

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Monday, January 27, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 p.m.**

Present: Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn and Everett Shorey. Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett, Bryan Wilson of Deepwater Wind, Mike Hickey, John Warfel, Lars Trodson of the Block Island Times and to record the minutes, Millie McGinnes.

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m.

Public Input – There was no public input given.

Approve minutes of December 16, 2013 and November 18, 2013

Bill Pen moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2013 and November 18, 2013 with changes. The motion was seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Shorey) Nays 0 Absent 0

Election of Officers

Everett Shorey moved to elect Barbara MacMullan as Chair and Everett Shorey as Vice Chair. Bill Penn seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Shorey) Nays 0 Absent 0

The February meeting date was changed to Friday, February 21, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Deepwater Update

Bryan Wilson of Deepwater Wind reported that CRMC Ocean SAMP Subcommittee hearing date on the Deepwater applications has been scheduled for February 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at URI and tentatively on Block Island: February 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

From the audience, Mike Hickey asked the Town Council and the EUTG to testify to the urgent need of having an airtight decommissioning plan for the project. First Warden Gaffett stated that the Town Council has agendaed the item for their February 3rd meeting and she anticipates asking the CRMC to adopt the concepts of the Stanley White report regarding decommissioning.

Solar RFP

Everett Shorey stated that he has found that there are consultants available who could help with analysis of bids associated with the solar RFP. It was decided to wait until early summer before proceeding to follow the status of the Deepwater Wind project, as such would have an impact on power rates.

First Warden Gaffett asked the EUTG to consider funding needs for the next fiscal year, such as consultants, etc. This item will be on next month's agenda.

Energy conservation programs

Mr. Shorey stated that he researched conservation programs in other small, rural areas and found that the most successful programs were similar to those outlined in the HDR report.

Ms. MacMullan moved to forward to the Town Council an analysis of energy conservation programs as written up by Everett Shorey. The motion was seconded by Mr. Penn and carried.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Shorey) Nays 0 Absent 0

Net Metering

BIPCO's 2014 Net Metering Policy was reviewed (attached). It was suggested that the changes may warrant a hearing with the PUC. The item will be on the next agenda for recommendation to the Town Council.

Street Lighting

Ms. MacMullan stated that she felt the Town should buy the street lights from BIPCO so the taxpayer can get any savings associated with conversion to LED lighting. First Warden Gaffett stated that the Town is working with BIPCO to convert the street lights.

At 1:47 p.m. a motion was made by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Bill Penn to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Millie McGinnes