

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, July 11th, 2009 in the Broome County Library, Binghamton, New York. Public Room

Members Present: RuthAnn White, Quintin Bullis, Rick Mancini, Jason Garnar, Louis Roma, Dennis Mastro, Sharon Ramsay, Don Cumming, Bob Pass, Kathy Bevelacqua, Les Platt, Dave Westfall. Laura Willemssen, John Patterson, Amelia LaDolce, Chris Burger.

The Board meeting was called to order by Chris Burger at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes for the June 9th, 2009 meeting were approved.

Introductions were made, as several new people were in attendance.

Jason Garnar mentioned that he had talked to a reporter about Kirkwood possibly banning wind turbines or passing laws that regulated them. There was some discussion about a county feasibility study for wind turbines at Broome Community College or at the Broome County Jail. The county is still working on an RFP for renewable energy projects and this could fall into that category.

The committee spent most of the meeting discussing the Mainstreaming Energy Efficiency proposal that the weatherization committee presented. This is a proposal that aims to develop a county-wide weatherization program, improve energy efficiency in county-owned buildings, and help local schools and municipalities become more energy efficient. The proposal includes a revolving loan program for residents to make energy efficient improvements to their homes. The proposed plan is very large and comprehensive, and is more of a vision, not exactly what the county will decide to do, as that is ultimately up to them. The plan is to take this proposal to the county to see if the county can apply for stimulus or other type of funding to get the program rolled out. There was mention of a hybrid proposal, as well, which would seek money for 1 grant-funded energy coordinator position who would oversee the program. A consultant group could be hired to seek future funding. A non-profit that specializes in weatherization of homes could be hired out to do the work.

The board voted to endorse the original proposal unanimously. A big thank you to Sharon Ramsay and Dennis Mastro for their many hours of work on this project. Jason will arrange a meeting with county officials and Sharon, Dennis, and Chris, to get support for this project to at least submit a stimulus application.

There being no further business to report, the committee adjourned at 7:30PM.