

TCLocal Meeting Minutes

13 January 2007

Roll Call:

Josh Dolan, Denise Mooney, Kate Quinn-Jacobs, Angelika Rumberger, Simon St. Laurent, Bethany Schroeder

Chair pro tem:

In the absence of TCLocal chair Jon Bosak, Simon St. Laurent was appointed chair pro tem for this meeting.

Guest introductions & new members (if any): None

Departure of Merry Muraskin:

Merry will be returning to NYC as soon as feasible and will no longer work with the group.

Postmortems:

11 January: Co-hosting the showing of “How Cuba Survived Peak Oil” at Sustainable Tompkins meeting—went well from the audience’s point of view and the event was very well attended (40+). Those TCLocal members who attended the viewing described the challenges of the space and controlling the participants, and agreed that participants need to be able to talk about their impressions following the film. We’ll plan on showing it again soon.

(Note: we’re omitting the monthly Peak Oil discussion group meetings from this list; they’re continuing as usual and will be reported on if anyone has any questions.)

Josh shared that at a recent relocalization event he attended in San Francisco, Franklin’s efforts were mentioned, but not ours. We agreed that having a peak oil resolution from the City or the County would be an advantage.

Upcoming TCLocal events

19 January: Meeting with legislative aide to Senator Clinton in Washington

Quakers would like us in February (now March)

New “Alarmists or Realists” flyer (*Jon*):

Members will get back with ideas, but some said it needs more graphic interest. Randomized quotes on the website would also be a good idea.

TCLocal representation on new TCAT Advisory Group (*Jon*):

Jon was asked to join TCAT’s transportation advisory group, which he has agreed to do as a TCLocal representative. The first meeting has occurred and was informative.

Research progress reports (*all*):

Simon: Got info from German trip that is promising, including country road use and urban roadway development. Not much good information yet on Emergency Services. Looking at the possibility of phased or intermediate steps.

Angelika: Posted new links to TCLocal site. Ready to write as soon as she has a better idea of what's expected.

Josh: Nervous about getting the information down. His area could be better done with visuals. Remains interested in cohousing, urban retrofits, green space, and community gardens.

Denise: Will agree to act as historian for water plant consolidation.

Kate: Wants to get something on paper, too. Has been writing to the Peak Shrink, getting good leads, who has clinical and academic backgrounds and is being helpful. Preparedness: Could probably write at any time; working on a food inventory on winter food storage now.

Bethany: Would like to get something down, too. Ensuing discussion included a good idea from Josh about using part of a TCLocal meeting to explore formatting (as we attempt to format) and field questions about the work we're each doing.

Research paper formats (Kate): Wants to know length? Style? Executive summary? As a group we think 1-4 pages as an 11x 17 publication might work. Kate recommended developing a logo that ties in the whole project.

Action Item review:

Marty: Provide mail list contacts for Small Farms and CU Extension

Jon: Acknowledge Denise as water historian?

Other business

Earth day planning: Feb 3: Kate will represent us at the planning meeting. TCLocal and Prepared Tompkins will have adjacent tables. We'd like an oil drum; assigned to Jon.

All: Think about possible relocalization awareness event (how to contribute; whether worth doing)—probably not at this time.

Meeting schedule through spring: 2/3, 3/3, 4/2, all 4-6 with potluck at Denise's.

Can we get a drafted county resolution into the hands of local politicians?

Written material and solid website may help.

What is the story?—climate change, peak oil? RELOCALIZATION!

Potluck at Denise's house