



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting of
April 9, 2018
Hubbard Conference Room
Gardner City Hall Annex Room 203**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Guests & Visitors:

David Nash, National Lumber; 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, April 9, 2018
Continued from the Meeting of February 26, and March 26, 2018

Greg Dumas, Chairman
Gardner Conservation Commission

6:30 David Nash, National Lumber, Operations, presented information related to a dumpster for soil storage, a containment system for groundwater, erosion controls.

Chairman Dumas noted that the plans would need to be revised and stamped as a condition of the Order of Conditions and that details erosion control specifications would need to be included. He also commented that the plan should show a paved apron around and abutting the new structure, documentation that the existing catch basin receives the runoff from the work area, soil and snow storage areas, and a copy of the invasive plant Vegetation Management Plan or proposal.

6:52 A motion to close the Hearing was made by D. Burns. The motion was seconded by N. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Meeting

Chairman Dumas called the meeting of April 9, 2018 to order.

Minutes

6:34 The Minutes of the Meeting of March 26, 2018 were tabled until the next meeting pending further review.

Orders of Conditions

6:58 A motion was made by D. Burns to issue an Order of Conditions with Special Conditions pending receipt of a revised, stamped final plan. The motion was seconded by N. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

None

Request for Determination of Applicability

None

Request for Certificate of Compliance

None

Request for Emergency Certification

None

Enforcement Order

None

Presentations

None

New Business

- **Earth Day and Arbor Day Events**

7:05 – A motion was made by D. Beauregard to approve up to \$150 for the purchase of tree seedlings from the Mass Tree Wardens and Foresters Association to be given to 4th Grade Students of Elm Street School and the public in recognition and celebration of Arbor Day 2018. The motion was seconded by D. Orwig and voted unanimously, all in favor.

- **Mass Keystone Cooperators Program Invitation**

The Agent has been selected and invited to attend the Mass Keystone Cooperators program at Harvard Forest sponsored by UMass Extension. The program focuses on developing and connecting community leaders in the interest of promoting sustainable forestry and land protection in Massachusetts.

Old Business

- **Kendall Pond Betterment Association Beaver Concerns:**

The Commission advised the KPBA to seek the approval of the Board of Health to determine if the water level created by the existing beaver dam at the outfall of Kendall Pond warranted breaching of the dam. The KPBA will also seek the assistance of MassDOT to clear the culvert under West Broadway (Route 2A) at the outfall of Kendall Pond so that the situation is not exacerbated. John Cestone, KPBA will keep the Agent informed of the outcome and notify him of the date and time when the culvert may be cleaned by MassDOT so that he can be present during the work. Beaver trapping will continue until the end of the trapping season on April 15th.

- **178 Brookside Drive Beaver Concerns:**

There have been no new concerns presented by the homeowner at this time.

- **Arbor Day Trees (for City Tree planting purposes):**

7:15 – A motion was made by M. Hermanson to approve the allocation of up to \$500 for the purpose of purchasing two City Trees to be planted by the DPW. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Motion to Adjourn

7:30 A motion to adjourn was made by N. Beauregard. The motion was seconded by D. Orwig 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