

Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2012
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.
5:00pm

Present: Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., Vice Chair John Hopf, Fred Leeder, David Roosa and Marea Mott. Members absent: Donald Littlefield and Leslie Slate. Also present was Terri Chmiel for the recording of the minutes.

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:08p.m.

At the January 10, 2012, meeting the Block Island Power Company, Inc. and the Estate of Marjorie McGinnes were on the agenda. The motion was to send a favorable advisory to the Zoning Board of Review for approval of the application by Block Island Transmission, LLC for Deepwater Wind for construction of a substation on the BIPCO property based on the following conditions:

- Native plants used for screening that are fitting to the environment.
- The landscape will blend into the preexisting habitat for a visual screening.
- The landscape priority is based on non invasive plants.
- Establish a maintenance program for the landscaping.
- Recommend replacing mountain laurel, juniper and non deer resistant plants with bayberry and winterberry, etc.

Then voted:

3 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder and Roosa)
1 Absent (Littlefield)

2 Nays (Slate and Mott)
1 Abstain (Hopf)

The motion did not carry under the Rules of Procedure Town Council Appointed Boards, Committees and Commissions. (7) It is impermissible for members of any Board, Committee or Commission to abstain from a vote unless a conflict of interest exists.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. stated that the meeting is being held; because a member abstained from the vote at the January 10, 2011 meeting.

Block Island Power Company Inc. and the Estate of Marjorie McGinnes. Plat 17, Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, and 40. Advisory to the Zoning Board of Review for an Application by Block Island Transmission, LLC for Deepwater Wind for construction of a substation on the BIPCO property.

Mr. Leeder made a motion seconded by Mr. Phillips, Jr. to send a favorable advisory to the Zoning Board of Review for approval of the application by Block Island Transmission, LLC for Deepwater Wind for construction of a substation on the BIPCO property based on the following conditions:

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5 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Roosa, Hopf and Mott) 0 Nays
2 Absent (Littlefield and Slate)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m. in a motion by Mr. Phillips, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Leeder.

5 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Roosa, Hopf and Mott) 0 Nays
2 Absent (Littlefield and Slate)

Respectfully submitted

Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: February 14, 2012