

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2014

Location: Chili Highway Garage
200 Beaver Road, Chili NY, 14428

Attendance: Roberta Ames, Village of Churchville; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen; Liza Norment, Conservation Connects; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili Highway Dept; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Dena Van Curran, City of Rochester

1. Introductions:

- D Borgus called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
- No changes to the agenda.
- Minutes accepted and all in favor.

2. Watershed Planning Update: BCWS Management Plan:

- September 3, 2014 there was a public meeting and 18 people attended.
- G Squires recommends getting municipalities more involved.
- Village of Bergen sewage treatment plant had high levels of P but testing was done before Bergen updated their sewage treatment facility.
- Bergen put in reverse osmosis system, after upgrade to sewage plant new data was requested.
- G Squires talked at the project advisory meeting and he will get updated info. He spoke with Bruce Partridge who operates the treatment plant and they are under a discharge permit; they do have P limits that by 2016 need to be 1mg/L/month (May-Oct). By 2024 0.2 mg/L/month of P discharged is the goal...presently it is at ~3.5 mg/L/month.
- G Squires contacted Craig Jackson at the D.E.C., they discussed collecting data by sampling streams around the Village of Bergen. The sampling results are currently sent to the D.E.C. in Albany.
- G Squires emailed CJ Randall and Dave Zorn the above information and updated the draft plan document but K. Donovan said the link is not yet updated.
- Oatka Creek feedback—a concerned farmer called G Squires and told him their town supervisor from Middlebury said that farmers along the creek wouldn't be able to farm along the creek due to riparian buffer regulations. G. Squires explained the plan document is not regulatory.

3. Application for 501 (c)(3):

- Going to parking lot.

4. Brockport Student Monitoring Project for Phosphorus:

- Dr. Mark Noll from SUNY Brockport contacted the Genesee County SWCD about a project for one of his students. The project would monitor phosphorus somewhere in Black Creek. G Squires recommended the vicinity of the South Byron (WWTS) outlet pipe for sampling.

5. Byron-Bergen High School Science Class Monitoring at Trestle Park in Byron:

- A.I. G Squires will find out what teacher is leading the project and will invite them to one of our meetings.

6. Next Meeting:

- Wednesday October 29, 2014 at 5:30pm at Chili Highway Garage.

8. Adjournment:

- R Ames called a motion to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.