

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: May 23, 2011

Location: Woodward Memorial Library, LeRoy

Attendance: Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning & Development; Brian Slack, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning; Peter Lent, interested citizen, Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford; Lyle Warren, Village of Churchville Zoning Board of Appeals; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust, Tim Ruffin, Village of Bergen; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works; Roberta Ames, Chair, Village of Churchville Planning Board; Rick Van VenVertloh, Oatka Creek Watershed Committee

Action Items Underlined

Introductions, assignment of roles, changes to the agenda, review and approval of minutes: Introductions were made. The April 28, 2011 minutes were approved with clarification on the issue of septic systems and comments made by Roberta Ames. Residents cannot hook into the “forced main” that goes to Mill Seat Landfill because the Town of Riga chose not to participate in the arrangement.

Map Guide Distribution: Lyle has a box that he will give to George, Churchville has 2 boxes, there are 10 in the Village of Bergen and 10 at the library. The stockpile is dwindling.

Melissa Winslow invitation: Melissa is a SUNY Brockport graduate student who is doing monitoring in the Black Creek and has been doing presentations. She has been contacted and has agreed to speak at our June 28 meeting about the test results.

Upcoming Events: June 11-Village of Bergen Park, Tim has secured space for us. Pete will do his macro invertebrates display. The best time to man is from about 11 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m.; July 28-Mill Seat Landfill Open House. It falls on the same night as our meeting but ours can be changed. We may also want to try to participate in the Chili Fest in Chili and the Country Fair in Churchville. Discussion followed on where we could obtain a watershed model for events. **Rochelle will check with Paul Sawyko at Monroe County Watershed Coalition to see if theirs can be borrowed and used outside of the county.** George noted that there is a watershed model for sale and there is one in Genesee County. The idea of obtaining a banner for events was discussed. Brian doesn't feel it would be covered under the grant. **Rochelle will check to see about the FLOWPA grant and if Monroe County DES has one. Tim will check a contact of his to see what the cost would be.**

Septic system handout: George obtained one from the Genesee County Health Dept. (from the State) that is very old. An EPA brochure is much too detailed. **Rochelle will check on septic system brochures.**

Peter told about how he took a tour of Spring Creek, from Batavia to Route 237 in Byron. Most places have a 50 ft. buffer. There are some holes where fish are stocked. One section is diverted around a field and then back in.

Next Meeting: June 28, 2011, at 5:30 at the Village of Churchville offices, if available. Lyle will check. George will coordinate with Mellissa.

Meeting combined with Oatka Creek Watershed Committee

Additional attendees: Lisa Compton, Oatka Creek Committee;

Black Creek-River Network (grant) History: Rochelle and Carol Beal wrote the original grant for \$15,000. Membership to River Network was included with the grant but was not maintained. Oatka Creek joined River Network at a cost of \$150 for greater knowledge. They feel it provides good information. George feels this might be another grant opportunity and that it is a good clearinghouse.

Septic brochures: Reiteration of brochures found. Cayuga County might be a good resource for information. Broome County is another possibility.

Watershed Planning Progress-Characterization Report: George sent Brian comments from Peter, Rochelle and Tom. Brian will go through them.