

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

**MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Herb Oringel, Helen Brady, John Gilbert, Cristina Hopper, and Frank Maricic.

Minutes

Mr. Oringel made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Budget Modification

Permission has been granted for an increase in the Energy Advisory Panel's budget to cover the monies spent to join the NWEAC. Verification of the amount is still needed. Once determined, additional **Low Carbon Diet** books will be purchased, as well as tote bags. Purchasing a canopy for when the Panel has a table at an outdoor event was discussed. Mr. Oringel will speak to the Consortium to see if anyone has one that we can borrow from time to time.

Independence Day Celebration

Plans are underway for the Energy Advisory Panel's participation in the Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 26 in Reis Park. Arrangements have been made to have electric cars, a solar powered ferris wheel and a solar power charger. Assistance has been given by the Somers High School Green Power Club under the direction of Mike Frye. Information about PACE and home performance will be available, as well as brochures from two companies who sell solar products. It was suggested that data facts in the form of bullet points be made available in an effort to make the residents aware of issues that directly affect them in terms of energy consumption. Perhaps Mrs. Harsha can assist with this. On June 9, Mrs. Brady, Mr. Maricic and Mr. Oringel will meet to work on the presentation posters for the event.

Facebook Page

The Panel needs more visibility. As discussed last month, Chris Roberts and Heather Flournoy will assist in this effort by developing a Facebook page for the EAP. Additional information can be added as needed, perhaps seasonally. It was also suggested that an energy of the tip/week be added to the page. The email contact list has to be worked on, as well as a survey of residential consumption and spending patterns. Mr. Oringel has been in contact with Jessica Wu, who is willing to help us in any way she can. Perhaps she would be interested in maintaining the Facebook page and getting involved with the survey.

Miscellaneous

There will be an ICLEI meeting on June 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Oringel is being honored by the Somers Democratic Club on June 24 for his work in securing energy grants for the Town and School District, as well as for creating the NWEAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 7 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