

**Black Creek Watershed Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
DRAFT

**Date:** February 25, 2009

**Location:** Chili Library

**Attendance:** Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Jennifer Balonek, Town of Riga Conservation; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili resident; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford; David Lindsay, Town of Chili Department of Public Works/Highway; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust – Brookdale Pres.; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Judy Spring, Genesee County SWCD; Pat Tindale, Town of Chili; Lyle Warren, Churchville Zoning Board of Appeals

**Action Items Underlined**

1. Introductions
2. Guide Distribution – Rochelle Bell
  - 11 boxes – 120 maps here
  - 12 boxes @ Monroe Litho
  - Over 3,000 maps were printed
  - Maps will be distributed to town halls, Clerks, Historical Societies, Richmond, NYSDEC, Ecofest, Earth Day events, Clarendon, Orleans County

Rochelle to deliver boxes of map guides.

Action Item: Tom – Who has control of artwork. Rochelle will check with Christine on it.

George – The committee should have control of it.

Need PDF for website.

Members should keep track of places and the number dropped off.

3. By Laws Committee  
Jennifer Balonek – researching – coalitions and councils.  
Compiled some – distributed for review.

To Do: Committee members to review and come back with comments at the next meeting.

4. Watershed Plan Update  
Rochelle hasn't heard from Dave Zorn.  
George – suggested forging ahead with things we can do without the grant.  
There are rumors on grants – nothing clear.  
May want to look at other plans. Align with scope of grant.

To Do: Rochelle will check with Dave Zorn for grant scope.

5. Cool Kids Eco Fest @ GCC – April 30 (Reminder)  
George & Judy - will get another table for watershed.  
Lyell - will bring boards to meeting April 29.  
Churchville Arbor Day – April 25 – Lyell will use then.  
George – will bring other materials – watershed brochure.

6. Display Boards  
Lyell has a large one and small one  
Churchville-Chili High School has a small one  
Genesee County Park has a small one
7. Next Meeting  
Jennifer will check with Riga.  
Village of Churchville has a room but we would need to be out early  
Presentations by Christine.  
Rochelle – 15 minutes to Municipal Officials – Riga & Churchville, on history and what went into it.

**By Laws** – Rochelle – What should we be looking for?

George – Officers

Legal document defining how decisions are made.

Money issues.

501C3 status? Like Oatka Creek.

Action item – Invite John Hovenesian, NRCS RC&D Coordinator to the next meeting.

Rochelle – Are we pursuing 501C3?

George – structure would be needed.

Donations          Various levels      IRS Reporting

George will get a copy of Oatka Creeks By-Laws.

Should make a list of pros & cons on going to a 501C3.

Tom Ryther – looks like we are starting to go to a more structured organization so By Laws and mission statement are needed - suggested keeping it simple.

George - will email Oatka Creeks By Laws to those he has emails for.

**Web site** – needs to be updated.

Send updates to Rochelle.

Remove funding appeal.

Currently – Funding has been through various municipal organization.

Reminder to send in 2008 mileage log.

### **Agenda Items**

Stream bank stabilization.

Cherie Scudder from Bethany – George will bring Pwr.Pt..