



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 25, 2018
Hubbard Conference Room
Gardner City Hall Annex Room 203**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Duncan Burns, Michael Hermanson, and David Orwig

Guests & Visitors:

Christopher Mossman, Trowbridge Engineering.

Public Hearings

The Gardner Conservation Commission opened 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 Carrie Ghizzi, Rochdale, MA, represented by Trowbridge Engineering, for work at 288 Lovewell Street, Gardner. The work will include the replacement of a septic system associated with a single family home within the existing lawn and landscaped area of the home. The work will occur within the 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland associated with an intermittent stream flowing northerly toward Ken Drive.

6:30 p.m., Hubbard Conference Room 203,
2nd Floor, City Hall Annex, on Monday, June 25, 2018

Greg Dumas, Chairman
Gardner Conservation Commission

6:30 Christopher Mossman, PE, Trowbridge Engineering, described the project and associated resource areas.

He described the buffer zone impacts, location of the proposed septic system, and a site walk with Agent Legros to review the resource areas.

Chairman Dumas asked if the plan and offset to groundwater had been approved by the Board of Health.

Mr. Mossman indicated that it had been submitted and reviewed but that he was awaiting final approval.

Chairman Dumas asked Agent Legros if an issuance can be dependent upon the Board of Health approval. Agent Legros indicated that he could condition it into the Order.

6:40 A motion was made by N. Beauregard to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by D. Beauregard and voted unanimously, all in favor.

Meeting Chairman Dumas called the meeting of June 25, 2018 to order.

Minutes

6:41 The minutes of the meetings of May 14th and June 11th were tabled until the next meeting due an inability to field a quorum from members present at those meetings.

Orders of Conditions

6:43 A motion was made by D. Beauregard to issue an Order of Conditions with Special Conditions for DEP File #160-0618. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen 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

- **Approval of public notice ad fees – 6:45**

A motion was made by N. Beauregard to approve the expenditure of funds from the Conservation Trust Account in the amount of \$316.00 to The Gardner News for the cost of public advertisements related to the Omealia and RHO parcel land acquisitions. The motion was seconded by D. Beauregard and voted unanimously all in favor.

- **Notice of aquatic vegetation and algae treatment at Kendall Pond – Solitude Lake Management**

Agent Legros presented the notification and a discussion on the approval of chemicals used and notice posting responsibilities ensued. Agent Legros informed the Commission that the treatment chemicals are approved by Mass DEP annually and that he posts the notice at City Hall. The Kendall Pond Betterment Association posts the notice on all roads leading to the pond and at public access or recreation areas of the pond.

- **Mass Division of Ecological Restoration Priority Projects RFR**

The Commission discussed the potential for an application to the program for the Bailey Brook Greenway project and Hilchey Pond Dam. Agent Legros will work with the property owner D&E Realty Trust to discuss a potential future application.

- **Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Dues**

A motion was made by N. Beauregard to approve the expenditure of funds from the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) Fees Account in the amount of \$356.00 to cover the cost of MACC annual membership dues and an online subscription to the Environmental Handbook for FY19.

Old Business

- **Bailey Brook Land Conservation Update – 7:06**

Agent Legros informed the Commission that that the properties are scheduled to close by June 30th. The Commission was presented the Baseline Documentation Report completed by Jennifer Tuomala, Land Steward, for their approval and signatures.

A motion was made by N. Beauregard to approve the report and sign. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen and voted unanimously all in favor.

Motion to Adjourn

7:18 A motion to adjourn was made by N. Beauregard. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen 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