

Black Creek Watershed Coalition/ Oatka Creek Watershed Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2016

Location: Community Room at Town of Riga Town Hall, 6460 East Buffalo St.,
Churchville, NY

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; David Smith, Town of Riga; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen; George Thomas, CEI; Greg Tessmann, Genesee Co. SWCD; Julie Michalko, Churchville PB Chair; Kim Zuber, Churchville farmer; Peter Lent, Chair OCWC; Jennifer Keys, Village of LeRoy resident; Lisa Compton, Secretary OCWC; Esther Leadley, Pavilion resident; Jim Seiler, Treasurer OCWC; Jared Elliott, Genesee Co. SWCD; Greg McKurth, Wyoming Co. SWCD

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Black Creek Watershed Coalition Chair, Dorothy Borgus.

Peter Lent and George Squires led a discussion on moving ahead with municipal meetings with towns and villages having land in both watersheds. Peter suggested our approach should be directed toward town boards and planning boards. We need to reach out to municipalities and introduce the watershed management plans for both watersheds. Jim Seiler suggested we consider a presentation at the Genesee/ Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/ FLRPC) sponsored "Local Government Workshop".

There was discussion about "printed copies" of the watershed management plans. Genesee County SWCD has one printed copy of the Black Creek Plan. There is no printed copy of the Oatka Creek Plan. We determined we should have at least one printed copy of each plan to show at the presentations. Both plans are available for viewing on the G/ FLRPC website.

Peter suggested a sub-committee be formed to put together the presentation to municipalities. Peter Lent and Lisa Compton volunteered from Oatka and George Squires and Dorothy Borgus volunteered from Black Creek. George Thomas suggested the sub-committee identify some "key issues" identified in the plans specific to each municipality. Peter suggested the presentation may need to be somewhat customized for each municipality. We need to recognize that the initial presentation must be short (perhaps 10 minutes). Greg Tessman agreed to coordinate a sub-committee meeting at the Genesee County SWCD (USDA Service Center – Batavia) Conference Room in the next two weeks to strategize the presentation content and process for delivery.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted
George Squires