

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2013

Chairman Oringel called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Michael Blum, Frank Maricic, Herb Oringel, Rick Warren and Mike Yee.

Town Councilman Richard Clinchy and resident Don Bleasdale were also present.

Minutes – Mr. Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Blum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Somers High School PTSA Community Service Fair – Mr. Blum, Mr. Warren and Mr. Yee attended the Community Service Fair that the Somers High School PTSA sponsored on October 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Some of the staff is interested in projects that the Somers Energy Environment Committee would like to complete and about a dozen students were interested as well. Mr. Blum will reach out to Julie Gherardi, Assistant Superintendent for Learning in an effort to get both the staff and students involved. All agreed that the project needs to be very specific and conducted under the direction of Energy Environment Committee members. Student projects suggested were: digitizing Complete Streets in the Planning Department; developing a business case to put solar panels on all school buildings; creating an energy education curriculum for the schools; using monthly invoices from the Somers Town Finance Department to log consumption and cost of energy by department by month for 2013 and obtain similar data from the Somers Central School District and estimate residential/commercial segments; develop a Town of Somers Demographic Analysis Using publically available Survey data and develop a detailed analysis of the Somers housing stock (i.e. age, year of construction, energy source, number of occupants, size, etc.); and analyze Energize Somers results in order to determine how to accelerate adoption and fulfill the promise.

Energize Somers – A marketing campaign has to be developed for Energize Somers.

The numbers of those who completed an application, signed up and completed the process are still quite low compared to those of Bedford, with half the number of homes. If an Energy Expo is not held, there should be a week dedicated to energize efforts. The program should also be advertised on the local community and school television channels, as well as in the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Energy Environment Committee

cc: Energy Environment Committee
Town Board
Town Clerk