

CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
GARDNER CITY HALL- MANCA ANNEX
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MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2023, AT 6:30P.M.
IN-PERSON AT CITY HALL ANNEX
SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman, Greg Dumas
David Burns
Sophie Dorow
David Beauregard
Norman Beauregard
David Orwig

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Michael Hermanson (via camera)

GUEST & VISITORS:

Steven Rockwood
Alan Belanger
Brian Marchetti
Justin LeClair
Kelsey Shibilila (late arrival)

MINUTES:

The January 9, 2023, Conservation meeting minutes approved.

NOTICE OF INTENT DEP # 160-0659

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint public hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on a Notice of Intent filed by Conrad Donell, for the construction of a single-family homes and associated utilities, located at 114 Topaz Terrace, Gardner (W32-22-1).Project is located within the buffer to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Continued from January 9th, 2023.

Kelsey, Representative of Conrad Donell, requested continuance of case without her being present. Greg Dumas called a motion to approve the case with conditions such as:

1. The material will be relocated away from the Wetlands.
2. The fencing plans of the property must be submitted to the Conservation Agent, Sophie Dorow, promptly.

3. Once this is done, conservation agent will visit the site to approve required silt fencing containment. Once approved by conservation commission, enforcement order can be lifted.

Approved on unanimous vote.

NOTICE OF INTENT

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131 § 40, Wetlands, Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on a Notice of Intent filed by Mr. Alan Belanger, for the installation of mobile storage pods on crushed stone with incorporated landscaping, driveways and drainage improvements, located at Manca Drive, Gardner (M17-19-1). Project is located within the buffer to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and outer riparian zone.

Brian Marchetti, McCarty Engineering, explains that mobile storage pods will be placed on 2ft crushed stones. The egress area will be paved. Each mobile storage pod will be 10 ft apart. Each door has Solar Motion lightning on each door. No foundation requirement was needed. We will not use sewer, and water. Mr. Dumas demonstrated concern when realizing that there will be forty-three storage pods. Mr. Marchetti had numerous tests on the area. The driveway will be 30 ft wide. This snow storage will be placed at the edges of the property. Mr. Dumas was very concerned with the fact that the storage pods were going to be placed on a 60% to the Wetlands impacting the no build zone.

Members of the conservation meeting agreed that the no build zone will not be disturbed. Mr. Dumas suggested a rearrangement of the storage pods moving it away from the no build zone. Mr. Dumas called for a motion to continue the hearing for February 27, 2023.

Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Brooks Pharmacy balance \$2890.00 to use for baseball field improvements adjacent to Snow St., Crawford St.

- Until further notice.

Requesting for funding for culvert replacement for Keyes Rd. for legal ad expenses from the Conservation account.

- Until further notice.

Meeting adjourns.