

Town of Inlet
Clean Waters Committee
March 23, 2004

The Clean Waters Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 in the meeting room of the Inlet Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Present:

Tom Prevost, Chairman
Mick Lehman, Bernier, Carr and Associates
Ken Nelson
John Frey
Dayt Cleaveland
Adele Burnett, Recording Secretary

Also Present:

Joanne Meneilly
Maggie Murphy-Peterson, Forestport

Chairman Prevost stated that he had filed a grant application through Schumer's office for \$2 million. He stated that he was notified at the very last minute of this opportunity, and that there is very little chance that the Town will see any money from this grant.

Chairman Prevost reported that he had submitted a trip report to the Town Board on his trip to Cornell for the On Site Wastewater Management lectures. A copy of this report is available with Loretta Gaffney or Adele Burnett.

Chairman Prevost asked this committee if they would like to see a workshop held in Inlet discussing the care of existing septic systems. He mentioned that Susan Kennedy and Del Cook would be willing to come host this workshop. It was recommended to hold this in August when most property owners would be in town. All present agreed this would be a good idea.

Chairman Prevost shared with the committee his interpretation of a five-year water quality study done by the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. The board discussed the need for numbers to compare to, agreeing that these numbers would give them a good starting point. The Hamilton County reports can be found at www.hamiltoncountyswcd.com. A copy of Mr. Prevost's interpretation of the reports is available with Adele Burnett.

Chairman Prevost reported that he has not heard anything on the status of the grant he applied for through Betty Little's office.

The board discussed having conductivity tests done, and when would be a good time to do these. All agreed that the sooner these tests were started, the better. They also agreed that these tests should begin before the beach opens. It was suggested that the Town consider entering a contract with Hamilton County Soil and Water for more testing. Testing done over a long period of time would be easier to compare any significant differences that might come up. Other ideas for collecting data were discussed including using students to document the existing systems in the Town of Inlet. John Frey stated that he would ask the Town Board to consider performing regular water conductivity testing on all of the lakes in Inlet.

Chairman Prevost stated that he has a disk with Informational Materials on Onsite and Clustered Wastewater Treatment Systems from the Environmental Protection Agency. He will make copies of this to be available for anyone who wishes to look at this information.

Mick Lehman stated that he has a glossary of terms relevant to public wastewater and water systems that he will have put into Word format to give to this committee. He stated that he had contact information forwarded on to JR Risley to help this committee. He also gave the board a sample of a questionnaire that could be used to collect public input that would be helpful to this committee. He stated that the engineers would be willing to set up tours of other town's systems, and that they have a slide presentation they could show if this committee thought these might be helpful.

Chairman Prevost thanked Mick for all that the engineers have done to help. He then stated that he would be looking for help in putting together a survey specific to the Town of Inlet.

All present agreed to wait until the next meeting to discuss the maps that the subcommittee has been working on.

Public Comment – No public present at this time.

The agenda for the next meeting was discussed which will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Inlet Town Hall. There will be no April meeting due to vacation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectively yours,

Adele M. Burnett