

**Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2016**

Location: **Churchville Village Hall** at 23 East Buffalo Street, Village of Churchville.

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen Deputy Mayor; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili Highway, Julie Michalko, Churchville Planning Board; Chuck Rettig, Chili Resident

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Vice Chairman, Kevin Donovan.

Meeting minutes of August 25, 2016 Annual meeting were **approved**.

Dorothy Borgus arrived at 5:38 pm and assumed the Chair.

George reported on the joint Black/Oatka sub-committee. While the sub-committee did not meet, George mentioned he had email communication with Dave Zorn regarding editing the watershed management plan (WMP). Dave indicated he felt we should not be “editing a final document.” He questioned why we couldn’t just pull information we needed out of the pdf. Pete Lent discussed several issues we’ve run into in our editing attempts thus far. George mentioned that he and Molly Cassatt at Genesee SWCD tried to pull out sections with their Adobe Acrobat editing version and were unsuccessful. It appears further discussion with Dave Zorn is necessary. Pete and George will follow-up with Dave.

Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA)

Pete Lent discussed the GLAA Southwest Sub-basin meeting he attended. Josh LaFountain (Monroe Co. SWCD) also attended. Pete distributed an “Identified Priorities Document.” Pete mentioned that several items in the document were very similar to the goals of our watershed management plans. It appears DEC is looking for “pilot projects.” Pete suggested parts of the Black and Oatka WMPs would fit what they might be looking for. George will forward the Black Creek Summary he received from Pete to the BCWC email list.

Monroe County SWCD Erosion Control Project

Josh La fountain discussed a Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA) funded project. The project was in the Town of Chili at Union Station Park. Vegetation was added to stabilize a drainage channel tributary to Black Creek. The area near the new spray park was also included. The District may have access to additional funding to extend the project further upstream. They hope to begin in Spring of 2017.

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George had nothing new to report and indicated he felt a private company was trying to sell us something we didn’t need.

Bigelow Creek Monitoring

George discussed the Genesee County SWCD water quality monitoring project on the Bigelow Creek tributary to Black Creek in Genesee County. He hopes Molly Cassatt will give us a presentation sometime at a future meeting.

Freshwater Futures

Dorothy Borgus mentioned the Freshwater Futures organization that offers various grant programs. George mentioned that while Oatka Creek is a member there is a fee to join.

Next Meeting

The November 17, 2016 meeting may take place in the Village of Bergen pending Kevin Donovan's confirmation of available meeting space.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm on a **motion** by P. Lent and a second by B. Ostling.

Respectfully submitted,
George Squires, Secretary

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