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2 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PLANNING BOARD
3 HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK

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5 In Re:

6 UNITED WATER NY INC.
7 Special Meeting to set Public Hearing
8 for August 12th Meeting
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Wednesday -- 7:00 p.m.
July 22, 2009
Town Hall
One Rosman Road
Garnerville, New York

B E F O R E:

11 TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PLANNING BOARD
12 PRESENT:

13 MICHAEL GURSKI, Chairman
14 ROBERT SAMBRATO, Board Member
15 JOSEPH MICHALAK, Board Member
16 GLENN WIDMER, Board Member
17 JOSE VARGAS, Board Member
18 JOSEPH CARUSO, Consulting
19 Engineer
20 STEVEN SILVERBERG, Consulting
21 Attorney
22 ANNETTE HENDRIE, Secretary

23 UNITED WATER REPRESENTATIVES:

24 SAMEET MASTER P.E. Project
25 Manager
JOHN T. DILLON, Attorney
MICHAEL SHILALE, Architect
JOHN CIRILLI, Architect
STEVEN GOUDSMITH, Manager
of Communications
ROBERT ALESSI, Attorney

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2 MR. CHAIRMAN: I will call this

3 Planning Board meeting of the Town of

4 Haverstraw to order. Mr. Sambrato will

5 lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Meeting opened with Pledge of

7 Allegiance.)

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Roll call; Mr.

9 Sambrato.

10 BOARD MEMBER SAMBRATO: Present.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Michalak.

12 BOARD MEMBER MICHALAK: Present.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vargas?

14 I believe he is going to be here

15 momentarily.

16 Mr. Widmer?

17 BOARD MEMBER WIDMER: Present.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurski -- here.

19 I don't think we have any minutes

20 upon which to adopt, so we will go right

21 into the agenda.

22 This is United Water Company, which

23 is a special meeting for -- well,

24 actually this is our regular meeting that

25 we have moved back on the schedule, and

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2 C. D. or B. C. D. A.; what process goes

3 in what order, as well as what water

4 treatment process effectiveness is. How

5 much energy are you using, how many

6 chemicals are you using.

7 When we met, the pilot was proposed

8 to be located down at the U. S. Gypsum

9 site, down right by their conveyor in the

10 Town of Haverstraw, right next to the

11 Haverstraw Marina.

12 And what we had done in the last

13 year was made applications to other

14 agencies; one of those applications was

15 to the State D. E. C., as well as the

16 Army Corps and to the State Department,

17 New York State Department of State.

18 As part of all of our applications

19 we had a SEQRA determination. We

20 believed the project was a Type Two

21 Classification under SEQRA, and therefore

22 it did not need to do a full

23 environmental assessment.

24 Since it was a Type Two, as we

25 mentioned, or discussed at our last

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2 this is on their application for site

3 plan review.

4 Who wishes to speak?

5 MR. MASTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 My name is Sameet Master. I am the

7 project manager for United Water's

8 Haverstraw Water Supply Project.

9 With me this evening I have Bob

10 Alessi, who is our outside counsel; John

11 Dillon, who is our in-house counsel;

12 Michael Shilale, from Michael Shilale

13 Architects; John Cirilli of Michael

14 Shilale Architects, as well as Steve

15 Goudsmith, our manager of communications

16 for United Water, New York.

17 We were with you I'd say about a

18 year ago to discuss what we call our

19 pilot facility. What the pilot facility

20 is, is a smaller version of the proposed

21 project and the pilot facility is

22 intended to test various treatment

23 processes and see what type of order

24 in which we should be putting those

25 processes; should we be processing A. B.

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2 meeting, it was a Type Two for basic data

3 collection and we also met two of the

4 other requirements for a Type Two action;

5 you only need to meet one of those

6 requirements.

7 The D. E. C. set this determination

8 with our application, and what had

9 happened is there had been a long time

10 that had elapsed between when we sent

11 them the application, and when they

12 determined, yes, in fact it was a Type

13 Two.

14 In that time we needed to figure

15 out, how can we make up our schedule. We

16 lost I'd say upwards of three to four

17 months -- actually probably four to six

18 months -- and we needed to figure out how

19 we can crunch our schedule down so that

20 we can pick up time.

21 The way we identified and the way we

22 figured out how to do that is, we have

23 located an existing building space in the

24 Village of West Haverstraw, just behind

25 the Joint Regional Plant. I believe it's

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2 called the West Haverstraw Industrial

3 Park.

4 There is an existing six thousand

5 square foot building that was built,

6 which the lease actually fell through.

7 We happened to actually be looking for a

8 building and I just negotiated a lease to

9 lease that building for our pilot

10 facility.

11 Our intake would still remain down

12 at U.S. Gypsum. It will be the same type

13 of pipe going out into the river. It

14 will be the same amount of water being

15 withdrawn from the river. The only

16 difference is you'll have a small pump

17 with a -- the same size pump -- with a

18 little electrical equipment inside a

19 fenced enclosure, with the pump sitting

20 inside a sound-attenuated enclosure so

21 that when it runs it will not be a noisy

22 operation.

23 We then pump the water from the U.

24 S. Gypsum site up to Grassy Point Road,

25 down Beach Road and then currently our

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2 plan is to run up Railroad Avenue, and

3 then turn into Carol Street, where the

4 building that we're looking to lease is

5 located.

6 In the building is going to be our

7 pilot processes that we are going to have

8 down at the building that was planned at

9 U.S. Gypsum. The water that we take

10 in runs through our treatment processes,

11 then it goes to the waste line which goes

12 to the sewer connection, and out to the

13 Joint Regional Sewer Plants for treatment

14 and disposal.

15 So the amendment that we have sent

16 to you shows a reduced facility at the

17 U.S. Gypsum site in the Town, and then it

18 shows a longer pipe line running down

19 Beach Road and then up Railroad Avenue,

20 to Carol Street.

21 So that's what the revisions are.

22 We think that this is an improvement to

23 what we were proposing. Obviously it is

24 a much smaller facility being put on the

25 river. Visually you won't see anything

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2 because all the existing shrubbery that's

3 there is taller than the pumping unit

4 that we would have, or the fencing that

5 we would put up. And the pipe line is

6 all being planned to be installed either

7 in the shoulder, below grade. or on the

8 side of the road, so that it wouldn't

9 impact any traffic.

10 We may be closing a lane of traffic

11 and having alternating traffic in order

12 to install the pipe, but after the pipe

13 is in there is no impact to traffic down

14 Grassy Point Road, or Beach Road.

15 If you have any questions I'll be

16 happy to answer them.

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

18 Are there any staff comments? We do

19 have staff reports, but is there anything

20 that the staff wishes to ask at this

21 point eight eight?

22 MR. CARUSO: I have one question.

23 It's probably not related to the site

24 plan. The 1.7 or almost two miles of

25 pipe; does that affect the quality of the

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2 water, like do the gasses come out of it

3 or the oxygen or anything?

4 MR. MASTER: No, we don't see that

5 will affect the quality of the water. It

6 actually now is closer to what we're

7 proposing for our full scale project,

8 because, if you remember from one of our

9 slides, our other presentations, we're

10 looking to locate the full scale project

11 right next to the Haverstraw landfill, so

12 it's a little shorter pipe run, but it

13 looks to be simulating something closer

14 to what we're looking to permanently

15 install.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: My only other comment

17 is are you coordinating with the D. O. T.

18 because that's the same route as the

19 bypass for the Folly (phonetic) Bridge,

20 where you're bringing the pipes in, so

21 you may have a coordination situation.

22 MR. MASTERS: We have been meeting

23 with the County Highway Department. We

24 presented them I believe with the same

25 drawings that were included in the

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 2 amended application. They have given us
 3 their input. We're working on revising
 4 the drawings and providing more detail on
 5 any type of traffic control, and
 6 maintenance of traffic.
 7 MR. SILVERBERG: I see in the
 8 presentation you submitted that you're
 9 seeking a waiver of Section 172-16 of the
 10 code concerning monuments.
 11 MR. MASTERS: Yes. The monument is
 12 underwater, I believe, so that was the
 13 reason we thought it would be a little
 14 challenging to install.
 15 MR. CARUSO: You might want to
 16 consider, on that end, possibly consider
 17 putting the monument on line where the
 18 high water mark would be, so they would
 19 be above grade.
 20 MR. MASTERS: I would think so, yes.
 21 MR. CARUSO: You may want to do
 22 that.
 23 MR. MASTERS: Sure.
 24 MR. SILVERBERG: My other question
 25 is, I notice that you still need some

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 2 area variances from the Zoning Board.
 3 MR. MASTERS: Yes.
 4 MR. SILVERBERG: Are you on the
 5 agenda?
 6 MR. MASTERS: We are not. I believe
 7 what the Zoning Board did is just put a
 8 notice out for public hearing on August
 9 3rd. I think they are looking to go
 10 directly to the public hearing.
 11 MR. SILVERBERG: Okay.
 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: We do have reports,
 13 which for time saving this evening we
 14 will not read, but we will give to you so
 15 that you can have them for our next
 16 meeting.
 17 That is a report by Robert Geneslaw
 18 dated July 21st 2009, and by Maser
 19 Consulting, dated July 22nd 2009. I hope
 20 to get a resolution by the board to
 21 accept these reports into the minutes.
 22 BOARD MEMBER WIDMER: I so move.
 23 BOARD MEMBER MICHALAK: I'll second
 24 that.
 25 MR. CHAIRMAN: The motion is made

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 2 and seconded.
 3 All those in favor signify by saying
 4 aye. Opposed?
 5 Motion carried.
 6 Are there any board member questions
 7 at this point in time?
 8 BOARD MEMBER WIDMER: So there is one
 9 pump station right close to the river?
 10 MR. MASTERS: Yes.
 11 BOARD MEMBER WIDMER: And that will
 12 pump the entire pipe line?
 13 MR. MASTERS: Yes. We're looking,
 14 if we do alternate the pumping to
 15 correspond with the tide, so that we're
 16 pumping during low tide. It will pump
 17 about two to three hundred gallons per
 18 minute, but it will be intermittent. It
 19 will be on during low tide and off during
 20 high tide. If we want to test
 21 continuously it will be half that, about
 22 a hundred to a hundred and fifty gallons
 23 per minute but the pump will be sized to
 24 have the flexibility to do that.
 25 MR. CHAIRMAN: And just one

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 2 question; it's going to be quicker to
 3 build 1.7 miles of pipe than to build a
 4 shed?
 5 MR. MASTERS: The reasoning behind
 6 that is that there was the sequence of
 7 construction that was limiting us. We
 8 had to -- we could not do anything
 9 concurrently. We had to do everything in
 10 order, so we had to put the intake
 11 in first, then you put the building in or
 12 the foundation, then you put the building
 13 up, and you cannot do anything
 14 simultaneously until the building was
 15 installed. This presents a savings in
 16 time by not having to do that in sequence
 17 but you can do it simultaneously.
 18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
 19 MR. CARUSO: Are you going to have a
 20 stand-by generator?
 21 MR. MASTERS: No, because this is
 22 not delivering potable water, we didn't
 23 see a need to have stand-by generators.
 24 MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the record
 25 reflect that Mr. Vargas has now made it

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2 to the meeting.
3 Thank you very much, sir. If there
4 are no questions by anyone else, I'd like
5 to offer a resolution, resolving that the
6 Planning Board of the Town of Haverstraw
7 shall hold a public hearing on the
8 application of United Water for site plan
9 review; said public hearing to be held on
10 Wednesday August 19th 2009, at 7:30 P.M.
11 in the meeting room of Town Hall. I'll
12 note for the record also that is a change
13 in the date that the board usually meets,
14 on the second Wednesday of the month, but
15 due to scheduling concerns we are going
16 to push our meeting back one week.
17 BOARD MEMBER WIDMER: I make that
18 motion.
19 BOARD MEMBER SAMBRATO: I second that
20 motion.
21 MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor signify
22 by saying aye. Opposed?
23 Motion carried. Thank you very
24 much, gentlemen.
25 MR. MASTERS: Thank you.

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