

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BLUM
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

The following members were present: Mike Blum, Jane Harsha, Frank Maricic and Rick Warren.

Don Bleasdale, Flo Brodley, Stacie Vourakis and Chris Zaberto were absent.

Resident Marialisa Zywochenko was also present.

Minutes – Mr. Maricic made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Harsha seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Somers High School Volunteer Fair – On October 29, Mr. Maricic, Mr. Warren and resident Dan Gadigan represented the Energy Environment Committee at the Somers High School Volunteer Fair. All initiatives were shared with those interested and nine students gave their email addresses. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up and invite them to the next meeting.

Complete Streets Update – In addition to the \$10,000 grant from the Hudson Valley Greenway for Complete Streets, the Town also received \$1 million via a State grant for stormwater and drainage as it applies to where the sidewalks will be built. The Department of Transportation also has funding available. Mr. Zaberto met with Woodard and Curran's Joe Barbagallo to discuss this project further.

Micro-Grid Update – Booz Allen continues to collect data for the feasibility study. They will be in Town the week of November 16 to meet with NYSEG representatives.

Somers Solarize Update – The Kick-Off event on October 29 went well. Thirty two residents were in attendance. Representatives from Direct Energy Solar and Best Energy Power were also present, as well as some members of the Energy Environment Committee. Thanks were extended to Ms. Brodley and Mrs. Harsha for providing refreshments. Residents have started registering for the program. Question and Answer Sessions have been set up for November 18 and December 16 in the Somers Library Program Room at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Blum, Mrs. Harsha, and Mrs. Zywotchenko will be available to help on November 18. All were asked to be there at 6:30 p.m. to set up. Additionally, Somers Community Clubs and Organizations will be contacted to make arrangements to have a member of the Somers Energy Environment Committee speak to them at a meeting about Solarize Somers. An email to that effect will be sent to all Committee members by Mrs. Schirmer.

The Best Energy Power owner is willing to host a dinner for the commercial properties. A letter will be sent to those folks and Mr. Blum will follow up with a phone call inviting them to the dinner. Some Committee members will have to be present as well.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 5:30 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