



## **Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes October 31, 2019**

**Location:** Churchville Village Hall Meeting Room, 23 E. Buffalo St., Churchville, NY

**Attendance:** Chairman Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; George Squires, Byron Planning Board; Lyle Warren, Churchville resident; Julie Michalko Village of Churchville Board Member; Steve Brew, Monroe County Legislature, Kevin Donovan, Bergen Village Board

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Chairman Dorothy Borgus

Meeting minutes of August 29, 2019 meeting were **approved as presented**

### **Willowbank Drive Project**

George discussed the email communication he received from Monroe County SWCD Executive Director Kelly Emmerick. Kelly informed us that "during the State Environmental Quality Review process, the NYS DEC has contacted our office to discuss the project and the fact that it falls within the regulatory designated floodway (area that must be kept open to convey flood waters downstream) of Black Creek, the NYS DEC is stating that the project requires a technical evaluation to meet "no-rise" criteria set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as adopted in the local law. The "no-rise" criteria requires a hydraulic analysis showing 0.00-foot difference in the base flood elevation at the project area. The regulatory floodway has been designated to prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless we can demonstrate that the project would not result in any increase in flood levels through this engineering analysis. Our office, along with the Village of Churchville are in discussion with NYS DEC regarding this requirement for this Encroachment Review process, and until we can get through this requirement to meet the local need and the state's need, we have decided to post-pone the project construction until 2020."

Kelly further reported that while Josh LaFountain was not yet back in their office, she hoped to get him back soon.

### **Black Creek Watershed website update**

George reported he had emailed Server Pros Plus, PO Box 1729, Highland, CA 92346 our new website hosting service but had not heard back from them.

### **Citizen water quality monitoring**

Nothing new to report.

### **Black Creek Fish Kill**

Nothing new to report.

Steve Brew asked how the Committee raises money? Members of the group present explained we have had several grants early in our history and occasionally a few donations. However, since gaining

501c3 status in 2015 we have had no funds. This is a major problem as we are unable to even open a banking account.

**Next Meetings**

November 21, 2019 perhaps in Chili.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Squires, Secretary

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