

# North River Commission

Representing the Towns of – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate

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## **Minutes December 16, 2024 - Meeting #604**

Present: Hanover, Daniel Jones (M), Hanover, Andrew Butler (A), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (M), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Norwell, Stephen Lynch (A), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (M), Scituate, Ken Conway (A), Scituate, John Lalone (A)

Not Attending: Hanson, John Kemmett (A)

### **7:00 - Call to Order**

### **New Business**

1. Approved Minutes of November 18, 2024
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW).
  - Bridge Street Area Float/Dock Discussion Reviewed - Several contacted property owners agreed to participate in an additional discussion in January 2025 about float sizes. Members prefer to meet with each resident individually rather than as a group and the Agenda for the January meeting will be organized in this manner. Members reviewed what approach to permitting and regulation of dock permits will be most effective. Closer adherence to and reliance on Town Regulations and State Chapter 91 Permitting was suggested. Mr. Lynch moved to appoint a 3-Member By-Law Committee to study the creation of a North River Commission Dock By-Law. Ms. Heine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0.) Mr. Boulter, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Butler volunteered to serve on the committee and were appointed.
  - Packets Landing, Pembroke - The Commission reviewed information provided by the Packets Landing Condo Association about building a low boardwalk over certain areas of an existing trail that is susceptible to wet, muddy conditions. The Association will be asked to submit a Request for Determination and present their plans to the Commission at a Public Hearing.
  - 38 Old Shipyard Lane, Hanover - The Special Permit holder for the raze/rebuild project has requested an extension of the Special Permit. While the project is nearly complete, it will not be finished in the time frame specified in the Permit. They have submitted the fee to have the Permit extended one year.
  - 67 Collier Road, Scituate - The property owner has appealed the Commission's denial of the after-the-fact Special Permit Application for the construction of a boulder retaining wall. DCR has agreed to hear the appeal. An appeal hearing has been scheduled for January 23, 2025. The Commission reviewed the administrative aspects of the process and what legal representation might be available. Mr. Lynch moved to appoint a 3-Member Committee to address the Commission's response to the appeal. Ms. Heine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (6-0.) Ms. Heine, Ms. Gallagher, and Ms. Leonard volunteered to serve on the committee and were appointed.
  - 2025 Meeting Schedule reviewed - Another group has scheduled the Osborn Room in 2025 on the Monday nights of each month that the Commission has been meeting. The room will be available on Thursday nights, beginning in April, if the Commission is willing to switch its meetings back to Thursday. Until April the Commission will be able to meet in the lower level of Town Hall as it had done for many years. The Commission found this acceptable. A 2025 Meeting Schedule that reflects these changes will be posted to the Commission website.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes Compiled by Gary Wolcott, Administrator

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