

# North River Commission

Representing the Towns of – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate  
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## Minutes January 27, 2022 - Meeting #569

Present: Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Hanover, Daniel Jones (M), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (M), Norwell, Robert Molla (A), Pembroke, Gino Fellini (A), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (A)  
Not Attending: Hanover, John O'Leary (A), Marshfield, Christopher Head (A), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Scituate, Joseph Norton (M)

### 7:00 - Call to Order

**7:00 - Informal Discussion - 25 Washington Street, Hanover - Bunker/Lawrence** - Mr. Bunker and Ms. Lawrence appeared to discuss the construction of greenhouse on a pre-existing concrete slab. Ms. Lawrence described the proposal. She proposes to construct an 8' wide x 12' long x 9.5' high greenhouse on a pre-existing 10' wide x 16' long concrete slab. Although the slab is currently empty there was a greenhouse in that location for many years in the past. Ms. Lawrence described the location of the slab, referencing a plot plan the Commission has on file that indicated the 100' setback line as it relates to the location of the house and garage. She also presented photographs of the existing site conditions concerning the concrete slab and its location. The Commission reviewed this plot plan as well as orthographic imagery from Mass GIS and Google Earth and agreed that the existing slab was beyond the 100' required setback to the Natural Bank for Accessory Structures. Members familiar with the site confirmed this analysis. The dimensions of the proposed site were confirmed. In order to memorialize a decision that the project was approvable the Commission asked that Ms. Lawrence and Mr. Bunker submit a **Request for Determination** that the proposed project was an "Allowed Use". The applicants will follow up with the administrator to complete the application. A motion was made and seconded that the proposal as described and presented was an "Allowed Use." The motion passed unanimously.

Plans/Documents referenced: "Plan of Land, Washington Street, Hanover, Massachusetts, Prepared for Kathryn M. Lane, Scale: 40 feet to an inch, Dated: September 2, 1988, Perkins Engineering, Inc., Joseph F. Monahan, P.L.S."; Applicant photographs of proposed greenhouse and existing site conditions dated January 3, 2022; Google Earth and Mass GIS satellite and orthographic imagery.

### 7:15 - New Business

1. Minutes approved for December 16, 2021 meeting.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW) reported on...
  - 76 Carolyn Circle, Marshfield - Applicants have received comments from the Department of Marine Fisheries and will incorporate those comments with those from the Marshfield Conservation Commission and the North River Commission and present them at a future meeting.
  - Written Determinations of "Allowed Use" for pier/dock/float project at 35 Misty Meadow Road, Pembroke and tree cutting at pier/dock/float project at 64 Little's Lane, Marshfield were issued and forwarded to applicants.

- Received a copy of the Comm. of Mass. Chapter 91 Dock License application for 38 Hunter Drive, Marshfield.
- Reviewed the status of 49 Collier Road, Scituate appeal of the Commission's denial that a structure greater than 35' in height was an "Allowed Use." The existing structure has been torn down and new construction is anticipated. Efforts for communication with DCR regarding the appeal will be renewed.
- Received a copy of a letter from Captain River Association to local state senators and representatives. The Association is an organization of abutters to the River Marsh 40B project on Water Street, Pembroke. They are asking for the legislators' support with the Town of Pembroke and State Agencies to put a final stop to the project.
- Received an update from 22 Salt Meadow Lane, Norwell/Scituate. The project is currently in the review process with the Towns of Norwell and Scituate. They are meeting with them again in February to discuss restoration issues. The applicant's representative indicated that the latest plan shows a structure beyond the Protective Act's setback to the Natural Bank and compliant with the Order's design standards. They will present to the Commission when the Towns' permitting is concluded.
- Recent municipal filings of Corridor properties - Projects previously reviewed, currently under review or expected to come under review by the North River Commission.  
Marshfield, 76 Carolyn Circle, Conservation Commission and ZBA for dock project.  
Norwell, 22 Salt Meadow Lane, Conservation Commission for garage, clearing and fill, 44 Upper Ferry Lane, Conservation Commission for project to trim overgrown brush and open a river view (which the Commission has already determined was an "Allowed Use.")  
Pembroke, 35 Misty Meadow Road, Conservation for pier/dock/float project (which the Commission has already determined was an "Allowed Use.")  
Scituate, 22 Salt Meadow Lane, Conservation Commission for garage, clearing and fill
- Real Estate transactions in the Corridor - 103 Neal Gate Street, Scituate, 186 Brigantine Circle, Norwell - Welcome letters sent.

### 7:30 - Old Business

- **Fiscal Year 2023 & Permanent Funding** - The Commission discussed continuing efforts to secure permanent funding for the Commission moving forward. The Chair suggested members going to their individual towns to drum up support and for continued efforts with local state legislators. Several members have met with their Towns already and others have meetings scheduled.
- **Boat Patrol** - The Commission discussed boat patrol feasibility and options for the upcoming summer. Efforts will be made to secure police details from local harbor masters and the Commission will look into purchasing its own boat.
- **Gang Moorings** - Mr. Molla expressed his continuing concern over the number of gang moorings present in the river and their threat to navigation.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm  
Gary Wolcott, Administrator