

**Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015**

Location: Chili Highway Department, 200 Beaver Road, Chili, NY.

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen; Kim Falbo, Wyoming County SWCD

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus.

Meeting minutes of September 29, 2015 meeting, were approved as written.

There was discussion on our mailing list and changes that have been made.

There was discussion about holding joint meetings during 2016 with Oatka Creek Watershed Committee. A point of these meetings would be to discuss joint watershed management plan outreach meetings in those communities shared by both watersheds. Tentatively we will plan to meet on Monday February 22, 2016.

- Dorothy Borgus agreed to talk to Village of Churchville Mayor Nancy Steedman about a possible replacement for Birdie Ames.
- Brian Ostling will contact Andy Sansone.
- Kevin Donovan will talk to Bergen Town Supervisor Don Cunningham about a possible representative to the coalition.

There was additional discussion about selecting a consistent meeting night each month. The general consensus was that Thursday toward the end of the month might be a good possibility.

Kim Falbo, Technician with the Wyoming County SWCD and "Trees for Tribs" Program Coordinator for Western NY talked about the program. Upper Black Creek Watershed (upstream of the hamlet of Byron) is a "targeted" watershed in the Genesee River Basin. The program would offer free trees and shrubs to property owners for planting along streams and Kim would be available to coordinate a volunteer planting effort. \$15,000 is available to plant trees along streams in four selected areas in the Genesee River Basin (Oatka Creek Watershed, Honeoye Creek Watershed, Upper Black Creek Watershed and a segment of the Genesee River). More information is available from your local SWCD or from Kim at kfalboswcd@gmail.com. Kim will send us a list of tree and shrub species available from the NYS (Saratoga) Nursery when it is available. She distributed brochures and application forms.

George talked about recent communication with Karen Murray, Research Ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Troy, NY. She is coordinating a

regional study of streams called the Northeast Stream Quality Assessment (NAWQA). Nearly 100 stream sites across NY & New England (a few in PA and NJ) have been selected for sampling in the summer of 2016. A site on Black Creek at Tyler Road in the Town of Stafford was a site recommended by Brian Duffy from NYSDEC. Karen asked if access to the site could be coordinated and George was able to contact the landowner to provide access to install a temperature sensor on November 4, 2015. More information is available at <http://txpub.usgs.gov/RSQA/>.

George also talked about communication with George Thomas (CEI) regarding U.S. Army Corps of Engineers interest in conducting a reconnaissance survey on Black Creek for the "Great Lakes Tributary Model" tentatively on December 2, 2015. Additional information on GLTM is here: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Portals/45/docs/ProjFact/113%20Congress/ALL/GLTM%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

Next meeting – Monday December 14, 2015 @ 5:30 pm, Village of Bergen Office, 11 North Lake Ave. (Rt 19), Bergen, NY.

Adjournment: Motion made and meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, George Squires

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