



Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes August 30, 2018

Location: Churchville Village Hall Meeting Room, 23 East Buffalo Street, Churchville, NY

Attendance: Chairman Dorothy Borgus, Chili resident; 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; Diane Pusateri, Churchville Village Trustee; Josh LaFountain, Monroe County SWCD; Peter Lent, Oatka Creek WS Committee; Maureen Leupold, Oatka Creek WS Committee; Shannon Dougherty, NYSDEC; Village of Churchville residents: Salvatore Ennoccnt, Dan Jameson, Bob Lagree, Ronald Kamieloski, Maryann Kamieloski

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Dorothy Borgus
Meeting minutes of July 26, 2018 meeting were **approved as written**

Planning for municipal outreach

Peter Lent, Chairman of the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee started with a discussion of outreach efforts and needs to accomplish implementation of the watershed management plans for both Black and Oatka Creeks. Shannon Dougherty gave an overview of the discussion thus far between NYSDEC and the two watershed committees (see July 26, 2018 BCWC meeting minutes). Shannon mentioned several ways NYSDEC might assist our watershed groups. Maureen Leupold discussed the idea of "bundling" municipalities together for presentation purposes. Peter Lent distributed a list of municipalities in the two watersheds and emphasized several municipalities share both watersheds. Peter further mentioned that Oatka is currently working on an intermunicipal agreement with the four counties in that watershed. Maureen asked "where Black Creek Watershed Coalition stands with the idea of meetings with the municipalities in the watersheds?" Dorothy stated it made more sense for both watersheds to work together. Pete suggested our joint watershed sub-committee re-convene to map out a strategy. Shannon offered that NYSDEC could support printing additional municipal booklets. There was some discussion on additional handouts that could be generated. A late fall or early winter target date was suggested. Shannon suggested a "survey monkey" for the municipalities ahead of time.

Churchville Lions Country Fair

George invited those that helped out to offer their thoughts. Lyle mentioned he thought the attendance was down a bit. George mentioned we were prepared, thanks to Josh, with a handout and information on the Willowbank Drive project. George pointed out that a few people asked about it and some were in attendance at our meeting tonight.

Citizen water quality monitoring

Chuck said there wasn't much new to report. They have not sampled as much as they had hoped.

Willowbank Drive Project

Josh reported that David Derrick recently conducted a workshop with about 35 people in attendance. The purpose of the workshop was to educate on streambank restoration techniques. The workshop used the Willowbank Drive project as part of the training exercise. Josh further mentioned that some initial survey and observations had been completed. As a result of that work it is now necessary to

modify some of the original design concepts. This fall they will be doing more surveys including more detailed depth measurements. Josh mentioned he will be contacting landowners in the next 2 to 3 months to determine what they would like to see. There were a few questions regarding the project from the group.

Dorothy suggested we make our next meeting our Annual Meeting since we have overlooked it this month.

Next Meetings

September 27, 2018 - Village of Churchville, 23 East Buffalo Street, Churchville, NY

October 25, 2018

November 29, 2018

December 27, 2018 ??

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Squires, Secretary

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