

ENERGY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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DON BLEASDALE
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2020

Chairman Bleasdale called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Stacie Vourakis was absent.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Bleasdale and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

SUBMISSIONS

There were no submissions this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

NYSEG Task Force Update – Mr. Zaberto was not present, so there was not an update on the NYSEG Task Force, however Mr. Bleasdale shared an article in the January 9, 2020 issue of the Katonah-Lewisboro times regarding NYSEG. NYSEG and Rochester Gas and Electric, both subsidiaries of AVANGRID, Inc. have acknowledged that they didn't adequately plan for the two nor'easters in March 2018, and the State announced that a \$10.5 million settlement, the largest of its kind, was reached, of which \$9 million was for NYSEG.

NEW BUSINESS

Solar/EPC – PPA Battery Storage – The Committee was forwarded an email from the Supervisor on December 27, 2019 from John Cain of ConEdison Solutions regarding Solar/EPC – PPA Battery Storage. A discussion ensued and all agreed that there is no economic benefit to this project due to the low utility rates the Town pays.

New Private School Meeting – The Committee has been invited to attend a joint meeting between the Architectural Review Board, Energy Environment Committee, Open Space Committee, Planning Board and Town Board on January 14th at 7:00 p.m. regarding the New Private School at the old IBM facility. Mr. Bleasdale will attend and report back at the next meeting.

2020 Committee Goals – Mr. Bleasdale would like to meet with the Town Board regarding the Sustainability Action Plan, which they adopted and included in the Master Plan Update, as well as the need to solicit for new Committee members. He would also like to re-visit the adoption of a Green Building Code, as was done in Hastings-on-Hudson in 2013. Mr. Bleasdale will also reach out to Bedford and Lewisboro in an effort to network about what their similar committees are doing. Plans will be made for an informative presentation for the community at large.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 10th 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
Open Space Committee