

Town of Inlet
Clean Waters Committee
March 18, 2008

A regular meeting of the Clean Waters committee was held on March 18, 2008 in the Inlet Town Hall at 6:30 PM.

Present:

Garret Hoffman, Chairman
John Frey, Supervisor
Matt Cooper, Bernier, Carr & Associates
Steve Grimm, New York Rural Waters Association
Dick & Carolyn Myrick
Brad Donovan
Dayton Cleaveland

Minutes from the February 26, 2008 meeting were read.

Old Business

Gary Hoffman stated that the paperwork for the DEC Grant that Betty Little had helped the town with had been resubmitted. There was still some numbers that needed to be plugged into places and then this would be all set.

Matt Cooper reviewed the hydrology proposals from Jay Billings and Steve Winkley. He explained that the Jay and Steve would be able to help the town find where a potential water source would be. The town would need to decide the best location to drill based not just on water availability but also on accessibility. Brad Donovan asked why the town should perform test drills when there are no funds available for public water. It was explained that this is what the grant money was to be used for, and that the committee wanted to keep all options open. In the event money became available for public water and the town determined that this was necessary, they would be one step closer to being ready for it. The group discussed the information that had been collected previously and the fact that there were no failing systems reported downtown that would give the town the points needed to qualify for funding. Steve Grimm spoke about the dye testing that had been done by the interns and suggested that this be done again. The group also was reminded that Jason Denno of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation had suggested that the town resubmit a hardship application. It was also mentioned that Jason could not give the town a guarantee of the amount of money that would be available, suggestion that the more money the town received elsewhere, the less that would be available.

Matt Cooper will return the signed proposals to Jay Billings and Steve Winkley. The group thanked Matt for his efforts and his time.

Gary reported that the water meters that were given to the town had been found. The group discussed at length where and how the meters should be installed. It was suggested that the meters be placed in homes and businesses of residents who were not

employed by the town. The group expressed the importance of letting the public know that the information collected from these meters was going to be used only for the studies conducted by this committee. There was discussion of having a licensed plumber install the meters and that having a list of bonded contractors for the people to choose from might be a good idea. Dayt Cleaveland stated that he would check his business insurance to see if he could do this for the town as an in-kind service. All agreed that this would be a great idea. The group then discussed what kind of places the meters should be installed at, agreeing that there should be both seasonal and year round businesses represented as well as summer camps and year round homes. It was suggested that larger meters may be needed to be installed on some of the businesses that use more water.

New Business

Gary Hoffman asked if the committee would like to see a Vice Chair position. It was suggested that the committee try to enlist more members before assigning this position.

Ideas:

1. It was suggested to place ads in the local papers to enlist new members.
2. The committee needs to start doing things that make it look active.
3. Monthly articles in the local papers of what the committee is up to.
4. Keep moving forward. Try to limit the amount of time spent recapping at each meeting.

It was reminded that the minutes are available online at townofinlet.org and also in the Inlet Information Office.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 PM in the Inlet Town Hall.

With nothing else to discuss at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Burnett