

Town of Franklin



Planning Board

April 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chair Anthony Padula called the above-captioned **Remote Access Virtual Zoom Meeting** to order this date at 7:12 PM. Members in attendance: Joseph Halligan, William David, Gregory Rondeau, Rick Power. Members absent: None. Also present: Michael Maglio, Town Engineer; Amy Love, Planner; Matthew Crowley, BETA Group, Inc.

7:00 PM Commencement/General Business

Chair Padula announced the **Remote Access Virtual Zoom Meeting** would be video and audio recorded for the public's information.

As stated on the agenda, Chair Padula reviewed that due to the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, the Planning Board will conduct a **Remote Access Virtual Zoom Meeting**. He stated that the Massachusetts State of Emergency and the associated state legislation allows towns to hold remote access virtual meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. In an effort to ensure citizen engagement and comply with open meeting law regulations, citizens will be able to dial into the meeting using the provided phone number, or citizens can participate by using the Zoom link also provided on the agenda; he read aloud the provided Zoom platform call-in phone number and the Zoom link. He stated that all public hearings on tonight's agenda will be continued due to the complexity of the hearings. He stated that for the upcoming Planning Board meetings scheduled for April 13, 2020 and April 27, 2020, the Planning Board will address General Business items, but they will continue all public hearings to a future meeting date.

A. Endorsement: 40 Alpine

Ms. Love stated that all the plans submitted to be endorsed are available to review online. The applicant provided all required documentation for the Certificate of Vote and all documentation needed to have the plans endorsed.

Motion to Endorse 40 Alpine. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 4-0-1 (4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstain). (Mr. Halligan abstained.)

B. Partial Form H: 186 Grove Street

Chair Padula asked Mr. Crowley why a photo of the right side of the entry way was provided, but a photo of the left side of the entry way was not provided.

Mr. Crowley confirmed the applicant had a radius curb on both sides. He confirmed the applicant will be installing the screening.

Motion to Approve the Partial Form H: 186 Grove Street. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No).

C. Lot Release and Bond: Mine Brook Estates

Chair Padula confirmed the bond amount of \$356,488. He stated that he does not have any concerns with the bond estimate; however, he has a problem with the lot releases. He stated that subdivision lots are not released without a binder course installed and all drainage working.

Motion to Accept Bond Amount for Mine Brook Estates. Halligan. Second: None.

Ms. Love stated that if the lots are not going to be released, then the bond will not be needed; as more work is completed, the bond amount will change.

Chair Padula recommended not to release the lots. Mr. Rondeau agreed.

Mr. Halligan retracted his motion.

Chair Padula stated this item will be put on a future agenda. He requested Ms. Love relay to the applicant that the binder course and functioning drainage are needed; then, this request can be resubmitted.

Chair Padula stated that the following public hearings will be continued to May 4, 2020. However, the specific time for each rescheduled public hearing will be provided at a future date. He stated that when the State of Emergency is lifted, on May 4, 2020, the Planning Board has 45 days to continue the public hearings.

7:05 PM **PUBLIC HEARING** – *Continued*
300 East Central Street
Site Plan – Change in Use
Documents presented to the Planning Board are on file.

Motion to Continue the public hearing for 300 East Central Street, Site Plan – Change in Use, to May 4, 2020. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 4-0-1 (4-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstain). (Mr. Halligan abstained.)

7:05 PM **PUBLIC HEARING** – *Initial*
12 Forge Parkway
Site Plan Modification
Documents presented to the Planning Board are on file.

Motion to Waive the reading. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No).

Motion to Continue the public hearing for 12 Forge Parkway, Site Plan Modification, to May 4, 2020. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No).

7:05 PM **PUBLIC HEARING** – *Initial*
158 Grove Street
Special Permit & Site Plan Modification
Documents presented to the Planning Board are on file.

Motion to Waive the reading. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No).

Motion to Continue the public hearing for 158 Grove Street, Special Permit & Site Plan Modification, to May 4, 2020. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No).

7:05 PM **PUBLIC HEARING** – *Initial*
Panther Way
Special Permit & Site Plan
Documents presented to the Planning Board are on file.

Motion to Waive the reading. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No).

Motion to Continue the public hearing for Panther Way, Special Permit & Site Plan, to May 4, 2020. Rondeau. Second: David. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No).

Chair Padula confirmed the next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020 with four public hearings and an ANR for Spring Street. He thanked everyone for participating in the **Remote Access Virtual Zoom Planning Board Meeting**. He asked if there were any questions from the public.

One public comment was provided. Participant in the **Remote Access Virtual Zoom Planning Board Meeting** stated he had some questions regarding the 12 Forge Parkway public hearing; he will attend the public hearing on its rescheduled date of May 4, 2020.

Motion to Adjourn the Remote Access Virtual Zoom Planning Board Meeting. Power. Second: Rondeau. Vote: 5-0-0 (5-Yes; 0-No). Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi, AL
Recording Secretary
******Approved at the April 27, 2020 Planning Board Meeting***