

**BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION**  
**Meeting Notes: April 26, 2012**  
**Chili Library Main Meeting Room**

**Action items are underlined.**

**Attendance:** George Squires (Genesee County SWCD); Peter Lent (interested citizen and Chair, Oatka Creek Watershed Coalition); Pat Tindale (Chili Conservation Board); Peggy Grayson (Town of Stafford, GLOW); Lyle Warren (Village of Churchville ZBA); 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; Tucker Kautz (Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District); Fran Reese, Town of Ogden resident; Michael LaRocque, Chili Resident; Nate Grosse, Conservation Connects; Al Lintz, Chili/Riga resident.

**Roles:** Meeting manager & Timekeeper = Larry VerWeire; Scribe = Rochelle Bell

**Changes to agenda:** Add GLRI, Freshwater Future Climate Symposium, Tom R., Peggy's P2I publication.

**Review and approval of minutes:** Logo - it was about price, too. Bio-monitoring - replace "species" w/ family and remove "(?!)."

**Watershed Planning Progress, March 29, 2012, PAC meeting:** Characterization Report is done. G/FL & consultants will address hydrofracking and landfill water quality in next section of watershed plan.

Group discussed "9-point plan" and who is expected to go to municipalities about their codes - does the BCWC want to do that? Could work on riparian corridor issues serve as an entrée to work on codes? Community level buy-in is important, does this watershed plan planning process do this? **RB: E-mail Scope of Work to Fran.** Is the BCWC going to implement the outreach?

When is draft of next part of Plan going to be ready?

Chili is getting ready to update the zoning code! BIG OPPORTUNITY!!

**(Bio-) monitoring in Black Creek Watershed:** George reported on meeting with folks from DEC & Cornell on Jan. 26 about biomonitoring by the DEC biomonitoring unit. Brian Duffy/DEC says they are coming back to monitor 12 sites on Black Creek; in addition to biomonitoring they will do chemistry and temperature monitoring too – next visit is on May 9 & 10. Cornell also wanted to do some more monitoring for their computer model. The monitoring will be in the Upper Black Creek Watershed - from Rte. 237 bridge upstream to headwaters (no monitoring in Monroe County as far as George knows.)

**Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI):** EPA released RFA for 2012 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. \$20M for five focus areas. Steve Gladding, DEC Albany, contacted Tucker about working under the "Implementation" focus area in Black Creek Watershed Coalition. Need state-approved 9-step plan, and Steve Gladding says CEI's WQRS qualifies as such and wants to work with MCSWCD on writing the grant, but MCSWCD is too busy to take it on. It's a big project to take it on. Projects have to be shovel ready. Is CEI interested? **Rochelle: call George Thomas about this.** What about riparian corridor study? Riparian corridor study probably could be funded under GLRI, under Watershed Remediation. Last week George talked about submitting application for Oak Orchard Watershed Plan

with George Thomas, partnering w/ Orleans County. Even though DEC is recommending that we look at implementation we aren't sure there are any shovel-ready projects. Who would be willing to write grant application? George talked to Kristy at FL/LOWPA and she'd be willing to work on an application on our behalf. Maybe Brockport wants to be involved. Tucker said this is a very complicated grant -- a Quality Assurance plan is required that is very complicated.

**Western New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health (WNYCOSH)** published "Lucy's Lovely Lawn" with funding from RIT's Pollution Prevention Institute. "Lucy's Lovely Lawn is a children's story book about using pesticides on lawn. It might be good to have at the Nature Center at Genesee County Park.

**Melissa Winslow** finished her thesis and is now home on Long Island. She'll send George a copy of her thesis and presentation. The thesis is also available on Brockport's website.

**Tom Ryther** is moving back to Duluth, Minnesota. Tom said enjoyed working with us and that he'll miss us. We'll miss him -- and many people came up to him after the meeting to tell him so.

**Freshwater Future:** Climate Symposium in Buffalo on May 10 -- 11 for \$25. Could learn how the BCWC could apply for money in the future.

**Banner and Map Guide inventory:** With camera ready work the banner would cost \$119 - \$149; if design work is required it would take \$175. They do grommets, no sleeves. She said our logo would work. **Rochelle forward Pat's email w/ Pat's friend's email to Peggy. Peggy will coordinate with artist and sign maker (and tell banner maker to add reference to Caitlin & Morgan.** A motion was made by Tom Ryther, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothy, motion carried unanimously.

**Chili to Churchville Trail:** 2nd meeting was last night. Well attended - citizens, municipal folks, DOT, etc. Walking tours, one to the east and one to the west on April 2 and the 2 groups put their notes together. 15-mile route divided into four sections. This is a feasibility study... looking at alternative alignments... whole route does not lend itself to walking trail. Getting under 490 in Churchville is a major hurdle and they think they can do it. They took walk at very low water and the consultant did not seem to have any idea where high water is -- they need to look at flood maps! There is a PIM May 23 at c-c middle school. Flyer will be available for distribution. Supervisor Dunning brought up that the 2012 Gates Chili Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award Winner is our very own and most wonderful **Pat Tindale!**

**Pick Up the Parks:** BCWC hosting event at Churchville Park, 9-12 a.m. on April 28, 2012. Thank you picnic at GV park at noon. Drawing for laptop for people who filled out preregistration form. Larry passed out pre-reg. forms. Our role as host -- Larry is picking up items from Parks Dept. tomorrow morning. 35 people registered. Lyle, Peggy, Dorothy, Pat, George, Larry et al can arrive after 8:00 a.m. George will bring display board.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 31, 2012. Location = Riga. Larry will let George know if he can get the room and will let Lyle know if he can't get the room at Riga Town Hall and Lyle will look into Churchville.

Dorothy moved to **adjourn meeting**, Lyle 2nd, all in favor.