

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BLUM
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

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

Jason Crawford, Jerry Stern, Stacie Vourakis, Rick Warren, Chris Zaberto, and Marialisa Zywochenko were absent.

Minutes – The minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting were not approved as there was not a quorum of those in attendance at that meeting present this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Complete Streets Sub Committee Report – Sub-committee members Mrs. Harsha, Mr. Stern and Mr. Warren met and discussed ideas in which to educate the community about Complete Streets. All agreed that the project includes sidewalks, separate from bike/walking trails. Ultimately two simple surveys need to be created with a minimum number of questions that only takes 3 to 4 minutes to complete. There will be an on-line survey, as well as a paper copy. It was suggested that Mrs. Harsha contact Mr. Crawford, Mr. Stern, Mr. Warren and Mr. Zaberto and ask them to give her 10 questions they would like to see included on each survey.

Solar Garden Project Updates – Mr. Blum met with Open Space Committee Chairman Michael Barnhart regarding the inquiry of land for the Solar Garden project. Once the abandoned condos in Angle Fly Preserve are removed, land would be available in that area. He also has an appointment to meet with the director of Somers Manor Nursing home as they have a huge open space. The IBM property is for sale. There might be an opportunity with the new owners. Once space is secured, sources for funding will be

researched.

Library Solar Panel Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – This morning a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Somers Library to celebrate the free 5kw solar system that was given to the Town by Direct Energy Solar and installed on the Library roof. There was quite a bit of press coverage.

Solarize 2 Project Update – A memo requesting the solicitation of RFP's for the Solarize 2 Project was sent to the Town Board and is on the agenda for their meeting this evening.

Celebrate Somers Chamber Event – The Energy Environment Committee will have an informational table at the annual Celebrate Somers event sponsored by the Somers Chamber of Commerce on September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Towne Centre at Somers.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6 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