

**Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes: March 29, 2012
Village of Bergen Offices**

Action items are underlined.

ATTENDANCE: George Squires (Genesee County SWCD); Peter Lent (member at large); Pat Tindale (Chili Conservation Board) ; Peggy Grayson (Town of Stafford, GLOW); Roberta Ames (Village of Churchville Planning Board) ; Dorothy Borgus (Chili resident) ; Rochelle Bell (Monroe County Planning); Tom Ryther (Genesee Land Trust, Brookdale Preserve); Larry VerWeire (Riga resident); Brian Ostling, Town of Chili DPW; Judy Spring, Genesee County SWCD & Genesee County Park and Forest.

Mayor Ralph Marsocci was a most gracious host, providing those present with pizza, water and coffee. George, Pat and Tom provided cookies from the Mayor and his wife's deli, next door to the Village Hall. All were grateful, especially those who had not eaten dinner

MINUTES OF February 28, 2012: Minutes were accepted with one correction.

WATERSHED PLANNING meeting tomorrow. A number of BCWC members will be in attendance. We reviewed the things we want to be sure are included in the watershed plan: things discussed last month (Hydrofracking, Triple Divide Trail, riparian corridor evaluation; water quality testing around the Mill Seat landfill) and information from Melissa Winslow's research.

George and Peter went to the 2012 Lake Ontario Basin Forum where Dr. Joe Makarawicz presented Melissa Winslow's research, which showed Spring Creek and Bigelow Creek subwatersheds are highly impacted by phosphorus. Possible sources of P were discussed.

BIO-MONITORING IN UPPER BLACK CREEK WATERSHED: Peter described Caitlin's project. It's about developing a tool to identify macroinvertebrates to the family level and not about sampling Black Creek unless WE do the sampling. The defunct community water watch program was discussed. **Rochelle will ask Charlie Knauf and Louise Hartshorn about where the data might be.**

Peter is considering purchasing a dissecting microscope and a compound microscope and a multi-use measuring device. The BCWC supports this purchase!

LOGO/BANNER: The group unanimously chose the oval logo Pat's friend's daughter designed. We would like it to say "Watershed" around the top of the oval and "Coalition" around the bottom of the oval and would like it to be in color. **Peggy will talk to her contact about price and requirements to get the logo on the banner.** The banner will be 2' high and 6' long. The logo will be on the left, approximately the height of the banner. Two lines of text will follow the logo: "Black Creek Watershed Coalition" in black letters, initial letter in upper case, on the top and www.blackcreekwatershed.org on the bottom.

ANNUAL REPORT: George did a very nice job on the Annual Report. **He will go through the document and spell out the acronyms, send the revised document to Rochelle who will forward it to Carol to put on the website.**

PICK UP THE PARKS (PUTP): BCWC volunteers should meet at Church Lodge at Churchville Park on Saturday, April 28th at 8:30 a.m. The event runs from 9am to noon and is followed by a "Thank You" Picnic (including e-scrap recycling and an Eco-Fair) from 1-3pm at Genesee Valley Park. **George will bring the display board to Churchville Park. Larry will send Rochelle text to include on the BCWC website with the PUTP flyer.** Larry will be meeting with Ryan Loysen about being a site host. **Pat will bring an empty 5-gallon thermos/container to fill up at the lodge for the volunteers. Peggy will bring plastic ponchos (I think).**

Directions to Church Lodge: From I-490, take the Churchville Exit (36N) and got north into the heart of the Village. Go through the stop light at the Four Corners and continue north on Main Street. The driveway to the lodge is on the left just past Park Road across from the cemetery. If you cross the bridge you have gone too far.

The next BCWC meeting is 2 days before the PUTP event and so will be discussed again.

MAP GUIDE: We do not have enough guides to give away at events this spring and it will be some time until George can put money for copying the Map Guide into a grant. **Rochelle will check with Karl Korfmacher at RIT. (n.b. Rochelle will check with Ed Doherty at the Rochester Area Community Foundation about a small grant for printing.)**

RIPARIAN CORRIDOR: Tom R. passed out copies of "Ecology of Greenways," a chapter from a book titled Design and Function of Linear Conservation Areas. **Rochelle will scan and send the chapter to George who will send the electronic file out the membership.**

CHURCHVILLE-CHILI TRAIL: There's not much to react to yet. The second meeting is tomorrow night. There are a lot of problem spots outside of Churchville, it will be an interesting project to follow!

NEXT BCWC MEETING: The next BCWC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 5:30 in Chili. **Pat will make arrangements and let George know.**

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