

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES TASK GROUP  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011  
TOWN HALL, OLD TOWN ROAD  
12:30 P.M.**

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

Also present from Deepwater were Jeff Grybowski, Bill Moore, Paul Murphy and Bryan Wilson.

In the audience were First Warden Kim Gaffett, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Councilor Peter Baute and Cliff McGinnes, Sr.

Meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

**Minutes** of the October 6, 2011 meeting were approved in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 4 MacMullan, Penn, Shorey and Ballard.

**Public Input**

Dr. Baute asked the Electric Utilities Task Group to look into municipal financing programs for renewable energy projects. He would like the task group to come up with a recommendation.

A motion was made by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Mike Ballard to move the Deepwater presentation up on the agenda.

Ayes 4 MacMullan, Penn, Shorey and Ballard

**Deepwater Wind update, including discussion of cable to the mainland.**

Deepwater presented a slide show on the cable route and ongoing work on the transmission system.

After much discussion the following items were requested from Deepwater:

- Reasons for cable route not to go to Charleston
- Size of the cable
- Size of the run
- Breakdown of the \$45,000,000.

**Discuss and possibly make recommendations to the Town Council on distribution upgrade**

There was a discussion with Cliff McGinnes, Sr. of the Power Company about when upgrades should be done. It was decided that the Town Council needs to have a conversation with BIPCO on whether the distribution upgrades should be done now or after the cable is installed.

Bill Penn will work on questionnaire for the public explaining what the distribution upgrades will cost in terms of power bills and asking for input on when the upgrades should be done. This will be on next month's agenda. Michael Ballard left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**Energy Forum recap and planning for future meetings with other Island groups.**

Because this was just received by the Group this will be on next month's agenda. Members will have a draft executive summary.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 in a motion by Barbara and seconded by Bill and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan  
Assistant Clerk

