BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING Administrative Conference Room – Fire Headquarters May 14, 2020

Note: This meeting was held remotely by Zoom (DRAFT)

ATTENDANCE:	
Blight Prevention Bo	<u>oard</u>
Russ Blair	X
Rick Burke	X
Jeff Stewart	X
Joe Strickland	X
Lynn Goldberg	X
Blight Prevention Bo	oard Staff
Michele Onofrio	Χ
Steve Smith	<u>X</u>

February Minutes were approved.

Old Business

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

Upon review of recent photographs of the property and a visual inspection by Steve Smith, it was agreed that Mr. Birnie cleaned the main drive into the property as required by the Board. Additional photographs revealed a similar situation in a second driveway. The Board required that the second driveway be cleaned to the same level as the main driveway. The Board agreed that appropriate screening of the second driveway would be an acceptable solution.

15 Maple Avenue North

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

Steve Smith inspected the property and told the Board the house and property has been remediated. The owner's realtor attended via zoom and told the Board the house is on the market and a purchase offer is pending. The property owner's attorney, James Hogan Love, attended via zoom and requested that the Board consider modifying the fine. The Board agreed to discuss this issue at its next meeting. The Board was pleased with the progress of the blight mitigation at the property.

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 showed the Board photographs of the property. Mr. Sorge continues his remediation efforts. He requested another dumpster to be provided and the Board agreed to supply one on a date mutually agreeable to the Board and the property owner. Steve Smith requested that he would like to view the exterior of the property during the summer.

7 Barbara Place

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

Mr. Davis Owen, a member of the LLC that owns the property, attended the meeting. He explained to the Board he did not know the property was subject to a fine. He reported that the correspondence sent by the Board was sent to the other investor's home address. Mr. Owen is now managing the property and said the demolition permit would be filed the following week. He stated his intentions were to demolish the house and remove the fallen tree.

1 Fresenius Road

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

Steve Smith photographed the property during his site inspection. The photographs showed that parts of the fence are still down, and that the camper and other vehicles remained on the property. Michele Onofrio reported the homeowner, Mr. Giaume, requested a hearing with the Blight Board Hearing Officer to discuss his property. The hearing is postponed because of the Covid 19 shutdown. The Board agreed to keep the fine in place and will revisit the case after the Blight Board Hearing Officer renders his opinion.

189 Cross Highway

Michele Onofrio updated the Board and told them Diane Malone is now involved with this property. Diane Malone attended via zoom and told the Board she was not aware this property was blighted. She informed the Board she hired AA Wrecking and the house was going to be quickly demolished. Michele Onofrio and Steve Smith will report next month on the progress.

22 Maple Avenue North

Michele Onofrio showed the Board photographs of the property. The exterior of the property was cleaned. The inoperable cars remained and were not put in the garage as previously directed by the Board. The Board could see by observing the photographs the garages were full. The Board discussed the possibility of providing the homeowner with a dumpster to clean the garages, so he can put the vehicles in the garage.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Russ Blair, seconded by Lynn Goldberg, the hearing adjourned at 8:05 P.I	VI.
Our next meeting will be in June 11, 2020.	

Michele Onofrio, Secretary	

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