

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 in the Broome County Library, Binghamton, New York. Public Room

Members Present: Jason Garnar, Chris Burger, Guy Caroselli, Les Platt, Mike Lynch, Dennis Mastro, Mike Pandich, John Smigelski, Rock Mancini, Lou Roma, Bob Pass, John Patterson, Amelia LaDolce, Sharon Ramsay, Ruth Ann White, Quinin Bullis.

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

The minutes for the August 11th, 2009 meeting were approved.

Jason received an e-mail from an individual who is interested in developing low-level hydro electric dams in the upstate area.

There will be a bioneer conference in Ithaca at the end of the month.

Mike Lynch reported that the county recently retrofitted 1000 additional light fixtures, on top of the original 500. He also said that a white roof was placed on the George Harvey Justice building, similar to the one that was put on the Arena.

There was a good amount of discussion regarding the Earthsponse and Bluesprings proposals with Broome County. Both proposals basically entail the county agreeing to contract with these two companies to obtain grants for solar panel purchasing/installation and for general energy efficiency upgrades. An MOU has been signed between Earthsponse and the county but to date no agreement has been reached with Bluespring. Discussion of the RFQ/RFP process in relation to obtaining these types of grants occurred.

Guy Caroselli from Tioga Opportunities reported that they have signed a three year lease to operate a satellite weatherization office in the City of Binghamton. DOE will pay weatherization rates of \$12 per hour, which guy estimates will mean that the average weatherization project will cost around 6,500 per home. He anticipates 3-4 crews wil work out of the office and some work may have to be subbed out.

The City is developing an MOU with Tioga Opportunities to start their own weatherization program which includes a revolving loan fund. The goal is to create a one-stop weatherization shop, similar to Bedford, NY.

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