

Electric Utilities Task Group  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
Monday, September 16, 2013  
12:30 p.m.

Present: Task Group Members: Everett Shorey, Bill Penn, Barbara MacMullan, and John Warfel.

Also present: Bryan Wilson, Deepwater Liaison, Jim Dewey, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Rosemarie Ives, Dr. Peter Baute, Cliff McGinnes and Dave Milner from BIPCo, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Stephanie Turaj from the Block Island Times and clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

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

1. Public Input – None
2. Approval of minutes of August 14, 2013 – minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey  
Ayes 4 (Shorey, Penn, MacMullan and Warfel)                      Nays 0

3. Deepwater Wind Update – Mr. Wilson reported on the following
  - AWEA Wind power Conference on Oct 22, Oct 23.
  - Berkley Labs – Wind Study Impact on Property Values – no significant impact was found.
  - Deepwater mainland landfall – nothing to report yet.
  - No schedule yet for public hearing.

Also mentioned was the Oct 18 Energy Conference in Belfast ME – from the Island Energy News.

4. Discuss and act on Net Metering policy – The following documents were reviewed:
  - Handy Memo, Alan Mandl letter, Vin Ryan letter –These documents had conflicting conclusions.

A motion was made by Everett Shorey and seconded by Bill Penn to have the Electric Utilities Task Group reiterate its support for having the Town Council negotiate with BIPCo over its net metering policy to make it consistent with the State's policy.

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

5. Review Correspondence from Michael Beauregard – Part of this letter questioned whether a cable would be provided if the demonstration project doesn't happen and the big off-shore project does. It was also questioning that if that were the case who pays for it? The Joint Development Agreement needs clarification. Town Manager Nancy Dodge will write a letter to the PUC asking for that clarification.

6. Discuss and act on LED street lights – the Town Council has requested that the EUTG give them a recommendation on LED street lights for their November meeting.

John Warfel will prepare an analysis of the costs and benefits for the next meeting.

- if the Town owns the lights
- if BIPCo retains ownership.

7. Discuss and act on Economics of BIPCo proposal to switch to LNG – This was addressed in Mike Beauregard's letter also. Cliff McGinnes reported that he had still not met with Evan Coleman of Clear Energy. Mr. Beauregard's assumptions were discussed and although his math was fine there was no underlying basis to support those assumptions. For next month's meeting, Barbara MacMullan will prepare a report to give recommendations to the Council for its November meeting.

8. Discuss and act on estimated BIPCo Purchase Power Costs with Cable – Richard LaCapra is working on this and will go further in his research.

9. FY 2012 BIPCo Financials – These were received and will be placed on the Town's website.

10. Discuss and act on analysis of BIPCo's emissions – Councilor Warfel was questioning values as stated in the DEM environmental report. He will be asked for clarification of what he is questioning and then Town Manager Nancy Dodge will send Chris's critique to the DEM.

Next meeting: October 21, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

At 1:45, a motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted  
10/21/2013

Bonny Ryan