



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

978-630-4014

Gardner, MA 01440

fax 978-632-1905

MEETING

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

CITY HALL ANNEX

SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203

Members Present:

Chairman Greg Dumas, David Beauregard, David Orwig, Duncan Burns, Donna Lehtinen, and Michael Hermanson. Also present was Conservation Agent Lyndsy Butler, Martin Bowers (Associate, non-voting Member), and Kris Singer (Administrative Minute-Taker)

Members Absent:

Norman Beauregard

Guests & Visitors:

Carl Carlson – 149 Minott St, Daniel Morse – 73 Minott St.

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

Minutes

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2019

- A Motion was made to accept the minutes with noted changes by M. Hermanson, seconded by D. Beauregard, and unanimously voted in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Meeting under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance (City Code Ch. 650) on the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Carl Carlson, 149 Minott Street, Gardner for work located at 149 Minott Street, Gardner, MA to include partial breach of a beaver dam and the installation of a flow control device. The purpose of the work is to address flooding issues created by a beaver dam on Nat's Ditch just upstream from the Wright's Reservoir while still maintain the presence of the beaver dam and suitable water flow conditions.

Continued from the Mtngs. of January 13, 2020

- Conservation Agent L. Butler had checked with the surrounding communities regarding the filing they use for the installation of a beaver deceiver. All communities advise utilizing an RDA. She would recommend using an RDA and issuing a Negative 3 Determination.
- A Motion was made by D. Burns to issue a Negative 3 Determination. It was seconded by D. Beauregard, and unanimously voted in favor.
- Mr. Carl Carlson will let the Board of Health know that the permit was issued and will notify the agent before the start of work.

Request for Determination of Applicability

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Meeting under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance (City Code Ch. 650) on the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Massachusetts Electric Company (aka National Grid), 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA. The work will be located along State Highway 140 and will consist of installation of three new poles and 2 push braces. The work will occur within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and inland bank area.

- Applicant has requested to withdraw their application

Request for Amended Order of Conditions

None

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

None

Request for Certificate of Compliance

Enforcement Order

- Otter River Road Solar – Status Update
 - L. Butler spoke with Mr. Ryan Joyce and was advised that he is no longer monitoring the Otter River Solar project as there have been no issues and the site is stabilized.

Emergency Certification

None

Presentations

None

Old Business

- Timpany Crossroads Stormwater Monitoring Update

- They will be submitting an Amendment to the Order of Condition (will be on the next meeting's agenda)
- The Commission will ensure that all business in the plaza will be tied into the existing onsite stormwater system.

New Business

- New School
 - L. Butler advised the need to do boring samples. Some brush clearing will be needed and a truck- mounted ATV style rig will be used for the borings. Much of the area is within our jurisdiction.
 - G. Dumas noted that they have not come before the Commission and is concerned with potential stream crossings.
 - L. Butler believes there is no planned clearing in the wetlands; however, equipment may need to cross wetland. They hope to begin in February.
 - D. Beauregard notes that the area is very wet. L. Butler notes a stream and vernal pool on site. D. Burns says there is no use to do a walk-thru in the winter.
 - The commission would like to see the area delineated and an ANRAD filed.
- L. Butler spoke with Ryan Joyce, the third party monitor on 959 West Street. He has been monitoring the site and will continue to keep the commission informed. L Butler visited the site this week. The berm has been completed and the site appeared stabilized.
- D. Orwig stated that MACC is at the end of February at Holy Cross
 - L. Butler offered to register any interested person and the registration fee could be paid through the Wetlands Protection Act account.
 - G. Dumas suggested that all participants coordinate the classes that they take.
- G. Dumas asked L. Butler to prepare the budget for discussion at the next meeting
- D. Beauregard noted that property to the left of the Holy Spirit parking lot in S. Gardner has a good deal of junk in the yard.
 - The Board of Health has asked the owner to clean it.
- G. Dumas asked if there is any update on work being conducted behind Salvadore's, with Olde English Village, or with the Fish & Gun solar project. Nothing was noted, but it was agreed that they should be looked into.

Motion to Adjourn

6:58 A motion to adjourn was made by D. Burns. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Agent of the Conservation Commission