

# **Black Creek Watershed Coalition**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **June 29, 2017**

Location: **Chili Highway Department, 200 Beaver Rd., Chili, 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

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus

Additions to the agenda included Willowbank Drive – Churchville and appointment of a nominating committee.

Meeting minutes of May 25, 2017 meeting were **approved as written**.

#### **Combined watershed sub-committee report**

George discussed the meeting held on June 28, 2017. The date of October 30, 2017 was selected by the sub-committee for the municipal outreach meeting. It will be held at the Stafford Town Hall from 6 to 8 PM and we will provide a light supper – provided by Shell's Post of Stafford. We are making significant progress on the individual municipal documents. The committee discussed some details of a presentation and discussion points for the program.

#### **IMA revision**

George reported he had an email from Andy Sansone stating his folks were asking why Wyoming County was not signing the IMA. George responded informing Andy that Wyoming County had not signed any of the previous IMAs due to the fact they only have 865 acres in the watershed. George further stated he hoped that the Town of Middlebury would sign on to the agreement formalizing the "intermunicipal organization" to implement the watershed management plan.

#### **2017 Events list**

George reported on Village of Bergen Park Festival on June 10, 2017. He talked to a few people and added two new names to the email list. There was discussion on the upcoming Chile Fest on July 4<sup>th</sup> including set-up and booth-manning logistics.

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

Chuck Rettig reported on sampling he and Pat Tindale are doing twice a month at the Archer Road bridge. They also sampled at the confluence of Mill Creek and Black Creek near the Chili-Scottsville Road bridge. The sampling kit is currently being stored in Pat's office at the Chili Library.

### **Great Lakes Emerging Champions Mini-Grant Program**

George distributed information on the grant program and discussed a draft proposal being done by Jayme Thomann from G/FLRPC on behalf of Black and Oatka Creek watershed committees. There was a **motion** by Lyle Warren and a **second** by Chuck Rettig authorizing Chairman Dorothy Borgus to sign a letter of support for the proposal. Dorothy suggested a joint letter with Oatka. The **motion was approved unanimously**.

### **Williowbank Drive grant proposal**

An email was received from Josh LaFountain -Monroe County SWCD indicating they were submitting the previously unsuccessful grant application for the Willowbank Drive project for potential funding under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)- Water Quality Improvement Project Program. Josh requested a new letter of support. There was a **motion** by Chuck Rettig and a **second** by Julie Michalko to authorize Chairman Dorothy Borgus to sign a letter of support for the Monroe County SWCD grant application. The **motion was approved unanimously**. Chuck Rettig mentioned he had talked to some people at the Black Creek dam in the Village of Churchville who expressed concern over the previous submittal (to EPA) not being funded. He assured them we would keep trying.

### **Nominating Committee**

Chairman Dorothy Borgus **appointed Chuck Rettig and Lyle Warren to the nominating committee** to prepare a slate of officers for the Annual Meeting in August.

### **Next Meetings**

June 29, 2017, @ 5:30 pm –**Bergen Village Hall, 11 North Lake Ave. (Rt 19), Bergen, NY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Squires, Secretary

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