

**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9th, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Hubbard Conference Room, Room 203, City Hall Annex

Present Members: Corinne Smith, Brian Hall, Nicholas Summerhayes, David Orwig

Conservation Agent: Justin Enright

Minute Taker: Justin Enright

Guests & Visitors: None

Meeting brought to order by Chairman Dumas at 6:30PM

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).

None at this time.

Minutes:

- Vote to approve the minutes of 2/2/26.

Motion to approve the minutes of 2/9/26 as written.

Motion by Brian Hall

Motion seconded by Corinne Smith

Motion Carries 4-0-0

Emergency Certification:

None at this Time

Request for Certificate of Compliance:

None at this Time

Enforcement Order:

- Sludge Landfill (continued until 3/9/26)
- 36 Nicole Terrace (Continued until 5/11/26)
- 282 Brookside Drive (Continued until 5/11/26)

HEARINGS

Request for Determination of Applicability:

31 Travers St.

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 Determination of Applicability filed by Robert Rudd for the proposed installation of a new carport to take place at 31 Travers Street, Gardner, MA 01440 (Map: R17-18-7). The work will be set to occur within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) as well as Riverfront Area (RA). (Continued to 2/9/26)

Mr. Orwig reopened the RDA hearing discussion for 31 Travers St. With no representatives to the project present, the Commission voted to continue the RDA hearing discussion to the meeting of 3/9/26.

Motion to continue the RDA hearing discussion to the meeting of 3/9/26.

Motion by Brian Hall

Motion seconded by Nicholas Summerhayes

Motion carries 4-0-0

Notice of Intent:

677 Timpany Boulevard

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 Bohler, LLC. on behalf of Walmart Real Estate Business Trust for the proposed redevelopment and construction of a fuel station and convenience store with landscaping, associated utilities and stormwater infrastructure located at 677 Timpany Boulevard Gardner, MA 01440 (Map: R12-16-1). Portions of the proposed work are set to occur within the Buffer Zone of both bordering (BVW) and isolated vegetated wetlands (IVW). (DEP160-0682) (Continued to 2/23/26)

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) (Continued to 2/9/26).

Mr. Orwig reopened the discussion for 170 Mill St. (DEP#160-0658). With no update or representatives present, the Commission voted to continue the discussion until the meeting of 3/9/26.

Motion to continue the discussion regarding 170 Mill St. (DEP#160-0658) until the 3/9/26 meeting.

Motion by Brian Hall

Motion seconded by Nicholas Summerhayes

Motion carries 4-0-0

New Business

- Agent Report

Mr. Enright summarized his initial observations on 838 West Broadway. This building was affected by a fire. Mr. Enright was still waiting on correspondence from multiple departments as well as DEP. Mr. Enright would keep the Commission informed in the coming weeks.

Mr. Enright went on to update the commission on the statuses and progress of both submissions for the Community Culvert Grant and the MVP Action Grant. A brief discussion ensued about the workload associated with the grants.

Mr. Enright had also mentioned that Commissioner Smith had volunteered her time to help continue the effort to fix the filing system within the department. A brief conversation had ensued about the vision of how efficient the new system could be in the coming months.

Professional Development

Mr. Enright confirmed that all members of the board's workshops had been processed and the process for attending the MACC conference was going smoothly.

Mr. Enright noted his recent DEP workshop for the Freshman Agent Series, with the most recent being about Enforcement and how agents can effectively implement processes when the situation calls for it. A brief conversation ensued on the topic of the workshop.

Upcoming Meetings

- ✓ February 23rd, 2026
- ✓ March 9th, 2026

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the 2/9/26 meeting at 6:44PM.

Motion by Brian Hall

Motion seconded by Nicholas Summerhayes

Motion carries 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Enright

Conservation & Planning Agent