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head groins are the answer, but a combination is feasible."

Klauber noted that the Town's recent study of Makepeace groins demonstrated the efficacy of a groin only 80 feet long. The groin at the colony is 240 feet. "We know already an 80-foot groin won't work."

> 'I am not willing to lose my beach and my investment and my investor's dollars. If the T-head groins don't work, I'll sue.'
>
> *-Murf Klauber, The Colony*

Klauber said former Colony owner Herb Field installed a 120-foot permeable groin in 1964. It did not work. The next year he received a permit for an additional 120 feet, which now comprise the 240-foot groin that has been in place ever since.

"You have to have the length to build up the beach," said Klauber.

Moore said, "I'm not here to bad-mouth CPE. They are a good firm, but their design won't work. I have never seen this proposed design implemented on the West Coast of Florida."

The Town has struggled, unsuccessfully, for years to find a solution to beach erosion in certain spots of our beach.

On May 26, Cliff Truitt, a coastal engineer hired by the Town, said that he recommended the T-head groins and that he had an 85% confidence level that the T-heads will solve the erosion problem on the beach at the Islander Club.

During the June 6, 2005, Town Commission meeting, commissioners, determined to find an answer to this problem for once and for all, passed a resolution instructing Coastal Planning and Engineering (CPE) "to proceed with design of the structural solution, contact permitting agencies when desirable, but not to proceed to permitting before further authorization from the Town Commission."

In September 2005, CPE recommended six high profile T-head impermeable groins be installed in the vicinity of the Islander Club. The Town then proceeded to seek state permits and approval for these groins.

Debate about permeable versus impermeable groins has swirled around Longboat Key for years. Klauber has forcefully argued that the Makepeace groin at the Colony has worked well for 40 years and has not affected neighboring beaches. Frustrated by the Town Commission's unwillingness to consider alternative groin solutions, Klauber is spearheading a coalition of his neighbors to lobby the Town for further consideration and, perhaps, to extend their efforts to the state. "This situation deserves further consideration," said Klauber.

Following are some of the questions posed by members of the audience and the responses from the engineers.

We have been told that it is impossible to get groins other than T-head permitted. Is it true?

We have received two permits for breakwater groins. Cluster pile groins also have been permitted. Permeable structures are often permitted, such as fishing piers.

Is it possible to present the state with alternatives to T-head groins?

Absolutely.

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