1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

   Chairman John Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

   Members Present: John Smith, Stephen Knapik, Brian Swan, Walter Opuszynski, Richard Minnick, Fred Bowes, and Doug Bousquet

   Not Present: Dave Keating

   Motion to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the public: Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapik, B. Swan, D. Bousquet, R. Minnick, F. Bowes and abstention from W. Opuszynski.

2. **New Applications**

   Joe Cutas was present to discuss a potential application for 144 Blackberry Hill Road. J. Cutas noted that he is trying to purchase the property and would like to build a raised ranch on the property.

   During the discussion of 144 Blackberry Hill, B. Swan stepper off the Board.

   J. Smith noted that the property was previously proposed by Manny Silva on behalf of Viera Properties. J. Cutas provided drawings/plans for the Members to review.

   After a brief discussion and review of the drawings/plans, J. Smith noted that the Board does not have a problem with regards to the wetlands and setbacks as indicated on the drawings/plans presented at tonight’s meeting.

   With the discussion of 144 Blackberry Road concluded, B. Swan was back on the Board.
Jeremiah Weid, Ace Auto, was present at tonight’s meeting to discuss a potential application for an additional to the existing building owned by Ace Auto located at 201 South Main Street. J. Weid provided drawing/plans for the Board to review.

J. Smith noted that S. Knapik, R. Minnick, D. Bousquet and himself walked the property. S> Knapik indicated that the concern with this Board is stormwater management. S. Knapik asked if the building will be for storage and not repair work and J. Weid replied that no mechanical work will be done, only for storage of the trucks.

After a brief discussion and review of the drawings/plans, J. Smith asked if a soil scientist was hired and J. Weid replied no. J. Smith noted a concern if the swale fails and the condition of the swale. S. Knapik suggested to have the town’s engineering firm review the drawings for stormwater management and the condition of the swale.

After further discussion and review, J. Smith asked for a motion regarding the potential application from Ace Auto.

Motion to have the town’s engineering firm review the drawings/plans submitted by Ace Auto for the property located at 201 South Main Street in regards to the Commission’s concerns of stormwater management and the swale: Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapik, B. Swan, D. Bousquet, R. Minnick, F. Bowes and abstention from W. Opuszynski.

J. Smith asked to have recording numbers assigned for the property. Application #SW-2020-020 and Application #A-2020-318 were assigned to Ace Auto, 201 South Main Street.

Frank Cirillo was present at tonight’s meeting to discuss the property located at 185 Bethany Road. F. Cirillo noted that he submitted an application and J. Smith indicated that the application will only be received tonight for processing for the Board’s review to determine if the application is complete and then at the next monthly meeting, the Board will vote if it is complete or more information is needed. J. Smith also indicated that the Board would then decide if a public hearing will be needed.

During the discussion of the property location at 185 Bethany Road, W. Opuszynski stepped off the Board.

F. Cirillo provided copies of drawings/plans for the Board’s review. F. Cirillo also provided a letter from the DOT regarding their comments on the proposal. After a brief discussion and review, J. Smith noted an area of concern in regards to the driveways. J. Smith mentioned that information from the State of CT is needed regarding a portion of the land deeded to the town of Beacon Falls for highway purposes only. J. Smith noted that this is still active with the town.

After further discussion, J. Smith asked for a motion regarding the potential application from Frank Cirillo.

Motion to have the town’s engineering firm review the drawings/plans for the subdivision as presented tonight by Frank Cirillo in regards to wetlands and stormwater management: Minnick/Bousquet; no discussion; all ayes.

With the discussion of 185 Bethany Road concluded, W. Opuszynski was back on the Board.
3. **Comments from the Public**

   J. Smith asked three times if there were are comments from the public and there were none at this time.

4. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

   J. Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 08, 2020 Monthly Meeting.

   Motion to approve the minutes from the January 08, 2019 Monthly Meeting as submitted by the clerk: **Bousquet/Knapik**; no discussion; ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapik, B. Swan, D. Bousquet, and abstentions from W. Opuszynski, R. Minnick, F. Bowes.

5. **Correspondence**

   There was no correspondence received at tonight’s meeting.

6. **Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings**

   J. Smith indicated that there were no Show Cause Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings to discuss at tonight’s meeting.

7. **Administrative Report**

   J. Smith noted that he will ask First Selectman Gerry Smith to have Atty. Byrne finish the letter to Mario Trepca regarding the wall on the property located at 93 South Main Street.

   a. **Wetlands Enforcement Officer**

      Dave Keating was not present at tonight’s meeting.

   b. **Town Engineer**

      The Town Engineer was not present at tonight’s meeting.

8. **Applications – Old Business**

   During the discussion of Pond Springs Village, B. Swan, J. Smith, and W. Opuszynski stepped off the Board.

   S. Knapik indicated that there was a problem with the framer dumping wood on the silt fences and this was addressed and cleaned up. S. Knapik noted that B. Swan repaired and realigned with new silt fences. D. Bousquet contacted the owner regarding the issues with the framer since he was unable to get ahold of Mark Kehrhahn.

   With the discussion of Pond Springs Village concluded, B. Swan, W. Opuszynski, and J. Smith were back on the Board.
J. Smith indicated that a monthly report was received from Charlie Edwards and Pond Springs Village. J. Smith noted a concern with the new engineering firm, Milone & MacBroom, and EG Homes since Milone & MacBroom is the company that designed Windham Homes/EG Homes. J. Smith mentioned that he would have a concern with sending the new engineering firm out to inspect their own design. J. Smith is going to suggest to First Selectman Gerry Smith that Nafis & Young to inspect any issues with EG Homes since the firm has been working with the project since the beginning.

R. Minnick asked for copies of the plans for Charles Edwards regarding Tiverton II and for Viera Properties regarding 144 Blackberry Hill.

S. Knapik asked about the driveway on Pent Road and J. Smith indicated that the driveway was done but not being maintained.

S. Knapik asked about the issues at Avenue D and D. Bousquet stepped off the Board during the discussion. J. Smith indicated that the silt fence is up again.

9. Old Business

J. Smith noted that he needs to get a copy of the letter to the home owners on Beacon Valley Road from D. Keating.

10. New Business

There was no new business discussed at tonight’s meeting.

11. Budget

1. Report of Accounts

A copy of the Report of Account was not received for tonight’s meeting.

2. Payment of Bills

   a. Invoice from the Commission’s Clerk

      There was an invoice from the Commission’s clerk submitted for the January 08, 2020 monthly meeting totaling $52.00.

   b. Other Invoices

      There was an invoice from Dave Keating submitted for $174.42.

      Motion to approve and pay the two invoices as submitted for tonight’s meeting for a grand total of $226.42: Bousquet/Opuszynski; no discussion; ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapik, B. Swan, D. Bousquet, R. Minnick, F. Bowes and abstention from W. Opuszynski.
3. **State of Connecticut Fees**

D. Keating was not present at tonight’s meeting.

12. **Petitions from Commissioners**

R. Minnick updated the Members regarding Toby’s Pond. R. Minnick indicated that the blacktop/millings was not put down since the road elevation was not going to change – this is not true. R. Minnick noted that O & G was supposed to raise the road sufficiently so the water wouldn’t go over. R. Minnick also noted that road projects are coming up.

J. Smith noted that there has always been a Member on this Commission from Planning & Zoning. J. Smith mentioned that the First Selectman removed a Commissioner from Planning & Zoning. D. Bousquet indicated that Chris Bielik called to apologize that the letter from D. Bousquet was not submitted for D. Bousquet to be reappointed to the Commission. R. Minnick mentioned that he reviewed the ordinances and indicated that there is supposed to be 7 Members – 6 appointed by the Board of Selectmen and 1 as a representative from Planning & Zoning that is voted upon by Planning & Zoning with a letter of recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

13. **Executive Session**

J. Smith indicated an Executive Session was not needed tonight.

14. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss at tonight’s meeting, J. Smith asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:54 P.M.: Knapik/Bousquet; no discussion; ayes from J. Smith, S. Knapiik, B. Swan, D. Bousquet, R. Minnick, F. Bowes and abstention from W. Opuszynski.

The next Inland Wetland and Watercourses monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, starting at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Assembly Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Scirpo
Clerk, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission