

Black Creek Watershed Coalition

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2018

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

Attendance: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Kevin Donovan, Deputy Mayor, Village of Bergen; Julie Michalko, Churchville Planning Board; Lyle Warren, Churchville resident; David M. Jameson, Churchville resident; Peter Lent, Oatka Creek Watershed Chairman

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

Meeting minutes of April 26, 2018 meeting were **approved as written**.

Discussion of dissolution of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition

George initiated a discussion of the possibility of the dissolution of the Coalition. He mentioned several reasons to consider this action. A lack of response and inability to conduct outreach activities, low meeting attendance, a lack of County support, aging membership, the lack of a clear picture of the future, and a lack of participation by a majority of the municipalities in the watershed were cited as consideration for dissolution.

There was some discussion about Monroe County representation. Lyle suggested **Dorothy contact Monroe County representatives to encourage renewed participation**. Also, we should reach out to towns and villages for participation. There was a consensus to delay any further dissolution discussion and perhaps re-visit it again at the end of the year.

Willowbank Drive May 3rd Project Meeting

Julie Michalko attended the meeting and reported that Josh LaFountain from Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District had a good presentation and explained the project timeline. David Jameson mentioned he is a resident in the project area. A workshop for professionals is scheduled for July 10, 11, & 12. There was a suggestion to hold more Coalition meetings in the Village of Churchville.

Joint watershed sub- committee

Pete Lent discussed the joint watershed (Black and Oatka) outreach activities. He mentioned that both watersheds had been "tagged" by NYSDEC's Great Lakes Action Agenda Regional Action Plan for Southwest Lake Ontario. He is working with Shannon Dougherty (Watershed Coordinator, Great Lakes Watershed Program) to provide assistance in completing outreach activities for watershed management plan implementation. Some recent discussion has focused on assistance for printing plan documents for both watershed groups. Pete also talked about Oatka's outreach effort with the Town of LeRoy. There was an obvious need to have available more printed copies of the watershed management plans and individual municipal summary documents. Pete said he would recommend at least six copies of each of the individual muni documents. **Pete will arrange a conference call with Shannon Dougherty in the next couple weeks to discuss the project in more detail. Dorothy Borgus and George Squires will participate from Black Creek.**

Citizen water quality monitoring

No report.

G/FLRPC mentoring program

Brian reported he has not had any contact with Jamie recently.

Upcoming events

George and Brian will coordinate set-up at the Chil-E Festival on July 4th. Lyle will assist. George will contact the membership for volunteers.

George will set-up at Mill Seat Landfill Open House on July 26th.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be on July 26, 2018 @ approximately 6 pm – Mill Seat Landfill Open House, 303 Brew Road • Bergen, NY 14416

August 30, 2018 meeting – Village of Churchville

George will check with Josh LaFountain regarding the possibility of a “handout” on the Willowbank Drive Project for the Churchville Lions Country Fair – August 18 & 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Squires, Secretary

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