

BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION



MEETING MINUTES: 4/25/07

Attendance: Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; J. Carr, Town of Chili Public Works; Betsy Johnson, Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District; Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Department of Public Health; Tom Klafehn, Town of Riga Highway Department; Robert Remillard, Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council; Judy Spring and George Squires, Genesee Soil & Water Conservation District; Pat Tindale, Town of Chili; Lyle Warren, Village of Churchville.

FLLOWPA Grant for Map Guide

BCWC got the grant. George Squires says start date may not be formal. No contract yet. Do we want to go with graphics person George spoke with, or seek others? Her estimate is low; George suspects she may have underestimated amount. Joe Carr asked if George is comfortable with working her; George says yes.

Who else could do the map? Mapworks said too busy when asked – but maybe they're not too busy now. They have all the base layers.

Charlie Knauf points out that there are two scope items – map and website.

Betsy Johnson said S&WCD had brochures done – she'll send contact info to Rochelle.

Rochelle Bell suggest doing an organized search – if everyone gets ideas to her on whom, and get samples of their work, we can review. Also, we should develop specs on what we want – let them estimate costs.

The budget is approximated: Printing - \$3,000; postage \$60; Graphic Designer, \$1,500; Webmaster, \$1,200

Need to write up specification statement that can be used for estimates; Robert will start this.

Get samples of work and contact information to Rochelle.

George suggests Carol Zollweg continue to do the website. Rochelle said that for all Carol has done in the past we could just give her the funds. Joe asks if Carol has the time to do it. Rochelle thinks her concern is about turnaround time since she can only work on it at SUNY Brockport – Rochelle will check with Carol.

Robert. Remillard suggests moving site to an independent carrier (?) so it can be worked on independently from SUNY. Rochelle will check with Carol about this. Robert also suggests we pay for website hosting for another 3 years (approximately \$60/year).

George reminded the group we want to include a digital map guide on website. We want to include hot links. There was a discussion about identifying sustainable URL's and maintain them.

DISPLAY BOARDS

Robert went through pictures and created new slides for boards.

Rochelle developed a grid to keep track of the boards. Photos can go into Chili Town Hall until October.

Big one – Judy Spring has at GC County Park.

Small one – Village of Churchville

Small one – Gillam Grant Center Bergen

Small one – Robert Remillard

Small one – Churchville Chili High School

Virtual board – going to Chili Town Hall

Riga will use the display board at Village of Churchville for Arbor Day

G. Squire – do need to update the existing boards.

R. Remillard – added some education materials and slides of project.

New material is on PowerPoint presentation, so it is easy to print. Can we share it through website? Putting it up on website could max out the website.

R. Remillard will send a multiple slide print in PDF format to Rochelle.

NEWSLETTER

Rochelle is to write thank you note to municipalities to include in newsletter.

Dave Zorn & Rick VenVertloh met with Linda Dobson at Wheatland. She agreed to be municipal sponsor. Wheatland will pay \$1,000/year for 2 years. Supervisor Dobson recommends a breakfast for supervisor's, mayor's etc. where we will do a presentation. Dave is getting her a list of all the contacts. She will make the invitation. She wants to hold the breakfast prior to mid June. We need to talk about how much money to ask for; Dave Zorn recommends against asking for specific amount. Just hone in on how much is needed and let municipalities determine.

Rochelle will have draft thank you letter to Larry Ver Weir by 5/10/07, send the draft out to the BCWC and we'll discuss at next meeting. It would be best to send the letter out after G/FLRPC's plans are finalized.

Tom Klafehn asked about bulk mailing costs – group concurred it is not worth the labor for a mailing of this size.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Ballentyne Road Variance – there have been complaints about a trucking concern there. A use variance was issued in 1960 -- the original trucking company built a small block building right on Ballentyne as part of their businesses. In 1965 a variance was granted for a landscaping and tree cutting site.

The site was vacant for many years. Now there is a new business in there; they store trucks and trailers at night and trucks are pulling into the building nights and weekends. They haul various materials, not garbage. There is washing equipment onsite – they wash the trucks and wash out trailers.

“Someone” at Town ok’d the new use. Then, at a meeting in Chili, the Building Inspector said they couldn’t operate. Operators went to zoning board to ask them to arbitrate whether building inspector could make this determination.

No one knows what is being hauled. Residents may have to file or take 78 against town.

2. Rochelle Bell received an e-mail from Larry Moore. He wonders what fish species there are in Black Creek between Churchville and Bergen. Charlie Knauf said pike, bass, panfish. Charlie suggested Rochelle contact DEC for a more definitive answer.

3. Lyle distributed historical article on Hotel Creek.

4. Also distributed WEC handout on watersheds.

NEXT MEETING

May 31, 2007, Mill Seat Landfill

The June meeting will be held in Leroy and will be a joint meeting with the Oatka Committee.