

North River Commission

Representing the Towns of – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate
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Minutes June 22, 2023 - Meeting #586

Present: Hanover, Daniel Jones (M), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Hanson, Donna Frehill (A), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (M), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M),

Not Attending: Hanover, Andrew Butler (A), Marshfield, Mike Dimeo (A), Norwell, Robert Molla (A), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Pembroke, Gino Fellini (A), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (M)

7:00 - Call to Order

7:00 - Informal Discussion - 361 Water Street, Hanover - Kingsley

Kathryn Kingsley and Evan O'Brien appeared to discuss a plan to construct fencing on their property at 361 Water Street, Hanover. They have a dog that they would like to keep on their property and are proposing two fences, a 4' high picket fence along the front of the property and a 4' high chain link fence along the east and north property lines and tying into a barn on the west side of the property. They propose to leave a separation between the bottom of the fences and the ground to allow the unfettered passage of small animals. Ms. Leonard asked whether the gap is proposed for both fences. It is. Mr. Jones asked if there was any information about how far back the fences are from the Natural Bank. GW has scaled the information off MassGIS mapping and estimates that the distance to the river from the fence at the right front of the property is roughly 125 ft and from the left end of the picket fence where it ties into the barn is roughly 270 ft. Mr. Jones noted that the large Tack Factory building effectively blocks any view of the location from the river. Mr. Boulter and Ms. Heine concurred, noting that the river sits well below the top of the bank at this location. Ms. Leonard asked how the Commission would like to proceed, whether they wanted to memorialize whether the fences were an allowed use in the form of a **Request for Determination**. Members were comfortable with this approach, as were the property owners. A motion was made and seconded to determine that the proposed fences were an Allowed Use. The motion passed unanimously.

Plans/Documents referenced: "Proposed Fencing Plan, 361 Water Street, Hanover, MA, Dated: June 22, 2023"

7:15 - Request for Determination - 54 North River Drive, Marshfield - Hilton

Heidi Condon of HC Design appeared on behalf of the applicants, Linda & John Hilton. The applicants propose to re-design the front entry to the dwelling and renovate a sunroom within the structure's existing footprint. Ms. Condon described the existing structure and its location at the end of North River Drive in Marshfield. She described how the existing sunroom is in a state of disrepair and the proposal is to renovate/refurbish this room without changing the existing footprint. The closest point of the existing building to the river bank is 230 ft. They are also proposing to cover an existing deck some 248 ft. from the river bank. Ms. Condon clarified for some members the locations of these proposed changes. She described existing photographs of the site and in conjunction with architectural plans demonstrated how the appearance of the building would be modified. Mr. Boulter asked for clarification on the existing view from the river and where the proposed work was located within the view. Ms. Condon explained and indicated the locations of the proposed work, clarifying that no changes were proposed to the existing

footprint. A motion was made and seconded to determine that the proposal is an Allowed Use. The motion passed unanimously.

Plans/Documents referenced: Engineering: "Site Plan for 54 North River Drive in Marshfield, Mass., Scale: 1"=20', Dated: June 1, 2023, Ross Engineering Company, a Subsidiary of Grady Consulting, L.L.C.";

Architectural: "Hilton Residence, 64 North River Drive, Marshfield, MA., Existing Conditions, Design, Floor Plans & Elevations, Scale: $\frac{1}{4}$ "=1'-0', Dated: May 10, 2023, HC Design"

7:30 – New Business

1. Minutes approved for May 25, 2023 meeting.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW) reported on...
 - Hunter Drive, Marshfield – Received report of chainsaw operation in area of Hunter Drive, Marshfield. GW operated drone from Bridge Street Landing. Aerial reconnaissance did not reveal any obvious signs of vegetative cutting within a considerable distance along the river.
 - No Wake and Speeding websites – NSRWA's Becky Malamut reported that No Wake and Speeding email reporting sites have been set up. Reports of violations will be automatically forwarded to the North River Commission.
 - Blackthorne Lane Common Area Trust – Determination of Allowed Use for the proposed dock was forwarded to the applicants and their representative.
 - 0 Edmund Road, Marshfield – Received inquiry from real estate agent who is selling the property, along with 66 Edmund Road about the status of permitting for a proposed dock. Agent was informed that permitting has been completed. A copy of the Determination of Allowed Use and the plan was forwarded to the agent.
 - 67 Collier Road, Scituate – Communicated with David Cahill about status of filing with Town. Reviewed Conservation Commission YouTube videos. As there is still no progress/resolution from the town or information from the review engineer the town hired it was agreed to continue the NRC hearing to next month.
 - Old Meeting House Lane, Norwell – Received report and photos from Marshfield Harbormaster of a pontoon boat on the salt marsh. The information was forwarded to Norwell representatives on the Commission for their disposition.
 - 37 Canoe Club Lane, Pembroke – Received inquiries from resident about the permitting procedure for docks. Reviewed the regulation with the property owner.
 - Office files have been picked up by Morgan Records for the process of scanning the paper files into digital form. Expect to be without files for roughly 4 weeks.
 - Review of GIS proposals for adding the North River Corridor to the MassGIS website continued.
 - Revised boat patrol MOU language for Town of Marshfield's review.
 - Communications with current hearing attendees about their projects and appearing at this meeting.
 - Real Estate transactions in the Corridor - 18 Meadow Farm Way, Norwell, 35 Nathaniel Way, Marshfield. Welcome letters were sent to the new property owners.
 - Site Visits - GW – Bridge Street Landing for drone ops off Hunter Drive, Marshfield.
3. NRC Planning & Objectives - Follow Up - GW reviewed the various objectives that the Commission has been pursuing.
 - GIS - GW has received widely disparate proposals for adding the North River Corridor to the MassGIS website. There has been confusion about what type of information needs to be

provided to MassGIS to effectively complete the project. GW will endeavor to nail down the requirements so that accurate proposals can be reviewed.

- Scanning Project - GW reviewed the selection of Morgan Records to complete the scanning of the North River Commission paper files into digital form. The paper files have been picked up by Morgan and the Commission can expect to be without them for several weeks.
 - Boat Patrol - Ms. Leonard reviewed the discussions she has been having with Town of Marshfield about a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a boat patrol of the North River for Fiscal Year 2024. She has been exchanging emails with the Town Administrator over proposed language and will continue until there is an agreement.
4. FY 2023 Budget Review - GW reviewed the remaining budget and how it relates to the planning and objectives noted above. He reviewed the expenditure of some of the remaining funds for office supplies. A remainder of several hundred dollars is expected. The Commission discussed whether it would be possible to donate it to the North and South River Watershed Association in appreciation of their advocacy on our behalf.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Gary Wolcott, Administrator