

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, April 16, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
10:00 a.m.**

Present: Michael Ballard, Everett Shorey, Bill Penn; Barbara MacMullan arrived late. Also present: Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Town Council member Dr. Peter Baute, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Martha Ball, Bryan Wilson and Dan West, representing the Block Island Times. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Everett Shorey.

Approval of minutes, March 12, 2010

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Michael Ballard.

Ayes 3 (Ballard, Shorey, Penn)

Nays 0

Absent: 1 (MacMullan had not arrived yet)

Public Input: None

Onshore Wind Feasibility Study

Dr. Peter Baute reported that Block Island was included in a grant applied for by the Washington County Regional Planning Council and the decision on the funds would be at the end of June. There was a discussion about specific items that had been included in the RFQ that Mr. Penn had prepared for the task group. Dr. Baute and Ms. Gaffett assured the task group that those items would be included in the grant.

PUC Docket re: Distribution upgrade & cable to mainland

There was a discussion about pursuing the PUC's decision to investigate distribution services and transmission line serving BIPCo Customers. This item will be on the agenda for Wednesday, April 21, 2010 Town Council meeting. Ms. Gaffett said that she would include the question of the 1¢ per kilowatt hr. charge now that BIPCo's distribution study is complete in the Town's letter to the PUC. There was discussion about how much usable power can be distributed over BIPCo's lines.

Bryan Wilson, Deepwater representative gave a summation of the costs involved in a cable to the mainland. There was discussion about this.

Deepwater Update

Mr. Wilson reported that there was nothing to report other than Deepwater was still here.

Island Energy Planning Committee Update

Ms. MacMullan reported that each member of the committee had assignments and they reviewed the reports of those assignments. One of the goals of this Committee is to prepare an Energy supplement to the Comprehensive Plan

Next Meeting: May 14, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made at 11:15 a.m. to adjourn by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 5/14/2010

Bonny Ryan