

**Electric Utilities Task Group**  
**Monday, July 23, 2012**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Everett Shorey, Bill Penn, Barbara MacMullan, John Warfel. Clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes. Also present were Stephanie Turag from the Block Island Times, Cliff McGinnes from the Block Island Power Company; Bryan Wilson from Deepwater, Councilor Peter Baute; Town Manager Nancy Dodge, and Arlene Tunney.

Meeting was called to order at 10:38 by Ms. MacMullan.

**Approval of minutes, May 15, 2012**

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

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

**Public Input** - None at this time.

**Deepwater Update** – Bryan Wilson spoke about the BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) application for Fed. waters and the general activities plan (BITS). There was a discussion about corporate structure. Mr. Wilson reported that the MET tower at the Coast Guard Station was coming down in Aug. and the Zephyr Unit #2 is deployed until late August. There was a discussion about investment tax credits (ITC) and production tax credits (PTC).

**Deepwater Decommissioning Update**

Bryan Wilson spoke about Deepwater's long-term management/decommissioning fund. Everett Shorey mentioned a conversation with Mike Hickey about funding for this. Mr. Hickey will provide a needed number for the next meeting to do with figuring out how much money is needed in this fund.

**BIPCO Distribution Upgrade**-Cliff McGinnes reported no action on this. Eminent domain issues were discussed.

**Street Lighting**

John Warfel will write a summary of his findings.

**Discussion RFQ/RFP for a purchase power agreement for Town projects.**

- Johnson Controls (see attached) – they did not take into consideration tax advantages or RECS
- Everett Shorey reported that Alan Mandel is writing a purchase power agreement for Newton, MA. Mr. Shorey will contact Mr. Mandel for the template.
- Bill Penn mentioned that the Historic District is working on approvals for Solar energy.

**RUS Grant**

It was decided after discussion to have BIPCO work with Heidi Tarbox for a grant for Smart Meters.

Next meeting: August 17, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.

At 11:50 a motion was made to adjourn by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan