

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WATER AUTHORITY OF NORTH SHORE  
HELD ON June 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
AT GOLD COAST LIBRARY ANNEX,  
40 RAILROAD AVENUE, GLEN HEAD, NEW YORK**

Drafted 8/5/2024, Approved 10/16/24

PRESENT:

James Greenberg, Esq. Director  
Sandeep Kapoor, M.D., MS\_HPPL, Director  
George Pombar, Director  
John Vasilakis, Director  
James W. Versocki, Esq., Director

Appointed by:

City of Glen Cove  
Village of Roslyn Harbor  
Town of Oyster Bay (Hamlet of Glen Head)  
Village of Old Brookville  
Village of Sea Cliff

Absent: Richard Arena, Director

Town of Oyster Bay (Hamlet of Glenwood Landing)

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph S. Lopes, Secretary

Representing:

WANS Board of Directors

Director Versocki, as acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Five of the six Directors were present (Director Arena absent), constituting a quorum. All Directors and attendees joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Director Pombar, seconded by Director Vasilakis, by **Resolution #24-06-01**, the **Minutes** of the Board's May 16, 2024, meeting were unanimously (5-0) approved. A copy of the Minutes will be posted on the Authority website and are on file.

**Finance Committee** - reported the following invoices to be paid from the Operating account:

1. McLaughlin & Stern (Stephen Limmer) \$ 2,079.00  
Director Vasilakis motion to approve by **Resolution #24-06-02**, Director Kapoor 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously (5-0) approved
2. Joseph Lopes (Secretary) \$ 700.00 (May 11 – June 10, 2024)  
Director Vasilakis motion to approve by **Resolution #24-06-03**, Director Pombar 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously (5-0) approved
3. Raftelis (Appraisal consultant) \$ 8,600.00 Monthly billing  
Director Vasilakis motion to approve by **Resolution #24-06-04**, Director Kapoor 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously (5-0) approved

Raftelis has invoiced about \$43,000 to date, including the current invoice. No invoices have been received yet from Kimley-Horn (Engineering Consultant) as they have not commenced work on the project.

WANS Director and Finance Committee Chairman Vasilakis compiles a list of account balances, institutions, maturity dates, and other information on investments, which are provided to Secretary Lopes subsequent to each Board Meeting.

Directors Pombar (Chair), Kapoor, and Vasilakis interviewed a candidate for Treasurer during an Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting. The position has been posted on the WANS website.

**Negotiations Committee** – Directors Versocki, Pombar, and Greenberg advised that the WANS Board and Raftelis are continuing to gather information from Liberty to prepare an appraisal of the Sea Cliff Water District. The WANS Board has been having regular calls with Raftelis. Currently WANS is setting up a site visit with Liberty, to include Raftelis, Kimley-Horn (2 staff) and at least one WANS Board member to inspect both well-head sites (Sea Cliff and Glen Head), including the PFAS Filter, plus items requested by Raftelis. The tentative inspection date is July 1. Liberty was concerned with the number of attendees so they would be prepared with enough of their own staff and safety procedures.

Once the site visit is completed, Raftelis will issue a draft report for review by the Board to assist in the preparation of an offer to Liberty for acquisition of the Sea Cliff Water District.

**Governance Committee** – A response to a FOIL request has been prepared.

**Professional Services** – no items

**New Items** – Engaging Raftelis to investigate options for grants. Raftelis has provided a proposal for writing grants. The Board is evaluating the timetable for grants and is evaluating the possibility of seeking grants such as:

- The NYS Consolidation Fund – State has funds to consolidate municipal districts (e.g. Town of Brookhaven garbage) which WANS will evaluate eligibility for.
- Federal and State Clean Water Grants (Inflation Reduction Act, etc.) that are not available to Liberty as private water companies not now eligible to access

WANS Governance Committee will meet on grant options and make a recommendation to the Board.

**Social Media** – The Board discussed how to utilize social media. Mr. Lopes has been posting notices of meetings to local Facebook sites and referring to the web site. Long Island Herald is our official press option. There is no June Progress report as of yet (May was the last one posted). No definite timetable/schedule for Progress reports, except for notable items. The Board agreed to not open a social media page at this time and to refer the public to the WANS website for all information relating to its meetings and operations. The public may send public comments at regular Board meetings or via emails to [info@wanorthshorenny.gov](mailto:info@wanorthshorenny.gov) on website.

### **Public Comment**

The meeting was opened for public comment (1 attendee).

- Agatha Nadel – Noted that Liberty is proceeding with their playbook, including offering scholarships (bill insert) and is circulating a petition for removal of NYS Franchise Tax (twice previously failed in NYS Assembly). WANS need transparency with the community, which will be needed for the final approval vote. CAWS (South Shore) is posting about rate hearings.

### **Adjourn/Next Meeting**

At 7:36 p.m., on the motion of Director Versocki, seconded by Director Greenberg, by **Resolution #24-06-05**, the Board adjourned to **Executive Session** to discuss personnel and litigation issues. The board return from Executive Session at 7:59 p.m., at which time Director Pombar motioned, Director Kapoor 2<sup>nd</sup>, and unanimously (5-0) approved contract offer the Treasurer position as **Resolution #24-06-06**. No other action was taken so no minutes were generated.

The next **Meeting of the Board** is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at Gold Coast Library Annex, 40 Railroad Avenue, Glen Head, New York.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Lopes, Administrative Secretary