

# TCLocal Meeting Minutes – Feb. 4, 2012

Held on Saturday, Feb. 4, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at 521 West Seneca Street, 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: Advance minutes sent to contributors.
2. Review/modification of agenda: None
3. Finding a new meeting space: possibly Tom's house or ST's office. **AI:** Tom will check and get back to members.
4. Publishing-related items

Distributing Volume 2 – Jon has distributed City and Town of Ithaca and County copies, but has a few left to deliver to other groups. Krys and Simon will distribute according to their assigned lists. Boxes to be taken away at the end of the meeting.

Preliminary financial report: Jon will develop a reporting mechanism every month of publication sales. Money will be forthcoming for reimbursement for gas during delivery process.

Next article . . . Benefits, beginning with Karl's draft: Discussion of potential approaches to revisions.

Future articles (see below)

Recruiting contributors—any leads?

5. Outreach/Interactions with other organizations

Request to sponsor biogas workshop: Sam Bosco has asked for support with a biogas presentation. TCRP agrees to promote it to the news list. Tom will attend the meeting. Bethany will notify Sam.

Jon shared the Fresh Dirt issue containing TCLocal's ad, along with lots of local news.

## 2. Local municipal issues

Town of Ithaca Planning Board—Jon: will soon have a sketch plan of the biodiesel project, near the new Ithaca Beer Factory.

County Broadband committee—Jon: report with recommendation has been published, but how to achieve goals is hard to determine.

Planning Board—Jon: we need a new representative because David Slottje and Ellen Baer are stepping down. Consider local options and bring recommendations to next meeting or discuss in email.

Dryden updates—Simon: internal machinations related to fracking in process. Working on law suit strategies.

City of Ithaca updates—Tom: work on comp plan proceeding; will update in March. Looking

for wide participation. Re-elected to conservation advisory council. More about chickens under development.

Ulysses updates—Krys: Town supervisor has corralled 30 towns in solidarity with anti-fracking position.

Groton: Simon—new anti-fracking effort in Groton.

Any news about the dumping of “brine” from fracking being spread on local roads? Walter Hang discovered the problem and has reported it to area officials.

5. Discussion du jour . . . Land Use and hydrofracking: discussion facilitated by Krys. Expansion of LNG processing and gas is expected to become fungible.

Land use and shale gas economics; also role of local, state, and federal governments in making salient determinations.

5. Next meeting/future agenda items: March 3, 4-6

### **Current publication schedule for 2012:**

February 2012: Benefits of relocalization, self-reliance, and lower complexity (Karl)

March 2012: Seed Saving (Bethany and Suzanne McMannis)

April 2012: Localized weather reporting (Simon)

May 2012: Green Burials (Mary Woodson)

June 2012: TBD

July 2012: Cities and suburbs; adaptive reuse (Karl)

August 2012: Demographics, nodes, census data (Simon and Krys)

September 2012: TBD

November 2012: Local meat processing (Krys)

### **Dates TBD:**

Microclimates (Simon)

Case studies of three solar farmhouse projects (Karl)

Emergy (Karl or Tom)

### **Authors TBD:**

Transportation Issues (Fernando De Aragon?)

Natural advantages of Tompkins County (including water transport)

Hunting

Psychological impacts

Land Use Law and the Allocation of Underground Caves

Minutes by Bethany Schroeder, Secretary of TCLocal