

North River Commission

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Minutes October 22, 2020 - Meeting #553

(Meeting conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing)

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

7:00 - Call to Order

1. Minutes approved for September 24, 2020 meeting.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott(GW) reported on and the Commission discussed..
 - a. Recent correspondence.
 - b. Real Estate Transactions in the Corridor - Welcome letters sent to new homeowners at 18 Damons Point Circle, Marshfield, 14 Damons Point Road, Marshfield, 89 Neal Gate Street, Scituate, 102 River Road, Hanover..
 - c. Ongoing Budget matters. Representative David DeCoste addressed the Commission and informed the Commission that the state, through DCR, would be funding the NRC for fiscal 2021 at our previous level. Our request for additional funding was not achieved but a working group is to be set up consisting of local legislators, DCR and NRC members to work on establishing permanent yearly funding moving forward.
 - d. Members shared and discussed strategies for getting the budget increased. Mr. Lynch an interested corridor resident shared his acronym to "PRESERVE" the North River, consisting of ideas to increase the effectiveness of the NRC over the next 40 years.
 - e. The Commission voted unanimously to release the Cease & Desist Order for 25 Washington Street, Hanover.

7:15 - Request for Determination - 67 Washington Street, Hanover - Caleb Estabrooks- Applicant/ Owner. At the September meeting the Applicant and the Commission arranged for a site visit to view the proposed vegetative cutting. The Commission heard reports from members who had visited the site. Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Leary, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Fellini indicated that the marked trees were indeed diseased or damaged and reported favorably on the applicant's request. A motion was made and seconded that the proposed vegetative cutting was an "Allowed Use." The motion carried unanimously.

7:30 - Request for Determination - 16 Barry's Landing, Scituate - Gail Meehan - Applicant/Homeowner, Greg Morse, Morse Engineering Co., Inc. M - Rescheduled to October 22, 2020 as an Application for a Special Permit. The hearing was originally scheduled as a Request for Determination. Subsequently an Application for Special Permit was received. The requirements for timely abutter notification and public advertisement of the hearing could not be met and the hearing needed to be rescheduled for the November NRC meeting.

7:45 - Request for Determination - 19 Wanton Shipyard, Norwell - Russell Landon -Homeowner. Mr. Landon presented his request to remove a tree within 100' of the Natural Bank. Mr. Landon described one tree that is dropping debris on his dock and increasingly encroaching on the dock. Mr. Molla, Mr. Jones and Mr. Fellini visited the site prior to the hearing to view the proposed cutting. Mr. Molla believes the

tree is splitting and is placing the dock in jeopardy. Mr. Jones stated the removal of one tree will not affect the visual impact in a heavily vegetated area and that the request is reasonable. Mr. Fellini states that the tree is one base with two trunks and asked for a compromise of removing the trunk nearer the dock, considering that the tree is healthy. He does not think the tree is in any danger of falling but acknowledges that the tree's removal would not change the visual impact at all. A motion was made and seconded to determine that the removal of the entire tree is an "Allowed Use." Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell and Scituate voted yes, Pembroke voted no, the motion carried.

8:00 - Request for Determination - 26 Little's Lane, Marshfield - Lisey Good, Leonard Snyderman - Homeowners, Brendan Sullivan, Cavanaro Consulting - Representative. Mr. Sullivan reviewed a septic plan project. Mr. Sullivan noted that in an attempt to retain as many trees as possible and to minimize grading a retaining wall is proposed on the down slope side of the system, around 140' from the Natural Bank. The plan has Board of Health approval. Mr. Head asked what height the wall was. Mr. Sullivan stated it varied from a maximum of 3.5 feet to 3 feet. Mr. Norton asked how long the wall was. Mr. Sullivan indicated the wall was 90 feet long. Mr. Simpson asked what materials would make up the wall. The applicant is uncertain at this time. The owner expects it will be a masonry wall and that landscaping would mask the wall from river views. Mr. Head asked about grading up to the top of the wall and Mr. Snyderman explained the wall is the best method to minimize grading that would be severe otherwise and eliminate multiple trees. Mr. Fellini asked for clarification on right of way issues as the project is proposed in a right of way. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Snyderman stated that all the requirements of the right of way are met by the current project, that all that is required is that people can pass to the river. Mr. Head asked for clarification on the view corridor lines. Mr. Sullivan explained that the wall does increase the width of the view corridor but is necessary to minimize grading and preserve vegetation. Mr. Molla asked if there was a rubber lining around the leaching field. Mr. Sullivan answered affirmatively. Mr. Fellini commented about some of the septic system sizing requirements. The members discussed the nature of the retaining wall, whether it is considered a structure and if it was possible for the wall to be shortened on the western end of the property. Mr. Sullivan indicated that some shortening was possible, down to 80 feet in length. Mr. Snyderman responded to the length of the wall questions and is motivated to minimize aesthetically the view of the septic system, to avoid an abrupt structure, for one that blends into the landscape. Mr. Jones asked for conformance with site design standards, stating that an 80 foot wall would conform to the standards. Mr. Snyderman is willing to do so and will landscape additionally in the deleted length and Mr. Sullivan will make the changes. A motion was made and seconded to determine that the project as revised to an 80 foot long retaining wall is an "Allowed Use." The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sullivan will provide a revised plan.

Plan referenced: "Septic System Upgrade Plan, 26 Little's Lane, Marshfield, MA, Prepared for Lisey Good, 241 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025, Scale: 1"=20', Dated: 8/25/2020, Last Revision dated 10/23/2020, Cavanaro Consulting, Brendan P. Sullivan, Registered Professional Engineer."

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Gary Wolcott, Administrator