



Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes February 28, 2019

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

Attendance: Chairman Dorothy Borgus, Chili ; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Kevin Donovan, Deputy Mayor – Village of Bergen; Brian Ostling, Chili DPW;

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Chairman Dorothy Borgus

Meeting minutes of November 29, 2018 meeting were **approved as presented**

Planning for municipal outreach

Dorothy reported she attended a joint Oatka/Black Creek presentation to the Town of Wheatland Board on February 7, 2019. Rick Venvertloh from Oatka Creek Watershed Committee gave a short presentation on the watershed management plan. Dorothy indicated the presentation was well received and generated a few questions regarding “next steps.” Shannon Dougherty, Watershed Coordinator, Great Lakes Watershed Program - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation distributed a list of grant opportunities available to assist in implementing watershed management plan recommendations.

Flood Resilience Planning Workshop

George discussed communication with Jayme Thomann (G/FLRPC) and Shannon Dougherty (NYSDEC) regarding a proposal from New York Sea Grant (NYSG), the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (SU EFC), and G/FLRPC to develop a flood resilience scenario planning workshop for the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds. Several sites in the Town of Chili as well as sites in the Village of Churchville and Scottsville are being considered for discussion. George indicated plans for the workshop are on-going and a tentative date of May 30 is being considered and the location will be the Sunnyside Lodge at Black Creek Park in Chili. More details to follow.

Citizen water quality monitoring

There was no word from Chuck Rettig. Pat Tindale may, understandably be reluctant to continue. George will attend a meeting of the group involved in the program on March 11, 2019 at RIT.

Willowbank Drive Project

There was no report.

Town of Byron Solar Project

George discussed a proposed large solar energy project in the Town of Byron.

Election of 2019 Officers

Decided to push to another meeting with better attendance.

Next Meetings

March 28, 2019 in Chili

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Squires, Secretary

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