

## TCLocal Meeting Minutes

**January 2, 2010**

Held at Tom Shelley's house, 118 E. Court St., Ithaca, NY

Present: Jon Bosak, Krys Cail, John Graves, Tony Nekut, Karl North, Simon St. Laurent, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley

- 1) Meeting called to order
  - Review of the minutes of the previous meeting: Approved
  - Review/modification of agenda: None
  - Introductions (as needed): None
  
- 2) Website items
  - Tony and Krys's article: Jon has more material than he needs on the next biomass article. He will get another photo when the weather improves. John described a program he learned about in a webinar recently about the instantiation of biomass development; the producers also consider whether we should grow biomass or grow food. We generally discussed how to approach outcomes management. Tony wondered what our purpose is in doing the articles; Jon responded that both pure reportage and analytical articles help to meet our goals. **AI:** John will send URL for webinar and Jon will write a couple of closing paragraphs, based on the ideas for next steps.
  - Karl's article (Part 3): Simon wondered how transportation using our canal systems might influence agricultural patterns of development.
  - Future articles – develop revised publishing schedule into 2010: Bethany suggested approaching a local funder about financing the next 8-12 articles in another hard-copy issue.
  - For the next article, John will provide Abbott information; Tony will provide CNC; and Krys will provide RPM.
  
- 3) Outreach / Interactions with other organizations: Nothing new scheduled. Simon thinks Dryden Solutions may be interested in a presentation.
  
- 4) Local municipal issues
  - TCAT: No news; no meeting in December.
  - Town of Ithaca Planning Board – Jon (Town Board replacement as well?): Jon reviewed the interview process for the Town Board position.
  - City of Ithaca WTP decision – John unable to open Wednesday's agenda, but will let us know if he learns anything new.
  - Town of Dryden updates: Simon says a community garden and perhaps a community orchard is being discussed near the Town Hall as part of a school project.
  - Fruit trees in downtown Ithaca: Krys is following the discussion and suggests we track on the progress. We might be able to get input through the shade tree advisory committee. **AI:** Jon will contact some of the people working on this project.
  - CCE is working on plans to bring Sew Green into the program under Sharon Anderson's supervision and this may include a part-time salary for Wendy.
  
- 5) Open discussion—recruiting new contributors, directions for new research/articles: Invitation

to all employees of CCE through Sandy Repp.

6) Future articles

January: Biomass

February: Karl, Part 3

March: Biomass

April: Karl?

Jon will check with Kate about a Part 2 of her first article

Krys described a project through INHS that includes a contracted publicist working on the SIPS housing and wondered whether TCLocal would like an article about the technology. **AI:** Krys will approach the publicist.

7) TCLocal signed the anti-drilling petition.

8) Next meeting/future agenda items: February 6, 4-6 at Tom's.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder