

**BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION**  
**Meeting Notes: May 31, 2012**  
**Riga Town Hall**

**Action items are underlined.**

**Attendance:** George Squires & Judy Spring (Genesee County SWCD); Peter Lent (interested citizen and Chair, Oatka Creek Watershed Coalition); 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); Fran Reese, Town of Ogden resident; Roberta Ames, Village of Churchville Planning Board; George Thomas, Center for Environmental Initiatives.

**Roles:** Meeting manager & Timekeeper = Dorothy Borgus; Scribe = Rochelle Bell

**Changes to agenda:** Discuss Pick Up the Parks at the next meeting.

**Review and approval of minutes:** a few changes were noted.

**DEC/Cornell TMDL monitoring, upstream from Rte. 237:** George Squires reported on meeting with folks from DEC & Cornell on May 30 to do monitoring at 2 reference sites and ten sample sites. They have installed temperature sensors which will record the temperature every 15 minutes. They'll do chemical (including P & N) monitor every two weeks through October, and then they'll do biomonitoring (they might start biomonitoring earlier). They will only monitor base flow. Judy might be able to assist them with monitoring at the Genesee Park and Forest in late August.

**Watershed Planning:** Pete reported that the DOS approved a contract extension to September 2013. G/FL is working on local law analysis right now. As far as subwatershed prioritization, EcoLogic is looking at Mellissa's paper now; they should be sure to look at CEI's work closely, too, esp. since it aligns with DEC's model for TMDLs. George read Mellissa's report: the water chemistry data is interesting; some recommendations for farms are not practical; Spring and Bigelow Creeks appear to have high phosphorus, but the reason is not clear – CAFOs? Septic systems? George Thomas pointed out the Bergen WWTP went through an upgrade during her year of sampling – she found that bacteria dropped after the plant upgrade, but not phosphorus or nitrogen. George Thomas reported that CEI's work in this area did not show that the WWTP had as much impact as Melissa's report indicated. CEI's conclusion was based on an annual average phosphorus concentration from a literature search and DEC information. **THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE REGULAR PHOSPHORUS DISCHARGE MONITORING AT SPDES DISCHARGES INTO PHOSPHORUS IMPAIRED STREAMS** - the available information is very limited.

George S. and Kelly E. met with Tom K. at G/FL, who is working on the local law update. Byron just finished updating their zoning code; the Town of Chili hired Ron Brand to work on Chili's zoning code; The Village of Churchville is working with General Code to update their code – they would like some suggestions about how to incorporate watershed protection into their code.

**George, Peter and Rochelle should meet with Dave Zorn re: plan. Invite Dave Z. and Tom K. to next meeting.**

**Rochelle will call Ron Brand about coming to next meeting.**

**Chili to Churchville Trail:** Trail is not getting support from owners whose property the trail would go through. It was suggested that the BCWC send a letter to the project planner at Bergmann. Dorothy will go to the next meeting, and Lyle will let her know when and where it is.

**Banner:** Peggy had two proofs of the banner and the group gave her feedback. **Peggy will send logo .jpg to Fran who might be able to convert it with design software to an .eps document.**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Dorothy will let George know if she can get a room at the Chili Town Hall.

Meeting followed by a send-off for Tom Ryther with pizza (thank you Lyle!), salads (thank you Peggy and Dorothy!) and Dorothy's Famous Cookies.