

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

**MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Herb Oringel, John Gilbert, Cristina Hopper, and Frank Maricic.

Minutes

Mr. Gilbert had one correction to the minutes of the June 2, 2010 meeting. Under Independence Day Celebration, in the 3rd sentence, "Frye" is misspelled. It should be changed to read "Fry".

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

Independence Day Celebration

Mr. Oringel thanked and congratulated those that were involved with organizing and setting up the Panel's interactive and informational table at the Independence Day Celebration on June 26 in Reis Park. Although it was well thought out and well done in it's delivery, Mr. Oringel felt as though this event was not the appropriate venue for that type of exhibit.

Future Planning Ideas

One of the Panel's goals is to educate the community and build a following. Ideas on how to accomplish this have to be considered.

Mr. Oringel would like to develop a monthly seminar series, to be held at the Library, featuring a specific theme each month.

It was also suggested that the Panel speak at a Chamber of Commerce meeting about the NYSE&G and PACE commercial sector programs available.

The Power Point presentation about Somers' Carbon Footprint will be completed some time in September. It should be presented at a Town Board meeting and include analysis, explanation and dialogue. The next step would be concentrating on areas that are creating the most pollution, and devising a plan to help resolve the issue by getting the community residents and groups involved to work on the solutions.

In mid-January, a Somers Summit will be held, and other relevant events will be planned as well.

All were asked to think about a game plan as to how to see this ideas to fruition.

Both Mrs. Brady and Mr. Gilbert are researching cost to have totes made for future "give aways". Suggestions for purchasing other items are welcomed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Energy Advisory Panel

cc: Energy Advisory Panel
Town Board
Town Clerk