

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2017

Location: **Chili Highway Dep't., 200 Beaver Rd., Chili, NY**

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

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

Meeting minutes of March 20, 2016 meeting were **approved as written**.

Combined WS Sub-Committee meeting

George mentioned a joint watershed sub-committee meeting was held on April 20, 2017 at 2 PM in the Genesee Co. SWCD (USDA Service Center) conference room in Batavia. The group heard that funding requests to the Genesee and Monroe County SWCDs to support printing and meeting expenses were tabled pending clarification and more information. Each County SWCD expressed a concern regarding funding for municipalities outside their respective counties. There was discussion on how to resolve the issues and respond to the questions. **Pete Lent agreed to re-work the cost-estimates to reflect exact printing costs for each municipality in each county.** We decided to also approach Wyoming County for a contribution. Pete will re-submit a request for county-specific funding. The meeting costs would be equally divided. Additional work was done on draft, individual municipal plan documents. The next meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2017 at 2 PM at the USDA Service Center Conference Room in Batavia.

4th Annual Genesee River Basin Summit

George distributed information and a link for registration for the event. The program title this year is "River Access and Recreational Opportunities". It will be held on June 15th from 8 AM to 4:30 PM on the RIT Campus. Registration information is available here:

<https://www.nycharities.org/events/EventLevels.aspx?etid=9821>

IMA revision

George reported that Molly Cassatt presented the IMA to the Genesee County SWCD Board on April 12th. They tabled any action as they had questions regarding dates, changes and the previous agreement which they viewed as "still in effect". **George will provide them with answers to their questions and clarifications for the next Board meeting on May 10, 2017.** There was no news on progress in Monroe County.

2017 Events list

George mentioned he had compiled a list of upcoming opportunities for public outreach.. Churchville Lions Country Fair - August 19-20th, Churchville Walk-About – cancelled this year, Bergen Park Festival – June 10 (**K. Donovan to check on cost**), and Chil-E Festival - July 4, 2017 (we have a space reserved).

Citizen water quality monitoring

George reported on an April 24, 2017 meeting he attended in Scottsville. There was discussion on program objectives, procedures for monitoring, data management, sample locations, a consideration for Coloform sampling in the future, pictures and questions. We could start any time (now). George will contact P. Tindale and C. Rettig to see if they are still interested in participating. Following the meeting George and Pete Lent went out and sampled both Oatka and Black Creek (training for George S.).

Next Meetings

May 25, 2017, @ 5:30 pm – **Churchville Village Hall** at 23 East Buffalo Street, next to Black Creek.

THIS WILL BE A JOINT MEETING WITH OATKA CREEK WATERSHED COMMITTEE

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Squires, Secretary

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