

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, December 17, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
2:00 p.m.**

Present: Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn, Everett Shorey. Member Michael Ballard arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Also present: Dave Milner, representing BIPCO, Bryan Wilson, representing Deepwater; Councilor Peter Baute, Town Manager Nancy Dodge and Dan West, representing The Block Island Times.

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Approve minutes of November 19, 2010

Minutes of the November 19, 2010 meeting were approved in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn and Shorey) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Ballard had not yet arrived)

Correspondence

Letter received from Nicholas Ratti, Jr. (see attached) was acknowledged.

Updates

Hydrogen- based Generation

Barbara MacMullan talked to Tim Koehler and Richard Lynn about DyneGen. They were not nearly as far along as thought and there seemed to be no reason to pursue this. Mr. Koehler and Mr. Lynn will continue to look at other options.

Deepwater Wind

Bryan Wilson reported that the appeal is still in the courts. He quoted from the Joint Development Agreement between the State of Rhode Island and Deepwater about the commitment to the cable. He presented maps detailing siting. There was a discussion about megawatts and heights of different units.

Raytheon Grant Application – no update

Other Grant Applications-(WCRP)-no update

BIPCO

Discussion centered on the distribution upgrade. Mr. Milner reported that upgrades that the power company can do, they are doing. It was mentioned that the docket for upgrades has not been opened yet. Dr. Baute, representing the Council, said that the Council will begin to put pressure on the PUC to move the distribution case forward.

Discussion of Electricity Supply Options

Discussion centered on the scenario of Deepwater not going through and there is no cable.

Questions asked were: What are the options? How do you fund it?

Bill Penn submitted the attached plan for a project he developed. Everett Shorey mentioned the 2000 NREL study. He will make sure everyone has a copy of this.

For the next meeting this topic will dominate.

2011 Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held on the third Friday of the month at 10:30 p.m.

January 21, 2011

July 15, 2011

February 18, 2011

August 19, 2011

March 18, 2011

Sept. 16, 2011

April 15, 2011

October 21, 2011

May 20, 2011

November 18, 2011

June 17, 2011

December 16, 2011

At 3:25 a motion to adjourn was made by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Everett Shorey and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan