



**CITY OF GARDNER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex  
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**MEETING**

**Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

Due to the ongoing conditions related to the COVID 19 outbreak, the meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting. Detailed instructions for participating in the meeting via Zoom Meeting are posted at the bottom of this agenda, or can be obtained by emailing Lyndsy Butler, Conservation Agent, at [lbutler@gardner-ma.gov](mailto:lbutler@gardner-ma.gov). All documents and permit applications can be provided electronically. Please send request to [lbutler@gardner-ma.gov](mailto:lbutler@gardner-ma.gov). All persons interested in this matter, or who desire to offer testimony, are invited to participate.

**Members via Zoom:**

Chairman Greg Dumas, Michael Hermanson, David Orwig, Donna Lehtinen, Norman Beauregard, and Dave Beauregard. Also on Zoom was Conservation Agent Lyndsy Butler, and Administrative Clerk Kris Singer

**Members Absent:**

Duncan Burns

**Guests & Visitors:**

Steve Powers – Representing National Guard and Michael Gautreau – National Guard

**MEETING** – brought to Order by Chairman G. Dumas at 6:30 pm

**Minutes**

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 10, 2021

- Motion to approve Minutes “as printed” made by D. Lehtinen, seconded by M. Hermanson, and voted all in favor, with D. Beauregard and N. Beauregard abstaining.

## **Notice of Intent**

### **DEP#160-064**

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 Michael Gautreau on behalf of Massachusetts Army National Guard, for the replacement and expansion of an existing parking lot located at 321 West Broadway (R17-11-14). Project is located within the buffer to a vegetated wetland.

*Continued from 5-10-21*

- Steve Powers, representing the National Guard, summarized the previous meeting's proposal of re-pave the parking lot. The case was continued due to a lack of a DEP#, but now a number has been issued.
- G. Dumas noted that the new drawings are not stamped by an Engineer, but S. Powers said that stamped plans have been sent to L. Butler.
- G. Dumas asked who is the responsible party for the Maintenance Plan once the project is completed. Michael Gautreau, from the National Guard, advised that he will be the go-between and responsible party. G. Dumas also asked for the Commission to have access to a log for the Maintenance Plan noting the completion of various milestones for the long-term maintenance of the site.
- G. Dumas noted that the new plan cites no snow storage within the stormwater BMP. How will that be communicated to the snow plow drivers? S. Powers advised that there are set places for the snow to be stored on site, and signage can be added.
- G. Dumas asked for S. Powers to go over the Summary of Drainage Calculations in his proposal. S. Powers advised that the goal is to reduce impervious square footage, and their plans indicates that they have a total reduction of 457 square feet. Their plan is to cover existing asphalt with more landscape and grass. G. Dumas questioned a discrepancy in the total numbers, and S. Powers noted that existing wetlands square footage is not included in the calculation.
- D. Orwig thanked the representative for the inclusion of a site contact.
- M. Hermanson said that he was familiar with the site from the past and the current proposal is an improvement. He also noted that the exercise equipment has been removed.
- A Motion to close the hearing was made by M. Hermanson, seconded by N. Beaugard, and voted all in favor.
- A Motion to approve a Standard Order of Conditions was made by N. Beaugard, seconded by D. Beaugard, and voted all in favor.

## **New Business**

- Kendall Pond

- D. Lehtinen advised that the Lithuanian Club has been dumping sand on the beach.
- L. Butler asked if the Club had filed an RDA or NOI in the past, and the Commission did not think that was the case. She will look into it and add it to the next Agenda.
  
- 278 Pearl St – New School
  - L. Butler has not been back onto the site, but advised that the ‘back area’ looks good.
  
- Commission Appointments
  - G. Dumas has been in contact with the Mayor for re-appointments.
  
- In-Person meetings?
  - L. Butler advises that the Governor’s State of Emergency is due to lift on June 15<sup>th</sup>. She is not sure if in-person meetings will resume at that time.
  - M. Hermanson suggested that possibly during the less-busy winter months the Commission could hold Zoom meetings, but do in-person meetings in the summer through fall, when the commission is busier.
  
- Bike Path Bridge
  - N. Beauregard advised that the expenditure for the proposed bike path bridge over Route 140 has been raised from 3 million to 5 million dollars. He is not happy with those numbers. G. Dumas noted that building materials have become quite expensive. He asked L. Butler to email N. Beauregard with the paperwork she received on this project. She is due to go out to the site the first week of June.
  - N. Beauregard is frustrated with the state’s lack of response (both monetarily and with aid in general).

**Upcoming Meetings**

June 14

June 28

July 12

July 26

**6:54 pm** A motion to adjourn was made by N. Beauregard. The motion was seconded by D. Lehtinen, and voted unanimously, all in favor.

NOTICE: These Agenda items consist of items that are reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting and are specifically allowed to be discussed at the meeting. Not all

items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Agent of the Conservation Commission

Lyndsy Butler is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Conservation Commission

Time: May 24, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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