

**Franklin Zoning Board of Appeals  
For Meeting Held On  
Thursday, October 22, 2015  
355 East Central Street  
Franklin, MA 02038**

**Members Present  
Bruce Hunchard  
Robert Acevedo  
Phil Brunelli**

**5 Rosewood Lane – Luis Fernandes  
Abutters: See attached**

Applicant is seeking an animal kennel to house up to eight dogs. The building permit is denied without a special permit from ZBA. Appearing before the board is Luis Fernandes and Amanda Bernard. Mr. Fernandes: We are very passionate about our Alaskan Huskies, we take them everywhere with us. We are not interested in breeding them. The intention is to use them as a part of a sled pulling team. We are looking for the opportunity to increase our dogs in order to participate in the competitions. We have a very active lifestyle and take our dogs with us everywhere they go camping, sledding, biking and hiking with us. They are trained and are pack oriented. Most people are concerned with odor and noise. The special permit only allows us to house these animals it is our responsibility to keep them quiet and if you know the breed huskies usually are. We have provided stockade fencing so that you can't see them from the street. They are on a raw diet. They are trained for non-verbal commands. In terms of odor we pick up all the waste and keep in a container for disposal. Because of the raw diet there is less odor and less waste. The building inspector came out to inspect the property and was quite pleased with what he saw. You cannot see into or out of the yard so there will be no distractions to the dogs by what may be going on in the street. Abutters: All abutters are opposed to a kennel in the neighborhood. (See attached e-mail) Board: Introduced letter submitted by George Russell, Conservation Agent (See attached). Board: Motion by Phil Brunelli to close the public hearing. Second by Robert Acevedo. Unanimous by board. Motion by Robert Acevedo to take under advisement. Second by Philip Brunelli. Unanimous by board. Motion by Robert Acevedo to deny the application of the applicant for the proposed kennel based on the number of residents in opposition to the project and the Special Permit criteria was not met. Second by Philip Brunelli. Unanimous by board. Motion by Robert Acevedo to approve the meeting minutes of September 24, 2015. Second by Bruce Hunchard. Unanimous by board. Philip Brunelli abstains. Motion by Robert Acevedo to adjourn. Second by Philip Brunelli. Unanimous by board.

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_**