

Town of Schuyler Hosts Municipal Continuing Education Program

— Bette Szesny, Event Organizer

The Town of Schuyler held its 3rd Annual Regional Municipal Planning/Zoning Training Seminar on Wednesday evening, June 2, 2010, drawing 103 municipal officials from 31 area communities (including Schuyler) to this year's event. Facilitated by Jane E. Rice, Planning Division Manager, Environmental Design & Research (Syracuse), the 4-hour seminar included a State Certified ZBA & Codes Officer Training segment presented by NYS Department of State's Christopher Eastman and John-David Wood, followed by a variety of presentations focusing on renewable energy resources. "LED 101," presented by Fiberdyne Labs sales representative, Jim Gelose, provided an overview of this new style of lighting and its benefit to the environment. Lowville Town Supervisor Arleigh Rice and Highway Superintendent Richard Dening then discussed their experiences with the establishment of a large wind farm in their municipality, the benefits and pitfalls, and the impacts it has had on their community to date. Chris Carrick, Sr. Planner with CNY Regional Planning & Development Board, Syracuse, concluded the evening's program with a presentation on alternative renewable energy sources, and ways of addressing these alternatives in zoning laws and comprehensive plans. An informational table at the back of the classroom provided literature provided by Herkimer-Oneida Co. Planning & the Census Bureau. As a bonus, visitors were invited to visit our Town Historical Room, manned by Councilman Desrochers & Historical Society President Bev Gillette. This 4-hour seminar was designed to satisfy the State mandated 4-hour training requirement for Planning Board & ZBA members. It should be noted that 100% of Schuyler Planning Board and ZBA members (as well as the ZBA Secretary) attended!

I wish to thank facilitator Jane E. Rice and all the presenters, many of whom traveled from afar to make our training a success, and the following volunteers and workers who assisted me in so many ways — you are all very special people! Event Planning: Donna Salamone; Registration Desk: Barbara Boulia, Judy Parry and Mary Fusillo; Usher: Peter Cardone; Traffic Control & Parking: Tom Mariano, Fire Chief Robert Reska & Fireman "Bear Jr." Parry; PA System & Electronics Set-Up: Councilmen R. Dean Desrochers, Anthony Lucenti & Bob VanDusen; Refreshments: Schuyler VFW (George Dunbar, Joe Serbaniewicz & Peter Cardone); the Schuyler Fire Co., Inc. for loan of those GOOD CHAIRS!; the Schuyler Highway Dept. (Don, Chris, & Crew!); Pick-Up, Set-Up and Return of the Chairs to the Firehouse; the Town Office & Court Clerk Staff: Assistance with the Registration Process; and last (but surely not least!) Supervisor Ken Dodge for his Support & Assistance, and for his great "Introduction," Welcoming Everyone to our Town!



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Left to right: Christopher Eastman; "J.D." Wood; Jim Gelose; Chris Carrick; & Jane Rice with Arleigh Rice & Richard Dening