

Minutes for TCLocal Meeting

August 4, 2007

Roll Call: Jon Bosak, Jen Maffet, Ed Mikula, Denise Mooney, Angelika Rumberger, Bethany Schroeder, Simon St. Laurent

Reports

TCAT Advisory Group: no meeting in August.

Local Action Plan Energy Policy Committee meeting 17 July (*Jon*): The committee expects input from TCLocal as a result of GHG mitigation that would accrue, which is what the City is working on.

Upcoming TCLocal events

None scheduled, but Jon wondered whether we should have representation at the NY Green Fest (Sunday, August 12). However, no one is available to table.

Reconsideration of Water Plant Recommendation

Terry sent proposed linguistic changes, most of which were accepted. No other input noted. We're ready to issue the report.

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.

PDEQ

We need language for the TC legislature, PDEQ, proposing that EMC create a peak oil or energy descent task force to produce something like the Portland Peak Oil report (*all*): Simon will work on initial version; requires PDEQ minutes as a starter, which Jon will supply; first draft due 8/13. The group discussed naming the effort the Tompkins County Energy and Resource Planning Task Force.

Proposed charette (*Rob, Josh, Simon*)

Rob and Josh and others are working with the EcoCities group. Simon shared that the three have talked of having one charette or the city and one for the county; for now the project is on hold. The EcoCities project may be addressing some of the issues that TCLocal had planned to cover.

Research projects (*All*)

Discussion deferred.

Action Item review

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.*

Simon: Mock up a two-column layout.

Next meeting: September 8, 5-7.