Town of Franklin

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 28, 2023

TO: Franklin Planning Board

FROM: Department of Planning and Community Development

RE: Balsam Estates

Preliminary Subdivision Plan

General:

- 1. The Applicants have submitted a Preliminary Subdivision Plan to create 4 lots and a roadway located at the end of Kimberlee Ave.
- 2. The application was submitted on September 5, 2023. The Applicant has provided an extension until December 31, 2023.

Waivers Requested:

- 1. Section 300-10 (D) grades (1)(2)(3) cut/fill fill to exceed 5' maximum where a maximum of 5ft is required.
- 2. Section 300-10 (C)(1) Streets- to reduce pavement width to 22ft where 26 ft is required.
- 3. Section 300-10 (E) Dead end Streets to extend the roadway 446' beyond existing Kimberlee Ave having a length of 1,400ft where 600ft maximum is required.
- 4. Section 300-13 other Improvements, Sidewalk to install no sidewalks where two sidewalks are required.
- 5. Section 300-10 Streets Curbing to allow modified cape cod berm where slant granite curb is required.

Comments:

- 1. Applicant has submitted a letter and a property locus plan.
- 2. Applicant has not submitted any revised plans for the preliminary subdivision.
- 3. The Planning Board requested a plan without any waivers to be shown for the subdivision.
- 4. The Planning Board asked that the roadway be constructed per Subdivision rules and regulations.

The Applicant has provided 2 subdivisions plans, one with less waivers and one with the waivers listed above.

To:DPCD

FROM: J. S. BARBIERI, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

DATE : 19 OCTOBER 2023

RE: Subdivision Plan – Balsam Estates

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above referenced plan.

We met with the proponent back in August. The proposed relocation of the fire hydrant is satisfactory.

The concern brought to the proponent's attention at this meeting was that this subdivision plan would be an issue with the dead end street being beyond 600 feet. In years past the Fire Department has not supported long roadways with only one means of entrance and egress as this is a significant impediment to public safety. Roadways which lack a secondary means of ingress or egress can seriously impact the ability of first responders during times of natural disaster. A simple tropical storm or winter storm with snow or debris can hamper access to the entire development. This can block the egress of residents and trap them in harm's way without any secondary means of egress. Further, routine activities such as propane or oil delivery could, in time of emergencies effectively block access to the development for emergency responders.

Kimberlee Ave was built prior to the 600 feet dead-end street by-law. This proposal would extend the existing dead-end street over 1400 feet from Maple Street. The dead-end would also be more than 825 feet from Madison Ave. Extending this street even further past what it is now would make it even more nonconforming to the by-law and the standard the town has set. Also, this would only exacerbate the issues noted above.

We appreciate the Planning Board taking this information into consideration when evaluating this request. Please contact me should you have any questions or require any additional information.

cc: file

Members of the Franklin Planning Board Gregory Rondeau , Chairman Beth Wierling , Vice Chairman Jennifer Williams , Clerk Jay Mello Chirstopher Stickney

Nov. 27,2023

Balsam Estates
Dec. 4 Hearing

Dear Planning Board Member,

Enclosed is the property locus for the Town Owned Land formerly the LaBastie property now known as "MAPLE HILL" The premises is approximately 70 Acres with adjoining Metacomet Land to the north west. Presently the legal access points for the public are Hancock Road off Partridge St. Deer View Way (Highland Estates) High Ridge Circle (a strip I left) and Bridle Path off Lincoln St.

At present there is no legal access off Maple St for the "Maple Hill" I will provide for a" non motorized pedestrian easement" from Balsam Estates once approval is received. The walking trails that were made by Henry LaBastie years ago are quite extensive and truly enjoyable. We have been using them off Deer View for decades.

Regarding the matter of roadways, Kimberlee would be the shortest of all the points to enter as you can see. In the last 3 weeks I have been in conversation with 2 retired Franklin Firemen. Mr Charles Bailey retired after 20 Years on the FFD as a Fireman and EMT. He informed me all the ambulances are 4 Wheel Drive and there are chainsaws on trucks. Mr Bailey stated he has brought women in Labor to hospitals during Whiteout Conditions without incidents whatsoever.

The 2nd retired Fireman is Lt Daniel Lewis . Lt Lewis spent 36 Years on the Department, and stated during his time there every call has been serviced without access or time delays due to weather conditions of any kind. Feel free to speak with them if you wish.

While I hold deep respect for all Municipal Dept Heads and Employees I take exception to a memo you may have received. It's a dramatic exaggeration.

The last 2 Natural events of high magnitude where the Hurricane of 1938 and the Blizzard of 78'. Within 30 hours, Franklin's roadways were passable in 78.

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The benefits of of the Balsam Estates Approvals are:

- 1. Walking Trail Access for the Public
- 2. New Growth for the town of Franklin
- 3.Increase in Property Values for the Neighborhood
- 4.Income for an Elderly Property Owner
- 5. \$40,000 contribution by me to the Franklin Food Pantry
- 6. Higher Municipal Property Assessments over time.

I still favor a private roadway for Balsam with no maintenance ever for the town in perpetuity. This is your decision as a Board. I can tell you that if you invested \$5,000. in VISA STOCK in 2008 its worth \$76,000 today more than enough for a topcoat 3-4 decades from now. This can easily be set up and added to. The above mathematical example is online.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you on Dec. 4th

Very Truly Yours,

Joel D'Errico

72 Deer View Way

"BALSAM ESUAUES"

Preliminary Subdivision (Minimal Waivers) Plan of Land Franklin, Massachusetts

ABUTTERS WITHIN 300'

Date: July 17, 2023 Subject Property ID: 242_027 Search Distance: 300 Feet

242_034 MAGLIARI FELICE N. MAGLIARI SHELBY 14 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_029 COLE MARK D COLE SUSAN M 25 KIMBERLEE AV FRANKLIN, MA 02038

TOWN OF FRANKLIN 355 EAST CENTRAL ST FRANKLIN, MA 02038

KATHLEEN LABASTIE TRUST 469 MAPLE ST FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_028 LECHTER JOSH & ERIN 35 KIMBERLEE AV FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_038 MARINO DARREN MARINO ROSEANNE 26 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_026 BRADY CHRISTOPHER B BRADY LISA B 36 KIMBERLEE AV FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_025 KESSLER AMY B 32 KIMBERLEE AV FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_037 GRIFFINSEAN& KARLY 22 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_036 WROBLESKI KENT 18 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA. 02038

242_035 WROBLESKI KENT & BETRO KENDRE 18 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038 242_024 GROVE PHILIP H GROVE DARLENE A 28 KIMBERLEE AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_047 LATOUR MATTHEW DENIS LATOUR CAITLIN ELIZABETH 25 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

GRADY KEVIN T GRADY SUZANNE M 10 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_048 CEDARHOLM MATTHEW R CEDARHOLM TARA A 21 MADISON AV FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_030 MORANDI JEFFREY & DEBORA 21 KIMBERLEE AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_032 THOMAS POWDERLY LIVING TRUST 6 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

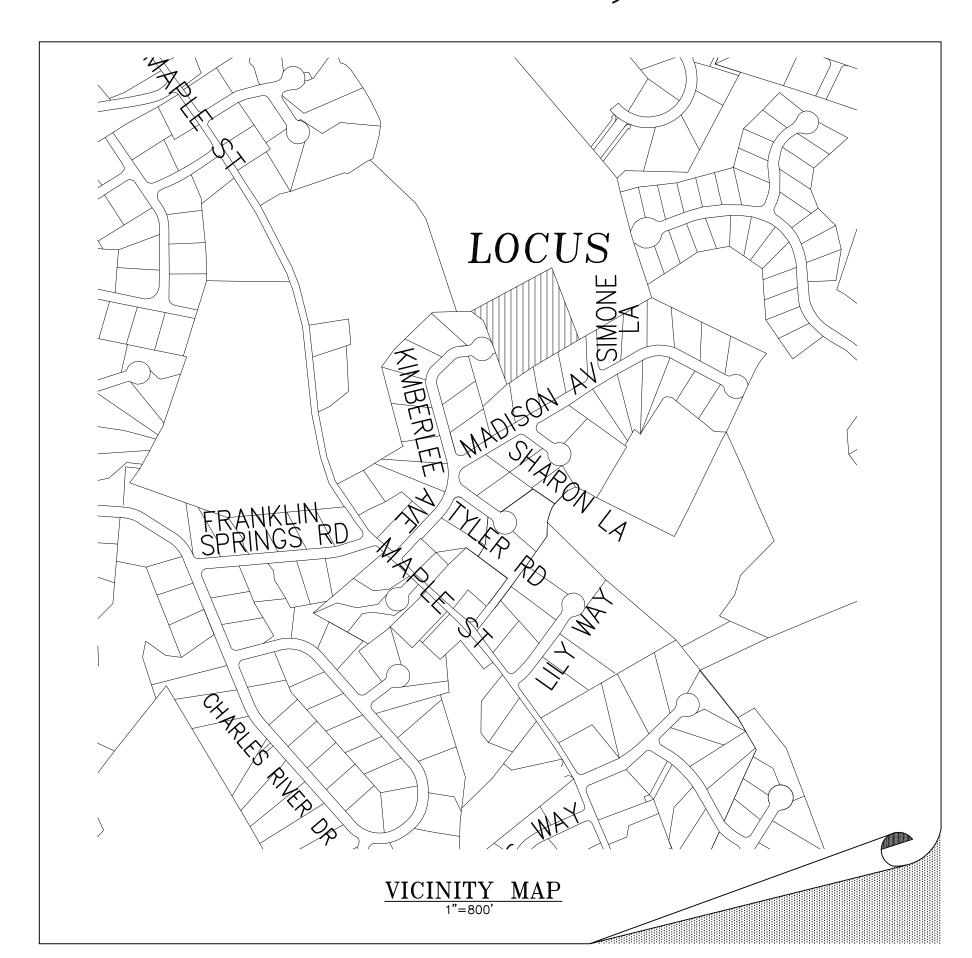
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242_050 MAHONEY FAMILY LIVING TRUST 11 MADISON AV FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_031 MONISHA KALLIANPUR REVOC 4 MADISON AVE FRANKLIN, MA 02038

242_053 O'BRIEN DAVID S O'BRIEN LISA A 5 MADISON AV FRANKLIN, MA 02038

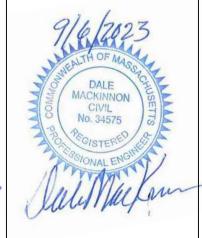
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LEGAL NOTES

LORENA R. FITZGERALD 441 MAPLE STREET FRANKLIN, MA 02039

A.M. 242 LOT 27 DEED BK. 35754 PG. 562

APPLICANT

JOEL D'ERRICO 72 DEERVIEW WAY FRANKLIN, MA 02038

PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION (MINIMAL WAIVERS) PLAN OF LAND BALSAM ESTATES FRANKLIN MASSACHUSETTS

COVER

OCTOBER 6, 2023

REVISION DESCRIPTION



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