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MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Dan Gadigian, Jane Harsha, Frank Maricic and Rick Warren.

Bob MacGregor, Somers Land Trust Board member/Angle Fly Preserve Project Manager was also present.

Minutes – Mr. Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting as submitted. Ms. Brodley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Reynolds House Renovation – Somers Land Trust Board member/Angle Fly Preserve Project Manager Bob MacGregor presented the Committee members with the plans for renovating the Reynolds House in Angle Fly Preserve so it can be used as a caretaker's residence. Every effort will be made to have the House as sustainable as possible. Mr. Maricic will assist with promoting the project with local contractors and companies. If there are any grants available he will share that information as well. It was suggested that geo thermal and solar panels be considered.

Somers Central School District – Mr. Maricic met with Julie Gherardi, the Somers Central School District's Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Learning. She is very eager to help in any way she can, and is working on getting other staff and the students involved. Helen Brady also put Mr. Maricic in contact with Vicki Durso, Chair of the PTA Green Week event.

Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Plan – Some of the members attended the Public Hearing for the Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Plan that was held at the County Center in White Plains on November 29. Supervisor Murphy and Councilman Clinchy

were also there. The turnout was good and there was no opposition to the Plan.

Somers Sustainability Action Plan – All were issued a list of community groups and organizations that the Somers Sustainability Action Plan could be presented to in an effort to educate them about the Plan, as well as getting them involved. Members were asked to look at both the list and the Plan so they could come to the January meeting prepared to share which group(s) they would be willing to speak to, when they hope to do so and suggestions for what projects the group(s) can work on. Ms. Brodley will make arrangements for her and Mr. Blum to meet with all the Heritage Hills Condo Association Presidents in March or April. Mr. Gadigian is willing to set up and oversee a weekly project tracker.

Monthly Informative Articles – Mr. Maricic's article was published in November and Mr. Blum's will be in December. Ms. Nash will submit her article on the 10th of December for submission in January.

Energize Programs – Both Mr. Maricic and Ms. Brodley continue to work on promoting the Energize programs.

Somers Expo Earth 2012 – Mr. Maricic is in the process of working with the Somers High School folks to make arrangements to hold the Somers Expo Earth 2012 at their school in April. Details are a work in progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park, instead of Wednesday, January 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Energy Environment Committee

cc: Energy Environment Committee
Town Board
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