

REGULAR MEETING  
WATER AUTHORITY OF NORTH SHORE

August 1, 2023

Meeting Held at Gold Coast Library Annex, 40 Railroad Avenue,  
Glen Head, New York

Present: George Pombar, Member  
John Vasilakis, Member  
Richard Arena, Member  
James Greenberg, Esq., Member

The meeting was also attended by Counsels T. Hopkins and B. Malik.

A. Nadel, J. Capozzi, L. Breen and C. Panzeca were also in attendance.

Packets containing detailed information for all Agenda items were distributed to each Member and Counsel to the Authority.

At approximately 7:10 p.m. Mr. Pombar, serving as Chair of the meeting, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Pombar then presented the minutes of the regular meeting of May 31, 2023 for approval. On motion made by Mr. Greenberg, duly seconded by Mr. Arena and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 31, 2023 were approved.

Mr. Pombar then presented an item regarding possible need for appointment of officers and employees. It was noted that the Authority may want to consider the appointment of a Treasurer for purposes of Authority Budget Office filings and similar functions. Alternatively, those functions could be performed by Authority Board members depending on the scope of the requirements.

Mr. Pombar then presented an item regarding the Authority website. It was noted that the Authority's historical statement, policies, minutes and Member bio's should be

posted on the website.

Mr. Pomber then presented items regarding financial institution and Authority appropriation. Mr. Vasilakis reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that he met with representatives from the First National Bank of Long Island where the Authority established a bank account and the state appropriation was received into that account. Mr. Vasilakis indicated that the Finance Committee would seek to have the funds invested in accordance with the Authority's bylaws and investment policy. It was noted that the Authority will have to perform certain filings with the New York State Authorities Budget Office and would be required to get an independent audit of the Authorities finances.

Mr. Pombar then addressed items under public service commission timeline and noted that only two proposals were received in response to the request for proposals.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, it was

(36-08-2023) RESOLVED, To reject all of the proposals and reissue the Request for Proposals with a new return date of September 15, 2023.

Mr. Pombar then addressed items under Liberty non-disclosure agreement, and Mr. Hopkins indicated that the executed agreement was forwarded to Mr. Greenblatt, attorney for Liberty. However, Liberty had not yet returned the fully executed copy of the agreement. Mr. Hopkins indicated that he would follow up with Liberty to check on its status.

Mr. Pombar then addressed the item under Invoices. Mr. Hopkins indicated that there was a billing summary regarding the costs of services and charges from the Suffolk County Water Authority through June 30, 2023. Mr. Hopkins suggested that Members review the summary in detail, and the matter could be addressed at the next board meeting regarding any questions they may have regarding the summary.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Pombar then asked if there was any new business or public comment.

J. Capozzi questioned who would be responsible for the audit of the Authority.

He also stated that it was important to obtain a high quality appraisal and wondered if there was a particular deadline for the appraisal to be performed.

C. Panzeca commented by stating that she noticed that there were cell antennas on the Liberty water tank located in the community. She indicated that she was opposed to such cell antennas and stated that the radiation of the water coming from cell antennas was not healthy.

A. Nadal commented by stating that the choice of an appraisal firm was very important and that it was important to keep track of the timetable indicated in the Public Service Commission agreement. She also indicated that Liberty had sent a mailer to residents that she did not think was necessarily accurate which stated that Liberty was seeking to address the special franchise taxes, eligibility for state and federal grants, the possibility of another customer walk-in center and that the true cost of water was much higher than other water suppliers.

Following public comments, on motion made by Mr. Greenberg, duly seconded by Mr. Pombar and unanimously carried, it was decided to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of property and to seek legal counsel regarding the scope of the permissible investments of Authority funds. The Members subsequently returned to public session.

Following the return to public session, on motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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