

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**August 28, 2013**

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

Town Councilman Richard Clinchy and Volunteer Robin Pozzi were also present.

**Minutes** – Ms. Brodley made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Maricic seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Somers Sustainability Action Plan (SSAP): Next Steps** – At the last meeting, each Committee member was asked to review the Somers Sustainability Action Plan to select two or three of the high priority projects outlined in the Plan. The following themes have been determined based on the results – Complete Streets (traffic management and vehicle pollution), Sustainability (local food, water conservation, recycling and greening infrastructure), and Energize Somers. A Chair is needed for each of these Sub-Committees and all members need to serve as well. The breakdown is as follows:

Complete Streets – Chair: Mr. Warren, Ms. Pozzi and Mr. Yee

Energize Somers – Chair: Mr. Maricic, Ms. Brodley and Mrs. Vourakis

Sustainability – Chair: Mr. Blum, Mr. Gadigian, Mrs. Harsha and Mr. Oringel

Mr. Yee is willing to write a grant for any of these projects. Ms. Pozzi has a friend who may be able to do so as well. Mr. Clinchy has a list of grant resources that he will share with all.

Mr. Oringel met with Supervisor Murphy earlier today. A Special Town Board Meeting will be scheduled for September 26, at which time the Committee will meet with the Town Board to update them on the Somers Sustainability Action Plan and incorporating

a portion of it into the Town Master Plan Update.

**Celebrate Somers** – The Somers Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Celebrate Somers on September 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Towne Centre at Somers. The fee is \$25 to register and has been submitted. All agreed that there should be a one page flyer handed out that day informing residents as to how they could help in moving forward with the prioritized projects outlined in the SSAP. Mr. Oringel will draft something and get it out to everyone.

**2014 Somers Energy Expo** – Plans are underway for the 2014 Somers Energy Expo to be held at the Somers High School in early spring. As soon as a date has been determined, Mrs. Schirmer will submit a required School Use Form to the school district.

**Announcement** – On September 28, NWEAC, SWEAC and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin will be acknowledged by the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 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  
Town Clerk