

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 1, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Herb Oringel, Town Councilman Richard Clinchy, Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Frank Maricic, and Rick Warren.

Energy Consultant Jerry Robock was also present.

**Minutes** – Mr. Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting as submitted. Mr. Oringel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Energize Somers** – Energize Somers has been adopted and approved by the Town Board. Meetings have been held with the Presidents of the Somers Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and Hilltop Hanover, as well as the Superintendent, and Directors of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Learning, and Instructional Services and Personnel of the Somers School District to solicit their support for the program. Most of the marketing materials are completed as those of Bedford will be used as a template. The seals of those supporting Energize Somers will be included on all materials. A tentative launch date for this program is on or about April 22, Earth Day. There will be lots of other activities planned in Town for that week as well. It was suggested that an Earth Day Celebration take place at Reis Park. Mrs. Schirmer will check concerning availability of the Park and the pavilion.

**Sustainability Summit** – Three project areas have been determined: Education and Outreach, Energy Options, and Quality of Life. Mr. Blum created charts with pertinent information for completion. They need to be emailed/hard copied to those without emails to all the community groups with a sign-up sheet so that a commitment can be made. After some discussion, all agreed that there should be an interim step as the

charts as presented provide a lot of information, which may be a deterrent at this point. The objective is to keep it simple and user friendly so the groups will be eager to get involved.

Mr. Oringel will craft a letter that indicates what was heard in terms of concerns and needs at the Summit, and the next steps for involvement. That letter will also include Facilitator information so that the community groups can dialogue directly with the Energy Environment Committee members who are overseeing each topic. Thanks to Jerry Robock and Frank Maricic we are able to use the GreenSomers website. In March, the detailed project chart and the sign-up sheet will be sent.

The Facilitator assignments are as follows:

Education and Outreach – Mrs. Harsha and Mr. Warren

Energy Options – Mr. Maricic and Mr. Robock

Quality of Life – Mr. Blum and Mrs. Brodley

**Potential New Member** – On February 9, the Town Board is interviewing a resident who has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Committee.

**Announcement** – There will be a meeting at the New Castle Town Hall on February 13, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for all the communities in the NWEAC to discuss their success/issues/concerns to date. Committee members are welcome to attend if they would like.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7 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