

Minutes for TCLocal Meeting

July 14, 2007

Roll Call: Jon Bosak (chair), Bethany Schroeder (secretary), Jen Maffet, Ed Mikula, Denise Mooney, Angelika Rumberger, Simon St. Laurent. New members: Tom Shelley, Chris Peters.

Reports

TCAT Advisory Group meetings 11 June and 9 July (*Jon*): Jon is trying to get pilot program for Number 21 buses with a late-night run between T-burg and Ithaca on Fridays and Saturdays; Simon noted that the Town of Dryden has asked TCAT to install stand-alone racks in Dryden buses. TCAT plans to invest in other amenities for area buses.

Local Action Plan Energy Policy Committee meetings 15 May and 19 June (*Jon*): The committee is considering the scope of project, which seems to focus on City operations. The committee intends to advocate for the creation of a city energy department.

Postmortems

24 May: Renewable Energy Group of the Southern Tier, Corning (*Jon*): Jon gave the TCLocal presentation to 12 people at the Steuben County library.

7 July: Northeast Permaculture Convergence (*Angelika and Jon*): Angelika gave a good presentation, thought by some attendees to have been the best presentation at the Convergence. Two members from the peak oil group in Franklin attended in order to hold a peak oil discussion which was well attended.

End of monthly Peak Oil discussion group (*Bethany*): Bethany will notify the Post Carbon Institute.

Upcoming TCLocal events: None scheduled.

Proposed charette (*Rob, Josh, Simon*): Simon shared that the three have talked of having one for the city and one for the county; for now the project is on hold. The EcoCitiesproject may be addressing some of the issues that TCLocal had planned to cover. **AI:** Simon to check with Rob and Josh.

Reconsideration of water plant recommendation (*All*): Jon will send a schedule of the public hearings, designed to educate area residents about the issues; the due date for comments is 8/8/07. The two options being considered include the Bolton Point contract and a rebuild of the present system. A third option would be to include reconstruction of the Van Natta Dam, combined with a hydroelectric recommendation. Jon expects to get data regarding this option. **AGREED** that we will propose this "third option" as our reconsidered recommendation.

Research projects (*All*): discussion deferred.

Action Item review (only outstanding items not listed elsewhere): see below.

Jon: Acknowledge Denise as water historian — *pending general editorial maintenance of web site materials, add Tom and Chris.*

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*.

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

Simon: Mock up a two-column layout.

Jon and Simon will work on action items for next meeting.

Next meeting: August 4, 5-7 p.m. Future dates set: September 8, October 6.