

TCLocal Meeting Minutes **September 6, 2008**

Roll Call: Jon Bosak, Seph Doliner, John Graves, Terry Moore, Kate Quinn-Jacobs, Bethany Schroeder, Angelika St. Laurent, Simon St. Laurent

1) Emergency Preparedness article—Katie Quinn-Jacobs

- General discussion: a few copy edits will be forthcoming. Simon wonders about the stage of the preparedness; wonders what emergency preparedness looks like once peak oil hits. Jon asked whether Kate could turn Part 2 around for next month; Kate said no. In scheduling the next article, Kate asked whether a May publication would prohibit her from posting it on Prepared Tompkins prior to the TCLocal publication. Jon agreed to insert Part 2 in the flow of publications as soon as it's ready for posting. Kate will respond with an updated revision by the end of next week, as soon as she has received edits from members.
- Discussion of how to get on people's radar with these articles. Terry suggested contacting students at IC and CU. Seph wondered whether we could issue press releases for each blog publication. Terry pointed out that internet readers find internet sources on the internet.

2) Website

- Availability problems seem solved (no member complaints).
- Infrastructure moved, still needs customization, decoration.
 - Discussion of how to link to or from various local sites. Need URLs from Cayuga Sustainability Council (**AI: Jon and Bethany**) and then US localization links (**AI: Jon**) to post on TCLocal site, after which we'll send a letter to various local groups and companies, as well as localization efforts in other parts of the country.
- Developing a new repository on old data: Simon and Jon—working on it; not for public consumption yet, but able to put data into it. Simon expects to be able to share with TCLocal members soon.
 - Foundation running privately now.
 - Need to add data from old version.
 - Hope to have running publicly (to TCLocal members) before next meeting.

3) City issues

- 2030 Challenge Legislation: John Graves asked whether TCLocal would want to adopt the challenge, which is an architectural standard to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030. Has been successfully adopted in Santa Barbara, CA. Suggested elevating it to the CSC level, which Jon volunteered to do at the next meeting (**AI: Jon and Bethany**).

4) County issues

- Energy plan draft: Jon recommends making comments within several days of the end of the meeting cycle. All members will look it over in the next week, send points out that need addressing in the next two weeks, and (**AI; Jon**) Jon will draft a response on 9/21 for review at next TCLocal meeting.

- Upcoming meetings: Jon, Bethany, and John will attend the Ithaca meeting; Simon will attend Dryden; Terry volunteered Judy for Trumansburg; and Bethany will ask **(AI: Bethany)** Haltons and Gagnons, provided they attend.
- Role of TCLocal: to develop recommendations.

5) Meeting space arrangements: Seph volunteered her house 10/4, 4-6 p.m., 526 North Aurora, corner of Marshall.

6) Interactions with other organizations

- Level Green Institute: Jon and Bethany, 8/31, went well with one possible new contributor. **AI: Bethany will attempt to contact participant who expressed interest in TCLocal.**
- Dryden Renewable Energy Workgroup: Had four presentations at last meeting, including Tony Nekut, Silicon Solar, which also opened Green Cafe on Dryden Road, sustainability group starting at Dryden high, and a contractor who evaluates large buildings for energy efficiency. The Energy Workgroup wants a TCLocal presentation and Simon will find out the details.
- Cornell Green Cities Class: Simon will be presenting to Elan's class on election day.

7) Organization Issues

- Recruitment for future pieces
- Add Tycho to list **(AI: Simon)**

8) Set future agenda items: send to Simon.

Rough plan for 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 (Jon - posted)
 July: Urban land use design principles (Josh - posted)
 August: Rural land use design principles (Josh - posted)
 September: Household preparation, part 1 (Kate)
 October: Health resource survey (Bethany)
 November or December: Small livestock (Angelika St. Laurent)
 December: Waste management (Tom Shelley)
 January: Food processing (Seph Doliner)
 February: Local foodsheds (Chris Peters)
 March: Local wood heat (Tony Nekut)
 April: Local biofuel production (Tycho Dan)
 May (tentative): Household preparation, part 2 (Kate)

Respectfully submitted,
 Bethany Schroeder