



## IN CITY COUNCIL

### JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

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Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Planning Board held in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall on Monday evening, October 15, 2018.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Council President Scott Joseph Graves called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

#### CALL OF THE ROLL

City Clerk Alan Agnelli called the Roll of City Councillors. Ten (10) Councillors were present including President Scott Joseph Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh. Councillor Craig Cormier was absent.

The City Clerk called the Roll of Planning Board Members. Five (5) members were present including Chairman Allen Gross and Robert Bettez, Sr., Laura Casker, Mark Schafron, and Robert Swartz.

President Graves read aloud the Public Hearing Notice, as follows:

CITY OF GARDNER  
NOTICE OF SECOND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING  
COMPREHENSIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5, notice is hereby given that the City Council and Planning Board will conduct a second Joint Public Hearing on **Monday, August 6, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, 95 Pleasant Street, to consider amending the Code of the City of Gardner, by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 675, Zoning, and Replacing it With a New Chapter 675, Zoning. The complete amendment is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office; the Department of Community Development & Planning; or on the City's website at [www.gardner-ma.gov](http://www.gardner-ma.gov). All persons interested in this matter and desire to offer testimony are invited to attend the hearing.

ALAN L. AGNELLI  
CITY CLERK

President Graves asked if any person in attendance wished to speak in favor of the proposed Ordinance amendment.

Paul DeMeo, 9 Willis Road, stated that Rural Residential Districts are being infringed upon, citing the addition of Senior Housing developments which are commercial enterprises and should be sited in commercial areas. He also noted that during the most recent Zoning rewrite (2006), Manufactured Homes language was changed. Back then, he said, 250 units of



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manufactured homes could be erected when built-out and that no property taxes are realized from them, only from the land on which they are situated; thus leaving the tax burden on the rest on the people in the community. He then suggested that the City Council reject all changes except for the Marijuana [Retail] language.

President Graves declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: *November 5, 2018*