

TCLocal Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2011

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

1) Initializing the meeting

- Review of the minutes of the previous meeting: January's minutes approved; Bethany has already put them out on the newlist.
- Review/modification of agenda—see below.

2) Website items

- Town of Ithaca Ag article (Jon/Tom): Plan is not ready yet. Will have to wait until it's complete.
- Future articles (see below)
- Recruiting contributors—any leads? We may have a writer for hunting and dressing an animal. We were supposed to put out notices to the ST and CSC lists. **AI:** Jon will follow up.
- Progress of Thinking Local, Vol 2: Jon is finished with Karl's articles and is working on some of the rest of the pieces.

3) Outreach/Interactions with other organizations: None

- Radio station discussion: the window of opportunity will close shortly. Do we want to apprise ST of this? **AI:** Tom, as a member of the ST board, will follow up with Sustainable Tompkins, which is the organizations with the resources to consider how to approach this opportunity.

4) TCLocal presentations/interactions at other organizations:

- Volunteer(s) to write an article about TCLocal for SoS series? Terry Moore will take the assignment, and Tom will let us know soon about a due date. **AI:** Jo to notify Terry.
- In May, Bethany will represent TCLocal at a conference in Morriseville, PA on health and food security.

4) Local municipal issues

- TCAT ((Jon): TCAT has a new board chair, Hank Dullea. At a meeting of a number of area leaders, the new Downtown Alliance Plan was presented by Gary Ferguson, the final version of which is available at http://www.downtownithaca.com/files/all/2020_stratplan_dia.pdf.
- Town of Ithaca Planning Board: Jon reported on recent TofI meeting, including changes in membership. Jon is enjoying activities on the Board.
- County Broadband committee (Jon): Has met a couple of times; lots of expertise. Breaking into work groups to discuss funding and access.
- Dryden updates (Simon): Lots of varied activities, including zoning update. Town Board is replacing zoning section of plan. Described progress with Ann Rhodes' civic fellows project.
- City of Ithaca updates: Tom reported fewer meetings and lack of expected appointment of sustainability coordinator.

5) Discussion of Emerson project : Group talked about the Abbott proposal and another project in early stages of development from Rob Morache.

6) Group norms discussion: Treat presenters with respect. All agreed. **AI:** Krys will send ethics document for planners to the group.

7) Next meeting/future agenda items; David Kay, March 5, 4-6, at IHA offices.

Publication schedule for 2011, to date:

1. January: Health and Food Security (Bethany)
2. March: Chickens (Tom)
2. April: Local flour and slow money (Krys)
3. May: Town of Ithaca Ag Plan (Jon, Tom)
4. June: Local sweeteners (Simon)
5. July: Broadband (Jon)

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Schroeder