



**Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2013**

Location: Bergen Village Office

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili resident; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Peter Lent, Chair Oatka Cr WS, George Thomas, CEI, Lyle Warren, Churchville ZBA; Chuck Rettig, Town of Chili

Introductions were made and meeting minutes of February 25, 2013, were approved as presented. Refreshments were provided by Mayor Marsocci.

Map Guide Printing: There was some discussion on Monroe Litho re-printing the map guide with addition of new funding sources. Consensus is to print 5000 map guides.

Not-for Profit Status: Lyle commented on forming a "not-for-profit" (501c3). It is a 2 step process: 1) apply to NYS for incorporation (we will need to add a board of directors to our by-laws); 2) apply to IRS. Lyle feels it would be worth pursuing. We may need to find legal (attorney) assistance. **George will send Lyle electronic copies of other not-for-profit by-laws (Oatka and ACORNS).**

Fishing access: Pete commented on fishing access at "trout" sections of several tributaries to Black Creek. DEC Fisheries report brook trout in several sections. Spring Creek at Chapell Road in Byron is stocked with brown trout annually. George commented on his discussion with landowner of the Chapell Road site, Eric Zuber. Eric indicated he "allowed" people to fish but had not been formally asked by DEC about access.

Upcoming Events: George talked about some upcoming events (Cool-Kids EcoFest; ADK Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park). **George asked that members send him dates for other events (Caledonia Country Fair, Millseat Open House).**

Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan: Chuck Rettig asked about updates on the Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan. George Thomas had attended a recent meeting and provided an update, but indicated it is still unclear how decisions will be made to allocate funding. **He suggested that we add project suggestions to next month's agenda.**

Black Creek Tail Feasibility Study: There was some discussion on the current status of the study.

Next Meeting: Churchville. April 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Parking Lot: 501-c3 and Checking Account.