



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting of
August 12, 2019
Hubbard Conference Room
Gardner City Hall Annex Room 203**

Members Present:

Chairman Greg Dumas, David Beauregard, Norman Beauregard, Duncan Burns, Michael Hermanson, and Donna Lehtinen. Also present was Associate (non-voting) Member Martin Bowers and Conservation Agent Jeffrey Legros.

Members Absent:

David Orwig

Guests & Visitors:

Steven Rockwood, Resident.

Public Hearings

None

Meeting Chairman Dumas called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes

6:34 A motion was made by N. Beauregard to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 24, 2019. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously, all in favor, with D. Beauregard abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.

6:36 The Minutes of the Meeting of July 8, 2019 were tabled until the meeting of August 26, 2019.

Orders of Conditions

None

Request for Determination of Applicability

None

Request for Certificate of Compliance

None

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

None

Request for Minor Changes of Work

None

Enforcement Order

- **DEP File #160-0610: 959 West St. Solar Project, Borrego Solar**
Agent Legros updated the Commission on the recent work on site since the issuance of an order to cease and desist work, a coordination meeting, and the last Commission meeting. The work conducted on site appears to have had positive benefits toward alleviating the perpetual erosion control issues that have been occurring on site. Agent Legros will continue to monitor the situation and SWCA will continue to conduct monitoring activities and submit reports. Peer Review by Fuss & O'Neill is underway and a site visit was conducted on site with Aimee Bell (F&O), Ryan Joyce (SWCA), Will Peregoy (Borrego Solar), and Agent Legros on August 8th. The matter will be tabled pending further updates and the results of the peer review.
- **DEP File #160-0612: Otter River Road Solar Project**
Agent Legros presented a memo provided by Steve Herzog as a status update on the conditions of the site. Mr. Herzog stated that the site was stable and that additional hydroseeding would be conducted in late August or early September and indicated that they would be ready to present corrective measures plans and a request for Amendment to the Order of Conditions by the end of September.

Emergency Certification

7:15 Related Properties (Olde English Village), Manca Drive, catch basin repairs
Mr. Lassell, Quality Contracting, submitted a hand drawn mark-up of an existing survey plan and a document of four notes related to the proposed repair/replacement of catch basins to be conducted on the private portion of Manca Drive owned by Related Companies (Olde English Village) in the immediate vicinity of and out-falling directly to the 30-foot buffer zone of Pond Brook. Mr. Lassell stated that a crew could not be mobilized to conduct the work for at least another two weeks or more.

The Commission reviewed the material and noted the lack of detail provided to describe the scope of work and added that a considerable amount of time had passed since this concern was first raised to the Conservation Agent. It was questioned whether the matter was being treated as an Emergency by the owner and should be considered as an Emergency Certification or under a Request for Determination of Applicability. Considering the lack of detailed repair drawing and the delay in mobilization until the work could begin, the Commission felt that more detailed information could be provided in addition to the hand-drawn mark-up of the survey plan.

A motion was made by D. Burns to continue the matter until the meeting of August 26, 2019 pending sufficient construction drawings and specs. The motion was seconded by D. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

The Agent will follow up with Mr. Lassell to provide guidance and answer any questions that he may have.

Presentations

None

Old Business

- **Timpany Crossroads Stormwater Runoff Concerns**
Agent Legros updated the Commission on the status of the roof runoff concerns in the rear of the building. The Commission asked Agent Legros to follow up with the Engineer to inform him of the Commission's concerns.
- **Aspen Trucking, West Broadway filling within the buffer zone of a potential wetland resource area**
The Commission asked the Agent to contact the owner/manager of Aspen Trucking and ask him to have the wetlands flagged or meet with the Commission to discuss recent activity on site.

New Business

- **Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony – Gabriel Baczewski**
Agent Legros informed the Commission of the upcoming ceremony to honor Troop 9's most recent recipient of the distinction of Eagle Scout and to recognize his achievements and express the Commission's gratitude for his Eagle Service Project – Bog Bridges at Perley Brook and Wilder Brook Trails between Brookside Drive and City Forest.
The Commission Members and Agent signed a certificate of recognition and appreciation to be presented to Mr. Baczewski.
- **Arbor Day Foundation – TD Bank North Tree Day Grant Award**
Agent Legros informed the Commission of the recent award under the City's Tree City USA designation with the Arbor Day Foundation. The City was the successful recipient of a grant in the amount of \$8,200 through the Arbor Day Foundation sponsored by TD Bank North as part of their Tree Days program. With the assistance of volunteers from local and regional TD Banks the City will receive the gift of 35 trees planted at local City Parks and Playgrounds. The event will take place on October 9th.

Unanticipated Business

None

Motion to Adjourn

7:50 A motion to adjourn was made by D. Burns. The motion was seconded by D. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Legros, Conservation Agent

All materials used at the meeting are available for viewing at the office of the Conservation Agent, Room 202 of the City Hall Annex.

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- Minutes are available on the City of Gardner website (www.gardner-ma.gov) under Conservation Commission.
- By appointment or request in Conservation Agent's office, Room 202 of the City Hall Annex
- Community Development & Planning office, Room 201 of the City Hall Annex