

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Town Hall, Old Town Road
November 26, 2012
12:30 p.m.**

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

Also present: Bryan Wilson, Deepwater Liaison, First Warden, Kim Gaffett, Town Manager Nancy Dodge and Dr. Peter Baute

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

1. Public Input – None

2. Approve minutes from Nov. 2, 2012 and October 19, 2012 – minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel.

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

Mr. Penn reminded Ms. MacMullan about information she was to send to Rosemarie Ives.

3. Deepwater Update – Bryan Wilson spoke about the restructuring of the Board of Deepwater. He said that he and Aileen Kenney will be the point people on Block Island for the Block Island Windfarm. He mentioned that the comment period for the Army Corp of Engineers Public Notice had been extended to December 15, 2012. The CRMC comment period would end January 15, 2012 and submissions needed to be in writing.

Bryan then asked for some clarifications from the Group so that he could respond to a letter written by Mike Hickey to the Army Corp of Engineers. This discussion resulted in the attached e-mail that was sent to Bryan by Everett Shorey requesting clarification of:

- Decommissioning costs
- Invest approach
- Structure of funding
- Pre-funding issues

4. Army Corp of Engineers Comments. Barbara MacMullan will rewrite some sections and add some information and send it around to the Group before presenting it to Council again.

It was suggested that she modify the comments to reflect that once the windfarm is up and running Block Island will have total renewable energy.

5. CRMC Comments – The same document with modifications adding decommissioning and funding over the life of the project will be sent to the CRMC.

6. BIPco Update – There was no news of the distribution aspect. There was discussion about the PUC filing for approval of financing a diesel engine. This will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

7. Solar RFP – tabled for next meeting. John Warfel left at 1:30 p.m.

8. Set next meeting date: There will be a meeting on December 14, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. and the new Council will attend at 12:00 noon.

9. Set Meeting Schedule for 2013 – tabled until Council reappoints the members.

At 2:10 a motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 12/14/2012

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk