

# **Black Creek Watershed Coalition**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **September 28, 2017**

Location: **Chili Highway Department, 200 Beaver Road, Chili, NY**

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Pat Tindale, Chili resident; Julie Michalko, Chair, Village of Churchville Planning Board

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

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

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

Dorothy discussed the upcoming meeting entitled “Municipal Workshop - Introduction to Black Creek and Oatka Creek Watershed Management Plans”. The event is to be held on October 30, 2017 at the Stafford Town Hall, 8903 Morganville Rd (State Route 237).. We continue to make significant progress: individual municipal documents are done; we are now focused on the presentation for the meeting. The committee continues to hold two meetings per month going forward.

#### **IMA revision**

George reported on communication with Andy Sansone. After Monroe County Legal Department review a final change was requested. George distributed a copy of the document with all the suggested changes for the group to review. He further explained that the last change involved paragraph #6 “If a municipality or district in the Black Creek Watershed who is not currently a party to this Agreement chooses to become a party to this Agreement, the municipality or district can do so upon notice to all parties.” At the last minute, one of the attorneys felt this should be stricken from the document and a new agreement drafted if someone else wished to join. George indicated he made the suggested changes and sent a revision back to Andy. Pat Tindale made a **motion** to accept the changes, there was a **second** by Brian Ostling, the motion was **passed** unanimously. George indicated that the document should now move on to the Monroe County Legislature for signature authorization – hopefully before the end of the year.

#### **2017 Events list**

George reported that we had attended several events with our watershed display. He also reported he talked to many people and added several names to the email list. We hope to see some new faces at our future meetings.

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

Pat Tindale reported that while sampling during the months of August and September the readings for phosphorus, according to the Hach meter, were “0”. George didn’t feel that was possible and will forward contact information to others who might be able to help. Pat distributed a table of all their data – thus far.

**Monroe County SWCD USFS FY 2017 GLRI Grant**

George summarized an email he had from Josh LaFountain regarding this grant. Project will provide supplemental planting of about 21,000 trees to replace EAB effected ash tree stands in Monroe County municipal and park land, and NYS Park land. Plantings will be focused on riparian corridors, edge of field areas, and other environmental resource areas. The project sites include: Black Creek Park, Churchville Park, Oatka Creek Park, Van Laire Sewage Treatment Plant, Hamlin Beach State Park, and the Genesee River Greenway (from Monroe County line to City of Rochester). Additional trees will be provided to the City of Rochester for the Genesee River corridor if available. George distributed maps of the planting sites. Josh further mentioned, "Our goal is to work with partners to organize multiple volunteer planting events over the 3 year grant period."

**Nominating Committee**

Election of officers was again tabled until next month due to the sparse attendance.

**Next Meetings**

October 26, 2017, @ 5:30 pm –

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Squires, Secretary

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