

**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
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MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual meeting and 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 Beauregard, Duncan Burns. Also present were Conservation Agent Katie Guertin

Members Absent: David Orwig

Guests & Visitors:

Steve Rockwood, Jassy Bratko, Alan Rousseau, Mark Harasimowicz

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

Minutes

Minutes of May 9, 2022 were tabled until June 27th

Request to Amend Order of Conditions

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 to Amend an Order of Conditions** filed by **Henry Cormier** for the removal of lots from the Order on which work never commenced at **Wilder Brook Estates**, Gardner, MA 01440 under DEP file # 160-0261.

- K. Guertin advised that the undeveloped lots on Brookside Drive/Wilder Brook Estates are to be donated by Mr. Cormier to the North County Land Trust. Work never commenced on these lots associated with the Order and the North County Land Trust does not want to be tied to any ongoing conditions once the land is donated. The proposal is to amend the Order to remove the lots from the recorded Order.
- G. Dumas asked if K. Guertin had been out to the lots.
- K. Guertin had been out earlier in the day and noted that there wasn't much to see due to overgrowth and some large boulders, but she didn't note any violations.

- J. Bratko from the North County Land Trust stated that the boulders that were stockpiled there will be removed.
- A Motion to issue the Amended Order of Conditions was made by D. Burns, seconded by D. Beauregard, and voted all in favor.

Request for Certificates of Compliance

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 Certificates of Compliance** filed by **Henry Cormier** for work that never commenced at **Wilder Brook Estates**, Gardner, MA 01440 under DEP file #'s 160-0386, 160-0392, 160-0399, 160-0402, 160-0403, 160-0405, 160-0406, 160-0408, 160-0413, 160-0426, 160-0427, 160-0428 and 160-0429.

- K. Guertin stated that each of these Orders is tied to one lot that are also intended to be donated to the North County Land Trust. Work never commenced and the Orders are no longer valid. The applicant is asking to close out each Order before donating the land.
- A Motion to issue COC's for each one of the Orders was made by D. Burns, seconded by N. Beauregard, and all voted in favor.

New Business

Parley Brook Emergency Certificate

- K. Guertin informed the Commission that she had to issue an Emergency Certificate to the DPW to breach a beaver dam that was blocking the inlet to Parley Brook. This was causing flooding and other flow issues. She stated it was issued over a month ago and work is completed. The Certificate just needs to be ratified by the Commission.
- A Motion to ratify the Emergency Certificate was made by N. Beauregard, seconded by D. Burns, and all voted in favor.

170 Mill Street inquiry

- Mark Harasimowicz introduced himself as the owner of 170 Mill Street and stated that the demolition of the large old mill was done several years ago, and a lot of debris remains on site. He is looking into his options to put the property to use and whether it's worth taking on a project there. He mentioned his wishes to build a smaller building.
- G. Dumas asked the status of the site.
- K. Guertin explained there is a lot of unnatural debris on site that should be cleaned up, as it would benefit the resource area. She mentioned jurisdiction on site and how she thinks something could be permitting under riverfront redevelopment, but the applicant would have to get the right consultants, engineers etc.. to work with him.
- D. Beauregard asked the applicant if he had any plans to visual currently. M. Harasimowicz stated he has ideas, but he just wants to get an idea of how the Commission feels about a potential project there at this point
- The Commission agreed that a site visit would be beneficial. They will visit the site after the meeting adjourns.

Upcoming Meetings

June 27

- 6:51 pm** A motion to adjourn was made by D. Burns. The motion was seconded by D. 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: Gardner Conservation Commission

Time: June 13, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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