

North River Commission

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

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Minutes February 27, 2025 – Meeting #606

Present: Hanover, Daniel Jones (M), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Norwell, Stephen Lynch(A), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (M),

Not Attending: Hanover, Andrew Butler (A), Hanson, John Kemmett (A), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (M), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Scituate, John Lalone (A), Scituate, Ken Conway (A)

7:00 – Call to Order

7:00 – Request for Determination – 56 Moorland Road, Scituate – Kelly

The Applicants, Gerard and Maureen Kelly, propose to remove three trees and convert a deck into a four-season room. Ms. Gallagher recused herself.

- **Discussion Summary**

The deck conversion will involve fully enclosing an existing deck that currently is bounded by three dwelling walls and open to the yard on one side. The project will involve adding a wall on the exposed side and roofing the room the fourth wall creates. The applicants have obtained a Building Permit for the deck conversion and a Minor Activities Permit to remove three spruce trees from the Scituate Conservation Commission. They have provided the Commission with copies of this documentation, a report from an arborist recommending the removal of the trees, and photographs of the site. Mr. Boulter and Ms. Heine have visited the site and relayed their impressions. The members reviewed the materials.

Motion – Ms. Heine made a motion to approve the project described as an Allowed Use. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones.

Outcome – The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0. (Aye-Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Pembroke.)

Plans/Documents referenced: "Plan to Enclose a Small Existing Deck," dated 1/27/25, with annotations added by the Applicant"; Photos of the existing deck and trees designated for removal, Arborist report.

New Business

1. Approved Minutes of January 23, 2025 with revision.
2. Administrators Report – Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW).
 - 67 Collier Road, Scituate – The Appeal process continues. Scheduling for the Appeal Hearing will occur when the Freedom of Information Act request that the Appellants filed is fulfilled by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
 - Site Visits – None.
 - Real Estate Transactions in corridor – 136 Water Street, Hanover
3. HD 3585 – HD 3585 – The Commission reviewed the limited information available about a bill proposed by Representative Kearney to eliminate the North River Commission and place administration of the Protective Order with each of the Corridor Towns' Conservation Commissions. The bill is still in the process of being drafted by the Legislature's Counsel. The Commission reviewed possible responses to the bill and procedure for offering testimony to the House of Representatives in opposition to the Bill.

4. Dock/Float Regulation Discussion - Members discussed ideas for an NRC By-Law on Floats.

General-Old Business-Open Discussion

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Minutes Compiled by Gary Wolcott, Administrator