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**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Jane Harsha, Frank Maricic, Herb Oringel, Rick Warren, Mike Yee and Chris Zaberto.

Town Councilman Richard Clinchy, resident Don Bleasdale and Energy Manager Jerry Robock were also present.

**Minutes** – Ms. Brodley made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**NWEAC** – Mr. Oringel was pleased to announce that the Village of Sleepy Hollow is now the 17<sup>th</sup> municipality to join the consortium.

**Recycling Bins** – Councilman Clinchy has a meeting next week with City Carting to see if larger recycling bins can be secured.

**E-Waste** – Mr. Blum suggested that the possibility of an E-Waste program be explored for the Town as a way to generate revenue.

**Algonquin Gas Line** – Ms. Brodley attended a meeting in White Plains regarding the Algonquin Gas Line. There is a proposal to expand the pipeline, as well as its compressor stations. The pipeline's effluence is already going into the air and water, and all of this has an ultimate impact on fracking. A motion was made by Ms. Brodley to draft a resolution on behalf of the Committee ultimately opposing this proposal. All were in favor.

**Energize NY/Somers** – Ms. Brodley shared a summary provided from November 2010 to April 2014. A review and discussion ensued. Follow up is next. Mr. Maricic, Mr.

Oringel and Mr. Zaberto are willing to help Ms. Brodley with making calls.

**Town Councilman** – Mr. Blum, Mr. Maricic and Mr. Oringel met with Town Councilmen Cirienco and Faulkner to bring them up to speed on what the Committee is doing. They are also interested in solar for the Town buildings.

**School District** – Councilman Clinchy spoke with Julie Gherardi regarding getting the students involved with the Somers Sustainability Action Plan projects. She suggested a June meeting with the Principal. Mr. Clinchy will make those arrangements.

The School District has a 5year capital project to replace the school roofs. Mr. Blum thinks this is a perfect opportunity to speak with them regarding installing solar as it can be a significant saving to the residents in taxes. A business case is needed. Mr. Robock can help Mr. Blum in this effort.

**CHPS Funding** – Mr. Warren met with the Highway Superintendent regarding CHPS funding in the amount of \$25,000 that the Town has received. Perhaps it can be used for a cross walk on Brick Hill Road near the trail way.

**Complete Streets** – Mr. Warren met with Dan Welch of Lewisboro regarding transportation funding that is forthcoming. A checklist as well as a community survey is needed. Perhaps a survey could be completed as a project done by the High School students.

**Independence Day Celebration** – The Committee will have an informational table at the Independence Day Celebration on June 28.

**Funding** – Mr. Yee and Mr. Zaberto attended the Town Board meeting on April 3 to discuss the Committee's commitment to execute the Somers Sustainability Action Plan and the financial challenges to implement the various projects. The Board was amenable in providing support from satisfying funding requirements to reaching out to other Town officials for project inputs. It is now up to the Committee to present the Town Board with future funding opportunities and the actions required.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at 6:00 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