

Electric Utilities Task Group
Town Hall, Old Town Road
June 3, 2015
2:00 p.m.

Present: Everett Shorey, Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn

Also present were Al Casazza and Cliff McGinnes from BIPco; Town Manager Nancy Dodge and Karen Capuciati of Block Island Residents for Renewables (BIRR). Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Ms. MacMullan.

1. Public Input – None

2. Approve minutes of April 29, 2015

Mr. Penn moved to approve the minutes of April 29, 2015 as written seconded by Mr. Shorey.

Ayes 3 (Shorey, MacMullan, Penn) Nays 0

3. Deepwater Update – none

4. Discuss and act on BIPco Future Policy Issues.

Using the Public Policy Issues document that was prepared to identify issues needing negotiation (See Item #1) discussion included:

- Power Purchasing – This was identified as being the most important issue for discussion.
- Changes in Rates/Rate Design – this included discussion on National Grids rates and policies.
- Changes in Policy- Mr. Casazza thought that all issues could be negotiated.

The Issues to be Resolved in Restructuring of Block Island Power Company, May 2015 was discussed. (See Item #2) Mr. McGinnes will try to set up a meeting with the Pascoag Utility District broker to discuss electricity purchasing. Mr. Shorey and/or Ms. MacMullan will attend.

Town Manager Nancy Dodge reported that Town Solicitor Kathy Merolla, Nancy Dodge, Al Casazza and Cliff McGinnes will begin meeting to have something concrete for the PUC for their July meeting. There is a tentative agreement with a mediator.

Update on distribution upgrade: Mr. Casazza wants to collect data from the smart meters which will be installed by the end of October before commenting on this.

Mr. McGinnes reported that 74 street lights had been purchased by BIPco and there should be a reduction in the fixed rate cost.

Next meeting will be June 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Assignments were:

Barbara MacMullan will work on Power Purchasing

Everett Shorey will work on Changes in Rates/Rate Design

Bill Penn will work on the educational component.

With no further business at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Penn moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Shorey and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan