

TCLocal Meeting Minutes February 7, 2009

Present: Seph Doliner, John Graves, Terry Moore, Angelika St. Laurent, Simon St. Laurent, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley

1) Chair's update: having difficulty keeping up.

2) Website

- Wasting in the Energy Descent article posted and announced.
- Comments have so far been on Sustainable Tompkins, not on site. Do we want to encourage discussion on ST or on another list? Send reminders at intervals? Members can look at stats for readership, after Simon sets up a process for doing so.
- Simon added contact links. We agreed it would be wise to include more information for potential contributors
- New server had installation problems; not yet complete.
- Need to analyze usage data: must postpone until server is fully functional.
- Repository development still slow: Simon thinks he is the hold up, not Jon.
- Upcoming article – Food Processing – Seph: send comments, please. Angelika wondered whether Seph could make suggestions about how to streamline the regulatory process. For example, explaining which levels of government regulate different parts of the process would be helpful.

3) Editorial/Publishing (on hold)

- Let's bring our on-line content to print: revisit hard copy publishing when that part of the project is under more control.

4) Local municipal issues

- TCAT: equipment is rusting and not being replaced, due to lack of funds.
- Dryden municipal energy audit a success: leadership thinks energy audits will be paid off shortly, as a result of defraying energy use.

5) Outreach / Interactions with other organizations

- Simon was contacted by a local person, possibly interested in our work. Tom offered to talk to this lead (Simon will send information to Tom).
- Tom shared news of Cornell's new robotic sprayer/tractor.
- Tom renewed his subscription to Scientific American, and shared with us an energy publication issue for new subscribers.

6) Organization Issues

- Still need listing of members, affiliations: encourage members to send affiliations for publication.
- Mailing list: update complete.

7) Scheduling next meeting: March 7 at Tom's, 4-6; Tom to chair?

8) Set future agenda items: send to Tom and Simon, please.

Rough blog publishing plan:

February: Food processing (Seph Doliner)

March: Local foodsheds (Chris Peters)

April: Local wood heat (Tony Nekut)

May: Local biofuel production (Tycho Dan)

June: Household preparation, part 2 (Kate)

July: Health Care Resources, Part 2 (Bethany Schroeder)

August: Food Production Systems (Karl North)