

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: June 29, 2010

Location: Byron Town Hall

Attendance: Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; George Squires, Judy Spring, Genesee County SWCD; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; and Lyle Warren, Village of Churchville Zoning Board of Appeals, Larry VerWeire, Riga resident; Tim Ruffin, Village of Bergen Trustee (new member); Chuck Rettig, Chili Resident; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford. Guest: Steve Lewandowski, Center for Environmental Information (CEI) Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative (LOCI).

Action Items Underlined

Agenda and minutes: April meeting minutes were approved as written.

By-Laws: By-Laws of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition were approved by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance.

Watershed Planning Update: Rochelle reported that the contract with the selected consultant is almost complete. Brian Slack will be working with the consultant on the watershed characterization section of the watershed management plan.

Total Maximum Daily Load: Steve Lewandowski reported that grant funds had been received by NYSDEC and work was contracted to LOCI/CEI/SUNY Brockport to do work on the TMDL development for lower Black Creek Watershed. SUNY Brockport has begun water quality sampling. Steve distributed a spreadsheet of results (June 7 and 15, 2010). It appears phosphorus levels are "not that high". George reported that NYSDEC had also been awarded \$305,000 in GLRI funds for TMDL for Phosphorus in the Upper Black Creek Watershed.

Watershed Symposium: Rochelle asked about thoughts on "climate change" as a point of discussion. George mentioned he had discussed the Bergen Swamp Preservation Society involvement with President Lee Blair. Lee indicated they would like to be involved as a presenter. October 28, 2010 was selected as the date for the symposium. George will coordinate with Rick VenVertloh, Chairman of the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee.

Millseat Landfill Open House: The date is July 29, 2010 from 3-7 pm. It is the same date as our next scheduled coalition meeting. It was agreed that the coalition would set up our display and participate. Larry VerWeire will set up and staff the display. George will help.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 22, 2010 at the Riga Town Hall.