

**BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
Administrative Conference Room – Fire Headquarters
November 10, 2016
(FINAL)**

ATTENDANCE:

Blight Prevention Board

Russ Blair	<u>X</u>
Rick Burke	<u>X</u>
Jo Ann Davidson	<u>X</u>
Jeff Stewart	<u>X</u>
Joe Strickland	<u>X</u>

Blight Prevention Board Staff

Michele Onofrio	<u>X</u>
Steve Smith	<u></u>

October Minutes were approved.

Old Business

11 Edgemark Hill Rd. – Will Birnie RECEIVED (3) N.O.V. – 11-20-15, 2-18-2016 & 11-30-16

Mr. Birnie attended the meeting. He did not fulfill the Board's request to remove 2 cars as they were not accessible and could not be removed. He addressed the Board and stated buckets were removed from the property. **A motion was made by Rick Burke, seconded by Jo Ann Davidson and the Board unanimously agreed a Notice of Violation (Phase 3), to remove 3 cars by December 6, 2016. Upon Mr. Birnie's request, he will pick up his N.O.V. at the Building Department.** Mr. Birnie agreed to attend our December 8th meeting.

3 Marsh Rd. - Mark Burns RECEIVED N.O.V. – 3-18-15

Michele Onofrio passed out an email she received on November 9th from Mr. Burns. The email was read and entered into the property file. No additional discussion took place regarding this property.

**6 Abbotts Lane – Estate of Sylvia Cooper RECEIVED Mun. Citation – 11-23-15
Lien on Property – 3-31-2016**

Michele Onofrio sent another letter to the address on record updating them on the amount of the fine. Michele also told the Board she left phone messages too.

Progress was made cleaning up the property and eliminating some of the weeds. The Board requested an update at the December 8th meeting.

New Business

24 Ludlow Road

Received N.O.V. 11-30-2016

Michele Onofrio presented this case to the Board in Steve Smith's absence. Louis Parks, represented the Synagogue and gave a history of the property. Two structures are located on the property. As a result of lawsuits filed against them, the Synagogue has not moved forward with repairs or demolition of the property. Obtaining permits was delayed because of issues that concerned the Office of Planning and Zoning.

Neighbors of the property, Andrew Marcus, Kate Comstock Davis and Lou Mall addressed the Board. They expressed their frustration with living in a neighborhood with a blighted property. **A motion was made by Rick Burke, seconded by Jo Ann Davidson and the Board unanimously agreed the 2 structures on the property are blighted.** The Board addressed each of the two structures separately. The rear building (Structure 1) has a shed roof over a portion of the building that is decayed. **A motion was made by Rick Burke, seconded by Jo Ann Davidson and the Board unanimously agreed, require owners to repair the roof on the rear structure by Tuesday, December 6th.** Regarding Structure 2, the Board received permission to enter the property to assist in their establishing a list of items that must be corrected to remediate the blight conditions. **A motion was made by Rick Burke, seconded by Jo Ann Davidson and the Board unanimously agreed to request the owner install a continuous, unbroken safety fence around the entire Structure 2.**

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Rick Burke, seconded by Jo Ann Davidson, the hearing adjourned at 9:05 P.M. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 2016 @ 7:30 PM.

Michele Onofrio
Secretary

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