CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
115 Pleasant St., Room 202
Gardner, MA 01440
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MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
CITY HALL ANNEX
SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203

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AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS
The Gardner Conservation Commission will resume a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on the Notice of Intent filed by Princeton Repower, LLC, 30 North Gould Street, Suite R, Sheridan WY, 82801, represented by Environmental Resources Management, for the construction of a 5.78 MW ground-mounted photovoltaic solar array to be constructed on 24 parcels totaling approximately 23-acres of land along Princeton Street and Keyes Road in Gardner on land currently owned by Cedar Hills, LLC, 52 Congress St., Boston, MA 02108. Work will include site preparation, including grading and clearing of vegetation, maintenance, construction, and extension of existing roads, construction of stormwater management infrastructure & Best Management Practices and installation of photovoltaic panels, mounting racks, and electrical utilities. Resource Area impacts will include work within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. No work will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Potential Vernal Pool or the 30-foot ‘No-Disturb’ Zone of all Wetland Resource Areas. No structures will occur within the 60-foot ‘No Build’ Zone.

The meeting will be held at
6:30 p.m., Hubbard Conference Room 203,
2nd Floor, City Hall Annex, on Monday, April 8, 2019
Continued from the meetings of Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, and Mar. 11 & 25, 2019

Greg Dumas, Chairman
Gardner Conservation Commission

The Gardner Conservation Commission will resume a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on the Notice of Intent filed by Imperial Blue Systems, LLC, 9 Loockerman Street, Suite 202, Dover, DE, 19901, represented by Environmental Resources Management, for the construction of a 6.59 MW ground-mounted photovoltaic solar array to be constructed on 31 parcels totaling approximately 33-acres of land along Princeton Street and Keyes Road in Gardner on land currently owned by Cedar Hills, LLC, 52 Congress St., Boston, MA 02108. Work will include site preparation, including grading and clearing of vegetation, maintenance, construction, and extension of existing roads, construction of stormwater management infrastructure & Best Management Practices and installation of photovoltaic panels, mounting racks, and electrical utilities. Resource Area impacts will include work within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. No work will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Potential Certified Vernal Pool will occur. As part of this project, a 3,000 square-feet Wetlands Replication Area is being proposed to account for a condition of the previous, and outstanding, Order of Conditions associated with the site. Other than that Wetland Replication work, there will be no disturbances within the 30-foot ‘No-Disturb’ Zone of all Wetland Resource Areas. No structures will occur within the 60-foot ‘No Build’ Zone.

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Gardner Conservation Commission

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Best Management Practices and installation of photovoltaic panels, mounting racks, and electrical utilities. Resource Area impacts will include work within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. No work will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Potential Vernal Pool or the 30-foot ‘No-Disturb’ Zone of all Wetland Resource Areas. No structures will occur within the 60-foot ‘No Build’ Zone.

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Minutes
Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 25, 2019

Request for Determination of Applicability
RDA #2019-4-8: The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Meeting under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance (City Code Ch. 650) on the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Richard Collins, 400 Clark St., Gardner. The work will be located at 400 Clark Street and will consist of the construction of a shed. The work will occur within the 100-foot buffer zones of the Bank of Wilder Brook and associated Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and within the 200-foot Riverfront Area and 100-year Flood Zone.

Request for Certificate of Compliance
None

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions
None

Request for Minor Changes of Work
None

Enforcement Order
- 35 Eastwood Circle Wetland Restoration Planting Plan (Continuation)
- Sapphire Park Structures within “No Build” Zone (Continuation)
- 959 West Street, Borrego Solar Flooding (Continuation)
- Otter River Road Solar, Otter River Road (Continuation)
Emergency Certification
None

Presentations
None

New Business
• Computer Software Expenses

Old Business
• Arbor Day and Earth Day Events
• Gardner Fish & Gun Club, Clark Street 0.5-acre parcel at Bailey Brook – update

NOTICE: These Agenda items consist of items that are reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting and are specifically allowed to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Agent of the Conservation Commission