Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes
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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 Hovanesian, 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.