

CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
GARDNER CITY HALL- MANCA ANNEX
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MEETING

MONDAY, April 24TH, 2023, AT 6:30P.M.
IN-PERSON AT CITY HALL ANNEX
SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203

This is a public meeting where any present individual shall be heard.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman, Greg Dumas
Michael Hermanson
David Orwig
Dave Beauregard
Duncan Burns
Agent Sophie Dorow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Norman Beauregard-participated via camera

GUEST PRESENT

Christopher Machesku
Candice Machesku

MINUTES

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 27th, 2023. Approved unanimously.

NOTICE OF INTENT

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 a Notice of Intent filed by Dianna Krook, APK Real Estate, LLC, represented by Mark Popham. Work on a Parcel ID#(M47-22-17) Lot 8A Green Street (Rte. 140) Project entails the construction of single-family dwelling, driveway, artesian well, septic system, fill and grading, located within the buffer of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The applicant did not send abutters notifications within 7 business days prior to conservation meeting.

An abutter submitted a letter of opposition for this project.

A copy of a map location of parcel will be forwarded to the applicant.

Motion to continue this case until May 8, 2023. All in favor. Voted unanimously approved.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

114 Topaz Terrace- fencing complete per conservation commission. A site visit was conducted and found no concerns. Motion to approve compliance with enforcement order, Voted unanimously approved.

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES

None.

REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER TO CONDITIONS

None.

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Contractor for the Alisaukas Conservation Area Mowing.
A total of \$1,680.00. Motion to approve the total of \$1,680.00. All in favor. Voted unanimously approved.
2. National Grid- had some dumping on wetlands. Agent Dorow had DPW clean up the area. (Appliances) on KGB cleanup day with SeamanPaper co.
3. 76 Willis Rd. Owners have already staked the proposed project for construction. A site visit will be conducted by Agent Dorow and Mr. Burns, Conservation member.
4. Leo Drive (Bailey Brook Park) is under construction. Fill, grading changes to make ADA compliant and play trail elements are being added within the next week. On schedule to finish construction for June 1st.
5. Currently no one has resigned from the Conservation Commissioner Board. Chairman Dumas thanks all members for their continued effort and support.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Agent Dorow attended vernal pool certification training. The classes took place at Stow Town Forest. Agent Dorow presented a power point demonstrating what she learned and the experience she had.

1. Fairy Shrimp are obligate species which automatically makes it a vernal pool.
2. Spotted Salamander eggs found, identified based on how firm and gelatinous vs frog eggs.
3. Jennifer Carlino, Scientist, and agent, explained that she carries a knife, bucket to collect specimens or any finding, a thin rope to tie all her belongings.
4. Scott Smyers, Senior Scientist, was another member leading the class.
5. The hours were from 10:30am-3PM.

Meeting adjourns at 7PM.