



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting of
April 23, 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:

Martin Bowers, Resident.

Public Hearings

None

Greg Dumas, Chairman
Gardner Conservation Commission

Meeting

Chairman Dumas called the meeting of April 23, 2018 to order.

Minutes

6:35 A motion was made by D. Burns to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by M. Hermanson and voted unanimously, all in favor.

The Minutes of the Meeting of April 9, 2018 were tabled pending further review.

Orders of Conditions

None

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

None

Request for Determination of Applicability

None

Request for Certificate of Compliance

A Request for Certificate of Compliance was made for DEP File #160-0231; 145 Brookside Drive, formerly Lot 10, H37-20-8. Agent Legros conducted a site visit on April 19th and found the site to be completed within substantial compliance of the Order of Conditions. As such he recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #160-0231 now known as 145 Brookside Drive, formerly Lot 10.

6:49 A motion was made by D. Beauregard to issue a Certificate of Compliance with perpetual conditions as specified in the original Order of Conditions and to include a Wetland Acknowledgement form to be signed by the prospective buyer upon closing and returned to the Conservation Commission as required by Special Condition #11 of the original Order of Conditions. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Request for Emergency Certification

A request for an Emergency Certification was made by NuDrain Solutions for 86 Stone Street for the purpose of the abandonment of a former failed that was replaced by a current and approved (2017) septic system but had not been fully abandoned (pumped, collapsed, and filled). The new septic was relocated outside of the 100-foot buffer zone of any adjacent wetlands but the former holding tank is within approximately 75-feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Nu Drain Solutions requested Emergency status to complete the work in an expedited time frame to avoid potential leakage. A site inspection was made by the Agent and pictures have been sent by Nu Drain for the file.

6:52 A motion to ratify the Emergency Certification for 86 Stone Street as requested and described was made by D. Burns. The motion was seconded by N. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Enforcement Order

None

Presentations

Report from Agent on presentation to North Central Mass Association of Realtors – *Conservation, Open Space, and Recreation Land and Opportunities in Gardner.*

New Business

- **LAND & PARC Grants Survey, Title Examination, and Baseline Documentation Report and Management Plan for Omealia Property Acquisition – Quotes**

The Commission was presented with an update and quotes for the due diligence work required for the acquisition of the Omealia property for Conservation and Parks & Recreation purposes under the LAND & PARC Grants. Contractors have been selected and contracting will be prepared to begin work in early May for the anticipated closing before June 30th, 2018, as required by the grants.

- **MWCC Parking and Stormwater Improvement Project update**
Mass DCAMM, through their representative, Coneco, has requested a minor change related to stormwater underdrain in two locations along the access roadway. Agent Legros has reviewed the current work and work related to the minor change request on site.

7:02 – A motion was made by M. Hermanson to approve the work as a minor change as requested and presented in the Memo dated April 23, 2018. The motion was seconded by N. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

- **MassDEP Circuit Rider and MACC sponsored Wetlands Forum**
A forum will be held on April 24th at Mass DEP Central Regional Office in Worcester for any interested Conservation Commission Members.
- **Request for Commission Member input from Public Welfare and Public Service Committee related to the proposed Scenic Roads Ordinance**
Agent Legros will attend the upcoming Public Welfare and Service Committee Meetings and report back to the Commission with any info and formal request for comment or review from the Commission.

Old Business

- **Earth Day and Arbor Day Events**
The City recognized Earth Day on Saturday, April 21st with a City-wide cleanup and a trail & habitat area maintenance and cleanup at Crystal Lake Community Forest. Agent Legros participated in both events and reported that they were a great success.
- **Report from the Agent – Keystone Cooperators Program Training**
Agent Legros reported that the training program was intensive and highly informative. He considered it to be a valuable and enriching experience that will benefit and enhance his ability to serve the Commission, City, and public.
- **Kendall Pond Beterment Association Beaver Concerns – Status Update**
John Cestone has reported to the Agent that two beavers were trapped during the season and that the water level is currently stable. Mass DEP is scheduled to clean the culvert in early May.

Motion to Adjourn

7:50 A motion to adjourn was made by N. Beauregard. The motion was seconded by M. Hermanson 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