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MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2013

Chairman Oringel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mike Blum, Herb Oringel, Stacie Vourakis, Rick Warren, and Mike Yee.

Energy Consultant Jerry Robock was also present.

Mr. Oringel welcomed new Committee member Stacie Vourakis and regretfully accepted Shannon Nash's resignation.

Minutes – Mr. Yee made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Oringel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sustainability Series – An increase in attendance continued with the third program offered as part of the Sustainability Series co-sponsored by the Somers Library. Mr. Robock did a great job presenting Sustainable Energy Methods. The fourth and final offering Our Land, Water, Air will be on July 9 and led by Mr. Blum and Mr. Oringel. It will also include water conservation and what should be done as to not pollute the water. In closing, the panel of Series presenters will be available to answer any questions. Mr. Blum reiterated the importance of trying to get the folks in the community to commit to volunteering to help with the suggested projects that have been generated as a result of the Somers Sustainability Action Plan (SSAP). Mr. Oringel would like feedback from all after tomorrow's program to keep the momentum going with the SSAP and keeping it current with the Town Board.

307 Route 100 – The Committee reviewed what was submitted for Somers Crossing located at 307 Route 100. It includes a neighborhood grocery store, 60 units of multifamily housing targeted to active seniors age 55 and above, and a state of the art Memory Care Facility (approximately 75 beds). The Committee looks forward to seeing site plans with details when they are ready. In addition, Mr. Warren has agreed to be

the point person on this project for the Committee.

Westchester Solar Initiative – The NWEAC is collaborating with the SWEAC for energy and sustainability initiatives for the entire County. This is an attempt to aggregate the demand to lower the cost per unit for the residences. Nina Orville, SWEAC's Executive Director is also serving as head of this Initiative. The Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Plan is also working on a plan for solar.

Meeting with NYS Assemblywoman Amy Paulin – Mr. Oringel and Mrs. Vourakis will be meeting with NYS Assemblywoman Amy Paulin to discuss the accomplishments of her first year as Energy Committee Chair, as well as fuel cells.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 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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