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TO: Windham Town Council

THROUGH: Barry Tibbetts, Interim Town Manager

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Natural Resources Advisory Committee

RE: Protection of Watersheds and Waterbodies Discussion

The Town Council adopted an amendment to Chapter 142, the Surface Water Protection Ordinance on December 19, 2017. The changes were applicable only to development in the Highland Lake watershed and require that:

- Temporary erosion control measures, such as silt fence, bark mulch, or hay, must be doubled up for any project that requires a Soil & Erosion Control Permit or is approved through the Planning Board.
- Projects that do not get reviewed by the Planning Board are subject to a points-based system that will allow for assurance that stormwater runoff will be treated prior to leaving the site without the need for small projects to hire professionals to design stormwater plans.

Since the effective date of the amendment to the Surface Water Protection Ordinance, 18 permits based on the points system have been issued in the Highland Lake watershed. Staff will be present at the January 21, 2020 Council meeting to discuss options for expanding this points-based system to protect additional watershed and waterbodies.