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MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2013

Chairman Oringel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mike Blum, Flo Brodley, Frank Maricic, Herb Oringel, Rick Warren, and Mike Yee.

Minutes – Mr. Maricic made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Oringel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sustainability Series – The Somers Library co-sponsored Sustainability Series will begin on April 16 at 4 p.m. with a presentation of the Somers Sustainability Action Plan. Mr. Oringel will lead this program in place of Mr. Blum. The schedule is as follows: May 7, 7 p.m., Complete Streets/Safe Paths, Mr. Warren; June 4, 4 p.m., Energize Somers, Mr. Maricic; June 25, 4 p.m., Sustainable Energy Methods, Mr. Robock; and July 9, 4 p.m., Our Land, Water, Air, Mr. Gadigian. All were encouraged to pass the emails on announcing these programs.

Complete Streets – On Thursday evening, the Town Board will discuss Complete Streets at 7:30 p.m. Calming devices on Brick Hill Road is also on the agenda. Mrs. Schirmer will send all a copy of Complete Streets.

Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Plan – Mr. Oringel will give the Town Board an update on the Mid-Hudson Region Sustainability Plan at their meeting on April 4. There will be a meeting on April 12 in White Plains to explain the Consolidated Financial Application process for those municipalities that want to finance one or more of the roughly 200 projects developed as part of the Plan. Between \$3 and \$4 million dollars is currently available. Projects that can benefit more than one community at once are more likely to secure funding.

Many of the projects in this Plan correlate to the project needs in the Somers

Sustainability Action Plan. All agreed to meet on April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park to review the list and determine which project/s would have the largest payback in terms of job creation and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, so that an application for this funding can be processed. Mrs. Schirmer will send the list to everyone.

Community Choice Aggregation – NWEAC is working with Assemblywoman Amy Paulin to launch a Community Choice Aggregation pilot program, the aim of which is to allow communities to act as energy demand aggregators in order to obtain favorable costs for energy on the spot market and in return provide the lower cost energy to our residents and businesses.

Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast – The Somers Energy Environment Committee will have a table with information at the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 7 at the High School. Help is needed with manning the table from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Essay Contest – Mr. Warren is working with the English department at the Somers Middle School on an essay contest. The student winner will be awarded \$50 and will be recognized at an upcoming Town Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Energy Environment Committee

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