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**Stormwater Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021
Approved on 5/20/21**

Board Members Present: Gary Weiner, Chair; Mark Langone, John Plaster, John Matthew, Andrew Netherwood, Karl Sternberg.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. Gary made a motion to approve the January 14th meeting minutes, John Matthews 2nd. All in favor 6-0.

Gary sent a report to the BOS for the annual town meeting explaining what the Stormwater Committee has done over the past year. Craig Rivest is going to be at the meeting to talk about the stormwater education video. Gary sent everyone the draft of the topics he could incorporate into the presentation.

John discussed the bylaw and noticed that Tighe and Bond didn't make any changes to Section 14 which includes the bylaw definitions. While it had been suggested to keep chapter 14 the same in the general bylaw, Gary said that the committee did change the definition of "designated agent." It had previously been listed as the select board but was now changed to the building inspector. John said they would need to add and clarify the definition of "designated agent" from select board to building inspector and that he would talk to Pam about making the necessary changes.

At the Planning Board meeting the other night, an issue regarding a septic system being paved over at the mini mall was discussed. John Flynn asked that the Stormwater Committee discuss this to see if it was a violation. According to the bylaw, if this were done in excess of 5,000 square feet and added 10 parking spaces, a stormwater permit would have needed to be acquired. After discussion, the committee reiterated that they are just advisory, and not an enforcer of the bylaw. John will draft a letter for the BOS.

Craig Rivest was in attendance to discuss the presentation that was being created as the stormwater educational piece. He reviewed the stormwater information Gary had sent him and discussed some changes that might need to be made. This includes informing residents that the bylaw is on the town website. Andrew will record the voice-over for the presentation and Craig will make sure that the wording in the presentation is supported by visuals that are in town such as solar fields, the Scantic river, drains, etc. This needs to be done by April 26th. Gary will make the necessary changes to the presentation and will send back to Craig. The committee then discussed logistics of presenting at town meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 5pm. Andrew make a motion to adjourn at 5:52, Karl 2nd. All in favor 6-0.