

Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, March 16, 2012
Town Hall, Old Town Road
10:30 a.m.

Present: Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, John Warfel, Bill Penn

Also present in the audience were Bryan Wilson liaison for Deepwater Wind, Dan West of the Block Island Times, Dave Milner for BIPCO, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, First Warden Kim Gaffett and Bonny Ryan Assistant Clerk to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 by Barbara MacMullan.

1. Public Input – None

2. Approval of Minutes of Feb. 17, 2012

Minutes with a minor correction were approved in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 4 (MacMullan, Shorey, Warfel, Penn) Nays 0

3. Deepwater Update

Bryan Wilson reported on the following points:

- Additional sources of funding
- National Grid – BITS
- Easement discussion with Town Manager of Narragansett
- Lease discussion for BIPCO
- Local permitting – location A
- Radar and results – avian radar has been decommissioned.
- Application for State/Fed permits is getting closer.
- Reduction of area for potential citings of wind projects.
- PTC production tax credits – not looking good.

4. Distribution Upgrade

Kim Gaffett mentioned that the Town Council will work with BIPCO on this.

5. Discussion of Town Council charge to investigate condemnation and other acquisition strategies.

Kathryn Merolla, Town Solicitor had sent a memo (attached) concerning condemnation. This and setting up a electric utility district based on the Pascoag model was discussed. First Warden Kim Gaffett said that the next step for the EUTG would be to list the advantages and disadvantages of owning BIPCO and to determine the best process for getting control. Further discussion was on scenarios for obtaining the power company.

6. Block Island Electricity Costs

John Warfel discussed his handout (see attached). Everett Shorey will now update the Block Island Energy Costs piece with the new figures.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 23, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. On the agenda will be an item for creating a Pascoag type energy district.

At 11:55 a motion to adjourn was made by Everett Shorey and seconded by Barbara MacMullan and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 4/23/2012

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk