

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BLUM
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2015

Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

The following members were present: Don Bleasdale, Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Frank Maricic, and Rick Warren.

Jane Harsha, Stacey Vourakis and Chris Zaberto were absent.

Councilman Clinchy was present as well.

Minutes – Mr. Bleasdale made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting as submitted. Mr. Maricic seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers – The Energy Environment Committee will once again participate in the Somers Chamber of Commerce's Celebrate Somers on Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Towne Centre at Somers. A color brochure will be created by Mr. Blum to be used for the event.

Independence Day Celebration – At the Independence Day Celebration, four residents shared their emails as they were interested in volunteering. Committee members offered to reach out to each of them in an effort to further educate them and invite them to the next meeting, but unfortunately all were unsuccessful. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up by sending them a letter.

Micro-Grid – Booz Allen created a questionnaire that Mrs. Schirmer emailed out to the Potential Beneficiary Facilities of Micro-Grid. Unfortunately the response was not good. A second email was sent, again to no avail. Mrs. Schirmer furnished Booz Allen with contact phone numbers so they could follow up. Mr. Blum will have a follow up call with

Booz Allen on August 18.

Solarize Round 2 – Somers has been selected to participate in Solarize Round 2. The next step is to alter the website page for registration purposes. Nina Orville has submitted an email outlining what has to be done. Mr. Blum asked that all think about how they can help in this endeavor.

Complete Streets – A Memorandum of Understanding for the Hudson Valley Greenway in the amount of \$10,000 for the Complete Streets project has to be executed by the Town Supervisor. The funds should follow shortly thereafter.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions – An update of the Town's greenhouse gas emissions has to be done. Mr. Maricic is waiting for school to start again so he can get some student volunteers to help with this.

Volunteers – Volunteers are needed to assist with upcoming projects. Mr. Blum would like to set up a table in the Heritage Hills Activity Center in an effort to move this forward since many of the residents are retired professionals. Mrs. Schirmer made numerous attempts to contact the Heritage Hills Society, but no one responded. Ms. Brodley will follow up and see if she can make arrangements to meet with someone to discuss this further.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, September 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