

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

**MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2010**

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

Jerry Robock, Energy Consultant was also in attendance.

Minutes

Mr. Maricic made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Oringel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

January Town Board Meeting

A request will be made for Mr. Oringel to be placed on the agenda for the January 6, 2011 Town Board meeting so that he can give an update on the Energy Advisory Panel's accomplishments for 2010 and present the February 5 Somers Energy Expo.

Angle Fly Preserve

Mr. Oringel spoke with Bob Mac Gregor, Projects Manager for the Somers Land Trust about refurbishing the Reynolds House at Angle Fly Preserve. They are considering solar as an option. Mr. Mac Gregor would like to explore additional energy solutions for the house, as well as the barn and chicken coop on the property.

Solar Farms

There has been some discussion on the County level about NYPA using County and residential property, that is between 1.5 and 5 acres and adjacent to a large energy user, for solar farms.

Recycling and Organic Waste Management

At a recent meeting in North Castle, a discussion ensued about recycling and organic waste management to convert waste into energy. Mr. Oringel was approached by two of the program panelists about expanding this to all the communities in the Consortium. Not all participate in the County program because it is too expensive. Dan Welsh is spearheading this program and Mrs. Harsha has agreed to be the liaison for the Energy Advisory Panel. The next meeting will take place on November 17.

NWEAC Conference

The strategy conference that the Consortium held on Saturday, October 2 at the

Recreation Center in Van Tassel Park was videotaped. The video has been uploaded on the Green Guru and Consortium websites, as well as on Lea Cullen Boyer's Facebook page. Mr. Oringel has asked that it be placed on the Town's website as well.

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. Arrangements will be made for a meeting with her.

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 residents and businesses how to save money by becoming energy efficient. An entry fee of \$15.00 will be charged, which includes lunch. The Somers Lion's Club will be asked to assist in a number of ways including food preparation and distribution. Mr. Oringel is meeting with the Lion's Board of Directors on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. One corporate sponsor has been secured. Work continues on confirming a keynote speaker. Cooperation with the School District has been established on many levels and all agree that there assistance will be needed in advertising the Expo. Letters and forms have been created for the purposes of inviting community groups and businesses to participate. BOCES, the Somers School District Superintendent, Principals, National Honors Society, Student Council and teachers who are affiliated with teaching a related curriculum will also be invited. There will be an informational meeting on November 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Somers Library Program Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2 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