

TCLocal Minutes for 3 March 2007

Roll Call

Jon Bosak, Josh Dolan, Jen Maffett, Ed Mikula, Denise Mooney, Rob Morache, Kate Quinn-Jacobs, Angelika Rumberger, Simon St. Laurent, Bethany Schroeder

Acceptance of minutes for 3 February

Jon notes for the record that we decided that Dave Panofsky should continue as a contributor even though he has relocated to Berkeley as long as he continues to make contributions (for example, contributions to the repository) and votes on formal questions put to the group by email.

Postmortems

17 February 2007: Round Table Discussion with Congressman Arcuri—members of the audience and local experts assembled by Gay Nicholson gave Arcuri a lot of good input. Jon made brief statements in support of positions taken by others urging more funding for passenger rail and opposing ethanol production from maize.

2 March 2007: Presentation at Wells College Activism Symposium—small turnout but good questions and discussion. **AI:** Jon to circulate latest slides to the group.

(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.)

Upcoming TCLocal events (not counting Earth Day)

6 March: Ithaca Friends (*Simon, Jon, Bethany*) — for the Social Justice Committee, to be held near Cornell.

20 April: Church group in Cumberland, MD (*Jon*) — presentation for a group assembled by Jon's sister.

4 July: Northeast Permaculture Conference (*Josh*) — Steve Gabriel says we can have a spot during the conference, to be held most likely at the Cayuga Nature Center 7 and 8 July 2007; we would likely be presenting Sunday 7 July.

AI: Jon to forward notice of “Growing Energy on the Farm” meeting 16 March in Bath.

Report on TCAT Advisory Group meeting 12 February (*Jon*): stats are available through the committee, if helpful to researchers. **AI:** Jon to scan TCAT page of route info and distribute to list.

Report on Mayor's Local Action Plan Steering Committee meeting 13 February (*Jon*): interesting group of people, led by City of Ithaca Mayor Carolyn Peterson. The official action plan is not considered restrictive, so we're free to suggest other energy-related measures that would help the City cut GHG emissions. Jon to be part of a subcommittee proposing energy policy in this area. **AI:** group to consider ideas for input to energy subcommittee.

Report on “Mapping Foodsheds,” 22 February (*Jon, Simon, Angelika*) and follow-up with Christian Peters (*Jon*): good presentation; NY growers could provide 72% veggies, fruits, dairy, chicken for most urban areas outside of NYC; Peters will contribute copy of presentation as well as do research on foodsheds relative to Tompkins County after he finishes his Ph.D. this spring. **AI:** Jon will send URLs of Peters' two previous research papers to the tcpr-news list.

Josh: Steve Gabriel may be interested in contributing on forests. Jon: Steve is always welcome. **AI:** Josh to ask Steve to contact Jon, if Steve's interested in becoming a contributor. Contacts for discussion of local natural gas (*Jon – pending*): will arrange lunch with Bill Hecht. (See below.)

Earth Day planning (*Kate*) (from 2/3: “**AI:** Bethany to get report from Kate in email and to coordinate with Kate, as needed.” Note source for oil drum prop. Collateral?): Can we do a survey of participants at Earth Day? **AI:** Jen to construct and tabulate survey. **AI:** Josh to supply cookies via ABC for those completing survey. **AI:** Jon to find oil drum prop. Collateral: change focus of flyer to energy descent side bar, with content from sidebar to be turned into brochure by Angelika in time for April meeting; see below for more on workflow. Rob's friend Jake will work on a better TCLocal logo and assess our website for us. Jon will attend the day itself (22 April; Kate will be manning the Prepared Tompkins table).

Peak Oil Quotes flyer (*Jon to Angelika*): in process; **AI:** Angelika to circulate revision.

Proposed charette (*Rob, Josh, Simon*): issues overlap regarding settlements (to be developed responding to expected migration) and existing transportation corridors and other related features. Need a comprehensive view—3 to 4 hours. **AI:** Rob/Josh/Simon to arrange an invitation-only charette on plans for the city 7 April and another on plans for the county 28 April and notify the group so that interested members can attend.

Research progress reports (*all*)

Jen is working on draft for water decision, will have out this week; **AI:** Jon will notify Jennifer Dotson of minor delay.

Ed: working on outline.

Angelika: has developed a paper based on last discussion, to be shared today.

Simon: has developed a paper; starting to think about Emergency Services, and needs to discuss his questions with sheriff and other county officials. Attended one of the county informational/brainstorming sessions. Good opportunity; recommends attendance.

Kate: working on draft of winter storage information and will bring to next meeting.

Denise: asked Dan Cogan to attend, who didn't get back to her. Could Tim Joseph give us information?

Rob: developed outline; hoping charette will help get dialog going. Will work on visual representation.

Josh: working with Rob; plans on using photographs to develop drawings. Talked to Vicky Romanoff about her resignation from the board of public works. Will add interview notes to repository. Attended conference about building designs or redesigns and green house gas reductions in materials.

Bethany: pretty busy; hopes to start writing soon.

Energy descent sidebar (*Jon revised the presentation instead*); Will begin working on this task.

Sustainability column for Tompkins Weekly due 13 March (*Jon – along with preceding*); Jon will be responsible for development.

Column/sidebar/flyer workflow: Jon submits column for Tompkins Weekly by 13 March deadline, then uses this as basis for draft of stock sidebar out the following weekend. Group has one week to review, then over to Angelika, who uses this for revision to TCLocal group

flyer available in draft form by next meeting. Approved flyer then gets printed up for distribution at Earth Day.

Action Item review

Jon: Acknowledge Denise as water historian — *pending general editorial maintenance of web site materials*

Jon: Remove Dave Panofsky's ownership of various topics— *pending general editorial maintenance of web site materials*

Jon: Arrange meeting with Bill Hecht to gather data on local natural gas resources — *pending*

Ed: Send URLs for bills supported by Senator Clinton (small-scale farming and local food in schools) so that Jon can send note to Clinton's office with copy to our members— *done*

Jon: Write message to Senator Clinton expressing approval of her support for small-scale farming and local food in schools bills — *pending*

Josh and Rob: Discuss structure of urban design area and email to group with a proposal — *done*

Jon: Provide water plant documents to Jen — *done*

Jen: Write draft of input letter on water plant decision for discussion by the group — *pending*

Simon: Arrange meeting with Congressman Hinchey's energy advisor, Dan Lamb; **AI:** Simon to write to Dan regarding willingness to meet with Hinchey during his visit to Ithaca 17 March. **AI:** Jon to explain to Jason Brenno that our priority is local planning and that we won't be making extraordinary efforts to contact legislators at the national level. **AI:** Simon to contact Eric Masse for possible briefing prior to his run for Congress.

Work session: research paper formats (*Simon, Angelika, all*). Conclusions: All papers to include some recommendation for actions at the county level on down and (if appropriate) dependencies within systems [*aargh — this was my distinction and now I can't remember exactly what I meant by it — Jon*]. All papers to include appropriate artwork if some can be found that we have the right to reproduce. Common production format will be 11×17 sheet(s) folded once to make 4 8.5×11 pages per sheet, so minimum for each paper will be 3.5 pages of material (leaving half a page for the stock context sidebar referred to above). **AI:** Simon to mock up a two-column layout.

A potluck at Josh's house followed the meeting.