

Applicant: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# TOWN OF FRANKLIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## MINOR BUFFER ZONE ACTIVITY APPLICATION AS PER FRANKLIN BY-LAW CHAPTER 181

Property & Plan Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Owner's Name (If Different from Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Location (Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Map & Parcel Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Plan Name and Date \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to be considered complete, all information, requirements and conditions must be completed and the \$50.00 filing fee submitted with the application.**

**Applicant: (Please Print the following information)**

Lauren Demake  
Applicant's Name

6 Dwight St  
Mailing Address

Franklin MA 02038  
City/Town State Zip Code

860-508-6549 Lea3179@yahoo.com  
Telephone Number and e-mail address of primary contact for this application.

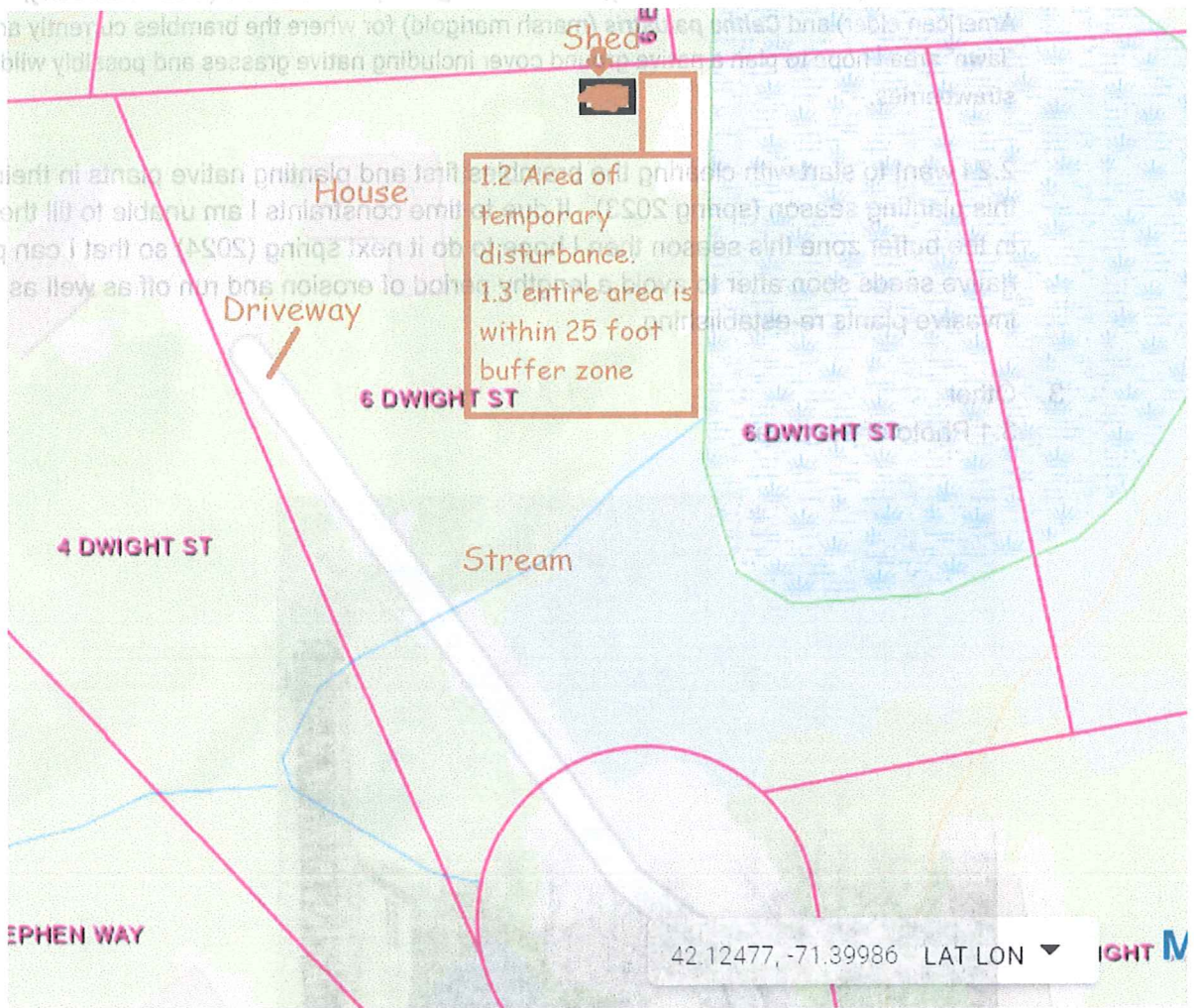
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Restoration of buffer zone to Native Plants  
Plan Name and date 4/26/2023

## MBZA Application Plan

### 1. Plans



1.4: Proposing the removal of Multi Flora Rose (brambles) that line the edge of the wetlands as well as removal of the invasive grasses, dandelions and clover that span the 25 foot buffer zone between our house and the wetlands. Plan to replace them with native species.

1.5 Existing slope from house structure downwards to the wetlands

1.6 During period of time when removing grass, clover and dandelions there will be a need for erosion control so that runoff does not enter the wetlands

### 2. Narrative

2.1 We are seeking relief from the 25 foot no touch regulation so that we can remove invasive plant species (multi flora rose, grasses, clover, dandelion) and replant native plants suited to the wetland buffer zone. We plan on pulling and cutting the brambles

and tilling the "lawn" area to clear it for planting. I have several options I am looking at through the Native Plant Trust such as *Andropogon glomeratus* (bushy bluestem), *Anemone canadensis* (Canada windflower), *Sambucus nigra ssp. Canadensis* (black elderberry, American elder) and *Caltha palustris* (marsh marigold) for where the brambles currently are. The "lawn" area I hope to plan a native ground cover including native grasses and possibly wild strawberries.

2.2 I want to start with clearing the brambles first and planting native plants in their place this planting season (spring 2023). If due to time constraints I am unable to till the "lawn" in the buffer zone this season then I hope to do it next spring (2024) so that I can plant native seeds soon after to avoid a lengthy period of erosion and run off as well as invasive plants re-establishing.

### 3. Other

#### 3.1 Photo of the area



All plans and information submitted for an MBZA must contain information to adequately depict the following: (NOTE: 2 hard copies of all material must be submitted to the Town Hall and an electronic copy of the entire application to the Conservation Agent's email.)

1. Plans:

- 1.1. Existing conditions of the property showing all existing structures;
- 1.2. Area of proposed work including total area of disturbance and whether the disturbances are permanent or temporary;
- 1.3. Location of all wetlands and buffer zones, including the 25', 50' and 100' buffers;
- 1.4. Location, type and size of any vegetation being removed and any vegetation to be planted as a mitigation measure;
- 1.5. Existing slopes and direction of drainage; and
- 1.6. Location of any required erosion control.

2. Narrative:

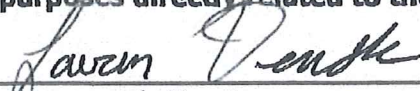
- 2.1. Detailed description of the activity to take place; and
- 2.2. Detailed description of how and when the work will be performed.

3. Other:

- 3.1. A photograph of the area where the activity is to take place.
- 3.2. A filing fee of \$50.00.

**Authorization:**

**I hereby request that the Franklin Conservation Commission review this Application for a Minor Buffer Zone Activity. I (we) affirm that the project will comply with all criteria as stated in Section 14 of the Franklin Wetlands Protection Regulations as well as all information submitted. I (we) also grant authority to the Franklin Conservation Commission members and agent to go onto my (our) property solely for purposes directly related to the inspection and approval of this application**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Property owner's Signature

4/26/2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Town of Franklin Conservation Commission

### APPLICATION PROCESS SIGNATURE FORM


There are three different applications that can be submitted to undertake work in a jurisdictional area: a Notice of Intent (NOI), a Request for Determination (RDA) and a Minor Buffer Zone Activity (MBZA). All three applications have different criteria for submission and approval and the NOI and RDA are governed by both the state law and the local bylaw. The MBZA is issued under the local bylaw only.

When a potential applicant requests advice from the Conservation Agent on which application to file, the opinion of the Agent is based on the information given by the potential applicant and any other information available to the Agent, e.g. the town's GIS system. The Agent has no legal right to go onto private property at any time until after an application is filed or permission of the property owner is given.

It is important that all applicants understand that after an application is filed, additional information may come to light e.g. via a field inspection or a review of the application, that may impact the scope of the submitted application and the approval process. **Therefore, it is the ultimate responsibility of the applicant to decide which application to file.**

In light of the above, please sign below indicating an understanding of this policy and submit it with the application.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date