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Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 5:30 PM
To: CityCouncil <<u>CityCouncil@gardner-ma.gov</u>>
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Subject: Required Open Meeting Law Training (Time Sensitive) & Open Meeting Law Complaint
Determinations

Dear City Councillors,

Attached are determinations from the Attorney General's Office for Open Meeting Law complaints filed by Scott Graves. The determination for the attached document titled "OML 2022 - 146" states:

"...we order each member of the Council to attend a comprehensive Open Meeting Law training, either by participating in one of the Division of Open Government's monthly webinar trainings or by attending a training presented by the Council's legal counsel. Each member of the Council shall certify to our office that they have done so within ninety (90 days) of receipt of this letter."

The two options for you to complete the training are listed below:

1. Division of Open Government's monthly Open Meeting Law webinar trainings.

Here is the link to the Division of Open Government's monthly Open Meeting Law webinar trainings, conducted via Zoom: <u>https://www.mass.gov/service-details/open-meeting-law-trainings</u>

If you intend on completing one of these trainings, then please click on the link above and register for the training. There are currently three dates for these trainings to choose from:

Tuesday, August 9th 9:30am - 11:00am Thursday, September 8th 6:30pm - 8:00pm Wednesday, September 21st 12:30pm - 2:00pm

2. Attend a training presented by the Council's legal counsel.

City Solicitor Flick will present a training in person before the next City Council meeting, on Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chamber.

You must complete one of the training options and certify to the Attorney General's Office that you have completed it by Sunday, October 30th, 2022. After you have completed the training, please email me to let me know that you have completed it and the date on which is was completed. I will follow up with the Attorney General's Office to notify them when all City Councillors have completed it.

Please reply to this email at your earliest convenience by Friday, August 26th, and provide the date of the training that you intend to complete.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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