

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Public Hearing**  
**City Council and Planning Board**  
**November 16, 2009**  
**City Council Chambers, 95 Pleasant Street**  
**Gardner, Massachusetts**

Planning Board Members present: Allen L. Gross, Chairman; Laura M. Casker, Peter J. Sabettini, and Mark Schafron, Members; and Robert Hubbard, Director/City Planner

Planning Board Member absent: Robert J. Bettez, Sr., Vice Chairman

Also present: R. Hankinson, City Engineer, T. Hillman, Planning Bd.

Neil Janssens, Council President, called the Joint Public Hearing to order at 7 p.m.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Gardner City Council and Planning Board conducted a Joint Public Hearing to consider amending Zoning Ordinance Section 9, Part 914 (6) to read as follows:

Political Signs and Posters – Political signs and posters are allowed on private property.

Neil Janssens, Council President, asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the amendment.

R. Hubbard said that the Planning Board had voted unanimously in favor of this amendment.

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Mr. Janssens declared the joint public hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.