

TCLocal Meeting Minutes

May 3rd, 2008

Roll Call: Jon Bosak, Seph Doliner, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley, Angelika St. Laurent, Simon St. Laurent

1) Local Biomass Possibilities – Presentation to TCLocal members by Tony Nekut. Thereafter Tony signed up to write TCLocal article in September on Local Wood Heat

2) Meeting location: Request to consider other locations—Seph has looked into using the United Way office; no possibility materializing at this time.

3) Organization Issues

1. New terms of reference: adopted. (Discussion and description on list.)

2. Mailing list: (TCRP) Contributors and members; how do the two categories differ? **AI:** Simon will post considerations and points of discussion to TCLocal members.

Recruitment: How do we attract new contributors? Discussion included acknowledgment that we should try to develop ways of making others aware of options.

4) Website

Thanks to Dave for his hard work. First article generated lots of comments. Second article (roads) generated no comments (because the comment option didn't work on the old site). Simon is moving infrastructure to his site. He and Jon are developing a new repository for old data, as well as one that will serve new data.

5) County issues

Bethany reported on Route 96 corridor study, the results of which note potential for nodal development at hospital (CMC) and Jacksonville, and perhaps Trumansburg.

The planning department has considered the information given during meetings of two focus groups. A public hearing is slated for June 5.

Simon announced a meeting of the Dryden Democrats: May 21 at Dryden Town Hall, 7:30, Local Responses to Energy Prices

6) Presentations: Sustainable Trumansburg has been holding meetings, to which Jon has gone when possible. Jon described the decisions that came out of the most recent meeting, including small changes/additions that could be made (and were made) in the community without much overhead.

Seph reported that Sue Cosentini has organized a Fall Creek neighborhood association, in which neighbors can help one another in cooperative efforts. Tom volunteered to help the neighbors with composting projects.

7) Future agenda items:

Rough plan for the first nine months of blog publishing:

January: "Fruits in a Post-Peakoil Tompkins County" (Angelika - posted)

March: Roads etc. (Simon - posted)

May: The TCLocal recommendation for the City of Ithaca Water Treatment Plant decision

June: Urban land use design principles (Josh - possibly two pieces)

July: Household preparation (Kate)

August: Health resource survey (Bethany)

Other items: The group agreed to include the following links, once the TCLocal site is repaired and fully operational: Oil Drum, Sustainable Tompkins, Connect Ithaca, Prepared Tompkins.

Next Meeting: June 28, 5-7, Henry St. John

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder