

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, May 20, 2011
Town Hall, Old Town Road
2:30 p.m.**

Present: Michael Ballard, Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn

Not Present: Everett Shorey

Meeting was called to order by Ms. MacMullan at 2:35 p.m.

. Approve minutes of April 15, 2011 and February 18, 2011.

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Mike Ballard
Ayes 3(Ballard, MacMullan, Penn) Nays 0 Absent 1(Shorey)

Public Input

Dr. John Willis addressed the group concerning electric rates and meter reading.

Jerry Zarrella questioned advanced septic system fans needing to be on 24 hours and the fact that certain areas are required to have these systems.

Michael Beauregard offered to help start fundraising to update the HDR report. He was asked by Mr. Penn to put his offer in writing.

Deepwater Update

Paul Rich of Deepwater updated the group. He said that the court case should be decided by end of June or early July. There was a discussion about loan guarantees.

Discussion of community forum on electricity alternatives

It was decided to hold this forum in early fall. Members of the Electric Utilities Task Group will pull together information they have collected over the years. Bill Penn mentioned the Consensus Building Institute as facilitators. He will contact this group for a proposal and to check their references. Nancy Dodge, Town Manager suggested articles in the Block Island Times from the EUTG with information that has been collected already for facilitating discussion. Barbara MacMullan will work on an outline for next meeting.

Report on Wind Energy Workshops-Bill Penn

Mr. Penn reported on the workshops he attended.

With no further business to discuss at 3:30 p.m. a motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Michael Ballard to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 6/21/2011

Bonny L. Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk