

## **Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** December 7, 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; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; Ray Cipriano, Town of Bethany; Judy Spring., Genesee County SWCD

### **Action Items Underlined**

1. October 29 minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. A suggestion was made, and members agreed, to add an item to discuss the recent passing of Christine Sevilla. Christine was a well known and respected area photographer whose photographs grace the Map Guide and who worked on other aspects of guide as well. The Coalition worked closely with her on the guide and her loss is being felt throughout the Rochester area. There was discussion on tributes to her and that it might be a good idea to coordinate with other groups that she was involved with. Tom will be the liaison in this effort. A memorial service will be held December 16. Tom will send the information on the service to George for distribution to the group.
3. Watershed Planning Update. At the most recent (Nov. 23) changing the draft bid to more of an RFQ format was discussed at length and extensive corrections and comments were made. Black Creek members feel that rather than being task oriented it should be a partnership. GFLRPC was charged with going back and working on it. BCWC feels it should be kept. Rochelle will talk to GLFLRPC about our ideas. George will reach out to Rick VenVertloh to discuss our concerns.
4. Logo. Tabled.
5. Coalition By-laws. A draft had been emailed to members. Tom distributed some additional notes and members discussed them. Regarding the issue of monitoring, discussion centered on the fact that BCWC doesn't have funding to do this but can oversee what other monitoring is going on. The consensus was to drop the word "goals" and combine it with "purpose". On Tom's first bullet, "water quality" the wording should be from RAP. The clean water list should stay in, the word "drinkable" may have to come out. Rochelle and George will work on it. There was general discussion of changes to be made. Lyle asked that additional suggestions be sent to him. He will incorporate Tom's comments into them.
6. Next Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2010, 5:30, Judy will make arrangement to meet at the Chili Library of Town Hall.
7. Next month's agenda: Monroe County SWCD representative. Great Lakes Initiative RFP -- the deadline is January 29, 2010; let George know if there is anything on Black Creek that should be included in it.