

North River Commission

MA Dept of Conservation & Recreation – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate
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Minutes June 27, 2019 - Meeting #537

Meetings lower level Norwell Town Offices, 345 Main Street, Route 123, Norwell, MA 02061

Present: Hanover, Dan Jones (M), Hanover, John O'Leary (A), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Marshfield, Chris Head (M), Marshfield, Maryann Leonard (A), Norwell, Robert Molla (A), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Scituate, Joseph Norton (M),
Not Attending: Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Pembroke, Andrew Sullivan (A), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (A).

7:00 - Call to Order

1. Administrators Report - Administrator reviewed correspondence including DCR's response to NRC's budget request, letters to non-compliant properties 560 Spring Street, Marshfield and 54 Moorland Road, Scituate, and welcome letters to 74 Kings Landing, Norwell and 54 Old Meeting House Lane.

7:15 - Special Permit Hearing - 78 Stony Brook Lane - Massachusetts - Sam & Catherine Peper, Homeowners, Darren Grady, P.E., Grady Consulting, LLC - Engineering Representative - Mr. Grady presented the project to the Commission for a proposed garage and razing an existing shed, the garage to be slightly larger than the shed but farther away from the Natural Bank. Mr. Grady discussed the difference in setbacks and how the project met the performance standards of the Protective Order. Mr. O'Leary asked for the height of the roof ridge and Mr. Norton asked for the amount of frontage in order to determine if analysis was for an accessory or principal structure. Based on the length of the garage and the height of the roof ridge, the members determined that a principal structure analysis would be appropriate. The members discussed methods for revising the project so that an accessory structure analysis would apply. Mr. Peper asked what consideration they would get for replacing a dilapidated structure with a structure that was architecturally sensitive to the Protective Order. Further discussion ensued about revising the project to 20' x 15' so that accessory structure analysis would apply. The applicant asked to continue the hearing to the July 25 meeting to review alternative designs.

7:30 - Informal Discussion - Frank Basler, Plymouth County Administrator - Mr. Basler reiterated his organization's continuing interest in helping the Commission in any way that they could. To that end, Plymouth County has approved the creation of a bank account for the NRC, to be administered on it's behalf by Plymouth County with no administration fee. Mr. Basler also made the Commission aware of a press release from the County about the availability of a large excavator to be used at a reduced fee by the Towns for dredging purposes and the possibility of grant writing services available to County towns.

7:45 - Informal Discussion - The Commission reviewed budgetary matters and agreed to continue sending letters to DCR asking for a budget increase on a monthly basis. The Commission reviewed addresses that were in ongoing violation of the Protective Order and agreed to invite the homeowners to come to the next meeting to discuss their projects. The Administrator reviewed out of compliance addresses and agreed to send out letters to non-compliant residents asking them to complete the necessary steps to close the permitting process.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

Action Items: 6/27/19:

Forward Plymouth County Dredging Services Informational Release to Corridor Affiliated Towns.
Send letter to 25 Washington Street, Hanover inviting homeowner to come in and discuss ongoing projects.
Send letter to 251 Damons Point Road, Marshfield inviting homeowner to come in and discuss ongoing projects.
Send letters to addresses that are out of compliance with the North River Protective Order.
Send letter to DCR again asking for budget increase, cc the affiliated State Representatives and Senators.
Send letter to NSRWA indicating the Commission would be moving funds to a Plymouth County provided account.
Research files for 892 Summer Street Marshfield and 1354 Union Street, review projects for permitting and compliance.