

**Black Creek Watershed Coalition  
Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2016**

Location: Churchville Village Hall, 23 East Buffalo St., Churchville, NY

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Lyle Warren, Churchville resident; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen Deputy Mayor; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili Highway, Chuck Rettig, Chili resident and Josh La fountain, Monroe Co. SWCD.

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus.

Introductions were done for the benefit of new member Josh LaFountain representing Monroe County SWCD. Josh introduced himself and provided the group with a little of his background.

Meeting minutes of April 28, 2016 regular monthly meeting were approved with one correction

There was discussion the joint Black and Oatka Creek Watershed sub-committee meeting held earlier this day. Dorothy, George and Greg Tessmann attended (representing Black Creek) along with Peter Lent and Lisa Compton (representing Oatka Creek). The committee decided to attempt to organize a single meeting for all watershed (both Black and Oatka) municipalities. A time considered was October 2016 and a possible (central) location was Stafford (either the Town Hall or fire hall). Greg Tessmann said he was looking into using FL-LOWPA funds to print additional copies of watershed management plans. There was also discussion on creating "municipality specific" documents by extracting the information from the plans. There was a question about whether any "official notification in writing" had been received from the Department of State that the plans were approved. Lisa Compton will ask Rick VenVertloh to check with the Town of Wheatland.

George reported on the Trees for Tribes (T4T) tree planting project that took place on the Gregg Torrey farm in Bethany this morning (5/26).

The Churchville Walk-About will be held on June 2, 2016 from 5 to 7 PM. **We will set up our display on the Library Lawn.**

Kevin Donovan reported on a possible Coalition tour of the Village of Bergen WWTP. Kevin indicated that the tour was on hold until the new system to address phosphorus was installed. **George will coordinate with Kevin.**  
**\*NOTE: The tour was scheduled jointly with the Village Board and took place on June 22, 2016.** Kevin also mentioned that a new car-wash was

proposed in the Village and there was some concern for the potential for additional phosphorus load. Kevin will monitor the progress of this proposal.

Chuck Rettig reported that NYSDEC is carefully looking at the wetland mitigation proposal for the Mill Seat Landfill expansion project. The question appears to involve what entity is best suited to hold the easement on the mitigated wetland areas. **Mill Seat Open House is scheduled for July 28, 2016 from 3 – 7 PM.**

Brian Ostling reported on his recent trip to Nicaragua.

**Next meeting** – June 30, 2016 meeting to be held Chili Highway Facility, 200 Beaver Rd., Chili, NY.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted, George Squires

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