

**Electric Utilities Task Group
December 16, 2013
Town Hall, Old Town Road
10:30 a.m.**

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

Also present: Renee Meyer from BI Times, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Cliff McGinnes and Albert Casazza from the Block Island Power Company, Brian Wilson liaison for Deepwater Wind, Town Council member, Chris Warfel, Nancy Dodge, Town Manager and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Public Input – none

Approve minutes of November 18, and October 21, 2013 – minutes for November 18 were not available yet.

Minutes of the October 21, 2013 were approved with a sentence correction in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.

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

Deepwater Update – Bryan Wilson reported on the following:

- Landfall easements were done
- CRMC hearings will be next with one on Block Island and one in Narragansett. No date has been set. It was suggested by Mr. Penn that copies of the transcripts from previous hearings be gotten. After discussion, Mr. Wilson said he would see if he could get copies and that it was Deepwater's task to debunk erroneous objections.

Net Metering – a copy of a letter from Mr. Casazza is attached. Much discussion followed including:

- Seeing which consideration was better
- What should be in place in a net metering policy
- How high a percentage of KWH can be allowed before it impacts on BIPCO
- Yearly true-up
- The Spirito letter stating that BIPCO had a voluntary policy was read by Mr. Casazza.

Chris Warfel suggested opening a docket with the PUC on net metering. Barbara MacMullan will look at this for next month's meeting. Mr. Casazza said that due to time constraints he would pick consideration #1 and send it to the Town as the annual renewal of the net metering policy. Consideration #1 reads: Keeping the maximum KWH allowed at 2% of peak, BIPCO would allow all solar installations to be net metered until the calculated capacity was reached. Windmills would receive avoided cost, i.e. fuel surcharge.

Solar RFP – Everett Shorey volunteered to find out how other municipalities evaluated their responses.

Energy Conservation Programs – Everett Shorey volunteered to find out what types of programs are available and how they are implemented.

LNG Analysis – The EUTG will send a memo to Council about taking up a broad level analysis in the summer.

Review of Planning Board Proposed Changes to Wind and Solar Zoning Requirements-
This was determined to be a land use issue and input from the EUTG was required.

LED Streetlighting-BIPCO will start replacing the current streetlights with LED lights in January. Rate structure will be looked at if cable comes in. Washington County Regional Planning Council has a LED streetlight replacement program which the EUTG will keep on their radar.

Annual Meeting Schedule.

Fourth Monday of the month at 12:30 was approved.

At 12:00 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Everett Shorey and seconded by John Warfel and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan