

Contrary to the note received by Adele from Gary Gunther, the mission and scope to the Inlet Clean Water Committee has not changed.

The Town Board formed the committee with the mission to investigate the various alternatives available to prevent wastewater pollution to the nearby lakes, streams and wells used for drinking water. Also, best how to assure local businesses, churches, and community centers that they will have pollution free water. Various alternatives are currently being investigated. These include sewers, cluster septic systems, and public water. Within each of these are many variations as to the technical ways of doing each. As we obtain more data through testing, feasibility studies by the engineers and input from the community, there may be other alternatives brought to the table.

At this time, ALL alternatives are being considered equally, as there is insufficient data to rule any out or put any one at the top of the list.

When sufficient data is available, it will be provided along with committee recommendations to the Town Board who will make the decision as to what direction the town will proceed.

Secondarily:

The issue of forcing property owners to have holding tanks does not come within the mission of this committee. This is an issue of enforcement that comes under the NYS building code, State health dept. and the DEC.

It is also important that misinformation is not propitiated. Although the HCSWCD did find increased conductivity in 5th Lake outlet, it was a once only test. Further studies must be done to determine if/or where problem areas exist. Also, there may be isolated discharge problems in the outlet, but there is not a large sludge problem. Anyone can see from the bridge, boardwalk, or transversing the outlet to see the bottom is predominately gravel.

Also, as chairman, I feel getting outside environmental groups involved may be counterproductive. Each has their specific agenda. These may not be in harmony with the needs of the Town of Inlet. We need constructive input from local groups such as the 7th Lake Association and Fulton Lakes Association as these are made up of the property owners whose needs we are attempting to address.