

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, May 12th, 2009 in the Broome County Library, Binghamton, New York. Public Room

Members Present: Kathy Bevelacqua, Don Cumming, Lou Roma, Les Platt, Dennis Mastro, Chris Burger, Amelia LaDolce, Guy Caroselli, Marcia Ward, Ruth Ann White, Quintin Bullis, Debra Morello, Rich Mancini, Amelia LoDolce, Sharon Ramsay, Pat Dundon, Christopher Kovac and Bob Pass

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

The minutes for the April 14, 2009 meeting were approved.

Most of the discussion for the entire meeting was on weatherization. Program Funding was discussed. Again the questions was asked regarding the County bonding and taking the lead for a program to target owners that are above the income threshold of other programs already in place. Kathy will try to get a description of the position that the County had in the past overlooking energy efficiency.

A “One Stop” shop was discussed. This would be an office that would take applications for weatherization from owners and guide them to the specific agency that would be able to help them. Amelia said that the City would be willing to use some of their stimulus funds to set up this office, but would want the County to run it as it would serve a larger area of homes. The County bonding for additional funds was also discussed. Kathy will check with the County Attorneys to see if this is possible, but doubts that monies can be borrowed to fund this type of revolving loan fund.

A flow chart was passed out showing how Tompkins County is running their program and informing their residents. It was suggested that we follow this chart.

Dennis Mastro distributed a synopsis of the Funding Opportunity Announcement through which NYS to eligible to receive fund through the ARRA for State Energy Program Formula Grants. He also explained that this program is very project oriented and the more detailed the grant application are the better chance of receiving the funds. Again there was discussion of key stakeholders from local economic development and workforce development agencies be invited to future meetings as collaboration is key from these groups. It was also suggested that the County and municipalities apply jointly.

The was discussion that the average cost to weatherize a home is \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Chris discussed the BCC sustainability conference. .It was on held April 17 and 18. It was suggested that the next one be in the Fall in order to improve attendance with the thought that winter weather will be on everyone’s minds.

Bob Pass from NYSEG informed the group that a new Residential Gas Equipment Rebate Program is starting July 1, 2009 and passed out information on the details. This program is for home heating.

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