



Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes July 26, 2018

Location: Mill Seat Landfill Open House, 303 Brew Road, Bergen, NY 14416

Attendance: Kevin Donovan, Deputy Mayor, Village of Bergen; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Julie Michalko, Churchville Planning Board; Lyle Warren, Churchville Resident; Chuck Rettig, Chili Resident

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Vice-Chairman, Kevin Donovan

Meeting minutes of June 28, 2018 meeting were **approved with corrections**.

Planning for municipal outreach

George discussed the telephone conference call held on July 10th to discuss potential assistance from NYSDEC for our municipal outreach effort toward watershed management plan implementation. Those participating included: Peter Lent, Chair of OCWC; Maureen Leupold, OCWC; Dorothy Borgus, Chair, BCWC; George Squires, BCWC; Shannon Dougherty, NYSDEC; Joan Kennedy, NYSDEC.

The group identified the long-term goal of outreach to engage communities in taking on priority actions identified in the watershed management plans, and to ultimately form a self-sustaining Black/Oatka Creek intermunicipal organization. The IO will ideally be “owned” and driven by the participating municipalities.

The group further identified the following strategy: Engage “snowball” communities (municipalities with leadership potential) in WMP implementation by raising awareness of the WMPs, what the recommendations are for their community, and seeking input from them on what their interests are and where they are aligned with the plans.

The following **action items** were proposed:

- BCWC & OCWC will convene and create a list of targeted communities (“bundled”) and estimated timeframe for outreach meetings.
- Shannon and Joan will discuss additional outreach materials (e.g. funding information, What is Green Infrastructure & why should it matter to you?, etc.) that can supplement the WMPs and summaries already developed.
- Shannon will consider how a follow-up survey may be developed and used to support municipal outreach.

Churchville Lions Country Fair

George discussed plans to set up a booth at the event on August 18 & 19. He mentioned this event serves as an excellent opportunity to reach out to watershed stakeholders – especially with the event taking place on the bank of Black Creek. George will create a list or time slots for coalition members to sign up and “man” the booth.

Citizen water quality monitoring

Chuck talked about their (Chuck Rettig & Pat Tindale) sampling activities and locations, including Mill Creek and the confluence area with Black Creek. He mentioned the sampling results appear quite variable.

Next Meetings

Julie mentioned we are booked for the Churchville Village Meeting Room for the remainder of this year.

August 30, 2018 meeting – Village of Churchville, 23 East Buffalo Street, Churchville, NY

September 27, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 29, 2018

December 27, 2018 ??

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 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Squires, Secretary

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