



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
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MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

CITY HALL ANNEX

SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203

ANNOUNCEMENT - Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the Chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the Chair forthwith. All Documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the Conservation Agent for the Conservation Commission. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting.

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.

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Cont'd from the meetings of Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, Mar. 11 & 25, and Apr 8, 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-foot 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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Greg Dumas, Chairman
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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The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold 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 Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 355 West Boylston Street, Clinton, MA, for repairs to a timber boardwalk located at Dunn Pond State Recreation Area, Pearl Street, Gardner. Resource Area impacts will include work within Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, of Dunn Pond.

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MEETING

Minutes

Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 22, 2019

Request for Determination of Applicability

RDA #2019-5-13: 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 Mass Trial Court, Office of Court Management, Facilities Management & Capital Planning, through the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance. The work will be located at 108 Matthews Street and will consist of the repair of two catch basins located in the parking area at the rear of the courthouse. The work will occur within the 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Request for Certificate of Compliance

None

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

None

Request for Minor Changes of Work

None

Enforcement Order

- Sapphire Park Structures within “No Build” Zone (*Continuation*)
- 959 West Street, Borrego Solar Flooding – Status Update (*Continuation*)
- Otter River Road Solar, Otter River Road – Status Update (*Continuation*)

Emergency Certification

None

Presentations

None

New Business

- Arbor Day Tree Plantings – Report
- National Grid Sideline Maintenance Vegetation Management

Old Business

- None

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.

Agent of the Conservation Commission