

North River Commission

MA Dept of Conservation & Recreation – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate
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Minutes February 27, 2020 - Meeting #544

Present: Hanover, John O'Leary (A), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Marshfield, Chris Head (M), Norwell, Robert Molla (A), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M),

Not Attending: Hanover, Dan Jones (M), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (A), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Pembroke, Andrew Sullivan (A), Scituate, Joseph Norton (M), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (A)

7:00 - Call to Order

1. Minutes approved for January 23, 2020 meeting.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott(GW) reported on...
 - a. Shellfish Survey at 922 Summer Street, Marshfield, report submitted by Brad Holmes.
 - b. Correspondence to 25 Washington Street, Hanover, 316 Spring Street, Marshfield, Canoe Club Lane Community Boathouse Lot, Bulman Marine at Kings Landing, Norwell, Welcome letters to new homeowners in the Corridor to 29 Riverside Drive, Hanover and 423 West Elm Street, Pembroke.
 - c. Status of municipal filings in progress in Corridor Towns: Marshfield-3 Cove Creek Lane, 922 Summer Street, 76 Carolyn Circle; Norwell-88 Stony Brook Lane, 50 Turner's Way.
 - d. Reports of possible violations.
 - e. Budget request and Corridor Legislators' letter to DCR in support of NRC.
 - f. Implementation of Google Cloud Drive of NRC files.

7:15 - Informal Discussion - 25 Washington Street, Hanover - Matthew Lawless & Brian Burns - Homeowners - The Commission had received reports that there was unpermitted work in violation of the Protective Act at this property. The homeowners were invited to discuss the matter with the Commission. Mr. Lawless and Mr. Burns described the work they had done on the property and presented photos of projects they had undertaken. The Commission reviewed the photos and determined where on the property the projects had occurred, particularly in relation to the Natural Bank and the 100 ft. setback to the Natural Bank. Prior engineered plans in the address file were reviewed for the location of the 100 ft. setback. The work described by the homeowners was shown to be within the 100 ft. setback. The Commission asked that a site visit be arranged to review the work done. The homeowners and the Commission also discussed what the pier, dock and float requirements were should the homeowners wish to construct one.

Plans referenced: "Plan of Land, Washington Street, Hanover, Massachusetts prepared for Kathryn M. Lane, Scale: 40 feet to an inch, Dated: September 2, 1988, Perkins Engineering, Inc. Rockland, Massachusetts", Joseph F. Monahan, Professional Land Surveyor; "Septic Repair Plan, 25 Washington Street, Hanover, Massachusetts, Kathryn M. Lane, Scale: 1"=20', Dated: 10/3/97, Merrill Associates, Inc., Robert Charles Merrill, Professional Engineer."

7:30 - Informal Discussion - Canoe Club Lane Community Boathouse Lot - Don Moberg, Canoe Club Lane Community Representative - Mr. Boulter reviewed his report on his site visit to investigate reports of vegetative cutting within 100 feet of the river. Mr. Boulter found that while there was cutting within the 300' Corridor no cutting occurred within the 100 ft. setback and that some stumps observed showed signs of rotting. He determined that the report we received of "twenty" trees being cut down more accurately reflected the amount of pieces that the 6 or 7 trees actually felled had been cut into and piled. Mr. Moberg also responded to reports that he had violated vegetative cutting standards at his own residence. He described the remnants of a historical stone dock on his property at 49 Canoe Club Lane and his attempts to prevent weeds and vegetation to overgrow it and potentially damage what remained.

The Commission explained that communication with the Commission before starting these projects, seeking a determination of an "Allowed Use", would have prevented any confusion over the nature of the work performed and forestalled any subsequent effort or time spent investigating what ultimately would have been deemed an "Allowed Use".

Plan referenced: "Site Plan Showing Proposed Dock and Footpath, Parcel D19-01-01, 316 Spring Street, Marshfield, MA., Scale: 1"=40", Dated: 4 June 1990, Stenbeck & Taylor, Inc., David D. Primmer, P.E."

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Gary Wolcott, Administrator