

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BLUM  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**

**December 4, 2014**

Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

The following members were present: Don Bleasdale, Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Jane Harsha, Frank Maricic, Stacie Vourakis, Rick Warren, and Mike Yee.

The following members were not present: Herb Oringel and Chris Zaberto.

**Minutes** – Ms. Brodley made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mr. Blum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:**

**Complete Streets** – Unfortunately the December 8 submission deadline to fund \$5,000 for the first phase of this project through the Greenway Committee will not be met. Mr. Blum and Mr. Yee will speak more about this with the Town Board at their meeting this evening in hopes that the February 6 submission date will be met.

**Energize Somers** – Ms. Vourakis has been in touch with the four churches in Town that also have a residence and Mr. Blum with the synagogue. One of the churches had an energy inspection last year, and one is in the process of refurbishing now. The remaining two have not responded. Mr. Blum has been in touch with the synagogue, but has to follow up with the Rabbi.

As a result of the Chamber of Commerce presentation, seven businesses have expressed interest in the Energize program. Mr. Blum and Mr. Maricic will follow up. The owner of the Somers Community Center, and also a resident of Shenorock has indicated that she willing to host a meeting in the Community Center for the Shenorock

folks. Mr. Blum will follow up with her as well. He also hopes to make another presentation to the Chamber as the one in November wasn't well attended.

Ms. Brodley is in the process of making phone calls to those who had an audit done, but did not complete the entire process.

Somers High School student Conor Talleur will assist Mr. Blum with rebooting Energize in mid-January. Ideas on how that should be done are being discussed. Conor also hopes to get his fellow classmates involved as well.

**Earth Week 2015** – Ms. Brodley held a meeting with 5 of the 19 Somers High School students who expressed an interest in volunteering to help the Committee. Of those 5, unfortunately 2 have dropped out. Another meeting will be held at the Library on December 8 at 5:30 p.m. to brainstorm and set up teams so planning for Earth Week 2015 can begin. Offerings will be geared to both residents and businesses. All Committee members were asked for input as well.

**Solarize Somers** – Mr. Blum has been in contact with Jeff LeJava, Senior Staff Attorney for the PACE University School of Law with regard to community solar sharing. He also met with some IBM representatives on Madison Avenue earlier today about using their land in Somers. Mr. Blum has also been talking to Community Green Energy, LLC in Wisconsin. Mr. Maricic has a contact with this organization as well. Smart Energy representative Toni Bouchard is still in the process of seeking funding from NYSERDA to do a community solar sharing pilot in Somers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the kitchen at the Somers Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Energy Environment Committee

cc: Energy Environment Committee  
Town Board  
Town Clerk