

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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DON BLEASDALE
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2019

Chairman Don Bleasdale called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The following members were present: Don Bleasdale, Frank Maricic, Rick Warren and Chris Zaberto.

Jane Harsha and Stacie Vourakis were absent.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Maricic and seconded by Mr. Bleasdale to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

March 5th Program at Somers Library Update – On March 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Library Program Room, NYSEG's arborist Sam Miller will speak about their tree trimming policy and will give recommendations on planting trees and vegetation near the power lines. In addition, Maryanne Rivera owner of Landscape Concepts will speak about sustainable yard care with regard to the pros and cons of fall leaf mulching; fertilization for lawns; sustaining plantings; use of electric mowers and leaf blowers; and dealing with insect damage on plants. Necessary details for the evening will be shared with all members via email.

NYSEG Task Force Update – The NYSEG Task Force met on February 5th. Mr. Zaberto gave an overview of what was discussed at that meeting. He will share the minutes with everyone. They meet next on April 9th.

Johnson Controls, Inc. Project Update – As per Finance Director Bob Kehoe, on February 5th, representatives from Johnson Controls, Inc. toured all the Town buildings to assess potential projects for energy savings. A report is forthcoming.

Brick Hill Road Crosswalk – At the Open Space Committee meeting on January 17, 2019, a discussion ensued about supporting the Energy Environment Committee’s suggestion that at the very least a request be made that crosswalk hashmarks be painted in white or yellow across Brick Hill Road to identify the trail crossing that is near the Route 202 end of the roadway in an effort to calm the traffic. The Somers Open Space Committee is not interested as the trail that runs behind The Willows is overgrown and impassable, therefore no one would need to cross the street. Mr. Warren respectfully disagreed with the Open Space Committee’s opinion that the trail is impassable and no one would need to cross the street. It is Mr. Warren’s opinion that many people cross the street while hiking that trail.

Highway Department Solar Project Update – The installation of solar panels on the Highway Department should begin at some point in February. Mrs. Schirmer will continue to keep everyone updated.

NEW BUSINESS

Westchester Power 2019 Choice Aggregation Program Contract Renewal – Dan Welsh, Program Director for Westchester Power presented the Westchester Power 2019 Choice Aggregation Program Contract Renewal at the Town Board Work Session on February 7th. Mr. Zaberto gave an overview of the presentation. Some changes have been made to the program. Requests for Proposal are due by February 20th and the program will be implemented by May 1st.

Sidewalks to be Constructed by DeCiccios & Sons – Mr. Zaberto reported that there was also a discussion at the Town Board Work Session about the sidewalks to be constructed by DeCicco & Sons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center in Van Tassell Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Energy Environment Committee

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