CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Elliott called the workshop to order at 12:00 noon. Members present: Chairman Elliott, Vice-Chairman Mull, and member Crouch. Members Beck and Mabry were absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Clerk Herrmann, Public Works Director Adair, Dr. Susan Libes, Coastal Carolina University Director of the Waccamaw Watershed Academy, and Lisa Swanger, CWSEC Coordinator.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP.

The committee discussed various messages to be shared at the annual fall festival, including that beginning in 2018 only paper bags will be accepted at the Horry County Landfill; practices to maintain good water quality; cleaning up after pets; etc.

Other discussions included future lake levels, dredging, and algae growth. Using the dredged soil from the lake was also discussed. Dr. Libes said the soil should be tested for bacteria, etc. prior to using for other purposes.

Ms. Swanger said some equipment and ‘gadgets’ could be set up to draw the attention of the festival attendees.

Dr. Libes said the water quality testing demonstration kits could be set up with a variety of water samples, which might entice volunteers to step forward. She presented the water monitoring quality report, a copy of which is in file. Volunteers in the water monitoring program would be asked to help staff the booth and to attend the education seminar.

The demonstrations and information at the festival should lead into the education seminar being held on October 12. Ms. Swanger will devise a flyer for the education session to be used for advertising, and her students will be asked to take shifts.

Chairman Elliott set September 19th at 12:00 noon as the next meeting date so the committee could make final plans for the October 7th festival.

Mr. Adair said the bathometric study could be presented at the festival, which would be a great lead in to the monitors do, because it shows everything runs into the sea. Ms. Swanger will moderate the seminar.

An assortment of give-away items would be at the festival, all of which promote good water quality and best management practices.

The committee discussed becoming more involved in supporting the public works department throughout the budgeting process. Town Council has taken no action on the committee’s recommendation to adopt an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) utility fee to support stormwater maintenance and construction.

The workshop adjourned at 1:16 p.m.