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**CITY OF GARDNER**  
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February 15, 2024

**CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Location:** City Council Chambers, Room 219, City Hall

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**11180** – An Order Appropriating \$625,000.00 from Stabilization to DPW Salt Shed. *(In the City Council and Referred to Committee of the Whole 2/5/2024)*

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER  
**Elizabeth J. Kazinskas**  
ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS  
Council President

**NOTICE:** *The listing of Agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may 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.*



City of Gardner - *Executive Department* **RECEIVED**  
Mayor Michael J. Nicholson

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
GARDNER, MA

January 25, 2024

Hon. Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, Council President  
And City Councilors  
Gardner City Hall, Rm 121  
95 Pleasant Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

RE: Stabilization Appropriation Request- DPW Salt Shed

Dear Madam President and Councilors,

The current salt storage shed at the Department of Public Works is in large amounts of disrepair and it is the opinion of the Administration that this forty-year-old building will no longer be able to accommodate the City's needs come next winter.

In order to allow enough time for the construction of the new salt shed to be constructed, I am submitting this request to the City Council asking for an appropriation from the City's Stabilization Account to build this structure that is necessary for our winter road safety operations.

Once the winter is over, and we have a better picture as to what we expended for Snow and Ice removal this year, the Administration will be reviewing replenishing the stabilization account with a free cash appropriation, however, I do not feel comfortable requesting an appropriation of this size out of free cash until we see the full financial picture that this winter will bring.

Respectfully Submitted,

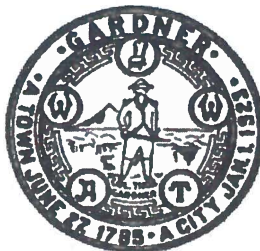
Michael J. Nicholson  
Mayor, City of Gardner

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM STABILIZATION TO DPW SALT  
SHED

ORDERED:

That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-Five  
Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$625,000.00) from Stabilization to DPW Salt Shed.

**CITY OF GARDNER**  
**Department of Public Works**



Highway  
Water  
Sewer  
Forestry  
Parks/Playgrounds  
Cemeteries

Dane E. Arnold, Director  
50 Manca Drive  
Gardner, MA 01440-2687  
Telephone (978) 630-8195  
darnold@gardner-ma.gov

Mayor Micheal J. Nicholson  
95 Pleasant Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

January 25, 2024

Dear Mayor Nicholson,

I am writing to express my concern about the current state of our city's salt storage shed and to urge you to consider allocating funds for its replacement. The current salt storage shed is approximately 50 years old and in significant disrepair. The attached pictures show larger portions of the roof missing and the walls bowed out of plumb from rot. I do not believe the building has much time left before a catastrophic failure.

The proposed replacement salt storage shed is a pre-engineered galvanized metal truss structure with fabric covering. These buildings are the most cost-efficient method for construction when total storage area is prioritized. The shed will be built in a new location across the street from the DPW administration building at 50 Manca Drive. This new site, which is already owned by the City of Gardner, will allow the shed to be approximately 3 times larger. Having this additional storage volume will enable the DPW to stockpile enough salt to treat 12-15 storms. The DPW has already contracted with an engineering firm to complete the site plan design in order to comply with all Massachusetts Stormwater Regulations.

The cost estimate for this project is \$625,000.00. This price includes \$465,000 for the physical structure and its installation along with an additional \$160,000 for site work, paving, lighting, stormwater mitigation and fencing. Once funding is secured work will be able to start in the spring and hopefully be completed for the 24'-25' winter season. We plan on trying to do as much of the work in-house to reduce costs.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Dane E. Arnold, Director  
Department of Public Works

**Mayor**

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**From:** Dane Arnold  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:52 PM  
**To:** Mayor; Rob Oliva; Chris Coughlin  
**Subject:** RE: Cost Estimate- New Salt Shed

Hello,  
Please find the Salt Shed Estimate below:

**Salt Shed**

Building	\$ 185,000.00
Installation	\$ 200,000.00
Equipment Rentals	\$ 28,000.00
Tree Removal	\$ -
Clear and Grub	\$ 20,000.00
Site Materials	\$ 10,000.00
Site Work/D-Basins	\$ 50,000.00
Paving	\$ 30,000.00
Electrical/Lighting	\$ 35,000.00
Concrete Blocks	\$ 35,000.00
Plywood Interior	\$ 10,000.00
 Total	 \$ 603,000.00
Contingency	\$ 22,000.00
 Total	 \$ 625,000.00

Thank You,

**Dane E. Arnold, Director**

**Department of Public Works**

**50 Manca Drive**

**Gardner, MA 01440**

**978-630-8195**





*Existing Salt Shed*





Existing Salt Shed



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*Design of Proposed new Shed*





*Location of Proposed New School*



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PROJECT INFORMATION

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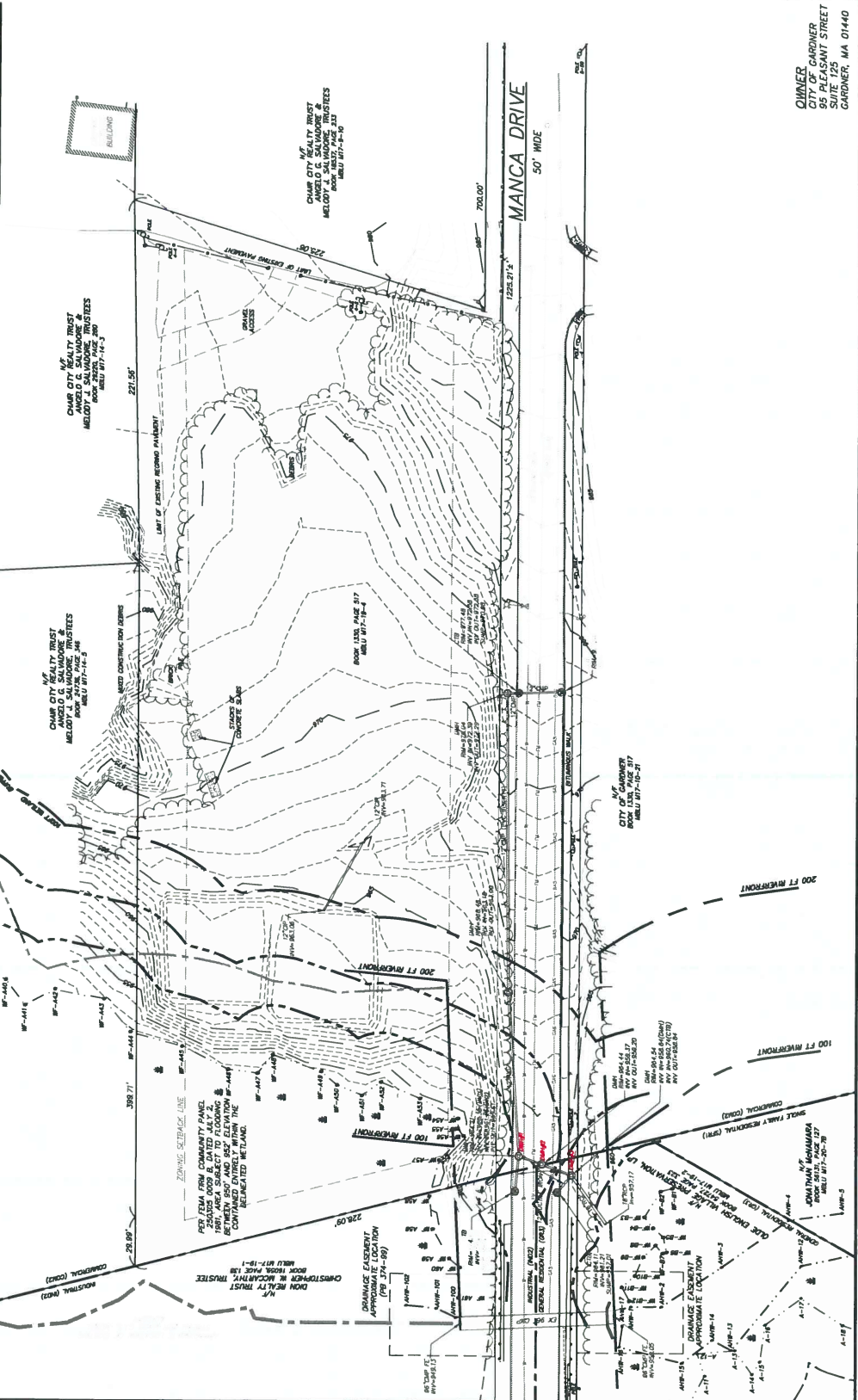
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SHEET 1 OF 1  
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