

## Minutes of TCLocal Meeting – Sept. 11, 2010

118 E. Court Street, Ithaca, NY, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Present: Jon Bosak, Karl North, Terry Moore, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley

### 1. Initializing the meeting

- Review of the minutes of the previous meeting (July, 2010): Accepted
- Review/modify agenda: Added broadband below
- Introductions (as needed): None

### 2. Website items

- Jon's BTB presentation as an article for Web site: Jon looking forward to the writing, will base the article on the slides. Plans on copious use of hyperlinks.
  - Next article(s) [See schedule below, such as it is.]
3. Oil outlook study items—updates as required (Jon): No additions to presentation from last demonstration
4. Outreach / Interactions with other organizations: Encouraged Ann Rhodes, one of two new civic fellows, to become a contributor to TCLocal; no response yet.

TCLocal presentations/interactions at other organizations: None.

Karl will be participating in a seminar series at IC, and will reference TCLocal.

Tom will be addressing the EPA next week in Binghamton.

Additional planning for September 17 speaking commitment for Back to Democracy: "Local Responses to Energy Descent": Done.

### 5. Local municipal issues

- TCAT (Jon)—Bus shelter at 96B and King may eventually go in; still working on it.
- Town of Ithaca Planning Board (Jon)—Jon described new development on Trumansburg Road, near fire department.
- City of Ithaca updates—Tom has been working with City on yard waste plan to avoid fees for composting. Plan in process to have several community sites for composting yard debris. City will no longer collect lawn debris in plastic bags as of November 1; debris will now be picked up in paper bags only. CCE is preparing educational handouts on how to compost and why the plastic bags are no longer acceptable, as well as alternatives to throwing things away. Residents will be fined after three wrong moves. City has funds for one-year to hire full-time sustainability coordinator.
- Committee on broadband (Jon)—Special committee on broadband has been convened, with a call for volunteer community members. Economic development goals include rural access to broadband.
- Slaughterhouses (Jon)—Previous discussion about lack of local abattoirs noted. One exists at Cornell as described in previous TCLocal meetings. **AI:** Jon had a discussion with a professor at recent civic fellows dinner and will pick up the thread in the next couple of weeks. **AI:** Tom knows this professor and will write him a note.

5) Open discussion:

- Stores, trains, and more—Zoning language that makes entrepreneurial approach to reinvigorating local, small stores will be required before stores are developed in the neighborhoods. Being able to point to a project by “right” will be necessary to facilitate this kind of change. Considerations: square footage (2,500 SF maximum); occupying ground floor; 3 minimum and 10 maximum (plus disabled) parking; possible set backs; utilities; prohibit convenience-store approach, make an effort to encourage availability of food items; signage.
- Terry—read an article on deep geothermal used in ways similar to that of Iceland. Technology requires fracturing of the rock. Article available in most recent issue of Science.

6) Next meeting/future agenda items: Saturday, October 9, 5-7, 521 West Seneca Street (new Free Clinic space).

**Publication schedule for 2010, to date:**

1. September: Jon's BTD overview as an article
2. Tom and Jon: Town Ag-related article
2. November: Bethany on Health and Food security
3. End of year: Simon re: Emergency services

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder