

# North River Commission

Representing the Towns of – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate  
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## Minutes September 23, 2021 - Meeting #565

Present: Hanover, Daniel Jones (M), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Marshfield, Christopher Head (M), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (A), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Norwell, Robert Molla (A), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Pembroke, Gino Fellini (A), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (A)

Not Attending: Hanover, John O'Leary (A), Scituate, Joseph Norton (M)

### 7:00 – Call to Order

1. Minutes approved for August 26, 2021 meeting.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW) reported on...
  - Recent correspondence/communication- a. **52 Moorland Road, Scituate**, RFD Determination of Allowed Use for landscaping, shed project forwarded to applicant. b. **102 River Road, Hanover**, RFD Determination of Allowed Use for reconstruction/renovation of the existing dock forwarded to applicant. c. **61 Bridge Street, Norwell**, Responded to an inquiry about what was necessary to complete the permitting for a Special Permit for a Special Permit issued in 2005. Applicant's representative was advised of the requirements, namely that a Request for a Certificate of Compliance and AsBuilt plan shall be submitted to the Commission. d. Responded to an inquiry from an abutter to the vacant lot on Collier Road Scituate (Assessor's Lot 64-6-21) about what could be built on the lot. The Commission confirmed that as the Natural Bank is at the rear of the lot and the lot is 100' deep from the street to the rear line no structure could ever meet the 100' setback to the Natural Bank that is required by the Protective Order. e. Massachusetts Department of Transportation responded to the information we provided them concerning the rope swing, scaffolding and graffiti under the Route 3 bridge. As they are currently working on the bridge, they will address the concerns the Commission noted. f. **16 Salt Meadow Lane, Scituate/Neal Gate Street, Norwell**, Reported on information provided by Norwell Conservation Commission regarding a proposed garage project and ongoing tree clearing and grading at this site which straddles the Norwell/Scituate line. Commission advised GW to contact the homeowner to schedule a meeting with the Commission. g. **98 Meadow Brook Road, Norwell**, Reported on inquiry from homeowner about construction of "sitting area", consisting of a retaining wall and fill. Homeowner was advised to submit a Request for Determination. h. **134 Riverside Drive, Norwell**, Reported on inquiry from homeowner about the addition of a deck to an existing structure and some tree removal within 100' of the Natural Bank. The homeowner was advised to submit a Special Permit Application and was scheduled for a hearing on the October 28, 2021 Agenda. i. **14 Damon's Point Road, Marshfield**, Responded to inquiry from homeowner's representative about what type of filing was necessary for the addition of a deck to an existing structure and the reconstruction of a patio both within 100' of the Natural Bank. They were advised to submit a Special Permit Application and were scheduled for a hearing on the October 28, 2021 Agenda.
  - Recent municipal filings of Corridor properties - Projects previously reviewed, currently under review or expected to come under review by the North River Commission -

Hanover, 112 River Road, ZBA for informal discussion to discuss accessory dwelling units, Marshfield, 38 Hunter Drive, Conservation Commission and ZBA for dock project, Pembroke, River Marsh 40B project, ZBA, 85 Washington Street Cell Tower, Planning Board, Norwell, 31 Islandview Circle, Conservation Commission for COC, 134 Riverside Drive, Conservation Commission for deck and patio construction, tree removal,

- Real estate transactions in the Corridor - 46 Cedar Point, Norwell, 67 Collier Road, Scituate - Welcome letters sent to the new property owners.

**7:15 - Commission Reorganization** - The Commission reviewed bylaws for the process and mechanics of electing officers. Mr. Head resigned as Chairman. Ms. Leonard moved to Member from Marshfield and Mr. Head moved to Alternate Member of Marshfield. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ms. Leonard to the Chairmanship. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Mr. Fellini to the Chairmanship. By unanimous decision Ms. Leonard was elected to the Chair of the North River Commission, Mr. O'Leary to remain as Vice-Chair.

#### **7:30 - General-Old Business**

- **DCR Funding** - GW reviewed the communications between NRC, the DCR, Senator O'Connor's office and Mr. Head regarding funds disbursement to the Commission. Mr. Head reported that there was still confusion about how the earmark was going to be distributed, through NSRWA or directly to the Commission. The Commission is concerned that there has been no progress toward securing a permanent funding structure, as promised, and that it is becoming a yearly struggle for funding.
- **26 Little's Lane, Marshfield** - Mr. Boulter asked for a discussion about the dock constructed at 26 Little's Lane, Marshfield. He had observed the dock from the river and asked that the Commission review its compliance with the approved plan. The Commission reviewed the approved plan and determined that the dock as built was per the plan approved.
- **142 River Road, Hanover** - The Commission discussed how to proceed regarding the reconstruction/renovation of a dock at this property. Communication between the Commission and the property owners had reached an impasse over the permitting of the dock. The members directed GW to contact the property owners and attempt to get the process moving again.
- **87 Edmund Road, Marshfield** - Commission members asked that GW follow up with the property owner for an update on when something might be forthcoming regarding the request for Certificate of Compliance for his site.
- **49 Collier Road, Scituate** - Commission members asked GW to contact DCR and request an update on the status of the appeal that the applicant made on the Commission's Determination that a structure greater than 35' in height was not an "Allowed Use."

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Gary Wolcott, Administrator