

Town of Franklin



Conservation Commission

**February 13, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

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, Staci Dooney, Jeffrey Milne, Braden Rosenberg. Members absent: Paul Harrington, Alan Wallach. 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 – Continued - ANRAD – Map 309 Parcel 18 Prospect Street**

Mr. Scott Morrison of EcoTec, Inc. addressed the Commission for confirmation of 724 ln. ft. of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. He stated that his colleague and the peer reviewer Wetland Strategies, Inc. conducted a site visit to review the wetland boundaries; minor revisions were made to the flagging. The revised plan was submitted to the Commission. He stated the peer reviewer subsequently submitted a letter confirming the wetland boundary changes on the revised plan.

Ms. Delmore stated that when Ms. Lenore White of Wetland Strategies, Inc. conducted the site visit to review the wetland boundaries, the perennial stream bank was apparent and mean annual high water flags were established and agreed upon in the field. Aside from a minor revision to one of the BVW flags, they were confirmed as accurate. Ms. White provided a letter recommending acceptance of the revised plan.

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to close the public hearing for the ANRAD for Map 309 Parcel 18 Prospect Street. The motion was seconded by Staci Dooney and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

There was a motion made by Staci Dooney to approve the ANRAD for Map 309 Parcel 18 Prospect Street. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Milne and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Minor Buffer Zone Activities:** None.

**Permit Modifications/Extensions: 0 Pond Street Extension**

Ms. Delmore stated the applicant requested a one-year extension for the Order of Conditions and permission for the removal of eight trees within the 25 ft. to 50 ft. buffer zone as they are in danger of falling. She stated that a tree fell on one of the buildings last year and caused major damage.

Chair Batchelor stated that this situation poses eminent danger.

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to approve a one-year Extension for O Pond Street. The motion was seconded by Staci Dooney and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

The applicant, who did not identify himself, requested confirmation the trees may be removed.

Chair Batchelor stated the trees should come out immediately.

**Certificates of Compliance: 8 Paulene Drive**

Ms. Delmore stated the homeowner was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Delmore stated the project was for the increase in lawn area around the garage, installation of plantings, and pervious pavers around a portion of the garage. She reviewed the Order of Conditions for the deviations from the original plan. She confirmed the grassy area is within the 25 ft. buffer; this was approved on the original Order of Conditions for the project. She conducted a site visit and confirmed the site is stable. She recommended approval.

There was a motion made by Braden Rosenberg to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 8 Paulene Drive. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Milne and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0.

**Violations/Enforcement:** None.

**Minutes: January 30, 2020**

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to approve the meeting minutes for January 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Braden Rosenberg and accepted with a vote of 4-0-1. (Ms. Dooney abstained.)

**Discussion Item: Earth Day Update**

Chair Batchelor stated he began the media blitz for Earth Day. There appear to be many approvals and words of encouragement from residents. He stated high school students, Boy Scout troops, and Girl Scout troops, will be included. He stated that modifications will be made to the T-shirts from last year; the T-shirts will not be dated so they may be used again next year. Ms. Delmore reviewed the changes to be made to the T-shirts; Commission members informally agreed on the changes. Ms. Delmore confirmed that Ms. Dooney will coordinate the student volunteers for the event. Chair Batchelor stated that Mr. Wallach applied to Big Y and was informed that corporate approved the request. Mr. Wallach will work with the store manager regarding this year's participation. He stated that Mr. Wallach will connect with the manager of Starbucks who participated in last year's event. Mr. Livingstone suggested that participation in the DelCorte event would be a good way for a new business to publicize. He questioned if the Downtown Partnership would know of new businesses that would see this as a great way to promote themselves. Chair Batchelor stated he remembers that last year the Downtown Partnership had an event going on during Earth Day. Commission members discussed the two new breweries in town that may be interested in participation in the DelCorte event. Commission members discussed that the Earth Day event coincides with school vacation week; however, not all students travel and many will be available. Ms. Delmore stated she sent an email to Mr. Bryan Taberner, Director of Planning and Community Development, regarding the request for tables, chairs, and trash pickup; she is waiting for a response. She confirmed she is working with Ms. Chrissy Whelton on the flyer. Ms. Dooney requested a copy of the flyer be sent to her so she can use it at the schools. Commission members discussed the possibly of signage at DelCorte prior to the event to make people aware. Ms. Delmore stated she will reach out to Ms. Whelton regarding the design of the requested banner; she will follow up.

**Chair and Commission Comments:**

**Executive Session:** None.

There was a motion made by Braden Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Staci Dooney and accepted with a vote of 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary