

August 14, 2017

**I. Call to Order:** The special meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other member's present-Brad Herman, Robert McLevy, and Alternate James Hawkins, Jr. Member's absent-Maggie Camplin, Jennifer Mossner, Richard McGarry, Alternate Dori Cote, and Kimberly Gunn.

Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for J. Mossner.

Staff present-Joe Theroux, Russell Gray, Don Aubrey, and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Lincoln Cooper (6:40 p.m.) and Neil & Marlene Cook (6:49 p.m.)

**II. Application #IW-17-05 by the Town of Sterling for Sumola Bridge Reconstruction Located off of River Road:** Don Aubrey, Town Engineer, submitted an area map of the discontinued road between Old Cranston and Sumola Road (copy on file). D. Aubrey stated that before the bridge can be replaced, the stone foundations need to be grouted with cement so it does not collapse. If you try to lift the whole bridge off, the bridge piers will be in the river. Using sandbags is the best approach with geotextile against it. Approaching the bridge on the left hand side, there is a sinkhole right behind the foundation that goes all the way down almost to the river, which needs to be filled in with cement; there is a weakness on that side. On the south side, wing walls were built which do not exist on the north side, so the slopes need to be armored down to the stream on both sides. Other points that were addressed include: raising the bridge up one (1) foot so stormwater does not wash onto the bridge, cutting back the road to the south away from the bridge, travel path for residents and access for emergency vehicles. J. Theroux asked the status of the road between Old Cranston Road and Sumola Road. D. Aubrey stated the road is discontinued. The Town will need permission to cross the land from at least one home owner to lift and remove the old bridge with a machine and for the placement of new bridge materials. Placing matting down on the sections of the road that need structures was discussed to gain access for emergency vehicles.

R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve Application #IW-17-05 by the Town of Sterling for the Sumola Bridge reconstruction located off of River Road as referenced by site plan entitled Sumola Road Bridge prepared by Towne Engineering, Inc., consisting of one (1) sheet dated 7/13/2017 per the information submitted and field conditions to be addressed and witnessed by Inland Wetland Agent, J. Theroux as needed. All voted in favor of the motion.

**III. Adjournment:** R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard McGarry, Secretary