

Town of Inlet
Clean Waters Committee
January 3, 2006

A regular meeting of the Clean Waters Committee was held on Tuesday, January 3 2006 in the meeting room of the Inlet Town Hall at 6:30 PM.

Present:

John Frey, Co-chair
Dayt Cleaveland, Co-chair
Matt Cooper, Bernier, Carr and Associate
Ron Miller, Inlet Codes Enforcer
JR Risley, Supervisor
Bill Faro, Councilman
Dan Levi, Councilman
Adele Burnett, Administrative Assistant

Matt Cooper reviewed the information he had shared at the previous meeting on a possible water system for the downtown area again explaining that adding more area would lower the cost per EDU within the system. He also again stated that if the Town does not qualify for a hardship allowing for it to receive money from the New York State Revolving Fund, then the cost per EDU would be above the State Comptroller's Limit, making this project unfeasible. The group went on to discuss some of the details of what might be involved in a public water system.

Matt then gave the committee information on how the scoring works to determine hardship to qualify for a NYS Revolving Grant. He showed the group where Susan Kennedy of New York Health Department thought the Town of Inlet might score points. The group was reminded that the money is handed out by starting with the highest point score on top and then going down the list. It was pointed out that the work done by the interns this summer alone gives the Town of Inlet at least 65 points toward hardship.

The group discussed forming a district by petition rather than by a vote. It was explained that a petition would give more time for those involved to ask questions and find answers, before they signed in favor or against a proposed district.

The group discussed purchasing meters like those that would be used, and installing them at a few sample locations in order to have numbers to better show what the cost might be for someone within the district if one were to be formed. The Town could be collecting this information while this committee continues their studies on what would best work for the area.

Matt Cooper stated that the quote he received from Jay Billings for Gill Grilling was higher than the previous quote. This may be due to the time of year. It was agreed that the drilling should wait until spring. It was noted that there should be three quotes for comparison. Matt will try to bring three quotes back for the next meeting.

The group discussed the current EDU count. It was suggested that members of this committee review this count and bring back any suggestions or comments to the next meeting.

Ron Miller gave the committee copies of the latest draft he has been working on for a Town of Inlet Sewer Ordinance. The group discussed certain issues within this draft at length. Topics included on-site wastewater treatment, seepage pits, engineer designs, dye testing and inspections done at time of property transfers. It was agreed that spousal transfers should be exempt from inspections, especially in the event of a death.

John Frey thanked Ron for all the work he has done on this draft. The group will take the draft home for review and bring back comments and suggestions to the next meeting. At this time it was suggested to meet with Ron at a different time than the regular meeting, in order not to keep him too late waiting for the rest of the business to be done. It was agreed that this committee would meet with Ron on Tuesday, January 24 following the Department Head meeting which begins at 8:15 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Inlet Town Hall.

With nothing else to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Adele M. Burnett