# BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

# December 9 & December 15, 2021

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

# ATTENDANCE: Blight Prevention Board Russ Blair X X Rick Burke X Y Jeff Stewart X Y Joe Strickland X Y Lynn Goldberg X Blight Prevention Board Staff Michele Onofrio X Steve Smith X

September Minutes were approved. (No October or November meeting)

# **Old Business**

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

Mr. Birnie did not attend the meeting. No discussion took place on this property.

# 1 Fresenius Road

Received M.C. 2-24-2020

Michele Onofrio updated the Board. The abandoned trailer was removed. Michele Onofrio spoke to the neighbor prior to the meeting and was informed the groundskeeper still lives in another trailer on the property.

#### 1 Twin Oaks Lane

Received M.C. 11-23-2020

The homeowner did not attend the meeting. Steve Smith updated the Board regarding an email received from our town attorney. The homeowner is interested in getting violations and liens resolved. Michele Onofrio updated the Board and said an additional dumpster was also added to the property. Steve Smith said the property and the homeowner's request would be discussed during an Executive Session meeting.

# 233 Hillspoint Rd

No update or discussion took place on this property.

# **New Business**

# 1 Charcoal Hill Road

Steve Smith updated the Board. This property was demolished, and reconstruction was begun without permits. The homeowner, Mr. Hernan Benitez told the Board he demolished and started rebuilding without permits because a tree fell on the house. Steve Smith reminded the Board and the residents that emergency demolition permits are issued in these extreme cases. The rebuilding without permits has nothing to do with the demolition of a structure. Mr. Benitez stated that he is in the process of getting Zoning and Conservation permits and once obtained, he will get a Building Permit. Joe Strickland made a motion, Lynn Goldberg seconded, and the Blight Board unanimously agreed the property was blighted. A \$100.00 a day fine would be effective immediately. Once the Building Permit is issued the homeowner may request that the fine be stopped.

A second meeting took place on December 15, 2021. Lynn Goldberg made a motion, Jeff Stewart seconded, to rescind the prior motion authorizing a fine. In the new motion the Board agreed to give the homeowner, 30 days to correct the violation by creating a weather tight structure, using finish materials, including but not limited to siding, windows, and standing and running trim that is consistent in character with normal residential construction. This work needs to be completed by January 14, 2022. The Board retains its right to reimpose the fine if this deadline is not met.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Rick Burke, seconded by Russ Blair, the hearing adjourned at 7:59 P.M. Our next meeting will be January 13, 2022.

December 15, 2021 - Upon motion by Rick Burke, seconded by Lynn Goldberg, the hearing adjourned at 11:19 A.M. Our next meeting will be January 13, 2022.

Michele Onofrio, Secretary

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