

North River Commission

Representing the Towns of – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate
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Minutes June 23, 2022 - Meeting #574

Present: Hanover, Daniel Jones (M), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (M), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (A)
Not Attending: Hanover, John O'Leary (A), Hanson, Donna Frehill (A), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Norwell, Robert Molla (A), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Pembroke, Gino Fellini (A), Scituate, Joseph Norton (M)

7:00 - Call to Order

7:00 - Request for Determination - 76 Carolyn Circle, Marshfield - Gomes

The applicant, Mr. Gomes and his representative, Terry McGovern of Stenbeck & Taylor appeared to update the Commission on developments regarding the plan for a proposed shared dock. The applicant was before the Commission in November 2021 originally to present the project. The Commission asked that the applicant present his plan to the Marshfield Conservation Commission(MCC) and incorporate their comments with those the North River Commission(NRC) made and re-present at a later time. The applicant has been meeting with Marshfield since then and has an updated plan with revisions. Mr. McGovern described those revisions. MCC has asked that only one 12' wide x 20' long float closer to the edge of the marsh be utilized. A kayak storage platform has been replaced with a small dock box. An aluminum "x" frame dock brace has been added to the underside of the gangway to aid in stabilization and attachment to the float. Two pairs of 12" greenheart pilings on both sides of an existing creek/channel crossing were added to the plan. Mr. McGovern described the existing conditions around the area of the creek/channel and concerns about its navigability. In response to concerns about impeding navigability the crossing of the creek/channel was raised 7.5 to 8 inches so that there is a proposed 5 feet of clearance at mean high tide. Once past the crossing point the height of the pier gradually reduces to meet the DMF's recommended 1.5':1' ratio. The kayak storage that was removed from the gangway end of the pier has been relocated to the inland side of the creek/channel crossing. Additional details were added to the plan for the float and for the amount of ramp movement between tides to demonstrate the difference in how much the float extends into the river. GW displayed an aerial photo of the site which Mr. McGovern was able to use to further explain the existing conditions of the site, particularly the creek/channel. Ms. Leonard asked for more details on the dock box. Mr. McGovern explained that the last two sections of the pier are extended from four to six feet wide to account for a 2' wide x 12' long storage box. Mr. Jones asked if the picture of the gangway on the plan was the actual gangway proposed and Mr. McGovern noted it was an example of a gangway with an "x" frame cross brace to demonstrate what it would look like. Ms. Leonard asked for clarification on the float size. Mr. McGovern explained that the original plan included two 8' wide x 20' long floats whereas the present plan includes only one 12' wide x 20' long float situated so that boats can be docked on either side of the float. Mr. Jones noted a typographical error regarding the float annotation. Mr. McGovern will correct the annotation so that it accurately denotes a 20' long float. Mr. Jones also asked whether there would be a deed restriction executed that would limit the two parcels to the proposed dock and no additional docks. Mr. Gomes indicated that they have such a document ready to be registered once approval is granted. Mr. Jones noted that this was the typical process for shared docks approved by the NRC. Ms. Leonard asked whether the applicant was here to merely update the Commission. Mr. McGovern asked that

the Commission forward some communication to the MCC that the NRC had reviewed the current plan and to provide them with any comments they wished to convey. Mr. Gomes asked if the NRC could close the hearing tonight. Mr. McGovern noted that if the NRC approved the plan and further changes were required by the MCC then they would come back before the NRC with the revised plan. GW added that the approvals written by the NRC included the proviso that any changes to an approved plan invalidated the approval and would require a subsequent approval. Mr. Jones moved that the plan as presented, with the typographical error corrected and the inclusion of a deed restriction as discussed, was an "Allowed Use." The motion was seconded and by a unanimous vote the motion carried.

7:15 - New Business

1. Minutes approved for May 26, 2022 meeting.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW) reported on...
 - John O'Leary will not renew his term as a Hanover representative at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2022, effective July 1, 2022. A letter will be sent to town of Hanover asking them to nominate a replacement and information about the position will be posted on the North River Commission website.
 - 142 River Road, Hanover - The Release of the Cease & Desist Order document was drafted, signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Copies of the document and recording information were sent to the property owners and the originals will be forwarded to them by the Registry upon completion of the recording process.
 - 0 Edmund Road, Marshfield - A filing has been made with the Marshfield Conservation Commission by the property owners. The land is part of property owned by 66 Edmund Road and consists of a sliver of land abutting the river. There is a dock on the site that has never been previously permitted with any agency. The engineering representative has contacted the Commission about our filing requirements and will arrange permitting with the NRC once they are complete with Marshfield.
 - 102 River Road, Hanover - The property owners are planning a new driveway and pool project contacted the NRC regarding permitting. GW reviewed the project with the homeowners and provided them with the application form.
 - Recent municipal filings of Corridor properties - Projects previously reviewed, currently under review or expected to come under review by the North River Commission. Marshfield, 76 Carolyn Circle, Conservation Commission for dock project, 64 Little's Lane, Conservation Commission for dock project, 2205 Main Street, Boat Ramp Replacement, 0 Edmund Road, ZBA for Dock Project, Norwell, Lots 55 and 56 Stony Brook Lane, Conservation Commission and Planning Board for house construction, 77 Kings Landing, Conservation Commission for COC request, 22 Salt Meadow Lane, for Restoration Plan.
 - Real Estate transactions in the Corridor - None.
 - Site Visits - None.

7:30 - Old Business/General/Open Discussion

- **Funding for Fiscal Year 2023** - Ms. Leonard reviewed recent communications with Representative Kearney's office regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request. She was informed that everyone was optimistic about its passage but the vote has not yet taken place. Ms. Leonard also relayed the Commissions goal to secure a permanent funding process for the Commission rather than having to

seek an earmark every year. The Representative's office seemed hopeful that a line item for the North River Commission could be included in future budgets.

- **Boat Patrol** - GW reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and Town of Marshfield regarding the boat patrol. The town has substantially incorporated the items that the Commission has requested. GW will arrange for signatures of Commission members and forward the Memorandum and agreed upon payment to the Town.
- **Debris in River** - Mr. Jones reported on debris in the river along Water Street and Old Landing Road. He described an aluminum railing and ramp in the marsh blocking a stream. Mr. Jones will coordinate with the Pembroke NRC representatives to determine where it may have come from and to affect its removal.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm
Gary Wolcott, Administrator