

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Telephone  
(914) 277-5582  
Fax  
(914) 277-3790

**Town of Somers**  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.

SOMERS TOWN HOUSE  
335 ROUTE 202  
SOMERS, NY 10589

DON BLEASDALE  
CHAIRMAN



**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 5, 2018**

Chairman Don Bleasdale called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Jane Harsha and Stacie Vourakis was absent.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Maricic to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Sustainable Yard Care Program Update** – Mr. Crawford called Maryanne Rivera owner of Landscape Concepts with regard to presenting a program at the Somers Library on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. about lawn and tree care; yard planting and composting. He was told to email her, which he did, but unfortunately has not received a reply. Mr. Crawford will reach out again via telephone. Mr. Zaberto will speak that evening as well about NYSEG's vegetation management plan and Mr. Warren suggested that the presentation include fertilizers.

**NYSEG Task Force Update** – The NYSEG Task Force met on October 9<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Zaberto was in attendance. They are working on developing a curriculum based on the vegetation management plan, which the Town has set aside \$100,000 for. The Task Force will meet next on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Somers High School Sustainable Energy Project Update** – Mr. Maricic sent Somers High School physics teacher Chris Pietris the Town's greenhouse gas emissions inventory from 2009, as well as the climate action plan. Hopefully some mentoring

opportunities will be created. Their focus is on energy consumption.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Dandelion Geothermal** – Mr. Maricic announced that he just read about Google launching a Dandelion Geothermal program. It sounds very promising.

**Municipal Solar Tour in Orange County** – Mr. Bleasdale attended a municipal solar tour in Orange County which was quite interesting. He shared information he gathered with everyone.

**Amended Municipal Agreement with Energy Improvement Corporation for the “Pay When Received PACE” Program** – The Town has received a request to sign an amended municipal agreement with Energy Improvement Corporation for the “Pay When Received PACE” program. All agreed it makes sense for the Town sign the amendment. Mrs. Schirmer will let Supervisor Morrissey know.

**NYSEG/RGE Small Business Direct Install Program (SBDI)** – The NYSEG SBDI Program provides funding to assist businesses in upgrading qualifying interior and exterior lighting to energy-efficient LED technology. An assessment was done last Thursday. Finance Director Bob Kehoe would like to review the assessment as well as cost saving summary with Mr. Bleasdale. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 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  
Open Space Committee