

Broome County Energy Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, July 8th, 2008

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, July 8th, 2008 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: Chris Burger, Don Cumming, Dennis Mastro, Mike Pandich, Kathy Bevelacqua, Guy Caroselli, John Smigelski, John Gerty, Rick Mancini, Louis Roma, Les Platt, Amelia LoDolce, and Jason Garnar.

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.

Report for Facilities Committee:

The sub-committee reported that no meetings were held since the last EAB meeting. Their facilities report is now in county hands. 83 facilities must now be categorized. The county can then work with the sub-committee to start examining buildings and look to create efficiencies. There was a discussion to think about developing a short and long-term plan to develop efficiencies. Members also discussed whether or not the current budget process will take these recommendations into consideration. Money is tight at all levels of the government, including the county. Continual conversation with Mike Lynch to see how people can help him is essential. Nathalie Maxwell should be invited to our next meeting, along with Jerome Knebel and Rita Petkash, to talk with them about how energy efficiencies may be dealt with in the budget.

Report for Transportation Committee:

There was no sub-committee meeting since the last EAB meeting, but Amelia has talked to a carpooling company that can help the county coordinate carpooling in conjunction with park and rides and bus routes. The program is called "Greenride" and uses GPS technology. BMTS received a proposal from them: it would cost the county \$9,500 per year for 5000 users and an additional \$1,000 for each 1000 users. Jason thought that it would be useful to determine if other neighboring counties would be interested in such a service, such as Chenango and Tioga. Amelia and Jason will follow up with BMTS. Demand for BC Transit has increased, but in order to fulfill the increased demand transit has to hire more drivers, which costs the county more money.

Report for Energy Sources and Land Use Committee:

No report available, as members were absent due to prior commitments. There will be a meeting in August.

Open Discussion:

Jason: reported that Energy Star Purchasing and the Energy Block Grant Advisory Resolutions were passed unanimously by the full legislature.

The City of Owego is hosting a “solar jam”, which is music powered completely using solar power.

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