

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, August 17, 2012
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 p.m.**

Present: Everett Shorey, William Penn, Barbara MacMullan, John Warfel
Millie McGinnes was present to take the minutes.

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

Public Input – None at this time.

Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2012

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by William Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.
Ayes 4 (Shorey, Penn, MacMullan, Warfel) Nays 0

Deepwater Update

Bryan Wilson reported that the Lydar and Met towers would be coming down this month from the Coast Guard Station and the North Light. The next step is to apply for CRMC assents. At the next meeting there will be a presentation by Deepwater concerning decommissioning. The clerk will share information from Mike Hickey with Deepwater.

A motion was made by Mr. Penn and seconded by Mr. Warfel to recommend to the Town Council that they contact the CRMC to schedule a hearing on Block Island regarding the Deepwater cable application.

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

After voting, the motion was amended by Mr. Penn and seconded by Mr. Shorey to add that in the event a hearing cannot be scheduled on the island, provisions be made for two-way electronic teleconferencing for participation at a hearing.

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

Solar RFP

Mr. Shorey provided a draft RFP for a solar power purchase agreement from another Town. After discussion, it was decided to stay with Town properties only.

Following questions from Cliff McGinnes of Block Island Power Company, a motion was made by Mr. Shorey and seconded by Mr. Penn to request that the Town Manager ask the Town Solicitor to consider and give an opinion regarding whether a purchase power agreement between the Town and a private supplier for the purposes of installing solar PV at town facilities would be permissible under the Block Island Power Company's sole franchise status.

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

Mr. Penn noted that there is a Webinar hosted by ICMA regarding installing solar on Municipal facilities that Mr. Penn would like access to. The Town is a member of ICMA and the clerk will ask if the EUTG can use their membership to sign up.

BIPCO Updates: Streetlights, Distribution Upgrade

Mr. McGinnes of BIPCO reported that the company did not file for the distribution upgrades grant money from the FDA because the time table was too short.

A letter from Albert Casazza, President of BIPCO to Nancy Dodge, Town Manager, dated July 30, 2012 (see attached) was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Penn and seconded by Mr. Warfel to recommend to the Town Council that they request that the PUC re-open the BIPCO distribution upgrade docket, based upon the letter from Albert Casazza, President of BIPCO.

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

Mr. Warfel reported on potential energy savings with street lights. He will forward his information to BIPCO and share any additional information with them.

Update on the FHFA Rules regarding PACE

Mr. Penn gave a brief report regarding the FHFA Pace Rulemaking Strategy (attached). It was decided to take no further action on this item. Mr. Penn will continue to follow the issue.

Next meeting: September 21, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.

At 1:24 a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Penn and seconded by Mr. Shorey and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: September 21, 2012

Millie McGinnes