

**SOMERS ENERGY ADVISORY PANEL
335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589**

**MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Herb Oringel, John Gilbert, Cristina Hopper and Frank Maricic.

Jerry Robock, Energy Consultant; Zsuzsanna Winn, Heritage Hills resident; and Lea Cullen Boyer, Managing Director of Green Guru Network were also in attendance.

All three guests were introduced and welcomed. Mr. Maricic and Mr. Robock are new Energy Managers hired by the Town funded by a NYSERDA Grant.

Minutes

Mr. Oringel made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Outreach

Marti Lowenfeld of Coldwell Banker has agreed to include information about the Somers Energy Advisory Panel on her monthly advertisement in the Heritage Hills newsletter that is distributed to the residents of Heritage Hills. Ms. Winn drafted a copy for all to review. It will appear in the October edition. Heritage Hills also has a Greening Club that Ms. Winn is trying to make contact with. She has agreed to serve as the liaison between our Panel and Heritage Hills.

Ms. Cullen Boyer explained that the Green Guru Network provides a social media link of sustainable activities and has the ability to attract a very large audience. She, Mrs. Hopper and Mr. Maricic will work on this endeavor, as well as the Facebook page in our attempt broadcast the Energy Advisory Panel's work to a larger audience.

Mr. Oringel has been in touch with a representative from Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES regarding a new curriculum to develop a series of academic energy based projects to be used by students. Mr. Robock indicated that Yorktown has done something similar, but the projects were geared to the technical teachings of the school. Contacts will be coordinated.

The Somers School District has hired a new Superintendent. Mr. Clinchy is attempting to arrange an introductory meeting for he and Mr. Oringel to discuss the Energy Advisory Panel and issues of common concern with the Somers Central School District.

2011 Expo

The Expo will be held at Somers High School on January 15, with a snow date of January 29. Work is underway on the flyer and details/agenda of the event. Student and teacher participation will be pursued. Mr. Maricic and the Panel members will develop a project plan for the Expo including roles/responsibilities and timeline.

Trash Compactor Pilot

Arrangements are in process to have a Big Belly solar powered trash compactor placed in Reis Park for a two week pilot program. This will be done some time in September.

Solar Tour

Jeff Poritsky will be conducting a tour of local homes that are solar powered on October 2. Assistance is needed to help facilitate.

NYSERDA Contracts

Paperwork for the two NYSERDA contracts awarded to the Town for the school lighting project and energy managers is almost complete. There is no update on the contract that was awarded to the School District for solar panels.

SEAP Totes

Mr. Gilbert has been researching totes to purchase for the Energy Advisory Panel. He will also try and solicit some local sponsors to help defray the cost. Mr. Gilbert has graciously offered to pay for the set up fees for the 4 color printing process.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

September 25 - All are invited to attend a celebration of the creation of the NWEAC at Mike Gordon's home, The Barn in South Salem.

September 29 - The Westchester Business Council will have a breakfast meeting at C.W. Browns in Armonk.

October 2 - NWEAC will be holding their 1st Strategy Conference to discuss future issues. It will be held at the Recreation Center in Van Tassel Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7 at 12:00 noon in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Energy Advisory Panel

cc: Energy Advisory Panel
Town Board
Town Clerk