

TCLocal Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2010

Held at 521 West Seneca Street (new Ithaca Health Alliance and Free Clinic space), Ithaca, NY

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

- 1) Review of the minutes of the previous meeting: Accepted with changes
- 2) Website items:
 - Jon's current Website article—comments, responses, etc.
 - Leonard Reich asked for information about one of the graphs in the article
 - Sweetwater link: **AI:** Jon—See whether author will comment and include link, meaning he gets coverage and we get the comment
 - Recruiting contributors
 - Jon sent a notice to NWAEG; thinks we should send to BZ Maranca's group, ST, and CSC, FL Permaculture; **AI:** Jon and Tom will make sure to get notices out to these groups
 - Funding of print version of this year's batch of articles: application is in to Park. Requesting \$4500 to print 750 copies of volume 2
- 3) TCLocal presentations/interactions with other organizations:
 - CSC meeting—Jon: Good meeting, run in the way that appeals to us. Jon submitted his “Suggestion for Mitigating the Energy Impact of the Proposed Cornell ERL” to CSC members.
 - Ithaca College: Karl presented an expansion of his portion of the BTD presentation; well attended and overall well understood. Found that students were more aware of energy descent than he would have otherwise expected.
 - BTD is doing another energy oriented presentation, “Save Energy, Save Dollars,” TCAction, INHS, and Snug Planet will present on Friday, 11/19, 7-9 p.m., at the Trumansburg Fire Hall
- 4) Local municipal issues:
 - TCAT – Jon: discussion of bus shelter on 96B and King
 - Town of Ithaca Planning Board – Jon: Jon attended a conference held by the New York Planning Federation in Lake Placid and gained some insight into the legal implications of zoning laws for SEQR determinations.
 - City of Ithaca is interviewing for a sustainability coordinator.
 - Dryden updates – Simon: Discussed zoning challenges in Dryden, including “what is not prohibited is possible . . .” and his frustration with attitudes in the town.
- 5) Open discussion:
 - Greg Mol letter—Jon: Jon and Bethany tried to follow up on investment opportunities with Farmer Brown flour; the enterprise needs equipment.
 - Neighborhood grocery zoning (continued): Jon hasn't worked further on it, but he did agree after meeting discussion to change upstairs dwelling requirement in the proposal to allow anyone to live upstairs. **AI:** Karl and Simon will forward the ideas to various interested parties.

- CU wind farm suggestion—Jon: Discussion of wind options at CU.
- Other topics of interest: Gene Marner’s suggestion; ask Helen and Dave Slotje to attend a TCLocal meeting to explore the possibilities of supporting their legal strategies.
- Bethany will discuss Green Ventures options at AFCU with one of the directors there at Bethany’s earliest opportunity.

6) Next meeting: December 4, 4-6 p.m., at Ithaca Health Alliance offices

Publication schedule for 2010-2011, to date:

1. December: Bethany on Health and Food security
2. January/February: Jon and Tom on the Ag Plan
3. February: Tom on chickens
4. March: Krys on flour and slow money
5. June: Simon about emergency services; local sweeteners

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder

TCLocal Secretary