CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
115 Pleasant St., Room 202
Gardner, MA 01440
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MEETING
Monday, July 22, 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.

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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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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 Redzico Dev, LLC, 1201 Orange Street, Suite 600, Wilmington, DE, 19801, represented by Environmental Resources Management, for the construction of a 6.42 MW ground-mounted photovoltaic solar array to be constructed on 18 parcels totaling approximately 24-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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Cont’d from the meetings of Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, Mar. 11 & 25, Apr. 8,
May 13, and June 10, 2019

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MEETING

Minutes
Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 24, 2019
Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 8, 2019

Request for Determination of Applicability
RDA # 2019-6-10: The Gardner Conservation Commission will resume 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 Massachusetts Electric Company
(aka National Grid), 40 Sylvan Road, E2.474, Waltham, MA. The work will be
located along Clark Street within the road layout and will consist of the replacement
and relocation and new installation of multiple utility poles and stub poles. The work
will occur within the 100-foot buffer zone of the Bank of Perley Brook Reservoir,
200-foot riverfront Area of Perley Brook, and local 30-foot ‘No-Disturb’ Zone
and 60-foot ‘No-Build’ Zone of associated Wetland Resource Areas.

Request for Certificate of Compliance
None

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions
None
Request for Minor Changes of Work

160-0611: 538 Clark Street, Gardner Fish & Gun Club, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.
Solar Array

Enforcement Order

- 959 West Street, Borrego Solar Flooding – Status Update & Revised Plans

Emergency Certification

None

Presentations

None

New Business

- None

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.

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Agent of the Conservation Commission