

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

[joint with Sub-Committee on Energy Efficiency]

MINUTES: May 11, 2009

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Harckham, Kaplowitz, Maisano, Myers, Nonna, Oros

MEMBERS (SEE): Chair: Kaplowitz; Legislators: Harckham, Myers, Oros

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: A. Neuman, K. Pasquale, B. Randolph (CEO); R. Funicello (WCDEF); Hon. T. Roach (White Plains); J. Van Nostrand (PECC); M. Thielking (Bedford); A. Baly (NYPA); J. Cockerill (ExQ)

Sub-committee on Energy Efficiency called to order at 3:10 pm.
Committee on Environment & Energy called to order at 3:15 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategies; EECBG Grants**

Chair Kaplowitz opened the meeting with a discussion of the County's application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) "stimulus" funds. The ARRA legislation provided for a direct allocation to Westchester County through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program in the amount of \$4.5 million. Chair Abinanti also convened the Environment & Energy Committee.

Messrs. Funicello and Neuman described various items to include in the EECBG application such as greenhouse gas inventory for county facilities and certain renewable energy capital projects. Mr. Funicello noted interest in developing an on-line reporting tool related to climate change. Ms. Pasquale described the ARRA application process. Committee members and guests then discussed possible county activities.

Upon the motion of Leg. Harckham, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Env't. & Energy Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor; adjourned at approx. 4:15 pm).

The Subcommittee on Energy Efficiency continued discussion of utilizing ARRA stimulus funds to initiate energy efficiency improvement programs and adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm. [audio recording of the meeting is on file]