

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M.
IN-PERSON AT THE CITY HALL ANNEX
SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM 203

MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN DUMAS
AGENT, SOPHIE DOROW
DAVID BEAUREGARD, MEMBER
NORMAN BEAUREGARD, MEMBER
DAVID ORWIG, MEMBER
DUNCAN BURNS, MEMBER

ABSENT MEMBERS

NONE.

GUESTS

STEVEN ROCKWOOD
CHRIS GUIDA

MINUTES

The minutes for August 28, 2023, were presented. Chairman Dumas asked that a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes be made. Duncan Burns made the motion and Norman Beauregard second the motion. All were in favor.

NOTICE OF INTENT

143 Colony Road - Chairman Dumas introduced the notice and call for any representatives to come forward. Chris Guida stated for the record he is a certified wetlands scientist and soil scientist. Chairman Dumas asked for required copies for the Commission which Chris Guida stated he did not bring them, commission stated it was required on the website. David Beauregard asked for clarification on a 60 foot line of wetlands on map, Chris Guida outlined them in yellow. Chris Guida stated they were treating land to prevent further issues and referring to already disturbed land. Chairman Dumas asked for the maintenance records for all treatments to wetlands. Chris Guida is presenting that this addition of buildings will have no wetland impact. Chairman Dumas stated that the Commission should do a site

visit. The commission will visit the site, the applicant is responsible will be flagging and staking out the property in the meantime and continue the hearing to the next scheduled meeting. Commission requests a revised plan with the retention basin moved outside of the 60 foot buffer zone.

Cowee Pond Dam – DPW asked to choose a date in the future so they can get in there when the ground freezes over. The white house down the street from the dam has a tractor and did some clean out before the storm Chairman Dumas stated we think they did the right thing, worrying about the storm. Chairman Dumas asked that a motion to approve the continuance, David Beauregard made the motion and Norman Beauregard second the motion. All were in favor.

170 Mill St (Continued Discussion) 160-0658

Sophie Dorow gave update on Mill 170 St. The letters keep being sent back no one is signing and claiming them but are getting notifications last returned September 18th. Chairman Dumas asked that a motion to approve the continuance until October 23 2023, Duncan Burns made the motion and Norman Beauregard second the motion. All were in favor.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

NONE.

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE

NONE.

REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER OF CONDITIONS

NONE.

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

Brook Pharmacy – Talked about baseball, doing planting or benches, has not come up, Chairman Dumas will follow up. Discussion on using fees for mowing Bailey Brooke Park because city is short-staffed. The commission is against using conservation funds for a city property, commission stated the City will continue to maintain City properties.

Old BUSINESS

529 Timpany Blvd – Installed erosion control, putting down madding before the end of growing season. Continuing with old business.

Elementary School 278 Pearl St. – The planting was not right and needed to be fixed. Chairman Dumas is granting a few more days for weeding and reseeding. Steven Rockwood introduced himself and inquired that the school committee has not been held accountable as of yet and will it be by this committee? Chairman Dumas stated that the committee as well as the city and members from the school have gone out there and to review the scoop of work and if it meets requirements and that the conservation commission can only uphold wetland regulations pertaining to the wetland replication

area. There is no answer on the retainage of funds for the project. On record there is a 10% retainage in the contract.

Bailey Brook Park – 9/18/2023 Official ribbon cutting. Chairman Dumas stating on record that when they have ribbon cuttings when people are at work and children are in school it does not do much for the public that is how he feels. Sophie Dorow discussed the 3rd phase to the park. Sophie Dorow is working on getting some signs made.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NONE.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 23, 2023.

Chairman Dumas motioned to end tonight's meeting. Duncan Burns made the motion and Norman Beauregard second the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.