

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2013

Location: Churchville Town Hall

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili resident; Peter Lent, Chair Oatka Cr. WS; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford; Judy Spring, Genesee Cty. SWCD; George Thomas, CEI; Roberta Ames, Churchville Planning Board; Lyle Warren, Churchville ZBA; Tom Kicior, G/FLRPC; Chuck Rettig, Chili resident; George Squires, Genesee Cty. SWCD/Byron PB

Minutes of March 27, 2013: Correction in NFP Status – 501c4 should be 501c3. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Changes to Agenda: Lyle will give update on Black Creek Trail Feasibility Study.

Map Guide Printing: Map guides have been printed. 50 boxes with 120/box. Twelve boxes at meeting for people to take. Dorothy will ask Brian Ostling to pick up remaining 38 boxes at Monroe Litho and possibly storing at new Chili Highway Building. One box was opened to check guide. Found a spelling error: “partially” spelled “particallly”. Peggy will send copy to Suzanne Dunn of Wegman’s.

NFP Status/Checking Acct.: Lyle looking at by-laws. Oatka Creek Watershed’s by-laws are very similar to what we need. Peter to check with Oatka Committee to see if any problem if we use similar wording. George S will email a copy to everyone to review.

ADK Outdoor Expo: June 8th at Mendon Ponds Park. Set up Black Creek display. Birdie is able to attend. George S, Dorothy and Birdie will ‘talk’.

Other Upcoming Events: Mill Seat Landfill Open House – July 25, Churchville County Fair – Aug. 10 & 11.

Watershed Planning Update:

Tom is working on:

- 1) Evaluating the Regulatory & Programmatic Environment.
- 2) Sub-Watershed prioritization - almost to draft form. Tom will meet with Project Advisory Committee after draft is completed.
- 3) Evaluation of government roles, summary of State/Federal programs.
- 4) Assessments – tables and matrices.
- 5) Recommendations – 2 parts: General and Municipal.
- 6) Management Strategies for Watershed Protection and Restoration. Tom has information for Chili. Dorothy to invite David Dunning to next meeting. Tom will send information to D. Dunning and Dorothy. Tom will send Birdie the Churchville information. Approximately 2 months away from draft.

Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan: George Thomas asked what projects Black Creek Committee would like to accomplish. Dollars will be there - \$30 million for 3 years for 10 regions. George T suggested we look at projects which correspond with our management plan. Some ideas were: continuation of the Churchville-Riga-Chili Trail, clearing of log jams in Black Creek, rearranging the trail in Churchville, signage for entering the Black Creek Watershed. Black Creek Committee members to review plan on website. This will be an Agenda item for next meeting.

Black Creek Trail Feasibility Study: Discussed proposed trail which is 13-14 miles long with 10 miles on-road and 4 miles off-road. Important for Chili and Riga to factor in trail development when updating roadways.

Other: Chuck Rettig questioned if flood gauges were still being read - due to limited funding. USGS is not able to maintain certain stream gauges due to lack of funding.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 30th at 5:30pm. Dorothy will check Chili Highway Building.