



**CITY OF GARDNER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex  
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**MEETING**

**Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**CITY HALL ANNEX  
SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

**Guests & Visitors:**

Vice President of the Lithuanian Club, Jim Huntoon, and Steve Rockwood

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

**Minutes**

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 14, 2021

- Motion to approve Minutes made by D. Burns, seconded by D. Beauregard, and voted all in favor.

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Meeting under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jeffrey Alisauskas for work to be conducted at 23 Airport Road, Gardner, MA 01440 (H17-10-4). Proposed work is to spread beach sand along the buffer to Kendall Pond.

- The Lithuanian Club's Vice President explained that sand had been brought in to replenish the beach. It was two truck-loads of sand, three yards each, confirmed by Jim Huntoon, also present at the meeting.
- G. Dumas asked for a receipt of the soil. The VP acknowledged that he did not have a receipt, but advised that the soil was received directly from the bay and did not touch anything except the loader. Any rocks found in the soil were unloaded. A small tractor was used to spread the sand on the beach.
- The beach is the length of a football field and it's been two years since any new sand has been brought in.
- L. Butler noted that Lit Club President Jeffrey Alisauskas mentioned that he had spoken to Jeff Legros, the former Conservation Agent, but he did not speak to anyone on the current Conservation Commission.
- G. Dumas inquired about storm water retention, and the VP replied that nothing was in place, noting that "it's just a beach."
- J. Huntoon advised that there is a two foot concrete wall separating the beach from the parking lot. L. Butler advised that due to that wall she is not concerned about the parking lot run-off.
- A Motion to conduct a site visit was made by D. Burns, seconded by D. Lehtinen, and voted all in favor.
- L. Butler also requested the receipt for the soil.

### **New Business**

Approve Certificate of Compliance for DEP#160-261, 314 Brookside Drive (Lot 54&55)

- L. Butler advised that this is a single-family home. The resource area is in the back. After looking at the site, everything appears standard. The owners are looking to sell the home.
- G. Dumas asked how old is the house. L. Butler noted that it's a newer home and a multiple order of conditions was filed by the DEP at the time of construction.
- G. Dumas also asked about the Commission having requested a buffer zone sign in the past for that neighborhood. He also mentioned that the existence of wetlands should be noted in the deed and the home owners should have obtained a certificate of compliance when the build was complete. The Commission should consider a re-write of the deed for future neighborhoods which require compliance so it will be done sooner.
- A Motion is approve the Certificate of Compliance was made by D. Burns, seconded by N. Beauregard, and voted all in favor.

140 S. Main St.

- D. Burns inquired about the completion of this job and if a Certificate of Compliance was requested. L. Butler advised that a Certificate still needs to be requested. She also noted that "they did a good job," and maybe there is still something left to do which is why they haven't requested a certificate of compliance yet.

538 Clark St (Fish & Gun Club)

- L. Butler is due to go out to the site in the coming weeks for the solar array.

Kinzer Solar Update

- M. Hermanson asked for an update. G. Dumas noted that nothing was moving forward. D. Burns said that only the rubbish was cleared and the soil was tested.

99 Restaurant

- G. Dumas inquired on progress at the current construction site. D. Burns asked if the downspouts have been connected on the new buildings, and L. Butler confirmed that they have been tied in.

Manca Dr.

- D. Burns inquired about the previous complaints with stormwater. L. Butler advised that the area was not paved, but that the stormwater was redirected to the catch basins. No complaints have been received.

New School

- L. Butler recently went out to the site and reports that it looks good. She also advised that National Grid inquired about moving 6 poles and she has asked for a plan or map of the proposal.

Conservation Agent position

- G. Dumas announced that members of the Commission have been taking turns reviewing the resumes that have come in for the Conservation Agent position opening.

**Upcoming Meetings**

July 12

July 26

August 9

August 23

**6:52 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