

Broome County Energy Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 10th, 2008

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, June 10th, 2008 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: Chris Burger, Dick Andrus, Don Cumming, Dennis Mastro, Mike Pandich, Kathy Bevelacqua, Mike Lynch, Les Platt, Amelia LoDolce, Jason Garnar, Rich Kellman.

The Board meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:05 p.m.

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

Report for Facilities Committee:

The committee discussed long and short term goals for county facilities. NYSERDA funding opportunities were also discussed.

Report for Transportation Committee:

The committee met with George Bagnetto, head of BC Transit. The discussion focused on increasing BC Transit routes and service. The main limitations to an expansion of service are lack of available manpower and the small bus fleet. The first hybrid buses will come online this December, and all of them should be operating by the Spring of 2009. More ridership equals more subsidies. George mentioned to the committee that he is recommending more full-time and part-time staffers. The committee also discussed the possibility of developing more ark and rides throughout the county. Rural transit options were also discussed. The board talked about the potential to develop a carpooling website.

Report for Energy Sources and Land Use Committee:

No report available, as members were absent due to prior commitments.

Open Discussion:

Energy Star Purchasing Resolution: Legislator Garnar mentioned that a resolution creating an Energy Star Purchasing plan for Broome County will likely pass committee and be voted on next week by the full legislature.

Energy Block Grant Advisory Resolution: Legislator Garnar mentioned that a resolution calling for the Federal Government to fund the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant was passed in legislative committee and will be voted on next week by the full legislature.

BCC Sustainability Conference: Broome Community College will be holding an energy/sustainability forum in Mid-November. Member of this board will more than likely be asked to attend and participate. More details to come.

Natural Gas Drilling: The board discussed various natural gas drilling issues.

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