Finance Committee? I
25 would think.

1 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Notice I'm
2 looking at counsel here.

3 MR. DEANGELIS: It's part of the
4 investigation. They look at the lines and the
5 repair of the lines involves the expenditure of
6 funds.

7 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Well, listen,
8 as always, we're going to follow all the
9 procedures that are required of us legally and
10 appropriately, so whatever we're advised to do.
11 Commissioner Andrade?

12 MR. ANDRADE: Mr. Chairman, just a
13 suggestion that members of other communities are
14 effected even if they don't serve on that
15 committee, they're invited to the meeting so
16 they're aware of any proposals.

17 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: All of our
18 commissioners are invited to all of our
19 meetings. And even though they don't serve on
20 the subcommittee, they're always allowed to
21 participate. So, all right. So we have a
22 motion, we have a second.

23 MR. DEANGELIS: We need a second.

24 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: We need a
25 second. Commissioner Milas, Commissioner

1 DiChiro, and, of course, Commissioner Leone.
2 All in favor will say aye. I guess I should ask
3 if there's -- sorry, further discussion? Mayor
4 Lombardi.

5 MAYOR LOMBARDI: Mr. Chairman, I
6 want to thank you for your time, and hopefully
7 we can work this out. And it's becoming a real
8 nuisance and burden to the town. And hopefully
9 you understand the reason why we're here today.

10 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: I do, I do.

11 MAYOR LOMBARDI: I want to thank
12 you for your time.

13 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: You're very
14 welcome. Okay, having heard that, all in favor
15 will say aye. Are there any opposed? There are
16 none opposed, and that motion carries.

17 (VOICE VOTE TAKEN)

18 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: Other
19 business?

20 MR. MARSHALL: Well, we do have a
21 presentation by Paul Nordstrom. If anyone -- is
22 there anyone interested. Paul is going to speak
23 on some part of the continuing education process
24 that you all asked for. He was going to talk

25 about wastewater treatment and the biological

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1 nutrient removal. Do you feel you have time to
2 listen to it today, or would you like us to
3 reschedule that for another time?

4 MR. DICHIRO: How long is the
5 meeting?

6 MR. MARSHALL: It's probably going
7 to be twenty minutes, or so.

8 CHAIRMAN MESOLELLA: So we have
9 lunch. We can grab a bite and watch the
10 presentation. All right. So why don't we do
11 that. So why don't we do that. Why don't we
12 grab some lunch, and then when everybody gets
13 settled, we'll -- you need the screen, right,
14 we'll bring down the screen and proceed with the
15 presentation.

16 All right. If I can have your
17 attention for just one moment. I guess there's
18 been a recommendation that we adjourn. This way
19 here so we can officially adjourn, and then
20 everybody who wants to have lunch and stay for
21 the presentation can stay.

22 So Commissioner Rotella moves that
23 we adjourn, seconded by Commission Handy. All
24 in favor to adjourn will say aye. Any opposed?

25 None opposed. Motion carries. We are

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1 adjourned. Grab some lunch.

2 (HEARING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 P.M.)

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6 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my
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