

Town of Inlet
Clean Waters Committee
February 14, 2005

A special meeting of the Clean Waters Committee was held on Monday, February 14, 2005 in the meeting room of the Inlet Town Hall at 1:00 PM.

Present:

Ken Nelson

John Frey

Bill Faro

JR Risley

Ron Miller

Paul Chambers

Donna Knuth

Mick Lehman, Bernier, Carr & Associates

Kevin Jacobson, Syracuse University

Amy Santos, Syracuse University

After introductions, it was explained that Amy Santos & Kevin Jacobson had met with a few members of the Town Board and Mick Lehman prior to this meeting for lunch and a quick tour of the area.

Amy explained that she agreed with the plan Kim Farrell had started. She went through the five steps of this plan. 1. A general survey of a selected area to see what the perceptions of the community are. 2. Resurvey a few focus areas for more detailed information. 3. After Memorial Day set up focus groups with 5-10 people from the community within certain boundaries at a time for basic questions & answers. 4. Hold round table discussion that include town board members, engineers and other officials with the public to ensure that the public's views are being heard and that they are getting accurate information. 5. Hold educational meetings on weekends and evenings to encourage lots of public attendance with food and fun. Amy agreed that this will be a long and involved process, and reminded this group that there would be no cost to the Town for this service.

Ron Miller stated that once the committee had determined what areas should be surveyed, he could send a mailing list to Amy. JR Risley suggested that the meeting room in the town hall could be used for meetings. Bill Faro stated that the IVES Building could also be used for meetings with prior arrangements.

Amy again explained that the main goal of this whole process is to educate the public and to make sure they receive all the facts. The survey will help find what they already know, what they do not know, and what they think they know. She also pointed out that long term planning and citizen involvement often helps a project find better funding.

The group discussed details of the survey, which will be short and broad. It was suggested to have a place for the person filling out the survey to check what location they are in if they do not wish to leave their name and address. They hope to have the survey ready for mailing by the end of March. They will send a draft of the survey for the committee to review before it is mailed. It was agreed that after they have a response from the survey, they would send the information to Adele who will then distribute it to the Clean Waters Committee.

The group discussed hiring local students in the tech field to assist with some of this data collection that will be happening in June. It was pointed out that having someone local go to the public during this process would be a good idea.

The group thanked Amy and Kevin for their time and for taking on this project, and stated that the town looks forward to working with them.

Members of the Clean Waters Committee then stayed to discuss the next meeting. It was suggested to wait and see if anyone steps forward at the next meeting for the now open chair position. If no one steps forward, John Frey, Dayt Cleveland and Ken Nelson will consider co-chairing the committee together. It was also suggested that at the end of each meeting an agenda be set for the next meeting.

John pointed out that if during the testing phase the grant money runs out, the town will be willing to contribute in the best way they can to ensure the testing is complete. It was stated that no well drilling would be performed until after Labor Day and that all other testing would be done prior to that.

It was suggested to see if Steve Winkley, Susan Kennedy or even Steve Grimm would be available to attend the March meeting. It was suggested to have this meeting on March 29 instead of March 22 and to make this a lunch meeting.

Adele will add all downtown property owners' email addresses that she knows of to her mailing list for future Clean Waters mailings.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Inlet Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectively yours,

Adele M. Burnett