

CITY OF GARDNER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING

Monday, April 14th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. IN-PERSON AT CITY HALL ANNEX HUBBARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, ROOM 203

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AGENDA

Greg Dumas, Chairman
Gardner Conservation Commission

Public Comment on Agenda Items: 2:00 minute time limit per individual.

(Participants in hearings will be able to make public comment when recognized by the chair after the opening to the hearing, but prior to the hearing being closed).

Minutes:

Vote to approve minutes of 3/10/25, 2/24/25, 2/10/25, & 7/8/24.

Emergency Certification:

Heritage Village: Overflow Event

Request for Certificate of Compliance:

None at this time.

Enforcement Order:

- Sludge Landfill
- 36 Nicolle Terrace
- 282 Brookside Drive

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HEARINGS

Request for Determination of Applicability

125 Snake Pond Road

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a 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 James Apicella. The project is located at 125 Snake Pond Road, Gardner (Map H12-5-14), for proposed tree removal and is set to occur within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland (BVW).

Notice of Intent

0 Betty Spring Rd

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on the Notice of Intent filed by Goddard Consulting, LLC, on behalf of Wincrest Properties, LLC for the proposed construction of a single-family home, driveway and associated utilities. This project is located off Betty Spring Rd in Gardner, MA 01440 (Map R27-25-24) and a portion of the work is set to occur within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetland (BVW). DEP#160-0675

New England Power A1/B2 Transmission Line

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on the Notice of Intent filed by BSC Group, Inc., on behalf of New England Power Company for a proposed large scale refurbishment project to be conducted on an A1/B2 transmission line. Portions of the proposed work are set to occur near several areas of jurisdiction along an existing utility right of way both within and outside of Gardner city limits. DEP#160-0677

DEP#160-0673: Ebenezer Keyes Conservation Area

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on a Request for an Amendment to an Order of Conditions filed by BSC Group, Inc., on behalf of North County Land Trust, Inc. of 325 Lindell Avenue, Leominster 01453, for DEP#160-0673, a proposed gravel pit stabilization project at the Ebenezer Keyes Conservation Area (Map/Parcel: H27-105), Gardner, MA 01440.

Old Duck Pond Dam

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on the Notice of Intent filed by Haley & Aldrich, INC, on behalf of Mount Wachusett Community College/Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the proposed engineered breach of Old Duck Pond Dam and an Ecological Restoration Limited Project. This project is to be located at 444 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440 (Map R32-12-16) and the work is set to occur within Land under Waterbodies and Waterways.

Old Business

170 Mill St (Continued Discussion) 160-0658

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands

Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on a Notice of Intent filed by Mark Harasimowicz, for the construction of a contractor building and associated site improvements, located at 170 Mill Street, Gardner. The project is located within the riverfront area. (*Continued from September 25th*, 2023)

New Business

- Massachusetts Electric Company: Utility Maintenance Notification
- New England Power Company: Utility Maintenance Notification
- Berkshire & Eastern Railroad: Yearly Operations Plan and Vegetation Maintenance Notification
- 549 West Broadway: Fire and Subsequent Runoff Towards Areas of Jurisdiction
- New Minute Taker

Professional Development

Upcoming Meetings

- ✓ April 28, 2025
- ✓ May 12, 2025

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.