

TCLocal Meeting Agenda – February 6, 2010

Held at Tom Shelley's house, 118 E. Court St., Ithaca, NY, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Present: Jon Bosak, Krys Cail, Pat Dutt (guest), Terry Moore, Karl North, Mike O'Connor (guest), Simon St. Laurent, Angelika St. Laurent, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley

- 1) Introductions to guests; Jon described difference between contributors, members, and visitors
 - Review of the minutes of the previous meeting: no changes
 - Review/modification of agenda: none
- 2) Website items
 - Final review of Karl's (Part 3) piece for February: Jon shared his comments; others had contributed ideas in email. Jon will complete final edit for posting prior to March meeting.
 - Finalization of ownership and/or research assignments for the March article on local biomass projects (case studies): Krys will take the assignment. Tony has offered to help with CNC information. Jon has some photos and will try to get more. Krys needs to make contact with a new source at RPM, in order to get that perspective. Abbott will be contributed via John Graves, who has already shared the information and remains available for consultation..
 - Future articles – develop revised publishing schedule into 2010:
 - Best would be to follow with the rest of Karl's articles
 - SIPS envelope houses via Krys's contact
 - Simon may be able to contribute something to emergency services soon
 - Simon shared use/contact data about TCLocal site.
- 3) Outreach / Interactions with other organizations
 - a. No requests of late, except from BTM for a health care panel
 - b. Jon suggests a new venue
 - c. Feb 23 at TC3: Tom and others will present on the details of hydrofracking.
- 4) Local municipal issues
 - a. TCAT – Beginning to have meetings again
 - b. Town of Ithaca Planning Board – Jon suggests TCLocal members volunteer for these positions
 - c. City of Ithaca—update on LAP, CAC (review of Valentine place) from Tom: Described different projects in progress in City, including Millstein and CU's boat houses. LAP is working on green fleet; green building and energy projects. Energy Czar will eventually be hired to manage energy issues. Jon described farming project/committee in the Town.
 - d. Town of Dryden updates – Simon: revising zoning to meet comprehensive plan; good turn out from local citizens. Described concerns about rural-residential zoning restrictions. Nodal development being pushed in Dryden.

5) Open discussion—city/town tussle over development; nodal issues, density issues; decline in real estate values due to recession/depression and natural gas development. Krys said up to recently we had enough units/ gentrification; housing trust maintains a certain number of units in perpetuity at affordable levels. Details of mineral rights discussed.

6) Next meeting: March 6, 4-6, Tom's place.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder