

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: September 29, 2009

Location: Village of Churchville, Village Hall

Attendance: Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Lyle Warren, Churchville Zoning Board of Appeals.

Action Items Underlined

1. August minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.
2. Map Guide Distribution. David Lindsay called George and reported that he has four boxes left. George reported that there is one box left in his office and one at the park. Lyle said Churchville has an ample supply.
3. Website. Payment for webhosting was discussed. Specific paddling links were also discussed.
4. EPF Grant/Watershed Planning. Third Project Advisory Group (PAG) meeting was on Monday, September 21. Larry was voted chair of the Black Creek Watershed PAG at the August meeting -- Lyle will be co-chair. The purpose of the meeting was to compile written reports on both watersheds.

The group discussed many things related to the watershed planning process: the issue of hiring a subcontractor, RFQ vs RFP, DOS requirements, the need for and value of water quality monitoring, stressed stream analysis methodology, surveying septic systems, generalized land use impacts on water quality, CAFOs, discharge permits and the fact the group does not have a copy of the scope of the watershed plan.

The next PAG meeting is on October 20th, 6:30 – 8:30.

George will ask Brian to put Lyle on the PAG email list.

Rochelle will ask the Parks Department if there is an ecological study of Churchville Park (there is not).

5. Agriculture in the watershed. George presented a map which showed the distribution of agricultural areas in the watershed based on FSA data. The watershed is 51% cropland, including hay or grass hay.

George gave this information to Brian Slack at G/FLRPC for the watershed plan.

6. Coalition logo. Tabled
7. By-laws. Lyle hopes to circulate a draft for comment by the next meeting. George mentioned that the by-laws should provide guidance for the election of officers. Should an annual report be required? The goal is to wrap it up by the end of the year.
8. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 29, 2009, 5:30, Rochelle will talk to Pat or Dorothy about reserving a room in Chili.