

**Block Island Utility District  
Thursday January 18, 2017  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
12:30 PM**

**Present:** Commissioners Mary Jane Balser, William Penn, Everett Shorey, and Barbara MacMullan. Jeffery Wright, President of BIPCo. Kenneth Lacoste, Christopher Willi, Town Council. Renee Meyer from the Block Island Times. Clifford and Sara McGinnes. Absent: Jack Savoie

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM

**1. Public Input**

- Jeffery Wright reported that BIPCO is planning to submit an amendment to the Town of New Shoreham legislation to mandate that the cost of all interconnections be socialized over all of National Grid Customers.
- Mary Jane Balser noted that she did not realize that a lawsuit brought by BIPCO customers to stop the sale of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of BIPCO to the Town of New Shoreham was still active and that she was still a plaintiff. She contacted the attorney representing the customers to request that she be removed from the lawsuit as a plaintiff.

**2. Approve Minutes of January 9, 2018 and December 19, 2017 meeting**

- Mary Jane Balser moved to approve the minutes, modified to reflect that at the January 9, 2018 meeting only the December 4, 2017 minutes were approved. Seconded by William Penn. Ayes 4 (Balser, Penn, Shorey, MacMullan), Nays 0

**3. Discuss and Act on Opening Bank Account**

- A motion was made by William Penn to open a checking account with the Washington Trust Company with William Penn and Jack Savoie as authorized signers on the account. Seconded by Mary Jane Balser. Ayes 3 (Balser, Penn, Shorey). MacMullan recused because she is an employee of Washington Trust.

**4. Discuss and Act on Obtaining D&O Insurance**

- Everett Shorey moved to defer accept the proposal from tKg for D&O Insurance. MacMullan seconded. Ayes 2 (Shorey, MacMullan), Nays 1 (Balser), 1 abstention (Penn). Motion did not carry. Everett Shorey left the meeting at this point.

**5. Discuss and Act on Utility District Bylaws**

- William Penn moved to approve the utility district bylaws as presented by MacMullan and amended during the meeting, and to forward them to Partridge Snow & Hahn for legal review. Seconded by MacMullan. Ayes 3 (Penn, Balser, MacMullan) Nays 0.

**6. Discuss and Act on Request for Proposal for Utility District Financing**

- Deferred to future meeting

**7. Approve Partridge, Snow and Hahn Invoice**

- Motion made by Penn, seconded by MacMullan to pay Partridge Snow and Hahn invoice No. 360079 in the amount of \$6,555.00. Ayes 3 ((Penn, Balser, MacMullan) Nays 0.

**5. Discuss and Act on Acquisition of Block Island Power Company**

- MacMullan moved to go into closed session pursuant to RGL 42-46-5(5). Seconded by Penn. Ayes 3 (Balser, Penn, MacMullan), Nays 0

- MacMullan moved to leave closed session and seal the minutes of the closed session. Seconded by Penn. Ayes 3 (Balser, Penn, MacMullan), Nays 0
- No motions were made in closed session

Barbara MacMullan moved to adjourn at 3:00PM, seconded by Penn, Ayes 3 (Balser, Penn, MacMullan), Nays 0

Approved: January 23, 2018