

## TCLocal Meeting Minutes

Held on Saturday, Sept. 10, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 521 West Seneca Street, Ithaca, NY.

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

### 1) Initializing the meeting

- Review of the minutes of the previous meeting (May 8, 2011): accepted without changes.
- Review/modification of agenda: Jon's article not finished.

### 2) Website items

- Briefly discussed Simon's Sweeteners article, which will be published soon)
- Recruiting contributors—any leads? Krys will contact a friend who is a hunter and may be willing to write an article.

### 3) Outreach/Interactions with other organizations

- TCLocal presentations/interactions at other organizations: brief discussion of West Hill community association meeting. Lack of involvement from the general public noted.
- Distribution of printed articles: Jon is working with Open Office to develop the new publication. Krys offered to help with distribution.

### 4) Local municipal issues

- TCAT: facing cuts.
- Town of Ithaca Planning Board: nothing new.
- County Broadband committee: gap map has been completed; 2611 households without broadband (by government standards).
- Town Ag plan: finished, Jon is awaiting final report.
- Dryden updates: drilling is the big discussion point in Dryden; lots of information at a meeting last week. Will have a big influence on the upcoming local race. Noted differences between Marcellus and Utica formations, although Utica has not been explored much yet. Nothing new on Lucente development.
- City of Ithaca updates: City planning group hasn't met in months. New sustainability coordinator developing a comprehensive plan. CCE is expected to lose county money that will probably result in a loss of 11 positions.
- Ulysses: Krys report updates on ag plan, conservation zone, and lake shore zone. New 4 day/week planner hired. Discussion of newly developed regulations that will alter zoning regs.

5) Issues about re-publication of our articles: in an effort to send URL from her recent article, Krys discovered several pages of links and reprints. This is in keeping with our Creative Commons license.

### 6) Metatopic discussion de jour....

- Internet and Peak oil: discussion this meeting about the problems associated with loss of connectivity.

7) Next meeting/future agenda items: October 8, 5-7

**Publication schedule for 2011, to date:**

- 1) Sept: Sweeteners is ready (Simon)
- 2) Oct: Nodes and census data (Krys and Simon)
- 3) Nov: Town of Ithaca Ag plan (Jon)
- 4) Dec: Green burials (Mary Woodson)
- 5) Jan: Transportation issues (Fernando De Aragon)
- 6) Feb: Weather (Simon)
- 7) Mar: Preserving the internet (Jon)

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder