

# **Black Creek Watershed Coalition**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **May 25, 2017**

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

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW; Lyle Warren, Churchville ZBA; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Julie Michalko, Churchville PB; Kevin Donovan, Village of Bergen Deputy Mayor; Chuck Rettig, Chili resident; Josh LaFountain, Monroe Co. SWCD

Oatka Creek Watershed Committee: Peter Lent, Esther Leadley, Rick VenVertloh, Jennifer Keys, Maureen Leupold, Jerome Smith

Guest: Shannon Dougherty, NYSDEC Watershed Coordinator, Great Lakes Watershed Program

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus

Meeting minutes of April 27, 2017 meeting were **approved as written**.

#### **Combined WS Committee meeting**

Shannon Dougherty discussed the Great Lakes Action Agenda Ecosystem-based Management document for SW Lake Ontario. She indicated that Black and Oatka Creek watersheds have been identified as areas to focus on. The following were identified as Work Group priorities at a March 2016 meeting.

1.2.a Identify funding mechanisms and incentive programs that support OWTS replacement and repair.

2.2.a Implement high priority streambank stabilization projects using nature-based techniques.

2.3.b Identify barriers and incentives to implementing riparian buffers on agricultural lands. Identify alternative uses and values of buffers to farmers.

2.3.c Implement riparian buffers via DEC's Trees for Tribes program and other initiatives. Expand Trees for Tribes to Upper Genesee basin.

5.4.c Develop/distribute public information on planting natives and proper disposal of exotics.

9.1.a Identify projects and seek funding and partnerships.

10.1.b Determine priority species and locations for habitat enhancement projects.

11.2.a Conduct community infrastructure vulnerability assessments.

11.4.a Identify and provide communities with the data, information and resources needed to assess vulnerabilities and implement resiliency actions.

12.1.b Conduct a fine-scale shoreline classification/vulnerability assessment of Lake Ontario that identifies highly eroding/eroded areas and sediment sources and sinks.

Shannon discussed several grant opportunities that may be available to Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds. There was discussion about how to identify and prioritize issues and implement actions. She distributed a 2014-2016 Program Highlights document ([http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/regions\\_pdf/gln1.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/regions_pdf/gln1.pdf)).

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Genesee River Basin Summit**

George mentioned the upcoming Genesee River Basin Summit on June 15, 2017 from 8 am - 4:30 pm at RIT.

#### **IMA revision**

George reported he had not heard anything new.

#### **2017 Events list**

George mentioned Village of Bergen Park Festival on June 10, 2017. He will email a schedule to cover the booth staffing.

#### **Citizen water quality monitoring**

George reported he has scheduled a “training” for Pat Tindale and Chuck Rettig at our Black Creek node (Archer Road bridge) on June 8, 2017 at 9:30 am.

#### **Genesee County SWCD Letter of Agreement**

Dorothy mentioned she had received a Letter of Agreement from Molly Cassatt, District manager at the Genesee County SWCD. The document outlines the following “Project Terms & Conditions:” Reimbursement for the Watershed Management Plan Workshop for Municipalities located within the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds Project in the amount of \$99.33 for printing of handouts for Genesee County Municipalities and \$100 for meeting expenses, totaling \$199.33, will be provided as reimbursement provided that:

- The project was completed as described in your request (Appendix A),
- The project was completed by November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017,
- Paid bills/invoices for work and materials necessary to complete the project were submitted to the District,
- The Finger Lakes — Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA), and the District were recognized for supporting this project were applicable,
- The District had reviewed and approved the documentation for the public prior to publication.

George mentioned that the agreement specified that Black Creek Watershed Coalition expend funds and seek reimbursement. This would be problematic since we have no funds or bank account. Peter Lent, Chairman of the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee indicated that Oatka Creek Watershed Committee (already signed the agreement) would handle this through their account. Lyle Warren **moved** that Chairman Dorothy Borgus be authorized to sign the document, there was a **second** by Julie Michalko, and the **motion was approved**.

**Next Meetings**

June 29, 2017, @ 5:30 pm – **Chili Highway Department at 200 Beaver Road, Chili, NY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Squires, Secretary

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