

Town of Franklin



Conservation Commission

November 7, 2019

Meeting Minutes

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
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Chairman Bill Batchelor called the above-captioned meeting to order this date at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Municipal Building, Training Room, Third Floor, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts.

Members in attendance: Jeff Livingstone, Paul Harrington, Alan Wallach.

Members absent: Jeffrey Milne, Staci Dooney, Braden Rosenberg.

Also present: Jen Delmore, Conservation Agent.

Commencement

Chairman Batchelor announced the meeting would be audio and video recorded.

Note: Documents presented to the Conservation Commission are on file.

Public Hearing – RDA – Veterans Memorial Drive

Ms. Amanda Cavaliere of Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., on behalf of JNJUHL & Associates, addressed the Commission. She stated this project is a friendly 40B between JNJUHL & Associates and the Franklin Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. They are proposing to develop 6.5 acres of a 16.9-acre parcel. It will be approximately 60 total units of affordable senior housing. The proposed building will be approximately 25,000 sq. ft. She reviewed the provided map. She stated the wetlands were delineated in July 2018. As shown on the plan, there is 2,800 sq. ft. of disturbance in the buffer. She discussed the proposed erosion controls. She stated they are going through ZBA; they have a meeting scheduled for tonight. She stated they would be requesting waivers regarding Chapter 181 Wetlands Protection and Chapter 271 Conservation Commission Bylaws; they will be in compliance with 310 CMR 10.00. In response to questions about the grading and sloping toward the wetlands, she discussed the contours and the tree line. They are going to try to minimize disturbance regarding the tree clearing. She stated they can put erosion sock in that area as well until the area is stabilized.

Chairman Batchelor stated it would behoove the applicant to consider putting the erosion sock in the discussed area.

Ms. Delmore stated she conducted a site visit to confirm the wetland delineation.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to close the public hearing for the RDA for Veterans Memorial Drive. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to approve the RDA for Veterans Memorial Drive with a Negative Determination #3. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

Public Hearing – Continued - ANRAD – Prospect Farms

Ms. Delmore stated she was notified that no one representing Prospect Farms would be attending tonight's meeting.

Chairman Batchelor stated this project has had unusual length to it. Because of that, he is going to request that it be continued even though there is the potential for this to perhaps be discussed favorably. But, because there have been no-shows for three meetings, he is, with the consent of the commissioners, asking for a continuation.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to continue the public hearing for the ANRAD for Prospect Farms to November 21, 2019 at 7:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

Ms. Delmore discussed the reason that the applicant has not been present at the meetings is due to some confusion of the process; she has discussed with them the need to attend the meeting.

Public Hearing – Amendment – New England Power Line Refurbish Project

Chairman Batchelor stated this item cannot be discussed at tonight's meeting because one commissioner must recuse themselves as they are on the abutter's notice; therefore, there would not be a quorum.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to continue the public hearing for the Amendment for New England Power Line Refurbish Project to November 21, 2019 at 7:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minor Buffer Zone Activities: 108 Populatic Street

Mr. Jose Roman addressed the Commission for the construction of a 6 ft. x 4 ft. front entry deck that is about 45 ft. from the wetland.

Ms. Delmore stated she conducted a site visit. She stated the sonotubes for the footings have been installed. They just have to pour the concrete and build the structure. She recommended approval.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to approve the MBZA for 108 Populatic Street. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

Permit Modifications/Extensions: 4 Mount Street - Extension

Ms. Delmore stated the applicant notified her that they would not be present at tonight's meeting. She stated the applicant only has seeding remaining to do on the project and they believe they will finish the project in the spring of 2020. Ms. Delmore noted the grading is all set. She stated the permit extension would be to December 1, 2020.

Chairman Batchelor stated without the applicant present the Commission can move forward with a vote for a one-year extension.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to approve the one-year Permit Extension for 4 Mount Street. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

Certificates of Compliance: None.

Violations: None.

Minutes: October 3, 2019 and October 17, 2019

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to accept the meeting minutes for October 3, 2019. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to accept the meeting minutes for October 17, 2019. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0.

Discussions: None.

Other:

An abutter to the National Grid project entered the meeting. She stated the power company has been doing a lot of work on her property and she is very concerned about their next steps. She stated they keep running their equipment over her well line and they do not know about her well line. She has many issues with that. She wants to find out more information. She asked about the abutter letter that she received.

Chairman Batchelor stated that as the public hearing was continued, they cannot discuss this item with her. He suggested she attend the next scheduled meeting time for this continued public hearing on November 21, at 7:15 PM. He stated she could go to the Conservation Office for available public information.

Chair and Commission Comments: None.

Executive Session: None.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary