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MICHAEL BLUM
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2016

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

The following members were present: Mike Blum, Don Bleasdale, Flo Brodley, Jason Crawford, Jane Harsha, Frank Maricic, Rick Warren, and Chris Zaberto. Stacie Vourakis and Marialisa Zywochenko were absent.

Minutes – A motion was made by Ms. Brodley and seconded by Mrs. Harsha to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Somers Springs Into Sustainability – Ms. Brodley thanked all members for attending and assisting at the *Somers Springs Into Sustainability* event that was held on April 30. All were pleased with how things turned out and think it should be repeated next year. It will be held on Saturday, April 22 in 2017.

Complete Streets Update – Moving forward, the Complete Streets project will be divided into two parts: Bike Trails and Sidewalks, and Walking Trails. Mr. Crawford, Mr. Maricic, Mr. Stern and Mr. Warren will work on this project. Mr. Zaberto will research language for grants.

Solar Gardens – Mr. Blum spoke with Open Space Committee Chair Michael Barnhart about the possibility of using Town owned property for a Solar Garden. One acre of land will accommodate 30 homes. This will continue to be a work in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Independence Day Celebration – The Complete Streets sub-committee will make arrangements for a short trail hike the day of the Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 25 in Reis Park to generate interest in the Walking Trails component of that project. Mrs. Harsha has a solar kit that Mr. Crawford will erect for the Energy Environment Committee's informational table at the event. At the next meeting, a schedule for coverage will be discussed.

Other Initiatives for 2016 – All were asked to think about initiatives that could be considered for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Somers Town House Kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Energy Environment Committee

cc: Energy Environment Committee
Town Board
Town Clerk