

**Electric Utilities Task Group  
Tuesday, June 21, 2011  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
10:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, Bill Penn

Not Present: Michael Ballard

Also Present: Dan West, representing the Block Island Times; Bryan Wilson, Deepwater Representative; Lloyd Smith and Friend; Nancy Dodge, Town Manager; Kim Gaffett, First Warden, Councilor Dr. Peter Baute; Cliff McGinnes from the BI Power Company and from CBC Corporation; Robert Baxter, Gene Pettit, Allan R. McCrillis. Bonny Ryan Assistant Clerk was present to take the minutes.

Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**1. Approve minutes from May 20, 2011.**

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn and Shorey)      Nays 0      Absent 1 (Ballard)

**2. Open Meeting Laws Review**

Barbara MacMullan mentioned the seminar she attended at Town Hall and its relevancy to email communications.

**3. Public Input: None**

**4. Deepwater Update**

Mr. Wilson reported that Deepwater was still waiting for decision from the Supreme Court. Mention was made that the decision if not made by July 15, 2011 would not happen until the fall. He informed the Task Group of the next open house at St. Andrews which will be on July 15, 2011; the date of the Task Group's next meeting.

**5. Presentation by CBC on Vertical Axis Wind Turbines for Block Island**

See attached presentation. Everyone agreed that they would like to know more about these units. The group gave an overview of their 2 options for Block Island.

**6. &7. Discussion of Community Forum on Electricity Alternatives and CBI Proposal to Moderate Same and Act on Recommendation to Town Council.**

There was discussion about holding the forum in early October. Barbara MacMullan will start working on a list of topics. Everyone agreed that CBI group would be good to work with. Bill Penn reported that BIRA is willing to help fund it but would like to see more community involvement in funding.

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey to recommend that the Town Council consider using the Consensus Building Institute to facilitate the New Shoreham Electric Utilities Task Group Energy Forum and to request that the Council help to fund this with additional funding from community organizations including BIRA.

Ayes 3 (Macmullan, Shorey, Penn) Nays 0, Absent 1 Ballard

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 12:00 noon was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 7/29/2011

Bonny Ryan  
Assistant Clerk