



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting of
March 26, 2018
Hubbard Conference Room
Gardner City Hall Annex Room 203**

Members Present:

Chairman Greg Dumas, David Beauregard, Duncan Burns, Donna Lehtinen, and David Orwig. Also present was Conservation Agent Jeffrey Legros.

Members Absent:

Michael Hermanson

Guests & Visitors:

Martin Bowers, Resident; Marsha & Ronald Alger, Steve Arsenault, and John Cestone (President), Kendall Pond Residents and Kendall Pond Betterment Association members.

Public Hearings

The Gardner Conservation Commission resumed the joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance (City Code Ch. 650) on the Notice of Intent filed by Nelson DeMoraes, Jr., representing National Lumber, 95 Pearson Blvd. for work at National Lumber, 95 Pearson Blvd. The work will consist of the construction of a canopy and open-building addition to be attached to the north side of the existing structure for the purpose of housing a proposed sawmill. The work will occur within the 200-foot Riverfront Area of Foster Brook but outside of the 100-foot inner-riparian zone and the 100-foot buffer zone of the Bank of Foster Brook. The project is proposed as redevelopment within the Riverfront Area.

The meeting will be held at
6:30 p.m., Meeting Room 203,
2nd Floor, City Hall Annex, on Monday, March 26, 2018

Continued from the Meeting of February 26, 2018

Greg Dumas, Chairman
Gardner Conservation Commission

- 6:30** David Nash, National Lumber, Operations, has requested a Continuation of the Hearing until the Meeting of April 9, 2018 to allow for more time to compile the information requested by the Commission at the meeting of February 26th.
- 6:50** A motion to continue the hearing until April 9th at the request of the applicant was made by D. Beauregard. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously, all in favor of continuing the hearing.
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Meeting

Chairman Dumas called the meeting of March 26, 2018 to order.

Minutes

- 6:33** A motion was made by D. Beauregard to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2018. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously, all in favor.
- 7:42** A motion was made by D. Burns to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously, all in favor with N. Beauregard abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Orders of Conditions

None

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

- 6:34** **160-0282** – Kendall Pond Vegetation Management project, SOLitude Lake Management, on behalf of the Kendall Pond Betterment Association. A request for Extension memo from SOLitude Lake Management on behalf of the Kendall Pond Betterment Association was presented to the Commission. Agent Legros noted that SOLitude has continued to meet the requirements of the Order of Conditions and those of MassDEP related to vegetation management within a waterbody and a Great Pond, Kendall Pond and recommended that the Commission issue an extension.

John Cestone, Kendall Pond Betterment Association and members of the Association noted the success of the vegetation management efforts and the importance of continuing efforts to maintain manageable levels of aquatic vegetation as appropriate.

- 6:37** A motion was made by N. Beauregard to issue an Extension of the Order of Conditions (DEP File #160-0282) for a period of three (3) additional years to expire in April of 2021. The motion was seconded by D. Burns and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability

None

Request for Certificate of Compliance

None

Request for Emergency Certification

None

Enforcement Order

None

Presentations

The Bailey Brook Coldwater Stream Landscape Conservation Project: A River Runs Through It. Conservation Agent's presentation from the 2018 MACC Annual Environmental Conference, Holy Cross, Worcester.

New Business

- **MACC Annual Conference – Agent's Report**
Agent Legros reported to the Commission on the MACC Annual Conference. He stated that it was very informative and educational and that his presentation was well received. He noted that climate resiliency was a common theme of the conference.
- **Letter of Support – MRPC Recreational Trails Grant Application**
The Agent presented a letter of support on behalf of the Commission in support of a Recreational Trails Grant application for the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.
- **Kendall Pond Betterment Association Beaver Concerns**
The Kendall Pond Betterment Association has received a permit to trap beavers from the Board of Health. The permit is good until the end of the trapping season on April 15th. KPBA reported that one beaver had been trapped so far. Mass DOT will clear of the culvert at Route 2A and KPBA will monitor the water level and beaver dam to determine if further action will be required as a matter of public health and safety. If removal of the dam or a flow device is proposed the KPBA will submit an RDA or NOI to the Commission for the work.
- **178 Brookside Drive Beaver Concerns**
The situation is being monitored by residents and at this time there have been no other reports of further concerns.
- **Arbor Day and Earth Day Events and Tree Seedlings**
Tree seedlings and a ceremonial Arbor Day tree were discussed. Discussion will be resumed at the next meeting.

Old Business

- **Commission Office Supplies and Equipment:** Agent Legros informed the Commission that he has submitted a request to the IT Dept. for a new computer.

Motion to Adjourn

7:45 A motion to adjourn was made by N. Beauregard. The motion was seconded by D. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Legros, Conservation Agent

All materials used at the meeting are available for viewing at the office of the Conservation Agent, Room 202 of the City Hall Annex.

Minutes are available as follows:

- Minutes are available on the City of Gardner website (www.gardner-ma.gov) under Conservation Commission.
- By appointment or request in Conservation Agent's office, Room 202 of the City Hall Annex
- Community Development & Planning office, Room 201 of the City Hall Annex