Col. Dennison said that although there had been unusual flooding in other parts of the town this fall, most areas corrected themselves within a reasonable period of time. He pinpointed two areas where this did not happen and definite measures must be taken to relieve the situation. One area, including the golf course and Reefstone Condominiums, could reestablish connection with the already existing county drainage system east to Hoop Pole Creek. However, the area of Juniper west to Cedar between Salter Path Road and Cypress, plus the courts from Salter Path just to the east, comprise the section requiring a new system to be devised. After consideration of the topography and the resources available to the town he was recommending that existing easements be used, and further easements be obtained, to drain the water through a drainage ditch west to the canal at Cedar Road.

All present were well aware that respective governmental agencies were weighing the interests of all concerned (fishing, recreation etc.) and were opposed to the draining of surface water into the estuaries. Jim Johnson, speaking for the Pine Knoll Association which is responsible for the canals, voiced strong objection to such a plan since it had been established that drainage of surface water from Salter Path Road and Beechwood Drive into the canals has been directly responsible for the present pollution which has closed them to shell fishing. The property owners association is working to reverse this condition and wishes to eliminate all surface water drains into the canal.

CAMA and other agencies, previously consulted, had indicated that they could not approve discharge into the estuaries but had indicated that they could approve discharge into the ocean or the use of portable pumps and hoses to remove the water to the ocean dunes, there to be absorbed or to find its way to the ocean. (This latter would cost considerably less that a suggested conduit system which could cost over a million dollars). Indeed, representatives of the agencies who spoke, and Pressman Pate of CAMA in particular, assured the group that if a detailed plan is presented, showing that alternatives have been explored etc. it will be considered and if it cannot be approved on their level there is an appeal procedure open to us. Col. Dennison commented that this would take about 8 months.

Other measures were suggested and discussed such as a moratorium on further building in the area, impoundment systems, treatment to remove impurities before discharge, pipe systems, as opposed to open ditches, among them. Mayor Hanan thanked those present for their contribution, said the committee would look into all aspects and that before the commissioners took final action there would be another public hearing.

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Art Browne of the Land Use Plan Committee presented a request for the board to consider rezoning the commercial area on Pine Knoll Boulevard, next to McGinnis Point, to residential, single family units. He also asked the Board to recommend a minimum for building sites of these units. This meeting took place December 16.

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There was a discussion on changing the minimum requirement of square footage for a house in the area now zoned 1000 square feet to 1,200 square feet. It was noted that a more in-depth study has to be made, to insure the other ordinances would be fulfilled, i.e. area for septic tank, driveway, percent of natural area to be left on property.

The new CAMA proposal of 50 foot set-back on waterways was discussed.

A report on the study of the commercial area along side of Arborvitae was given. The Board will be establishing a minimum square footage for these buildings.

Roof drainage into the canal has been corrected by most of the owners who had been contacted by the town to do so.

Flooding problems were discussed prior to the Hearing of January 7, 1986. The idea of preventing more areas from being flooded was pointed out to the Board Members. Having an ordinance that only permeable materials be used for driveways and parking areas might