

Black Creek Watershed Coalition
November Meeting Minutes
Date of Meeting: November 26, 2007
Location: Chili Town Hall

Attendees: Larry VerWeire, Riga Resident; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Dept. of Planning & Development; Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Dept. of Public Health; George Squires, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District, Joseph H. Carr, Town of Chili; Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident, Pat Tindale, Chili Conservation Board; Lyle Warren, Trustee, Village of Churchville.

1. Introductions, etc.

No changes to October minutes

News -- Joe Carr is retiring. Next month will be his last Black Creek Watershed Coalition meeting. Joe's presence and excellent contribution to the Coalition will be sorely missed!

More news – Jeffrey VanSkiver, representing the Town of Bergen, resigned from the BCWC due to increased demands at work. Another valuable member lost!

2. Map Guide Brainstorm

Everyone worked very hard to identify many important sites in the watershed.

3. Meeting with watershed leadership, Nov. 30, 2007

To date, four municipalities (Bethany, Elba, Wheatland and Scottsville), two Genesee County legislators, and two State legislator's representative responded that they would attend.

The group discussed the issue:

- There should be more than four of 26 municipalities represented when we meet. This time of year is busy with budgets.
- There are new Supervisors in Chili, Byron, Riga, LeRoy and Pavilion – it would be best to meet after the new supervisors are installed. The new supervisors could be invited to the December meetings. Rochelle will draft a letter for Larry to send to David Dunning, Chili, Tom Chapell, Byron and Ken Kuter, Riga, inviting them to our next meeting. Joe will send David Dunning's contact information to Rochelle. George will send Tom Chapell's contact information to Rochelle. Lyle will send Ken Kuter's contact information to Rochelle.
- We should have the scope of work (with cost per task) before we meet with the municipalities. This is what they'll want to see.
- We'll be able to give invitees more lead time if we reschedule.
- We'll be able to publicize the meeting in the media if we reschedule.
- George will work on getting representatives from the Village and Town of Bergen involved and at the meeting.

The group agreed the meeting should be rescheduled after the first of the year. The meeting should either be scheduled for Friday, February 29th or we should wait to schedule the meeting until we have the scope of work from DOS.

4. Review Action Items and plan next meeting

Wednesday, December 19, 2007, Churchville Village Hall or Riga Town Hall, 5:30 p.m. Lyle and Larry will work this out and let Rochelle know.

Rochelle will send draft 2008 schedule to this group for comment.