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MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Herb Oringel, Town Councilman Richard Clinchy, Mike Blum, Jane Harsha, and Rick Warren.

Energy Consultant Jerry Robock was also present.

Minutes – Mr. Oringel made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting as submitted. Mr. Blum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sustainability Summit – The Sustainability Summit held on December 7 was a terrific success. Mr. Oringel was delighted with the number of people who attended, as well as their enthusiasm and interest. Supervisor Murphy invited 68 community organizations to the Summit. A total of 50 people attended, representing 36 community organizations, neighboring organizations and the Energy and Environment Committee. All received a thank you note for participating from Supervisor Murphy. As promised in that correspondence, the Committee has to follow up with an action-oriented plan based on their input.

Mr. Oringel created a chart of the four topics of interest: Education, Energy, Policy and Programs, and Quality of Life. Some in attendance indicated their potential areas of interest. Mr. Blum created Sustainability Project Packets for each topic. The next step will be to send a letter to each organization representative with a summary of these Projects and making them aware that Energy and Environment Committee Facilitators

will be assigned to each topic and will contact them as to how their organization can get involved. Mr. Oringel will craft the letter and Mrs. Schirmer will send it out.

All Committee members present this evening were asked to think about which topic of which they would be interested in being a Facilitator. Assignments will be made at the February meeting. All agreed in order to keep the interest of the community organizations, follow up on behalf of the Committee is key.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Energy Environment Committee

cc: Energy Environment Committee
Town Board
Town Clerk