

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 similar local positions, positions such as those that come open on the planning board, the zoning board, the town board—in other words, boards in our respective towns.
 - 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