

CITY OF GARDNER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex 115 Pleasant St., Room 202 Gardner, MA 01440

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MEETING Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. CITY HALL ANNEX SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203

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AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Gardner Conservation Commission will resume 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 Princeton
Repower, LLC, 30 North Gould Street, Suite R, Sheridan WY, 82801, represented by
Environmental Resources Management, for the construction of a 5.78 MW groundmounted photovoltaic solar array to be constructed on 24 parcels totaling approximately
23-acres of land along Princeton Street and Keyes Road in Gardner on land currently
owned by Cedar Hills, LLC, 52 Congress St., Boston, MA 02108. Work will include site
preparation, including grading and clearing of vegetation, maintenance, construction, and
extension of existing roads, construction of stormwater management infrastructure &
Best Management Practices and installation of photovoltaic panels, mounting racks, and
electrical utilities. Resource Area impacts will include work within the buffer zone of
Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. No work will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a
Potential Vernal Pool or the 30-foot 'No-Disturb' Zone of all Wetland Resource Areas.
No structures will occur within the 60-foot 'No Build' Zone.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Hubbard Conference Room 203, 2nd Floor, City Hall Annex, on Monday, February 11, 2019

Greg Dumas, Chairman Gardner Conservation Commission

The Gardner Conservation Commission will resume 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 Imperial Blue Systems, LLC, 9 Loockerman Street, Suite 202, Dover, DE, 19901, represented by Environmental Resources Management, for the construction of a 6.59 MW groundmounted photovoltaic solar array to be constructed on 31 parcels totaling approximately 33-acres of land along Princeton Street and Keyes Road in Gardner on land currently owned by Cedar Hills, LLC, 52 Congress St., Boston, MA 02108. Work will include site preparation, including grading and clearing of vegetation, maintenance, construction, and extension of existing roads, construction of stormwater management infrastructure & Best Management Practices and installation of photovoltaic panels, mounting racks, and electrical utilities. Resource Area impacts will include work within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. No work will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Potential Certified Vernal Pool will occur. As part of this project, a 3,000 square-feet Wetlands Replication Area is being proposed to account for a condition of the previous, and outstanding, Order of Conditions associated with the site. Other than that Wetland Replication work, there will be no disturbances within the 30-foot 'No-Disturb' Zone of all Wetland Resource Areas. No structures will occur within the 60-foot 'No Build' Zone.

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Continued from the meeting of January 14 and January 28, 2019

Greg Dumas, Chairman Gardner Conservation Commission

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Best Management Practices and installation of photovoltaic panels, mounting racks, and electrical utilities. Resource Area impacts will include work within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. No work will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Potential Vernal Pool or the 30-foot 'No-Disturb' Zone of all Wetland Resource Areas.

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Minutes

Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Site Visit of November 8, 2018

Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Site Visit of November 19, 2018

Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 10, 2018

Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 14, 2019

Vote to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 28, 2019

Request for Determination of Applicability

None

Request for Certificate of Compliance

- DEP File #160-0329 (Continued from the meeting of Jan. 28, 2019)
- DEP File #'s 160-0340-160-0355 (Continued from the Meeting of Jan. 28, 2019)
- DEP File #160-0290: North Central Pathway along Route 140

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

None

Request for Minor Changes of Work

None

Enforcement Order

- 35 Eastwood Circle Wetland Restoration Planting Plan (*Continuation*)
- Sapphire Park Structures within "No Build" Zone (*Continuation*)
- 959 West Street, Borrego Solar Flooding (Potential Violation)

Emergency Certification

None

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Presentations

Kat Kowalski, Mount Grace Land Trust, Local Farm Inventory Project

New Business

- MACC Annual Conference, March 2, 2019
- Arbor Day Seedlings Program
- Leo Drive Culvert Issue

Old Business

- Cowee Lot assignment/conveyance Arbor Day Seedlings Program
- Gardner Fish & Gun Club 0.5-acre parcel, Clark Street

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