

TCLocal Meeting – November 5, 2011

Present: Jon Bosak, Krys Cail, Karl North, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley

1) Web site items

- Next article: below
- Future articles: below
- Recruiting contributors—any leads? None
- Introduction to new hard copy issue: Karl raised questions about what we're trying to say to the community about the limits of growth relative to the economy. Jon believes that we have an accurate perspective on the near term (up to 2020). Karl will send his notes to the group for further consideration. Jon will think about re-writes to the intro, based on the group's discussion.

3) Outreach / Interactions with other organizations

- TCLocal presentations/interactions at other organizations:
 - Upcoming CU event: Fiber Fair, 11/17
 - Transition Town: Discussion of Sam Bosco's efforts and whether we want to participate
 - Ithaca Community Radio: finally getting their feet on the ground; Tom has expressed an interest in having a weekly radio show on sustainability issues.

4) Local municipal issuesTCAT – having trouble re-instituting zone system.

- Town of Ithaca Planning Board – nothing new.
- County Broadband committee – continues toward a final report; long-standing decision to fund rural phone service may be extended to local broadband effort.
- Dryden updates – available on Simon's blog.
- City of Ithaca updates – City encouraging participation in the City's re-do of the 1971 comprehensive plan.
- Ulysses updates—blow back on process to change zoning rules. Amicus brief rejected.

4) Metadiscussion de jour: group think on Energy Bulletin

5) Advance: January 14, 2012—3-6, potluck, at IFC

6) Tom re-elected by acclamation

Next meeting: December 10, 4-6 p.m., at IFC

Publication schedule for 2011-2012, to date:

Print Version: Out in January

Nodes and census data (Krys and Simon)

Town of Ithaca Ag plan (Jon)

Green burials (Mary Woodson)

Transportation issues (Fernando De Aragon)

Weather (Simon)

Preserving the internet (Jon)

Seed Saving (Bethany and Suzanne McMannis)

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder