

# North River Commission

Representing the Towns of – Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke & Scituate  
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## Minutes September 22, 2022 - Meeting #577

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

**7:00 - Call to Order**

**7:00 - New Business**

1. Minutes approved for August 25, 2022 meeting.
2. **Administrators Report** - Administrator Gary Wolcott (GW) reported on...
  - 98 Meadowbrook Road, Norwell - A plan showing the height of the proposed addition was provided to the Commission as requested at the August 25, 2022 Special Permit hearing. The plan indicates that the proposed height is 29'-6", well below the maximum height of 35'-0". The appeal period for the Special Permit having completed, the Special Permit was signed by Commission members.
  - NSRWA annual meeting and membership picnic - GW reviewed the NSRWA invitation to North River Commission members to attend their yearly meeting and picnic where this year they will be awarding local legislators an award for securing North River Commission funding for Fiscal Year 2023. RSVP's were confirmed by members who will be attending.
  - 67 Collier Road, Scituate - Information was provided to the Commission about the construction of a large boulder wall within the 100' setback to the Natural Bank of the river. Photographs were provided showing pre-construction conditions and the current, ongoing construction of the wall. A letter was sent to the homeowners requesting that they come in for a discussion regarding the matter. They will be unable to appear at the September meeting but asked to be placed on the October meeting. Arrangements will be made to schedule an October discussion.
  - Real Estate transactions in the Corridor - None
  - Site Visits - 67 Collier Road Scituate - Drone footage taken of the wall under construction. Old Landing Road and Water Street, Pembroke - Mr. Boulter on-site to investigate debris in the marsh. Carolyn Circle, Marshfield - Ms. Leonard onsite to review crane operations.
  - Recent municipal filings of Corridor properties - Projects previously reviewed, currently under review or expected to come under review by the North River Commission. Hanover, 102 River Road, ZBA for pool project, Marshfield, 76 Carolyn Circle, Conservation Commission for dock project, O Edmund Road, Conservation for Dock Project, Norwell, 98 Meadowbrook Road, Conservation Commission for garage addition (stormwater review)
3. **Debris in Marsh** - Mr. Boulter reviewed his efforts on removing debris in the marsh between Old Landing Road and Water Street, Pembroke. Mr. Boulter visited residents of Old Landing and was

able to determine that someone had been using a makeshift crossing of a ditch in the marsh to access an island in the river. After discussing the North River Protective and its regulations with Mr. Boulter the resident was amenable to removing the structure.

4. **Carolyn Circle, Marshfield Crane Operations** - The Commission reviewed photos from the river of crane operations on Carolyn Circle, Marshfield. Ms. Leonard visited the site and was able to determine that the operations occurred on a property on the far side of Carolyn Circle from the river. The Commission was able to determine that the work was beyond the limits of the Protective Corridor.
5. **Policy and Operations Review** - The Commission reviewed policy and operations. Suggestions were made including...
  - a. Registration of docks, each to be adorned with a numbered plaque, thereby allowing identification of any dock that may become loose in the river or marsh.
  - b. Identification to be provided to members of the Commission for easy recognition while on site visits. Suggestions included ID cards on lanyards and visibility/safety vests. GW will review costs and report.
  - c. Review of the Protective Order and by-laws to consider whether supplemental regulations will help clarify some of their provisions. Review of sections of the Protective Order will commence at subsequent meetings.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Gary Wolcott, Administrator