

Broome County Energy Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 14th, 2008

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, October 14th, 2008 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: Jason Garnar, Sharon Ramsay, Don Cumming, Lou Roma, John Smigelski, Amelia LaDolce, Les Platt, Gay Caroselli, Rick Mancini, Dennis Mastro, Chris Burger.

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 committee visited Willow Point Nursing Home and made recommendations for energy efficiency. Dennis Mastro met with County officials to discuss NYSERDA grant funding.

The county is looking at creating a profile for small to large projects. Consultants from NYSERDA will help the county do this. The county is interested in the NYSERDA energy audit program. It costs \$400 per building for each audit, and NYSERDA will make energy efficiency recommendations and will also provide some help in the funding of these upgrades.

A possible energy awareness program for department heads at the county level was discussed. This should be promoted through each department. Energy Star offers a similar program that can be used.

Report for Transportation Committee:

Steve Gayle from BMTS will be at the sustainability conference. We need to find someone with the time and energy to head up this sub-committee. The County tested several electric cars for use in their fleet, with good results. The BMTS put out bids for a county-wide online carpooling program. They are due at the end of the month. The program will be paid for by federal funds. A suggestion was made to examine the possibility of instituting a no-idling policy.

Report for Energy Sources and Land Use Committee:

Legislator Garnar is proposing the idea of conducting a windpower study at the BCC/Jail area to examine the feasibility of building wind turbines and connecting them directly to these county facilities in order to power them. Some members inquired what the payback period would be...the study would help determine the rate of return. There was a discussion about a potential compressed air storage facility in the region, as well as a discussion about a county LEEDS resolution.

Open Discussion:

The City of Binghamton is looking into joining ICCEI and investigating their greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint. They need manpower and volunteers who would be willing to learn how to use the system and dedicate some time to it.

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