

**CITY OF GARDNER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall-Manca Annex  
115 Pleasant St Room 202  
Gardner MA 01420

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(978) 630-4014

**MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023, AT 6:30 PM  
IN-PERSON AT THE CITY HALL ANNEX  
SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203**

**PRESENT MEMBERS**

Chairman Dumas  
Duncan Burns  
Norman Beauregard  
David Orwig  
Agent Sophie Dorow

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Dave Beauregard

**GUESTS**

Steven Rockwood  
Kathleen Fiorentino  
Maryann Dipinto

Greg Dumas let's get started on tonight's meeting.

**MINUTES**

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Greg Dumas asked if anyone would like to make a motion to approve the minutes. Duncan Burns, I'll make that motion. Norman Beauregard seconded it. Chairman Dumas, all in favor say, aye. Present members said Aye. Chairman Dumas, minutes approved.

**NOTICE OF INTENT NOI DEP# 160-0663**

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 by Kathleen Fiorentino, represented by Maryann Dipinto. Work on Parcel ID# (H32-19-16A) 623 West Street. The project entails the construction of a new home, septic system, and driveway into the existing hillside off West St. The Proposed Project is within the riverfront area and Bordering Vegetated Wetland. (Continued from August 14<sup>th</sup>)

Maryann spoke to the engineer to move the placement of the house further down away from the wetlands. About 800 feet away from the riverfront area. Chairman inquires why the original plan was not designed for the work to be done out of the buffer zones. Maryann, it had to do with the property lines.

Chairman Dumas someone would like to make a motion. Duncan Burns made the motion to approve the revised design of the project Notice of intent and issue an approved order of conditions to the applicant. Norman Beauregard seconded it. Chairman Dumas, all in favor say, aye. Present members aye. Chairman Dumas it's approved.

170 Mill St (continuance discussion) 160-0658.-No update on our end. Sophie Dorow, I sent an email following up on it. Chairman Dumas someone would like to make a motion to continue. Duncan Burns made the motion. Norman Beauregard seconded it. Chairman Dumas all in favor say, aye. Present members said, Aye. Chairman Dumas's continuance was approved.

529 Timpany Blvd. (continued discussion) 160-0647.-Chairman Dumas asked for any update. Sophie Dorow said they were working to correct erosion control about a week ago. Chairman Dumas someone would like to make a motion to continue in the September 11 meeting. Duncan Burns, I'll make that motion. Norman Beauregard seconded it. Chairman Dumas all in favor say, aye. Present members said, Aye.

Elementary School 278 Pearl St. Wetland replication (continued discussion) 160-0636.-Sophie Dorow, I emailed again, and the inbox says that they are out of office until August 30, 2023. Chairman Dumas waiting for a response and an update from the contractor. Chairman Dumas, someone would like to make a motion to continue. Duncan Burns, I'll make that motion. Norman Beauregard seconded it. Chairman Dumas, all in favor say, aye. The present members said, aye.

#### ENFORCEMENT ORDER

None.

#### EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE

None.

#### REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER OF CONDITIONS

None.

#### REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bailey Brook Park-vegetation maintenance. Chairman Dumas asked Sophie Dorow to reach out to DPW.

#### Cowee Pond Dam

DPW would like to bring the Conservation commissions attention Cowee Pond Dam for vegetative maintenance.

There is an area that they wish to cut back (glossy buckthorn and other shrubs and dense vegetation encroaching on the spillway) and trim back the corner area near the posts, remove deadfalls from a cart road that leads up to the dam where they must routinely remove beaver debris and clearing the road for an ATV side is the alternative to walking debris out by hand.

Chairman Dumas, this has been overgrown for several years. To the right, there is a trail. Chairman Dumas requested that agent Dorow fines the owner of Cowee Pond Dam. A group is trying to get up to the Dam to clean it out. Chairman Dumas, why IS there something wrong with the Dam? Sophie Dorow, there is probably a beaver debris in there. Chairman Dumas, I guess I need more information. Chairman Dumas, have them let us know when and what they are getting up there.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Dumas someone would like to make a motion to end tonight's meeting. Duncan Burns, I'll make that motion. Norman Beauregard, III seconded it. Chairman Dumas, all in favor. All members said, Aye. Meeting Adjourned. 7:00 PM.