

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

**MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2010**

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

Jerry Robock, Energy Consultant was also in attendance.

Minutes

Mr. Oringel made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Maricic seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NWEAC Conference

The Consortium had a strategy conference on Saturday, October 2 at the Recreation Center in Van Tassel Park. Mr. Oringel will share the notes taken once received.

BOCES

Mr. Oringel was able to make contact with Kim Fontana at BOCES in an effort to create projects that can be completed by the vocational students in the area of sustainability. Perhaps she can meet with the Panel in November.

Somers Energy Expo

The Somers Energy Expo will be held on Saturday, February 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Somers High School, with the theme of teaching the community neighbors and businesses how to save money by becoming energy efficient. The timing is perfect, as the Bedford pilot for energy savings will begin in January, and NYSERDA will be announcing financing available for energy savings through energy improvements.

A teleconference call was held last Thursday, September 30 to begin the planning process (speakers, programs, workshops, exhibits, etc.) for this event. All agreed to continue with weekly calls on Thursdays at 12:00 noon, and the Panel will physically meet at the Town House in the Meeting Room on the first Thursday of every month at 12:00 noon.

The Somers Lion's have offered to provide and cook lunch food for the event. Mr. Oringel will be speaking at their general meeting on November 2 and will meet with their Board of Directors on November 9. Mrs. Brady would like to see some sustainable aspect to the food available. She has been in contact with the Table Market in Bedford Hills to see if they can help us. Mr. Maricic thought

perhaps it would be a good idea to have food available from both venues. Mrs. Harsha thought we could ask the Lion's to offer some vegetarian items and be green conscious in the way items are served, i.e. paper cups of water vs. water bottles. All agreed it would be nice to have coffee and tea available first thing in the morning.

Mrs. Brady is almost finished with the flyer. Hopefully Mrs. Brodley and Ms. Winn can assist with getting the word out in Heritage Hills. Mrs. Schirmer has a contact in Heritage as well. Mrs. Harsha will draft a cover letter that will be sent with the flyer to the organizations in Somers inviting them to attend an informational meeting about the Expo in November at the Library to encourage participation.

Mr. Oringel has secured Patrice Courtney Strong, Alyssa Roth and another one of their colleagues from NYSERDA to participate in the Expo.

A keynote speaker will be sought. Suggestions included Robert F. Kennedy, Jayni Chase and Lee Goldberg.

Mr. Gilbert will be handling press releases and media contacts.

Arrangements have to be made for programs for children and teens. Somers High School teachers Mike Fry and Sarah Franconia will be contacted.

Mrs. Hopper has been posting items daily on Facebook. It will also be used to advertise the event, as well as the Green Guru Network site. There are two sites that have blogs that she will tap into as well, Somers Spectator and Westchester Communicator. Hopefully the Somers Chamber of Commerce can assist as well by putting an announcement in their newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4 at 12:00 noon in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Energy Advisory Panel

cc: Energy Advisory Panel
Town Board
Town Clerk

