

Town of Inlet
Clean Waters Committee Meeting
January 27, 2004

The Clean Waters Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 in the meeting room of the Inlet Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Present:

Thomas Prevost, Chairman
Mich Lehman, Bernier, Carr and Associates
Matt Cooper, Bernier, Carr and Associates
Gary Gunther, DEC
Ken Nelson
Linda Nelson
Paul Chambers
John Frey
Chip Sauer
Brandon and Megan DiMartino
Loretta Gaffney, Temporary Recording Secretary

Chairman Prevost established rules of order noting that there was an agenda and comment period. He explained that there would be a file available for the public in the Information Office and one in the Town Clerks Office of all data and correspondence relating to the committee. He explained there would be concerns boards where comments from the Public could be recorded and addressed as information became available.

Each member introduced his or herself.

Berneir, Carr and Associates

There was discussion regarding whether or not to recommend to the Town Board hiring Bernier, Carr and Associates to complete an updated Map, Plan and Report. Bernier, Carr reviewed their proposal. Members of the committee recommended continuing with the same engineering firm. Discussion followed regarding a recommendation that prior to hiring an engineering firm testing should be conducted to determine needs and potential problem area. The cost of testing and whether or not lots were in compliance with State standards was reviewed at this point. A debate of whether or not there was a problem with waste disposal followed. It was noted that lots in the downtown were substandard. It was suggested that the Town Board provide Bernier, Carr and Associates with a letter of intent.

The Committee unanimously agreed to table decision of recommending an engineering firm at this time.

Sub Committee

Chairman Prevost recommended the formation of a subcommittee to review maps to determine well and current septic locations and the impact on setback requirements to help determine needs. He stressed the importance of considering the economic impact to

the whole community if something is not done. The following individuals volunteered to sit on the subcommittee:

John Frey, Paul Chambers, Ken Nelson, Chip Sauer, Tom Prevost

Lengthy discussion followed regarding Department of Health requirements, the future of disinfections waivers and potential impact to the Towns economics if alternative waste disposal was not considered. Seriousness of the problem was questioned.

Bernier, Carr and Associates offered to provide mapping from the last project in order to assist the subcommittee.

Providing information to the Public became the focus of the next discussion. Importance of providing reliable statistics without using specific names in order to protect businesses and property owners was stressed.

Meeting dates

Regular committee meetings were scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. Sub committee meetings were scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm

Chairman Prevost requested the committee support letters he had drafted to Hillary Clinton, Charles Schumer and Betty Little requesting member item funding for research. The committee supported the request.

Chairman Prevost suggested the agenda for the next meeting focus on why the last proposal failed.

Chairman Prevost noted a course on septic and wastewater treatment held by Cornell Cooperative Extension and encouraged members to attend. A request to pay for those who wish to attend will be placed before the Town Board.

Chairman Prevost referred to correspondence from Joan Payne. He noted her comments would be added to the concerns board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Gaffney
Temp. Recording Secretary