

**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
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MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual meeting, no in-person attendance

Under the Governor’s current bill regarding open meetings and Covid 19, this meeting will be held via Zoom. Detailed instructions for participating in the meeting via Zoom are posted at the bottom of this agenda, or can be obtained by emailing Katie Guertin, Conservation Agent, at kguertin@gardner-ma.gov. All documents and permit applications can be provided electronically. Please send request to kguertin@gardner-ma.gov. All persons interested in this matter, or who desire to offer testimony, are invited to participate.

Members Present:

Chairman Greg Dumas, Michael Hermanson, Norman Beauregard, David Orwig, and Donna Lehtinen. Also present was Conservation Agent Katie Guertin and Administrative Clerk Kris Singer

Members Absent:

David Beauregard and Duncan Burns

Guests & Visitors:

Robert LaPierre – Owner of 122 & 128 Wampanoag South Rd, Elizabeth Bagdonas – Trustee owner of 142 Wampanog South Rd.

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

Minutes

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2022

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

Request for Determination for 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 **Robert LaPierre**. for work to be conducted at 122 & 128 Wampanoag South Road, Gardner, MA 01440 (W42-3-9 & W42-4-10). Proposed work consists of the removal of several potentially hazardous trees within 100 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Continued from 1/24/22

- G. Dumas stated that he and D. Orwig went on a site walk and he acknowledges that there are trees near the house which could cause damage if they were to fall.
- G. Dumas shared a screen of pictures taken from the site walk which show the red-tagged trees. Noted were 4 – 5” trees which need to be trimmed back.
- D. Orwig noted seeing the powerline mentioned by the applicant in the last meeting amongst the trees. He also noted that the brook on the property could not be seen due to the snow and ice, but it was heard. G. Dumas noted that the brook was staked, but not flagged by a wetlands Engineer.
- K. Guertin mentioned that an abutting property owner (142 Wampanog) sent in a correspondence late in the day. It was shared on the screen, and some of the members and people present on the Zoom meeting took the time to read through it during the meeting. It mentioned that a Natural Heritage line exists on the property. K. Guertin stated that this information brings something new to consider. She still does not think that taking the dead trees out should be a problem, but that decision will now fall to Natural Heritage.
- D. Orwig agrees that now that the Commission is aware of the Natural Heritage boundary, it’s not the call of the Conservation Commission.
- G. Dumas invited the letter writer (Elizabeth Bagdonas) to speak, since she was present on the Zoom meeting.
- E. Bagdonas explained that she resides in Bolton, but is a Trustee to the owner of 142 Wampanog South Rd.
- G. Dumas notes that her points in the letter are reasonable, but that the applicant simply wants to remove dead and fallen trees so as not to damage his property.
- Robert LaPierre, applicant and owner of the Wampanog parcels in questions, is just reading this letter now and requested a forward of the letter.
- A Motion to continue the RDA to the February 28th meeting was made by D. Orwig, seconded by N. Beauregard, and voted all in favor.

New Business

- G. Dumas asked about the tree cutting being done on Route 140, the Perrault Farm. K. Guertin stated that she had been down there and said that everything on site looks good. They are doing the work at the right time of year. Most of the logs have been cleared out, leaving some for the use of the homeowner.

Upcoming Meetings

February 28

- 6:45 pm** A motion to adjourn was made by D. Lehtinen. The motion was seconded by N. Beauregard, 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.

Katie Guertin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Conservation Commission

Time: Feb 14, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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