

Town of Franklin



Conservation Commission

**January 30, 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: Paul Harrington, Jeff Livingstone, Jeffrey Milne, Alan Wallach, Braden Rosenberg. Members absent: Staci Dooney. Also present: Jen Delmore, Conservation Agent.

Commencement

Chair Batchelor stated he would not be making any announcements.

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

Public Hearing – Continued - ANRAD – Map 309 Parcel 18 Prospect Street

Ms. Delmore stated the applicant submitted a revised plan today. She is waiting for Wetland Strategies, Inc. to perform their final review and make a recommendation. She stated the applicant requested a continuance of the public hearing to February 13, 2020.

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to continue the public hearing for the ANRAD for Map 309 Parcel 18 Prospect Street to February 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 6-0-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minor Buffer Zone Activities: None.

Permit Modifications/Extensions: None.

Certificates of Compliance: None.

Violations/Enforcement: None.

Minutes: January 2, 2020 and January 16, 2020

There was a motion made by Alan Wallach to approve the meeting minutes for January 2, 2020. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Milne and accepted with a vote of 4-0-2. (Mr. Livingstone and Mr. Rosenberg abstained.)

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to approve the meeting minutes for January 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 5-0-1. (Mr. Livingstone abstained.)

Discussion Item: None.

Chair and Commission Comments: Chair Batchelor requested Ms. Delmore review the information she obtained regarding Earth Day. Ms. Delmore discussed her conversation with Recreation Department Director Ryan Jette. The Town is recognizing Earth Day on Saturday, April 25, 2020. She stated that Mr. Jette's plan is for people to gather at Beaver Pond where there will be tables for registration and refreshments. Volunteers will be assigned clean-up locations. Chair Batchelor stated the Commission does not want a table at Beaver Pond; the table should be at DelCarte which is under the purview of the Conservation Commission. He stated that he will talk with Director of Planning and Community Development Brian Taberner or Town Administrator Jamie Hellen to have three tables and a couple of chairs dropped off at DelCarte and to make sure the trash is picked up after the event. He stated the Commission was provided with a \$1,000 donation from a resident last year after it was learned that the Conservation Commission was not given any event T-shirts by the folks who managed the Beaver Pond cleanup. The Commission will use the donation to get custom T-shirts for this year's DelCarte cleanup event. He reported that Ms. Dooney said she would work with high school students regarding the three-hours of community credits students can earn for volunteering. He stated Mr. Wallach will be working on obtaining sponsors. Mr. Wallach noted that last year they had two sponsors: Starbucks donated coffee and other items, and Big Y donated breakfast items. He stated that he would try to obtain additional sponsors. Commission members reviewed the history of the Town's Earth Day events and discussed ways to publicize this year's DelCarte event to be held on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 to 12:00 PM. He stated that setup will commence around 8:30 AM; three tables are needed for registration, Starbucks, and Big Y, along with two chairs. It was suggested the Commission try to obtain a pop-up tent in case it rains. Chair Batchelor stated he would donate medical gloves. Mr. Rosenberg suggested he would research cotton-covered gloves to put over the medical gloves which tend to rip; he would send Ms. Delmore a link to the information he finds. Chair Batchelor requested a reusable vinyl banner to attach to a table. Mr. Rosenberg agreed he would work on media coverage. Ms. Delmore stated she would put information about the event on the website. Chair Batchelor stated he would post information on social media. He stated he would ask Ms. Dooney if she could post information at the schools about volunteering to earn community credits. Ms. Delmore confirmed she would coordinate the pick-up and drop off of the tables and chairs, speak to Chrissy Whelton about the banner and flyers, and coordinate with Mr. Jette to obtain approximately 80 bags for the clean up debris. Mr. Livingstone stated he would check with the people who provide announcements on the public service channel.

Executive Session: None.

There was a motion made by Jeffrey Milne to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alan Wallach and accepted with a vote of 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary