



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the ongoing conditions related to the COVID 19 outbreak, the meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting. Detailed instructions for participating in the meeting via Zoom Meeting are posted at the bottom of this agenda, or can be obtained by emailing Lyndsy Butler, Conservation Agent, at lbutler@gardner-ma.gov. All documents and permit applications can be provided electronically. Please send request to lbutler@gardner-ma.gov. All persons interested in this matter, or who desire to offer testimony, are invited to participate.

Members via Zoom:

Chairman Greg Dumas, Michael Hermanson, David Beauregard, David Orwig, and Donna Lehtinen. Also on Zoom was Conservation Agent Lyndsy Butler, and Kris Singer (Administrative Minute-Taker)

Members Absent:

Duncan Burns and Martin Bowers (non-voting member),

Guests & Visitors:

Chris Hannigan - Hannigan Engineering, *Robert Sims, J.Greenwood, Alan Rousseau.*

MEETING – brought to Order by Chairman G. Dumas at 6:30 pm

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Delineation

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Meeting under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetland Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance (City Code Ch. 650) on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Department of Public Works, 50 Manca Road, for property located at 850 West Street (H32-16-4). The application is to determine wetland boundaries.

- Robert Sims noted that the wetlands had been delineated back in approximately 2013. It was his intention to file a Notice of Intent, but that has been delayed.
- D. Orwig inquired if the wetland flags are still in place, and R. Sims replied that as of last summer they were.
- R. Sims is awaiting DEP comments.
- A Motion was made by N. Beauregard to continue the Notice of Resource Delineation to May 11th, 2020. It was seconded by D. Orwig, and voted all in favor.

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 the Notice of Intent filed by Chair City Realty Trust, 442 West Broadway, Gardner, for redevelopment and renovation of an existing automobile dealership located at 440 West Broadway (Parcel 17-14-1;17-14-3;17-14-5;17-14-6;17-9-10). Projected is within the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

- He summarized that the Salvadore dealership is doing renovations to re-layout their parking lot. They have gone before both the Planning Board and the City Engineer.
- A sediment basin located in the back of the property, which was approved by the Conservation Commission back in approximately 2012, is now filled in due to wear and tear. The proposal is to re-establish the area as it was originally intended, including re-seeding. To do so requires a 2 feet encroachment into the buffer to establish erosion control.
- A site visit (adhering to Social Distancing guidelines) will be set up by L. Butler. G. Dumas asked that the site be flagged to reflect the proposed work.
- A Motion was made by M. Hermanson to continue the Notice of Intent to May 11th, 2020. It was seconded by N. Beauregard, and voted all in favor.

New Business

- Ratification of Emergency Certificate for Beaver Dam removal behind Colonial Hotel, off of Linus Allain Ave and Lachance St. (W-17-15-1, X17-6-17)
 - The DPW needed to breach the dam for urgent/emergency work.
 - The work has been completed and there are no issues
 - A Motion to approve the Emergency Certificate was made by M. Hermanson. It was seconded by N. Beauregard, and voted all in favor.
- Certificate of Compliance for 136 Shawn Avenue DEP# 160-115
 - A sub-division was built a while ago, and there have been no issues.
 - A Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance was made by N. Beauregard. It was seconded by D. Lehtinen, and voted all in favor.

- Acceptance by the Conservation Commission of a conservation restriction on 20.47 acres of land owned by the Gardner Fish and Gun Club, Inc., to provide permanent protection to the Bailey Brook riverfront area, including wetlands complex and flood plain.
 - L. Butler updated that she is looking to receive new plans tomorrow. After review of the new plans, they will be looking for Conservation Commission approval and then the issue will be moved to the City Council.

Minutes

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2020

- It was decided to table the approval of the March 9th Minutes to the next meeting (May 11th) so that all who were in attendance for that meeting will be present to vote

Motion to Adjourn

6:54pm A motion to adjourn was made by M. Hermanson. The motion was seconded by N. Beauregard, and voted unanimously, all in favor.

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.

Agent of the Conservation Commission

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