

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2017

Location: **Bergen Village Hall, 11 North Ave., Bergen, NY**

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Lyle Warren, Churchville ZBA; Josh LaFountain, Monroe Co. SWCD; Village of Bergen Deputy Mayor; Richard Cherkis, Riga resident

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus

Meeting minutes of February 23, 2016 meeting were **approved as written**.

Combined WS Committee meeting

George mentioned a joint watershed sub-committee meeting was held on March 22, 2017 at 2 PM in the Genesee Co. SWCD (USDA Service Center) conference room in Batavia. The group decided to submit funding requests to the Genesee and Monroe County SWCDs to support printing and meeting expenses for the outreach effort. Additional work was done on draft, individual municipal plan documents. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 2 PM at the USDA Service Center Conference Room in Batavia.

Selected sub-watershed road culvert inventory

Josh LaFountain discussed the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) New York – Great Lakes road stream crossing project. Both Monroe and Genesee County SWCDs are applying for funding. (<https://streamcontinuity.org/>); (https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/rfps/NAACC_RFP.pdf)

Josh also mentioned the Willowbank Drive grant application is “still alive”.

Josh told us about another Monroe County SWCD grant application for a tree planting project in the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds (parks). Funding is through the US Forest Service/ Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). Josh asked that the Coalition consider a letter of support. There was a **motion** by Lyle Warren and a **second** by Brian Ostling to have Chairwomen Dorothy Borgus sign a letter of support for the grant application. **Motion was approved.**

IMA revision

George reported on a discussion with Dennis Kirby from Orleans County SWCD regarding the draft IMA. Dennis indicated he planned to take the IMA to the County Legislature Clerk to get it on the Legislature agenda. George further indicated that Molly Cassatt will present the IMA to the Genesee County SWCD Board on April 12th.

2017 Events list

George mentioned he is compiling a list and would appreciate any input. Churchville Lions Country Fair - August 19-20th, Churchville Walk-About – date??, Bergen Park Festival – June 10, and Chil-E Festival - July 4, 2017.

Citizen water quality monitoring

Nothing new to report

Next Meetings

April 27, 2017, @ 5:30 pm – Chili Highway Department, 200 Beaver Road, Chili, NY

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Squires, Secretary

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