

## North River Commission

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### Minutes January 23, 2020 - Meeting #543

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

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

1. Minutes approved for December 19, 2019 meeting.
2. Certificate of Compliance reviewed, unanimously approved and signed for 55 Bridge Street, Norwell.
3. Review of Restoration Plan for 251 Damon's Point Road put off as Marshfield Conservation Commission has requested revisions to the Plan as submitted. Review will occur when revised plan submitted.
4. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott(GW) reported on recent correspondence, recent filings of Corridor properties with municipal authorities, real estate transactions in the Corridor and reports of several possible violations of the Protective Order. Violators will be invited in to discuss. GW discussed the Quarterly Budget Review. All items are in range. GW reviewed Google Drive Cloud Computing in anticipation of utilizing the Drive for Commissioner access to office files.
5. Fiscal 2021 Budget Discussion - The Commission welcomed State Senators and Representatives and/or members of their administrative staffs to discuss efforts to increase the NRC budget. Senator Patrick O'Conner, Representatives David DeCoste and Joan Meschino, staff members of Senator Michael Brady and Representative Patrick Kearney and Plymouth County Commission Administrator Frank Basler were in attendance. NRC members described the budget shortfall, the effectiveness of the North River Protective Act and the value that the Commonwealth received for the minimal budget provided the NRC. Senator O'Conner led a discussion describing measures that the Legislature could take to assist the NRC. Members of the Legislature proposed to pursue communication with DCR directly to facilitate a budget increase that would become permanent and/or, failing that, to introduce an "earmark" during Legislative Budget discussions to insure that DCR provide the requested budgetary amount.

**7:15 - Request for Determination - 46 Macomers Way, Marshfield** - Gail Colton, Homeowner - James Garfield, Morse Engineering, Representative - Ms. Leonard, an abutter to the project, offered to recuse herself from the discussion. The applicant did not feel that recusal was necessary. Mr. Garfield presented a project for the construction of an addition to a single family dwelling. Mr. Garfield indicated the property lines, addition configuration, North River Corridor limit, 100 foot setback line and how the project met the required distance setbacks. The Commissioners reviewed the plans in groups. A previous filing for an addition by a previous owner in 1999, where the height of the structure was increased was reviewed. The current addition will increase the prevailing view by 4 ft. (a 7% increase), making a new total width of 60 ft. for which the setback distance is met. No increase in the height of the structure is proposed. A motion was made to determine that the proposed structure was an Allowed Use. The motion was unanimously approved. Plans referenced: "Plan to Accompany North River RDA, 46 Macomber's Ridge (Assessor's Parcel: F18-03-05A) Marshfield, Massachusetts, Scale: 1"=20', Dated: December 16, 2019, Morse Engineering Co., Inc., Jeffery M. Hassett, P.E."; "Plan of Land, 46 Macomers Ridge, Marshfield, Massachusetts, Dated: April 13, 1998, prepared by Robert Crowell, P.E. "

**7:30 - Informal Discussion - 316 Spring Street, Marshfield** - Michael Callahan, Homeowner - Mr. Callahan discussed a storage shed that was constructed inside the 100' setback to the Natural Bank that is required for Accessory Structures. The Commission reviewed photos of the structure and Mr. Callahan illustrated on an existing site plan in the NRC file approximately where the structure was located. Mr. Callahan, unaware of the restrictions contained in the North River Protective Act, agreed to move the structure. He will work with the NRC Administrator who will assist him in choosing a location on the lot that meets the setback requirement.

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