

Town of Inlet  
Clean Waters Committee  
February 26, 2008

A regular meeting of the Clean Waters committee was held on February 26, 2008 in the Inlet Town Hall at 6:30 PM.

Present:

Garret Hoffman, Chairman  
John Frey, Supervisor  
Dick & Carolyn Myrick  
Fred Ferland  
Bruce O'Hara  
Ken Nelson

John Frey used this time to bring Gary Hoffman and the rest attending up to speed with where this committee currently stands. He stated that the Town still has a \$25,000 grant that was awarded by Betty Little to be used for test drilling. The committee is waiting to hear from Jay Billings and Steve Winkley on this. It was also stated that some of this grant money could be used to install the water meters that were given to the town. It was reminded that meters were going to be installed in places like the Tamarack, Dayt Cleaveland's, John Frey's and others to get an idea of the amount of water use that would be typical to a restaurant, four-person home, seasonal unit, etc.

John advised the committee that grant money for sewers is still not available right now, but that there might be money available for water. He stated that the town needed to show a failure from a public source at the raw level in order to score high for available funds, and that just has not happen. It was again stated for the record that without significant grant money, sewer and/or water will not allow a reasonable cost per user that this town would be able to afford. The committee agreed that they want to continue researching all options so the town would be ready if available funding did come along.

The committee discussed Sherry Grimm's property again. It was restated that the committee wanted to keep all options open at this time. While Sherry's property looked favorable for a potential water source, no tests had been performed, therefore there was no data available.

John Frey reminded the committee that Ron Miller had been looking into smaller cluster systems that individual property owners would set up themselves with their neighbors. And John stated that he would like to see the town continue to look into this with the possibility of helping with low or no interest loans.

Gary stated that he would like to see this committee promote that the town is concerned about their future, and that they would like to keep our waters and grounds clean. He also stated that he would like to see more information available letting people know when meetings are and encouraging people to attend. He suggested putting a sign board

in front of the town hall that announces meetings, meeting reminders in the local papers, and flyers around town. It was also suggested that the committee might want to look into publishing their own newsletter. The committee continued to discuss this topic noting the importance of getting people to attend meetings to form their own opinions instead of relying on the point of view of others, and that having more people at meeting will bring more enthusiasm to the committee and the town. Gary stated that he would like this committee to start fresh, even if it means repeating some of the steps that have already been taken.

John Frey informed the committee that CAP-21 has hired a grant writer, Julie Benzo-Barber and that the town board is considering supporting this part time position. This grant writer should be beneficial to the Town.

Gary stated that he would be setting an agenda for the next meeting and hopes to have a better idea on what this committee should be trying to accomplish at each meeting. It was pointed out that the APA Local Government Days will be March 25 & 26. After discussion it was decided to have the next clean waters meeting on March 18.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM in the Inlet Town Hall.

With nothing else to discuss at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Burnett