

Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Advisory Committee on Wastewater and Stormwater
Thursday, April 12, 2007

The meeting of the Atlantic Beach Advisory Committee on Wastewater and Stormwater (ABACOWS) was held Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room.

Members Present: Billy Brewer, Donald Clements, Thomas Lenweaver, John Lotspih, Bruce McFerren, George Richardson, Alan Shelor and James Willis, III

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Larry Moolenaar, Facilitator; Mayor Tootsie Vinson; Council Member Jim Bailey; Ruth Barnes, Eddie Dawkins; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Tommy Combs, Interim Town Manager; WK Dickson staff members - Dan Dawson and Raymond Cordon

Mr. Moolenaar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m and briefly went over where the committee is at currently, advised all committee members should have a handout of Figure 8.1 that was missing from one of the booklets and that Ray Cordon from W.K. Dickson will present a PowerPoint presentation to provide some answers to previously asked wastewater questions.

1. Presentation of Phased/Partial Systems and Related Costs by W.K. Dickson

Mr. Cordon stated that the presentation will primarily focus on wastewater questions that have been previously submitted, either by or to the committee, for answers. He did want to iterate that nothing that has been submitted thus far is set in stone. Everything can change.

(Clerk's Note: a copy of the presentation and all handouts are hereby attached and therefore made a part of these minutes.)

2. Discussion of Questions Submitted to Date

This portion of the meeting was incorporated into the presentation segment.

3. Public / Committee Comments

At this time, Mr. Moolenaar opened the floor to comments.

Mr. Clements felt that Mr. Willis' concern still needs to be addressed regarding the rapid infiltration of the collected groundwater and how that is this going to be disposed of.

Dan Dawson, of W.K. Dickson, responded to this but due to Mr. Dawson not being at a microphone, at this time, his response is unavailable.

Mr. Moolenaar asked if the Town could not get rid of, sell, etc. any of the re-used water, would the system still work.

Mr. Cordon stated that the way the system is designed it can work without any underdrains. Mr. Dawson stated that on wet days, the underdrain system would be utilized, on dry days or low flow days, you probably would not even run it.

4. Develop April 19th Agenda

Mr. Moolenaar proceeded to discuss what the April 19th agenda should consist of. He suggested that the committee could work their way through the wastewater options and that visitations to other municipalities should be discussed. Mr. Combs interjected that on April 16, 2007 @ 5:00 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting, Mr. Mike Randall with the Department of Water Quality will be giving a presentation from 5:00–6:00 p.m. and attempt to answer some questions that have been asked. Mr. Combs feels that the committee should make a list of questions concerning the Phase II Stormwater issue and they will be submitted to Mr. Randall.

Mr. Clements wants input from the Department of Water Quality, Fisheries, etc. on how they feel about freshwater discharge that either overflows or seeps into the marshes.

Mrs. Tiffany Woodard, 308 Club Colony, had several comments. Those being: 1.) she felt all of Mr. Shane Turney's comments from the March 29th, 2007 ABACOWS meeting should have been included in the minutes for that meeting; 2.) disagrees with the committee's conclusion from the April 5th, 2007 ABACOWS meeting stating that Atlantic Beach has septic problems; 3.) The Health Department, according to Mrs. Woodard, refuted W.K. Dickson's statement that fifty-seven percent (57%) of the homes could not replace or repair their existing septic system; 4.) How can the contract on the Circle property the Town sold to Fred Bunn state that the land be used for both a new sewer site and a repair area for his wastewater treatment facility if the town has not already promised Mr. Bunn that this sewer treatment facility is going to happen.

5. Adjourn

With no further business before the Committee, Mr. Moolenaar adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

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