

Town of Franklin



Conservation Commission

**December 5, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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Chair Bill Batchelor called the above-captioned meeting to order this date at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, Massachusetts.

Members in attendance: Jeff Livingstone, Paul Harrington, Jeffrey Milne, Alan Wallach, Braden Rosenberg. Members absent: Staci Dooney. Also present: Jen Delmore, Conservation Agent.

Commencement

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

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

Public Hearing – ANRAD – Map 309 Parcel 18 Prospect Street

Ms. Delmore stated peer reviewer Ms. Lenore White of WSI had scheduled a site visit, but due to weather conditions, the site visit is postponed to next Wednesday.

Mr. Arthur Allen, EcoTec, Inc., addressed the Commission for an ANRAD to confirm boundaries on a three-acre property which fronts on Prospect Street. The property is adjacent to a much larger property in Bellingham. He stated an ANRAD had been filed concurrently in Bellingham. He described the parcel and noted there is a pond and perennial stream on the property. He confirmed the site visit has been rescheduled to next week due to weather conditions.

Chair Batchelor stated he does not like to take too much testimony until all the reports are in; however, the applicant has a right to give testimony at this time if he would like.

Ms. Theresa Yong, 324 Prospect Street, stated the pond is fed through her wetlands and the water comes through her property. If there is something going to be developed that will impact that flow, she wants to know; she stated her land has been flooded before.

Chair Batchelor stated that will not happen; this Commission does not have the right to alter flows.

Mr. Patrick Pisani, Post Commander of VFW in Bellingham, stated they are direct abutters in Bellingham. He asked what the proposal for the land is.

Chair Batchelor explained that it is premature for the Commission to give a reading on this as none of the reports are in. He confirmed the ANRAD is only for delineation of the land.

Commission member explained the boundaries of the wetlands can change over time which is why wetlands are reflagged. He noted that wetlands often expand rather than contract over time, but either can occur.

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to continue the public hearing for the ANRAD for Map 309 Parcel 18 Prospect Street to December 19, 2019 at 7:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Jeff Livingstone and accepted with a vote of 6-0-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minor Buffer Zone Activities: None.

Permit Modifications/Extensions: None.

Certificates of Compliance: 58 Elm Street.

Ms. Delmore stated she conducted a site visit and confirmed the project was built according to the approved plans and the site is stable. She recommended approval.

There was a motion made by Alan Wallach to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 58 Elm Street. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Milne and accepted with a vote of 6-0-0.

Certificates of Compliance: 82 Elm Street.

Ms. Delmore stated the owner lives out of state; a septic system upgrade was done as the owner is trying to sell the house. Ms. Delmore conducted a site visit and confirmed the site is stable and the plantings were installed. She recommended approval.

There was a motion made by Braden Rosenberg to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 82 Elm Street. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Milne and accepted with a vote of 6-0-0.

Certificates of Compliance: 907 Washington Street.

Mr. Don Grillo addressed the Commission for the construction of a single-family home.

Ms. Delmore conducted a site visit and noted grass was growing and the site is stable. She recommended approval.

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 907 Washington Street. The motion was seconded by Jeff Livingstone and accepted with a vote of 6-0-0.

Violations: None.

Minutes: November 7, 2019.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to approve the meeting minutes for November 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 5-0-1. (Mr. Rosenberg abstained).

Discussions: Administrative Approvals.

Ms. Delmore stated there have been two administrative approvals since the last update: Louise Drive for soil testing in the 50 ft. to 100 ft. buffer zone in order to see if the location could be used for a future septic system, and DelCarte for the installation of a wooden pavilion over the existing concrete pad.

Commission members reviewed the administrative approvals.

Chair and Commission Comments:

Chair Batchelor explained that \$18,320 from the Wetlands Protection Fund was being moved to the DelCarte fund for the invasive species eradication project. He stated the project was planned and approved by the Commission.

Ms. Delmore explained the DelCarte fund for the invasive species treatment. She stated that BETA Group was paid from this account when they should have been paid from the wetlands fund account. The other component of the \$18,320 is for additional monitoring for the dissolved oxygen. The funds were not allocated properly and that is being corrected.

Commission members reviewed the DelCarte monitoring, treatment, and clean-up effort.

Executive Session: None.

There was a motion made by Jeff Livingstone to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Milne and accepted with a vote of 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary