



## JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 20, 2023

Monday evening, March 20, 2023. The Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Planning Board, held in the City Council Chamber, was called to order by Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas at 6:30 o'clock p.m. for the purposed amendment involves changing the zoning of:

- **10891** – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675 Thereof, entitled “Zoning,” to Change the Classification of Certain Parcels of Land Along Route 140.
- **10892** – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675 thereof, entitled “Zoning,” to add “Sports Betting” to the Zoning Table of Uses.
- **10893** – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675 thereof, entitled “Zoning,” to Amend Section 1070 thereof, entitled, “Marijuana Establishments” to increase the quota allowed by the Code of the City of Gardner.

City Clerk Titi Siriphan called the Roll. Present were:

**Members of the City Council (8)**

Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, President  
 Craig R. Cormier  
 Ronald F. Cormier  
 Aleksander Dernalowicz  
 Dana M. Heath  
 Judy Mack  
 Paul Tassone  
 James Walsh

**Members of the Planning Board (5)**

Robert J. Bettez  
 Paul Cormier  
 Stephen E. Cormier  
 Mark M. Schafron  
 Robert J. Swartz

Councillors James Boone, Karen Hardern, and George Tyros were absent.

Others present, Trevor Beauregard, Community Development and Planning Director.

President Elizabeth Kazinskas announced Pursuant to G.L. 40A, § 5, notice is hereby given that the City Council and Planning Board will conduct a Joint Public Hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, to consider amending Chapter 675, the Zoning Code of the City of Gardner. The proposed Amendment involves changing items: • 10891 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675 Thereof, entitled “Zoning,” to Change the Classification of Certain Parcels of Land Along Route 140. • 10892 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675 thereof, entitled “Zoning,” to add “Sports Betting” to the Zoning Table of Uses. • 10893 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City



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of Gardner, Chapter 675 thereof, entitled “Zoning,” to Amend Section 1070 thereof, entitled, “Marijuana Establishments” to increase the quota allowed by the Code of the City of Gardner Information regarding this amendment is available for viewing in the City Clerk’s Office, the Department of Community Development and Planning (DCDP), or on the City’s webpage – [www.gardner-ma.gov](http://www.gardner-ma.gov). All persons interested in this matter and desire to offer testimony are invited to attend the hearing.

Community Development & Planning Director, Trevor Beauregard informed the Committee and Council that the Planning Board was supposed to meet on this matter last Tuesday, but the meeting was canceled due to the snow storm. The rescheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss these matters and take a vote. Director Beauregard recommends to continue the Public Hearing.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted viva voce, thirteen (13) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Craig R. Cormier, Ronald F. Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Dana M. Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone and James Walsh; Planning Board Members Robert J. Bettez, Paul Cormier, Stephen E. Cormier, Mark M. Schafron, and Robert J. Swartz; to continue the Public Hearing to April 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

**Accepted by the City Council: June 5, 2023**