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MINUTES
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The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Mike Martin, Commissioners Peter Gove, Mathew Morton and Secretary Kristina Hooper. Also in attendance Harold Simmons.

5:35 Harold has an issue between the house and the barn. Road salt is killing grass and just a matter of time the road washes away. In the past, he had been filling it in but he is tired of it. Road is now in good shape and he does not want to see it ruined. Just heads up. Pete says when David comes back mention it to him.

Pete welcomed Mat back to the Board. Peter made a motion Mike be Chairman of the Board Mat seconded it. Motion passed unanimous.

Mat mentioned Sue Tully talked to him and has concerns with ruts between curbing and school. Mike wants David to look at it. Pete wonders Parks and Rec.

Peter made a motion to accept the minutes of March 12, 2019. Mike seconded, voted unanimous. Mat recused himself as he was not at that meeting.

At 5:45 Mr. Palmer and Janet Palmer joined the meeting to discuss water and ice issue at 55 Cross Street. Janet says the water is invasive and it is thousands of gallons. Peter suggested a berm at the garage. Janet is concerned there is no particular drainage at the street, could they cut a trench. Peter said he's not open to cutting the road. The Palmer's feel they get the water from three houses from the left towards Groton street. Janet measured approximately 60' of street. Neighbors told her the Sheehan's (previous homeowner) had been fighting the town years ago about the same issue. Mike said Sheehan's fixed it themselves. The town did not have to help to resolve it. Janet Palmer said there is a drain 8-10' away but water can't get to it with the blockage from neighbor's driveway. Peter mentions their house is low it is normal for water to go to the lowest spot. This is not just a winter problem. It's worse in winter but happens in the rain. Winter makes complete black ice. Water is going under their walkway and also hitting their foundation. Janet is seeing black spots in her garage. The obstruction is not caused by them. Mr. Palmer feels it's from an error of either the neighbor's driveway or roads. Janet showed some videos of water running down her driveway. They have 2 pumps and 100' hoses. Janet is concerned with being electrocuted. Pete doesn't understand the obstruction. Mr. Palmer mentioned the side of road collects water, once it hits neighbor's driveway, which is



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high, stops the water from getting to the drain. Janet asked if they (the neighbor) got a driveway permit. Mike says yes. The Board said they will look into it and will see if they can help. Janet feels it will just require a trench, they can't do it themselves and don't want their neighbor to incur any costs. Janet mentions to Peter she knows he doesn't want to cut street but in the right of way, can they do a trench? Peter says he will look at it but not tonight. They (the Palmer's) love Dunstable but this is a nightmare. Mike asks if something can be done with the puddle from the road area and they still get water because they are the low spot, what then? Palmer's do not think it will be so much, it would be nature, and they would trench something on a smaller scale on their property. They would like the water from the other side of the road to get to the drain that is 10' away. Mr. Palmer was a Plumber 28 years understands pitch and water. Peter mentions they are downhill water goes downhill. Mr. Palmer says if drain works and water can get to it, it would alleviate biggest part of the problem. Mike says we will not promise but we will certainly look into it.

Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded at 6:15 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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