

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2017

Location: **Sage Pavilion, 62 S. Lake Ave., Village of Bergen**

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Julie Michalko, Chair, Village of Churchville Planning Board; Kevin Donovan, Deputy Mayor, Village of Bergen; Erin Magee, Monroe County DES; Peter Lent, OCWC; Ray Cipriano, Town of Bethany

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Chairman, Dorothy Borgus

Meeting minutes of October 26, 2017 meeting were **approved as written**.

Election of officers for 2018

There was a **motion** and a **second** to re-elect the current slate of officers (Chairman – Dorothy Borgus, Vice Chairman – Kevin Donovan, Secretary/Treasurer – George Squires) for 2018. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

Municipal Workshop follow-up report

Pete Lent discussed the Municipal Workshop held on October 30, 2017 at the Stafford Town Hall. An attendance sheet with 77 names was distributed for review. (Actual total attendance numbers were closer to 90 people – several watershed committee members did not sign in.) Pete suggested there is a need to continue meetings of the joint sub-watershed committee. It is necessary to re-connect with the watershed municipalities. Andy Sansone (Monroe County DES) suggested in an email that we coordinate a discussion among neighboring municipalities on the Memorandum of Understanding to form the Intermunicipal Organization. Perhaps start with municipalities closest to the creeks and with large land areas in the watersheds. There was additional discussion on follow-up regarding the municipal “credits” for planning and zoning board members.

IMA revision

An email from Monroe County Legislator Steve Brew indicates the IMA was approved at the committee level and will now proceed to the Legislature for formal (signature) approval on December 12, 2017. There was some additional discussion on how the signed documents are distributed. George explained that as each legislative body approves signature (either by the Legislative Chair or County Executive) on the document, four copies are signed with an original signature. After all three counties sign, each county and the Black Creek Watershed Coalition receive a copy of the document with original signature pages. Assuming Monroe County signs the document, Genesee County remains the final county to sign.

Dorothy Borgus mentioned that she would like more communication on the status of grants. She has written several support letters and would like to hear more about the status. Pete Lent talked about the “green infrastructure” grant submitted by Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. The grant was not selected for funding. A portion of the grant involved a “mentor program”. Jayme Breschard Thomann, Senior Planner - G/FLRPC was asked to serve a mentor for the grant program. She will be working with two municipalities in Michigan through conference calls. Jayme has suggested that it

might be possible for two municipalities (perhaps Town of Chili and Town or Village of LeRoy) in our (Black & Oatka) watersheds to “shadow” the process and perhaps listen in on the conference calls.

Citizen water quality monitoring

Pete discussed the “team” meeting that took place on Tuesday November 28, 2017. Both Pat Tindale and Chuck Rettig attended. All the meters were calibrated according to the standard. Pete reported further that the data collected thus far has not yet been recorded and analyzed.

Next Meetings

December 28, 2017 is cancelled. Our next meeting will be on January 25, 2018 @ 5:30 pm – Town of Chili Highway Department, 200 Beaver Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Squires, Secretary

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