

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, December 14, 2012
Town Hall, Old Town Road
10:30 a.m.**

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

Also present: Town Councilors Chris Warfel, Sean McGarry and Norris Pike, Second Warden Ken Lacoste, Bryan Wilson, Deepwater Liaison, Margaret Bucheit, representing the Block Island Times and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes. Town Manager Nancy Dodge arrived late.

Meeting was called to order by Ms. MacMullan at 10:30.

Public Input

Bryan Wilson gave a Deepwater update:

- The project may be fully operational by 2015
- Michele Spero, Town IT person has started preliminary discussions about fiber optics in the cable.

Chris Warfel mentioned municipalizing or co-op the streetlights. He has had discussions with Washington County Regional Planning. This will be on the agenda for next month.

Approve minutes from Nov. 26, 2012

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel.

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

Chris Warfel asked that an item to expand the discussion about P.U.C. requirements be put on the next agenda.

Army Corp of Engineers Comments

Discussed were additions to the document (attached)

- Small size of the system
- Seasonal demands leading to a small load factor
- rate design is inappropriate to support alternatives
- generators will still run as backup
- Fuel will still be stored on Island
- Projected fuel costs should be added.

A motion to edit the ACOE memo to include the Town Council's comments was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey and to present it to the Council for their December 18, 2012 meeting.

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

CRMC Comments

Bill Penn recommended that a trust would be the best option for funding Decommissioning which will be added to the CRMC memo. (Attached) Everett Shorey will update this document and add something about covering the liability lapse in the funding.

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan to edit the memo to the CRMC and add a section on decommissioning.

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

Meet with the Town Council for Discussion of Electricity Issues

The Town Council members were given a brief summary of the documents that the EUTG has already prepared to bring the up to speed. Included were:

- Summary of BI electricity costs – May 2012
- BIPCO update
- the ENREL study was discussed.
- One cent per kw hour collected by BIPCO for upgrade study is still being collected.
- Upgrading the distribution system.

Councilor McGarry made the following recommendations:

1. A feasibility study for a stand-alone cable.
2. BIPCO distribution costs should be investigated.

Mention was made that the BIPCO rate case filing for the generator will be looked at for recommendations from Richard LaCapra to see if it is a prudent investment.

Set meeting schedule for 2013

Monday – Jan 14, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.	Monday, July 15, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.
Monday- Feb, 11, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.	Monday, Aug. 19, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.
Monday, March 18, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.	Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.
Monday, April 15, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.	Monday, Oct. 21, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.
Monday, May 20, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.	Monday, Nov. 18, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.
Monday, June 17, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at 10:30 p.m.

At 1:15 p.m. a motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk