

BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION
Meeting Notes: June 26, 2012
Chili Public Works/Highway Garage

Action items are underlined.

Attendance: George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Peter Lent, interested citizen and Chair, Oatka Creek Watershed Coalition; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford, GLOW; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning; Roberta (Birdie) Ames, Village of Churchville Planning Board; George Thomas, Center for Environmental Initiatives; Tucker Kautz, Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District; Nate Grosse, Conservation Connects/NY Green; Larry VerWeire, Riga resident; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili.

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

Changes to agenda: None.

Review and approval of minutes: ok as is

Watershed Planning: Rochelle spoke with Dave Zorn about the status of the watershed plan. Subwatershed prioritization is the next step – G/FL is waiting for the SUNY Brockport Masters student's report on Oatka Creek to be completed (Black Creek's is completed) so that Oatka and Black Creek can proceed together.

Tom Kicior is currently working on the Local Law Review, work is proceeding according to the scope of work; there were questions about how G/FL is updating the 2006 report. How are they identifying updates to the law since that time? And will they report on which recommendations in the 2006 report were adopted? And whose responsibility is it to follow through with the watershed municipalities re: the recommendations (BCWC's) and how do we do that? Also, Chili is beginning the process of updating their zoning code – process led by Supervisor Dunning, Dave Lindsay (Comm. of Public Works) and Jim Martin, Planning Board Chair. It seems like a good idea to get Chili and G/FL and BCWC talking about this process. Dave, Tom and David L. said they could come to the July meeting, but August would be better. **Rochelle will ask Dave Zorn, Tom Kicior and David Lindsay if they could attend our annual meeting in August instead of the July meeting.**

Black Creek watershed soil and erosion control projects: George and Tucker gave two presentations about soil and erosion control projects in their respective counties. These presentations were very interesting and everyone had lots of questions and learned a lot. George told us about the Boldt Farm and showed pictures of excessive erosion and sedimentation in a corn field. Tucker talked about Paul Stein and Sons Farm, also experiencing excessive erosion and sedimentation. In both cases they will create water and sediment control basins by building berms perpendicular to the flow direction on long slopes. The basin will hold back water from up to a 10-year storm and then drain the basin slowly through a riser pipe into drain tile. The structure will be designed so that water does not pond for more than 24 hours, thereby damaging the crop. The farmers might also do strip crops to reduce erodible slope length.

Banner: The banner is being produced. Peggy will get it to George before the Mill Seat Landfill open house. Peggy will bring the bill to the next meeting.

Upcoming events: The BCWC will have a presence at the following events:
Mill Seat Landfill Open House, July 26, 3-7 PM (George, Larry, Birdie)

Byron Heritage Festival, July 28 (George)

Churchville Country Fair, August 18 & 19 (Birdie, George; Larry will fill out form)

Since we are running out of MapGuides, **George will print 100 copies of a basic watershed map from either the State of the Basin Report or CEI's WQRS (Water Quality Restoration Strategy).**

Past Event -- 15th Annual ADK Outdoor Expo: Peter and George staffed the BCWC and OCWC table all day (Rochelle was there for the last two hours). THANK YOU! Peter's macroinvertebrates were a popular attraction. There were a number of questions about fishing, canoeing and kayaking - public access. Many people were not aware of the boat launch off Ballantyne Road

Pick up the Parks review: Larry organized volunteers at Churchville Park for the 3rd Annual Pick up the Parks event (1st time at Churchville Park). Out of nine sites, Churchville Park ranked fourth in terms of the numbers of volunteers and pound of trash collected. E-scrap was collected as were recyclables.

Dorothy, Peggy, Pat, George and Pete joined Larry at the Park – Thanks to all of you for helping to make this great event such a success. Next year **(Saturday, April 13, 2013 – SAVE THE DATE)** the Black Creek Watershed will have a presence at Churchville Park, Black Creek Park and Northampton Park.

In lieu of next meeting, members will staff table at Mill Seat Landfill Open House, Thursday, July 26. The next meeting – the annual meeting - will be at Genesee County Park and Forest on Monday, August 27.