

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BLUM
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2015

Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The following members were present: Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Frank Maricic, Mike Yee, and Chris Zaberto.

The following members were not present: Don Bleasdale, Jane Harsha, Stacie Vourakis, and Rick Warren.

Resident Aidrian O'Connor was also present.

Resignation – Herb Oringel has resigned from the Committee so he can dedicate more time to Sustainable Westchester.

Minutes – Ms. Brodley made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mr. Blum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Complete Streets – The Town Board agreed to fund \$5,000 to secure a proposal from Barton & Loguidice, DPC for a Complete Streets – Concept Phase for Engineering and Landscape Architectural Services. All paperwork has been signed.

Solar Community Gardens – Mr. Blum and Mr. Maricic have been in communications with representatives from Community Green Energy, LLC in Wisconsin regarding a model for a Solar Community Garden in Somers. They are now partnering with SmartPower of Washington DC. The two target areas for these Gardens are Heritage Hills and IBM. Ms. Brodley will be meeting with the President of the Heritage Hills

Society next week to present the concept. There are two Somers High School students, Connor Talleur and Emilio Zullo who will be assisting with the initial legwork of this project, determining how many subscriptions will be needed in order for it to be a viable option.

Municipality Solar – A site visit will be done by NYSERDA to determine the best locations for solar panels for the purposes of supplying solar power to the municipality of Somers.

Website – The GreenSomers website will be canceled and redirected to the Somers Energy Environment Committee's page on the Town website. All members are asked to review and come prepared with suggestions for additions, deletions, format, etc. at the February meeting. An email reminder will be sent to all.

Somers Chamber of Commerce – Mrs. Schirmer will make arrangements to have Mr. Blum and Ms. Brodley speak at a Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding Complete Streets and Earth Week respectively.

Somers Community Center – Arrangements will also be made by Mrs. Schirmer to have Mr. Blum and Ms. Brodley speak to the residents of Shenorock at the Somers Community Center about Earth Week and Energize.

Lake Communities – Mr. O'Connor is the President of the Lake Purdys Property Owners Association and will schedule a presentation by Ms. Brodley to speak about Earth Week and Energize. He is also willing to put us in touch with the Presidents of the other lake community organizations to do the same.

Energize – Ms. Brodley is meeting with twenty homeowners tomorrow regarding the Energize program.

Earth Week 2015 – Information is in the process of being collected to create a calendar for Earth Week 2015 (April 18 to 25). Ms. Brodley has been in contact with the Citizens for the Beautification of Somers, Somers Historical Society, Somers School District, Somers PTA, Taste Deli and Somers Dry Cleaners. All Committee members were asked to email Ms. Brodley with any Somers business contacts they may have. Mr. Blum suggested that the Committee consider sponsoring three programs during that week – Complete Streets (walk the proposed pathway), and Solar Gardens (meet in the proposed field and explain the concept).

AIM – Ms. Brodley and Mr. O'Connor will be attending this evening's Town Board meeting with regard to AIM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5 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