

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2013

Location: Riga Town Hall

Attendance: Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW; Judy Spring, Genesee County Soil and Water; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Larry VerWeir, Riga resident; Tom Klefahn, Town of Riga, Highway Superintendent; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Planning; Dena VanCurran, Conservation Connects

Introductions were made and meeting minutes of May 31, 2013, were discussed and approved.

Recent/ upcoming events

- Mill Seat Landfill Open House – beautiful day but crowd was thin. Met RIT students at next booth. Also met Beckie Shove new at Landfill. We should contact her about having a meeting there.
- Churchville Lions Club Country Fair – Saturday, Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m., - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 11, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. George sent in application form. **George will send out signup sheet for staffing the table.** The event is at Churchville Park. There will be a tractor pull.
- Lake Ontario Ecosystem Forum – August 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Port of Rochester terminal building. **George will e-mail announcement again.**

Opening checking account. We need to appoint a treasurer and then – when the BCWC gets money -- that person could open an account at a bank that will do that for small organizations (e.g. First Niagara).

Not-For-Profit status. **George will send out by-laws with Lyle's revisions to accommodate non-profit status.**

Watershed planning update. New planner at G/ FLRPC (CJ – Carrie J. Randall) is working on report. Dave sent draft subwatershed prioritization to DOS for initial review. Group wonders why PAC didn't get a chance to review it first.

Appointment of nominating committee. George, Rochelle, Judy, Bryan. Citizen members should be officers.

Rochelle will look at by-laws to see who is on the executive committee, what their terms are and ask if they want to serve again.

From BCWC by-laws, approved June 29, 2010

- Officers (Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) shall serve for a term of one year.
- An officer may be re-elected without limitation on the number of terms they may serve.
- Officers will be elected at the annual meeting and assume their office at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Officers Sept. 2012 - August 2013 are as follows: Chair = Larry; Deputy Chair = Dorothy; Secretary = none; Treasurer = none.

W.A.V.E. (Wadeable Assessment by Volunteer Evaluators -- DEC's citizen water quality monitoring program). Larry is going to the training on August 12th. There is training on Sept. 5th. Samples are taken one time per year. Larry will sample Black Creek east of Burnt Mill. Genesee River is grossly underrepresented by volunteers; **contact Alene Onion for more information and to volunteer: amonion@gw.dec.state.ny.us**.

Map Guide Storage. Most Map Guides are at the Chili DPW. Brian will bring one box to next month's meeting for distribution.

ANNUAL MEETING Thursday August 29, 2013, Genesee County Park and Forest

Pizza – George will pick up, everyone will pitch in

Larry – Sodas and ice

Peggy – Side salad

Judy – Green salad

Brian – Dessert

Dorothy – Cookies

Rochelle – plates, napkins, plasticware

Parking Lot:

Not-for-Profit Status, 501-c3, and Checking Account

Chili Zoning Update

Membership drive