

TCLocal Meeting Minutes—April 7, 2012

Saturday, April 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 109 S. Albany St. (Sustainable Tompkins offices), Ithaca, NY

- 1) Initializing the meeting:
 - Review of the minutes of the previous meeting: accepted without changes.
 - Review/modification of agenda: none.

- 2) Publishing-related items:
 - Distributing Volume 2—Jon: done.
 - Next article: Weather by Simon St. Laurent
 - Future articles (see below)
 - Recruiting contributors—any leads? No new contributors, although Greg Mol and perhaps Stefan Senders may be future candidates.

- 3) Outreach/Interactions with other organizations: none. Carpool planned for Guy McPherson's presentation at Sustainable Cortland, 4/11.

- 4) Local investing organizational efforts—Krys: LION will convene April 24 at LaTourelle; AFCU will be holding a meeting in June to showcase a number of financial options, Michael Shuman; self-directed IRA. May be more interest in the local movement than in going through financial institutions,

- 5) Local municipal issues:
 - Town of Ithaca Planning Bd/other T of I updates—Jon: Conifer has been approved. Had a presentation from Ed Marx about a plan from EcoVillage to develop the land around the Biggs site.
 - Dryden updates—Simon: has not attended any meetings of late. Has been reading Energy in Depth information. Dryden zoning issues remain unfinished for the time being.
 - City of Ithaca updates—Tom: City is considering new method of sidewalk management. Chicken ordinance progressing slowly.

- Ulysses updates—Krys: funding located for the Black Diamond Trail.
- Anything else? Simon: described redistricting for TC. Krys will be helping on a program with Bill Samuels in April about the potential for a constitutional amendment r/t redistricting.

5) Discussion du jour....

Are we the new Saudi Arabia? Energy independence in America.

6) Next meeting/future agenda items—Summer schedule, garden tour season: next meeting August 11, 2012, 5-7.

(Publication schedule—UPDATED)

Current publication schedule for 2012:

May 2012: Localized weather reporting (Simon)

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

August 2012: Seed Saving (Bethany and Suzanne McMannis)

September 2012: Green Burials (Mary Woodson)

October????: Demographics, nodes, census data (Simon and Krys)

November 2012: Local meat processing or Ithaca biodiesel (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