

Agenda Meeting was held at  
Town Hall @ 7:00 PM on  
October 20, 2008

*Presiding:* Gary Bellows

*Attending:* Councilman Gill, Councilwoman Horner, Councilwoman Briggs, Councilwoman Hyman

*Also Present:* Highway Superintendent Russell, Code Enforcement Officer Hoffstatter, James Craven, and 15 member of the public.

Patrice Courtney Strong from NYSEDA spoke to the Town Board about alternative energy.

She is based in Kingston and has been working for the State of New York's Energy Programs for the last 6 years and the project is called Mid Hudson Energy Smart Communities. She is not a state employee but is under contract to do outreach to people to describe these programs that the State of New York has for local government, home owners, small businesses and really anyone who has a building that they are trying to heat and cool. There are a number of programs that she thought would be good for us to be aware of.

There is an energy audit program that is very appropriate for town halls and it's called the small commercial audit of the State of New York. You can do a complete study of the building depending on what your annual electric bill is. The cost to the taxpayers would be \$100 or \$400 and they give the money back if you actually implement something that is recommended. Once you have that document you are eligible for some cash incentives from the state for lighting etc. to trade up to the more energy efficient item. You can also use the energy small loan fund. Low-interest loans offered through local banks. All banks participate.

The loan fund is also appropriate for home owners. NYSEDA is the state energy authority but one reason you might want to pay attention to this is you are already paying for this program so you might think about trying to get some benefit from it. On the last page of your Central Hudson bill there is a line that says Energy Efficiency Charge. The state is collecting three quarters of a billion dollar from us all over 5 years for these programs.

The state website is [GetEnergySmart.org](http://GetEnergySmart.org)

### **Town Board Business**

1. Supervisor Bellow will be attending a meeting Tuesday to get more information about the Help America Vote Act.
2. There will be a meeting Tuesday with members from the Library. They still have questions about taking over the building.
3. Lester congratulated Ed Portz and crew on a job well done in West Hurley.
4. The Historic Preservation Commission would like to have a meeting on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>
5. Copies of the second part of the Zoning Revisions were given to the Town Board and there will be a workshop at 6:00 pm Monday October 27 to review the report.
6. Councilman Gill talked about the problems on Birch Street and suggested getting a price from Arold Paving on finishing the job.
7. Councilwoman Hyman will be attending a meeting on Nov. 13 of the Central Catskill Collaborative.
8. Levon Helm concert at Gills Farm Stand on October 25 from 2 to 4.
9. Letter of support from the CWC
10. Meeting on October 23 at 3:00 pm with Social Service
11. Kingston Cable Franchise has come to an end
12. The DEP will be at the Town Board Meeting on Monday in West Hurley
13. Councilwoman Briggs said the tennis courts were coming along

### **Proposed Resolutions for Town Board Meeting**

1. Hire Attorney Paul Kellar for Bristol Hill
2. Halloween Curfew

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Gill, seconded by Councilwoman Hyman and all voted aye.

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Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk