

Broome County Energy Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2008

The Broome County Energy Advisory Board met on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

The Board meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting began with the Board approval of the previous meeting's minutes.

Board asked sub-committees to formerly appoint moderators.

The Economic Planning Committee approved the resolution of appointments unanimously- to be finalized Thursday January 24th.

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Report for Transportation Committee:

No official business reported. Needs more member involvement and planning in order to report for the next meeting.

Report for Facilities Committee:

A letter of introduction followed by a series of pertinent questions with respect to energy use and county facilities, to be addressed to the appropriate government officials, was read to the Board. It will serve as a vehicle for information and future recommendations made to the Board.

EnergyStar participation was suggested once again.

Report for Energy Sources and Land Use Committee:

The possibility of harnessing funds from the Upstate revitalization program was introduced to the Board. The sub-committee volunteered to create a "wish list" and subsequently draft proposals for further consideration and advancement. Issues regarding the landfill were discussed, including toxic waste and technical and legal concerns.

The possibility of harnessing wood-fuel via willow trees was brought to attention to the Board.

Open Discussion:

Topics included a suggested 50% rebate from the state for solar and wind power, energy performance bonds, tax reductions promoting energy efficiency, trade-in incentives, county tax credit on NYSERTA approved appliances, use of hydropower, and tax-breaks on upgrades for local contractors.

The importance of determining county vehicles' efficiency was stressed.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

