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DON BLEASDALE
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2019

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

The following members were present: Don Bleasdale, Jane Harsha, and Rick Warren.

Frank Maricic and Stacie Vourakis were absent.

Resident Chris Zaberto was also present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Bleasdale and seconded by Mrs. Harsha to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

NYSEG Task Force Update – Mr. Zaberto was unable to attend the NYSEG Task Force meeting on April 9th, but will be at the next bi-monthly meeting on June 12. The Town Board is pleased with the improvements made and the concerns from the residents have been addressed.

Mr. Zaberto has been asked to represent the Town at a NYSEG Tabletop Exercise on May 23rd which will include a simulation of a storm that hits Somers and knocks the power out.

Johnson Controls, Inc. Project Update – It has been determined by Johnson Controls, Inc., that they did not find enough work to do an Energy Performance Contract. NYSEG is now replacing much of the Town's lighting to LED throughout the Town's buildings.

Program for Heritage Hills Health and Safety Committee – All agreed to honor the

request of former Committee member Flo Brodley to speak to the Heritage Hills Health and Safety Committee at one of their upcoming meetings. An overview of the Committee, as well as their accomplishments will be presented, and the Committee hopes that they will get some feedback in terms of how the Committee can help the residents of Heritage Hills. It is also the hope that a resident of Heritage Hills would be willing to be interviewed by the Town Board and serve as a member of the Committee.

Grant Update – The Town just took delivery of a Chevy Volt for the nutrition program, and another one will be purchased for the police department. A new commercial charging station will be built at Van Tassell Park and the existing one at the Town House will be replaced with the same type.

Networking with Neighboring Towns – In the past, a discussion ensued about networking with neighboring Towns who have a committee similar to the Energy Environment Committee. Mrs. Schirmer did some research and shared a list of contact information with Mr. Bleasdale who will reach out.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Hills Men's Club – The Town is organizing a meeting with the Heritage Hills Men's Club and at the request of the Supervisor, Mr. Zaberto was asked to reach out to the Energy Environment Committee to see if they would like to participate. All agreed to do so. It was suggested that the Westchester Power 2019 Choice Aggregation Program Contract Renewal be presented by Dan Welsh. Mr. Zaberto will keep everyone updated.

Review of Projects – The Planning and Engineering Department use to distribute project plans to the Energy Environment Committee for their review and comment. A request will be made to resume that process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 10th 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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