



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF:**

Meeting of:	Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
Date:	June 23, 2015
Time:	9:15 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mario Carlino, Committee Chairman  
Richard Burroughs  
Seth Handy  
Vincent Mesoella  
Harold Gadon, CAC

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

James S. Bennett  
Ronald Leone  
Alan Nathan

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

Raymond J. Marshall, NBC Executive Director  
Thomas Uva, NBC  
Jennifer Harrington, NBC  
Karen Musumeci, NBC  
Paul Nordstrom, NBC  
Richard Bernier, NBC  
Gail Degnan, NBC  
Cecille Antonelli, NBC  
John Zuba, NBC

Mike Stuard, NBC  
Sherri Arnold, NBC  
Tom Brueckner, NBC  
Karen Giebink, NBC  
Joanne Maceroni, NBC  
Deborah Samson, NBC  
Kathryn Kelly, NBC  
Leah Foster, NBC

**1. Call to Order**

Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Mario Carlino called the June 23, 2015 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2015 – Long Range Planning Committee**

Chairman Carlino asked for a motion to approve the May 27, 2015 Long Range Planning Committee meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Handy moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2015

Long Range Planning Committee as written. NBC Chairman Mesolella seconded the motion. The vote taken by the Long Range Planning Committee was unanimous. The motion carried.

### **3. Items for Action**

#### **A. Discussion of Capital Improvement Program FY2017-2021 Project priority Designations**

Committee Chairman Carlino stated that there is one item on the agenda for today which is discussion of the NBC Capital Improvement Plan FY 2017 through 2021.

Executive Director Raymond Marshall advised that both Tom Brueckner and Rich Bernier would be addressing the Committee.

Tom Brueckner stated that they are before the Committee today to review the CIP in regard to how the priority rating is determined for projects. He directed the Committee's attention to Page 19 and 20 of the CIP showing the Capital Project Summary by Fiscal Year. This summary shows each project in the CIP, the cost from FY2017 thorough 2021 and the project priority rating. At the end of Page 20 is the description of each priority rating.

He advised that projects with an A rating are mandated, emergency or under construction. These projects are required to be done by either DEM or Federal requirements, consent agreements or permits. B and C projects are more subjective. B rated projects are non-mandated but the project is imperative to the on-going operation of facilities. C rated projects are important but not critical to ongoing operations. He stated that the C rating is more of a place holder. He noted that the project ratings are determined by the NBC Project Manager.

Mr. Brueckner stated that it is a requirement that the Narragansett Bay Commission's CIP project priority list be submitted each year to DEM for approval. This is necessary to secure the NBC's SRF funding. Staff at NBC put everything we can in the CIP understanding that these are projects we will or we may do and by including all projects in the CIP we would be able to do them.

There was a lengthy discussion among NBC staff and committee members in regard to:

- A. Mandated projects;
- B. How project dollar's slide from year to year within the CIP;
- B. Projects that are not completed in the period indicated in the CIP;
- C. Projects that are dropped from the CIP and the funds allocated for those projects;
- D. The cost of CSO Phase III, its impact on NBC's ratepayers and budget, and the effect if any on NBC being able to move forward on other priorities;
- E. Financing costs being incorporated into the information on each project in the CIP;
- F. Projects that will result in financial benefit to NBC, energy projects, etc.

Staff answered all of the Committee member's questions. It was also noted that any project in the CIP would have to come before the Board of Commissioners for approval before it could commence.

There was no further business.

### **4. Other Business**

None.

**5. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Burroughs seconded by Commissioner Handy and the Long Range Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond J. Marshall".

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Raymond J. Marshall, P.E.  
*Executive Director/Secretary*