

'Let's get something done'

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The town of Bluffton began a journey years ago with some significant policy initiatives. Among those were affordable housing, land use planning, environmental awareness particularly the May River, demonstration projects for stormwater and community sustainability.

This shift in major direction did not happen overnight — it took the combined efforts of past and current town elected leaders, staff members and citizens working together to achieve a common goal.

Each of these initiatives has inherent value to the community at large and will continually be pursued, revised and implemented over the next few years. Your mayor and Town Council made it very clear to the new town manager from the beginning how important these public policy issues are to the future of the community.

It is obvious to all of us that we have studied some of these issues to the point of being ridiculous and the direction from the council is "let's get something done," particularly with the May River and affordable housing.

At the council meeting on Oct. 20, you saw the first of many steps on this continuing journey to create meaningful and sustainable concrete projects which will be solid community achievements.

One very important step was the unanimous vote on adapting changes to our stormwater ordinance and continuing to work with Beaufort County on this initiative, as well as others. And while there may be detours and off-path challenges, the direction will always be to constantly move forward with common-sense measures to improve the quality of life of our community.

I had the opportunity to visit Amanda Keefer's second-grade class from Red Cedar Elementary this past week. We spoke about town government and how students can make a difference in their community. At the end of the class they performed a song they had created with the help of their teacher. It was very apparent, even at the young age of 8 years old, what was important to them and how proud they are of their town, and I wanted to pass their "rap" along to you:

Bluffton Rap

What's that little town with the May River in its reach?

That's Bluffton, hey, hey, that's Bluffton, uhhuh

What's that little town just 10 miles from the beach?

That's Bluffton, hey, hey, that's Bluffton, uhhuh

What's that little town in Southern Beaufort County?

That's Bluffton, hey, hey, that's Bluffton, uhhuh

What's that little town with the oldest working oysterfactory?

That's Bluffton, hey, hey, that's Bluffton,uhhuh

It's Bluffton high

It's Bluffton low

It's Bluffton, an awesome placetogo

Look at the oaks, look at the palm trees, swim in the May River and you'll never want to leave. We love this town, we honor it with pride, it's got a Southern charm that cannot be denied

B-L-U-F-F-T-O-N

Number one in our hearts to the very end, Peace!