

Block Island Utility District
July 17, 2020
8:00 AM

HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 AND TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM
EMERGENCY ORDER

Minutes

Participating BOD Members Present via ZOOM: Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn, Everett Shorey, Elliot Taubman and Mary Jane Balsler.

Also Present: President Jeffery Wright, Tony Pappas (representing BI Solar Initiative), Chris Warfel and a representative from the BI Times.

Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

1. Review and Act Upon CFC Letter of Credit for ISO-NE Financial Assurance

- President Jeffery Wright presented the Board with a CFC Certificate of Resolutions and Incumbency (on record) for consideration that would authorize President Jeffery Wright, Chair Barbra MacMullan or Treasurer Bill Penn to execute the necessary CFC agreements to renew the Utility District's CFC Letter of Credit for \$250,000 that is issued to ISO-NE for Financial Assurance purposes.
- Treasurer Bill Penn moved the resolution. Secretary Elliot Taubman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Review and Act Upon Employee Housing and Block Island Solar Initiative Donation

- BI Solar Initiative Representative Tony Pappas presented an offer to donate the appliances and solar arrays for the Employee Housing Project. A condition of this offer was that all of the appliances needed to be electric with the exception of the cooktop which could be propane as long as the BIUD somehow offset the carbon emissions from the cooktop with offsetting carbon credits or another form of offset. An additional stipulation was made that a gas fireplace was not allowed.
- Several clarifying questions of Mr. Pappas were asked of and a long and robust debate was had by the Commissioners.
- BIUD member Chris Warfel voiced his objection to the offer in general and stated that he would be filing a complaint to the RI Secretary of State and PUC alleging a conflict of interest and a violation of procurement laws.
- Further discussions were had regarding BIUD's acceptance of a gift in general.
- Chair Barbara MacMullan moved to politely decline the offer, tabling the discussion until BIUD could seek legal advice from Partridge, Snow and Hahn. Everett Shorey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Barbara MacMullan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM, seconded by Everett Shorey. The motion passed unanimously.

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