

# TCLocal Minutes

## October 6, 2007

**Roll call:** Jon Bosak, John Graves, Jen Maffet, Ed Mikula, Katie Quinn-Jacobs, Bethany Schroeder, Angelika St. Laurent, Simon St. Laurent

**Welcome to John Graves**

**Appointment of Outreach Coordinator:** John Graves (all agree)

### Reports

Triple Crisis conference in DC (*Jon, Bethany, Kate*): Attendees provided short descriptions of some of the presentation materials (conference and speaker information available at <http://www.ifg.org/>). Kate would like to organize a presentation of some of the best program examples for the Ithaca community, perhaps setting a schedule of three nights in a month, thereby covering a small part of each of the crisis points.

TCAT Advisory Group (*Jon*): attendance at the meetings is falling; survey to be distributed soon regarding weekend evening service for Route 21 (Trumansburg).

Tompkins County Energy Plan meeting (*Jon*): Met with Ed Marx, Tompkins County Commissioner of Planning and Public Works; Leslie Schill, from Ed's staff; Steve Nicholson, EMC chair; Martha Robertson, PDEQ chair; Michael Stamm, TCAD president; and Dooley Keifer, TC Legislature, to discuss potential of developing a Portland-like report in Tompkins County. Ed's department will produce a County energy plan in 2008, but doesn't want to form a citizen's group to do interviews and develop a program. Instead, the department will hold public fora to take input from citizens. Before 1/1, the County has requested other relevant materials to give to staff and a list of groups as stakeholders (in email).

### Upcoming TCLocal events

First meeting of the Cayuga Sustainability Council, 6:30 p.m., Thursday 25 October (invitation only)

Presentation to Back to Democracy, 7 p.m., Friday 26 October, Trumansburg (location TBD)

"An Integrated Approach to City Water Treatment," Thursday, 1 November, South Hill School

### tclocal.org public input blog

Follow-up to last month's discussion (*Simon*): Discussion of various ways to deliver blogged material. Jon had in mind putting out our materials for comments in the community. Kate recommends including pictures where possible. Simon likes that the blog could promote more common discussion. This could be used as an easy medium to get information from experts. We should include community center listservs. At the same time, Simon and others point out we should continue to work on TCRP projects.

Simon will test the blog software. Angelika will post her paper to the group within two days of

next meeting. TCLocal members will discuss the material and pass on it at the next meeting.

### **Wind farms**

Members in attendance had a discussion of the local wind farm proposal. All agreed that TCLocal should look at local energy projects, commenting on them publicly, as we're able. Jon offered to find the thread about the wind farm and forward it to the group. Someone else will need to take responsibility for it. Bethany will get Fenner wind farm information, if possible.

### **Tie-in with closely related efforts**

We decided last month to start promoting local sustainability groups we solidly support, like Prepared Tompkins and the Buy Local Campaign. So... which groups? We'll examine the Cayuga Sustainability Council invitation list for starters.

### **Discussion group at the Library (*Kate*)**

See under Reports.

### **Research progress reports (*all*)**

Deferred.

### **Upcoming chair renewal (*Jon*)**

Jon is ready for someone to take over for the next six months; the group should consider a vote at the November meeting.

### **Action Item review** (only outstanding items not listed elsewhere)

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

Jon: Revise web materials and assignments; ask Dave to add Chris Peters — *pending*

Simon: Mock up a two-column layout — *pending*

### **Additional announcements**

Angelika plans to attend a conference in Texas and will bring back information. She is also working with a group in Oneonta and will share more information at the next meeting.

Book review on Kingsolver's new book: who was taking responsibility for this and why?

Ed will attend the Corning PO group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and will bring back observations.

Next meeting: (November meeting canceled.) **December 8, 3-5 p.m.**