

Town of Inlet
Clean Waters Committee
March 29, 2005

A regular meeting of the Clean Waters Committee was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 in the meeting room of the Inlet Town Hall at 11:30 AM.

Present:

John Frey, Co-chair
Paul Chambers, Committee Member
Bill Faro, Inlet Councilman
JR Risley, Inlet Supervisor
Mick Lehman, Bernier, Carr and Associate
Matt Cooper, Bernier, Carr and Associate
Kevin Jacobson, Maxwell School, Syracuse University
Cory, Maxwell School, Syracuse University
Susan Kennedy, New York State Department of Health
Steve Winkley, Hamilton Count Soil & Water
Steve Grimm, New York Rural Waters Association
Rich Winters, New York Rural Waters Association

John Frey updated the group on the status of the Clean Waters Committee and then gave the floor to Mick Lehman.

Mick spoke briefly of the history of the clean waters project, explaining that the engineers have been looking at both options of public sewer and public water. He asked if these thoughts have changed with the new structure of the Clean Waters Committee. John stated that the committee still agrees that all alternatives should continue to be looked at. He also stated a concern that funding for such projects is becoming more and more difficult to obtain, and that maybe this committee should also be looking at short-term solutions for any properties that may have an immediate need.

JR Risley handed out copies of the grant application that the town has received for testing and pointed out that these tests would be critical for future applications. Having studies for both sewer and water increases grant opportunities. A concern for this town when applying for funding will be the number of second homes in the area. Too many seconds homes vs. year round homes is not favorable. Mick handed out contact information from area universities to help the town search for interns to do testing this summer. Discussion followed on how the interns would be doing the testing, noting that someone from the town should go with the interns on their first visit. It was suggested to have the interns do a simply septic survey while they collect water samples. It was agreed that the testing should start in the downtown area, branching out along the waterways as long as time allows.

There was a suggestion of starting a septic tank pump out program through the town, and being able to have a visual of everyone's septic while they are being pumped.

Susan Kennedy, Steve Winkley, Steve Grimm and Rich Winters all agreed to keep in contact with this committee and will help as much as they can.

Kevin Jacobs handed out drafts of the survey they plan to use. It was pointed out that residents of the Town of Inlet do not have an option for natural gas and that fuel oil could replace this choice. Kevin stated that they were still waiting for a mailing list to send the surveys out and asked if this list could be broken down for them by seasonal vs. year round and commercial vs. residential. It was stated that this would not be a problem and John Frey will work with Ron Miller to send this out within the next week. The map for the survey was discussed and it was decided to have sections circled that could be marked if the person filling it out did not want to leave their name & address. This will also be sent to Kevin as soon as possible.

John thanked everyone for attending and for their assistance with this project.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Inlet Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Adele M. Burnett