# BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING Administrative Conference Room – Fire Headquarters February 13, 2020 (DRAFT)

ATTENDANCE: Blight Prevention Boa	<u>rd</u>
Russ Blair Rick Burke Jeff Stewart Joe Strickland	X X X X
Blight Prevention Boa	rd Staff
Michele Onofrio Steve Smith	<u>X</u> <u>X</u>

January Minutes were approved.

# **Old Business**

# 11 Edgemarth Hill Rd. – Will Birnie <u>RECEIVED (3) N.O.V. – 11-20-15, 2-18-2016 & 11-30-16</u>

Mr. Birnie attended the meeting. Steve Smith inspected the property. The view of the driveway still shows noticeable debris and continues to need remediation. The Board agreed more progress needs to be made. The Board requested the following debris to be removed by March 10, 2020. Remove buckets, hay and dead Privets. Consolidate Flagstone and either fire up, garage or remove truck in driveway entrance.

### **15 Maple Avenue North**

### Received N.O.V. 11-14-2019

The homeowner did not attend the hearing. The court appointed attorney, James Hogan Love and William Horelick attended the meeting. Steve Smith informed the Board that he inspected the outside of the property and as of Feb. 7, 2020, excessive amounts of garbage and trash on the lawn and abandoned motor vehicles have been removed. Steve Smith suggested to the Board the fine could be suspended as of the Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> date. He informed the Board that the Probate Court would preside over this property next week. Should the judge appoint Katherine Leong's brother as conservator to this property, he would come back to the Board at our March meeting with an acceptable remediate plan for this address. Upon motion by Rick Burke, seconded by Russ Blair and the Board unanimously agreed to suspend the fine and have an update of the remediation plan at our next meeting.

The fine has not been paid and remains as a lien on the property. No further discussion took place.

# 8 Mimi Lane

**Received N.O.V. 5-17-18** 

Michele Onofrio reported outside work slowed down due to the weather. No further discussion took place on this property.

### 34 Compo Road North\_

Received N.O.V. 7-18-19

Steve Smith reported to the Board, the inside has been remediated. Upon motion by Russ Blair, seconded by Jeff Stewart and the Board unanimously agreed to close the file.

### 7 Barbara Place

Received N.O.V. 11-14-2019

The property owner did not attend the meeting. The fine continues to accumulate. The Board requested to lien the property.

### 1 Fresenius Road

Received N.O.V. 1-9-2020

The homeowner, Mr. Giaume attended the meeting. Steve Smith reported the camping trailer and cars were still on the property and an entire panel of the fence is still down. Neighbors from Fresenius and Ruta Court attended the meeting. They voiced their concern with the condition of the property and the people lingering around in the yard during the day and sometimes night. Mr. Giaume admitted he allowed someone to live in the trailer on the property. The man is currently incarcerated. The Board discussed the condition of the property. Upon motion by Joe Strickland, seconded by Rick Burke and the Board unanimously agreed to send out a Municipal Citation and start the fine. The following conditions must be remediated by March 10<sup>th</sup>: Remove all garbage and trash, repair broken fence, register or remove vehicles, tree on house (back view) must be removed, any broken windows must be repaired with like material.

### **New Business**

# 189 Cross Highway

Steve Smith updated the Blight Board and showed a picture. The house remains vacant with windows boarded due to a 2017 fire. The family attorney Mark Kovac attended for the homeowner. Upon motion by Rick Burke, seconded by Jeff Stewart, the Board with one abstention agreed to blight the property. The following must be completed by March 10, 2020: Replace windows with like material, remove plywood, and make roof weather tight, repair fire damage and painting when weather permits.

### 22 Maple Avenue North

Michele Onofrio showed the Board pictures of the property and reminded the Board he has been on our agenda before. Steve Smith investigated and although the outside of the property is now cleaned up, the inoperable vehicles remained. The Board requested the vehicles needed to be put in the garage due to their condition or made operable by March 10, 2020. The homeowner agreed to this request.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Jeff Stewart, seconded by Russ Blair the hearing adjourned at 9:30 P.M.	Our
next meeting will be in March 12, 2020.	

Michele Onofrio, Secretary	

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