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MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2013

Chairman Oringel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Jane Harsha, Frank Maricic, Herb Oringel, and Mike Yee.

Energy Consultant Jerry Robock and Volunteer Robin Pozzi were also present.

Minutes – Mr. Maricic made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2013 meeting as submitted. Ms. Brodley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sustainability Series – Unfortunately the first of the programs offered as part of the Sustainability Series co-sponsored by the Somers Library was not well attended. A meeting was held on April 22 to discuss ways in which to get the word out so that the attendance will be better at the May 7 program on Complete Streets and Safe Paths being led by Mr. Warren. Mr. Oringel will open the session with an overview of the Somers Sustainability Action Plan and the projects designated, followed by a short presentation prepared by Mr. Warren, including the Town's recent adoption of a Complete Streets Policy. Light refreshments and a give-away will be available. Ms. Pozzi created a flyer for the Series that will be distributed. She was thanked for a job well done. Various email blasts will be done, press releases, as well as an announcement on the Town television channel. The remaining programs, all to be held at the Library at 7 p.m. are on June 4, Energize Somers, led by Mr. Maricic; June 25, Sustainable Energy Methods, Mr. Robock; and July 9, Our Land, Water, Air, Mr. Gadigian.

It was suggested that the focus of the informational table that the Energy Environment Committee has at the Independence Day Celebration on June 29 at Reis Park is the projects designated as part of the Somers Sustainability Action Plan.

Complete Streets – Mr. Warren met with the Open Space Committee on April 18 to bring them up to date on the progress with Complete Streets.

Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Plan – The Mid-Hudson Region is still awaiting a signature from the Governor on their Plan. The Consolidated Financial Application process has been delayed. Guidance and rules will be available in mid-May, the applications will be due in early July, and the awards announced after the first of January.

Reduced Fee for Solar Building Permits – Last April, a memo was sent to the Town Board requesting a reduced fee for solar building permits. This item was placed on the June Town Board meeting agenda and referred out to the Building Inspector for review and comment. It doesn't appear that there has been an update. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 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
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