

y **ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANGEMENT COUNCIL**

Minutes-August 9, 2012

Conference Room B, Second Floor DOA

Call to Order: Chairman Paul Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

Members Present: Paul Ryan, Marion Gold, Dan Justynski, Joe Newsome, Joe Cirillo and Abigail Anthony.

Consultants Present: Scudder Parker and Mike Guerard

Others Present: Kim Ziegelmayr, Bill Ferguson, Mark DePetrillo, Jeremy Newberger, Rachel Henschel, Tim Woolf, Frank Gorke, Michel McAteer, Rep. Charlie Donovan, Rachel Sholly, Chris Caisse, and Sean Mongan

Staff Present: Terri Brooks, Ron Renaud, Charles Hawkins, Ryan Cote, Chris Kearns, and Pat McCarthy

Acceptance of Minutes: Abigail A. made a motion to approve the July Minutes. It was seconded by Paul R. and passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

New OER Administrator, Marion Gold was introduced as the new EERMC Executive director. She is excited about her new position and would like to work to integrate energy efficiency (EE) more closely with renewable energy (RE). She mentioned a positive meeting at NGrid that she just attended on system reliability which discussed incorporating small scale RE to achieve load relief and enhanced reliability.

She has been impressed with the hard work of her new staff. She introduced Chief Financial Officer, Terri Brooks, DOA Administrator Ron Renaud and ARRA Implementation Aide Ryan Cote. She also mentioned that Chris Kearns has also joined the OER staff.

She cited the recently awarded USDOE competitive grant that will allow Municipalities and the State to improve EE delivery. This will be a partnership between OER, EERMC, VEIC and NGrid. This dovetails with the work the URI energy center has been doing on the EPA Climate Change grant that involves four RI towns; and the Renewable Energy Siting Partnership which meets every month and will hold two hearing in August.

LIHEAP is still physically at the OER, although it has been transferred administratively to HHS. One of the first projects will be working with the URI energy center to flash out he the EERMC & OER websites. This will make the meeting handouts accessible to the public. Marion G. is going to try to meet with all Council members individually during the next 100 days to get their priorities. She also wants to work on a integrated energy

management system with a goal of merging the work of the RE Coordinating Board & the EERMC. She also recently met with the PUC commissioners and the DPUC and it was helpful to hear their concerns.

NGrid Report on the Second quarter EE PP & Deep Dive into the Pipeline

Abigail asked that after NGrid presented 2nd Q results at the recent DSM collaborative Meeting she asked NGrid if they could give the council the EE PP pipeline for the remainder of the year. She also requested a report of the EE PP budget and NGrid staffing.

Mike M. introduced Shawn Mongon, NGrid Director of Sales, to update the council on the strategies and g