

North River Commission

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

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Minutes March 27, 2025 - Meeting #607

Present: Hanover, Daniel Jones (M), Hanson, Jennifer Heine (M), Marshfield, Maryanne Leonard (M), Pembroke, Bill Boulter (M), Scituate, Adria Gallagher (M), Scituate, John Lalone (A),

Not Attending: Hanover, Andrew Butler (A), Hanson, John Kemmett (A), Norwell, Tim Simpson (M), Norwell, Stephen Lynch (A), Scituate, Ken Conway (A)

7:00 - Call to Order

7:00 - Request for Certificate of Compliance - 38 Old Shipyard Lane, Hanover

The Applicant, Shipyard Development LLC, requested a Certificate of Compliance for a project to raze/rebuild a single-family dwelling and construct a pier/gangway/float.

- **Discussion Summary**

The applicant has submitted an As-Built Plan and a letter attesting that the project was completed in substantial compliance with the permitted plans and that the construction was performed in accordance with the applicable building codes, Town By-Laws, and environmental regulations. Members Heine, Jones, Leonard, and Gallagher have conducted a site visit and reported their favorable impressions to the rest of the Commission. They note that the construction was, indeed, completed in compliance with the approved plan.

Motion - Ms. Heine made a motion to approve the request for a Certificate of Compliance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard.

Outcome - The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0. (Aye-Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Pembroke, Scituate.)

The Certificate of Compliance was signed by the members in preparation for recording at the Registry of Deeds.

Plans/Documents referenced: "As-Built Plan of Land Prepared For Shipyard Development LLC, 38 Old Shipyard Lane, Hanover, MA., Dated: 03/06/25, Scale: 1"=20', Atlantic Coast Engineering, Stephen F. Moran, P.L.S."

New Business

1. Approved Minutes of February 27, 2025.
2. Administrators Report - Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW).
 - 67 Collier Road, Scituate - No new information or movement forward on the appeal to the DCR of the Special Permit denial. The Freedom of Information Act request that the Appellants filed with DCR regarding the North River Commission's status with the DCR since the DCR's creation has not yet been fulfilled and scheduling of the appeal hearing will not occur until that has been completed. Members discussed what interest other agencies might have in the situation and what resources they might be able to bring to bear and how that might be encouraged.
 - HD 3585 - There has been no new timeframe information about Rep. Kearney's proposed bill to eliminate the North River Commission and shift Protective Order administration and enforcement to the local Conservation Commissions. The bill is still with the Legislature's Counsel for drafting. Several fact sheets were given to the members detailing, a. A

comparison between the North River Commission and local Conservation Commissions, b. A comparison between the Protective Order and the Riverfront Act, and c. An examination of the effects of a transfer of the North River Protective Act to the Conservation Commissions. Members discussed possible courses of action to forestall such action.

- The Commission reviewed the efforts of NSRWA and NRC to draft a Memorandum of Understanding with DCR to solidify the funding of the NRC moving forward, particularly as it relates to the months long funding gap that normally occurs between approval of the Legislature's budget and the availability of funds.
- Municipal Hearings - 38 Old Shipyard Lane, Hanover, ConCom for COC.
- Site Visits - None.
- Real Estate Transactions in corridor - 136 Water Street, Hanover
- Mr. Boulter has been in contact with Pembroke Police about conducting 2025 marine patrols.
- Remaining FY 2025 Budget reviewed.
- Mr. Boulter reviewed plans to schedule landscaping maintenance around the Historical Shipyard signs in the Corridor.

General-Old Business-Open Discussion

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes Compiled by Gary Wolcott, Administrator