

Broome County Energy Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Broome County Library, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: Jason Garnar, Kathy Bevelecqua, Mike Pandich, Don Cumming, Lou Roma, Les Platt, Dennis Mastro, Chris Burger, Amelia LaDolce, Guy Caroselli

The Board meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting began with the Board's approval of the previous meeting's minutes.

The final copy of the 2008 Annual Report was approved by the committee. It will be sent to the County Executive and the Legislature. The media will be contacted. There was a suggestion that the report also be sent to each of the municipalities. The EAB will draft a letter at next month's meeting which will be sent with the report to the individual municipalities.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Sustainability Conference at Broome Community College to be held sometime in March. 6 workshops are being planned, 2 panel discussions (Energy and Sustainable Food Systems), and a keynote speaker. Chris is working to schedule elected officials for the panel. Vendors are being invited, and a reception is also planned. Several EAB members will work with Chris to help plan and coordinate the conference, and a sub-committee will meet this coming Monday to continue to prepare plans.

There was a discussion about the new stimulus package and what this means for the availability of funds for local municipal energy efficiency projects. County needs to be ready to tap into this funding, as it will come from existing energy programs. The EAB can play an important advisory role here.

Amelia LaDolce reported that the City of Binghamton is interested in forming a Green Job Task Force and is looking to partner with other municipalities and organizations. EAB is interested and suggested some other groups that would be as well.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.