

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, September 16, 2011
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 P.M.**

Present: Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn, Michael Ballard

Not Present: Everett Shorey

Meeting was called to order by Ms. MacMullan at 12:30 p.m.

Approve minutes from August 19, 2011

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

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

Public Input – none at this time.

Deepwater Update

Ms. MacMullan who attended a meeting with Jeff Grybowski and Bryan Wilson updated the group. She reported that the survey for the cable route is starting. Permit applications will begin in the first quarter of 2012. Deepwater will have a cable presentation for the next meeting.

Discuss and act on application for State of Rhode Island, Office of Energy Resources grants for feasibility study and additional solar power at town facilities.

It was reported that another round of money is available and this time it is okay to use the money for a feasibility study. Nancy Dodge and Heidi Tarbox are working on the application. There was a discussion about the original proposal.

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Michael Ballard to recommend to the Town Council that they apply for a grant for a feasibility study.

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

Discussion of Community Forum on Electricity Alternatives

Discussed were:

- Venue: Clerk will try to obtain permission to use the school.
- Accommodations for facilitator and family
- Agenda: information should go out well ahead to time and to the broadest base of people. Mr. Penn suggested that a box mailing would reach the most people and perhaps BIRA would help to fund it.
- Formal Contract with CBI as soon as Mr. Penn receives it.
- Content and how the forum will work.
- People who will be contacted by Stacie Smith for input: Cliff McGinnes Sr., Steve Draper, Chris Warfel, Rosemary Ives, Michael Delia, Mary Jane Balser, Bonny Ryan and Dr. Peter Baute.

Review and discussion of the "Goals and Objectives and Implementation Actions" sections of the draft Energy Component of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Specifically those sections relating to "Electric Power Generation and Distribution" (pages 31-34), "Renewable Energy Use" (pages 37-40) and "Energy Efficiency and Conservation" (page 40-41).

The above sections were discussed at length and two minor changes were suggested.

- Page 32, Item #1 should reflect the current real cost of the cable.
- Page 34, Item #6 should mention that an offer had been made but turned down.

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Michael Ballard to endorse the three discussed sections of the Energy Component of the Town's Comprehensive Plan with a modification of Page 34, Item #6.

Items for the next agenda:

- Discussion of what benefit a distribution upgrade would be
- Discussion of potential for secondary development of an additional wind farm in the SAMPP area

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. by Bill Penn and seconded by Michael Ballard and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 10/21/2011

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk