

BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
March 9, 2023  
Note: This meeting was held remotely by Zoom  
(DRAFT)

**ATTENDANCE:**

Blight Prevention Board

Russ Blair	<u>          X          </u>
Rick Burke	<u>          X          </u>
Jeff Stewart	<u>                          </u>
Joe Strickland	<u>          X          </u>
Lynn Goldberg	<u>          X          </u>

Blight Prevention Board Staff

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

January & February Minutes were approved.

**Old Business**

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

The property is under new ownership. The owner could not attend the meeting. The Board agreed to give him 30 days to update us on his plans for the property and how he plans to mitigate the existing blight conditions. Michele Onofrio will contact the owner and ask him to attend the next meeting.

**New Business**

**35 Owenoke Park – Lucy Prager**

Michele Onofrio showed pictures to the Board of debris in the driveway. One of the co-owners attended the meeting. She explained that she does not live on the property, her brother does. Although the pictures showed the driveway, Michele Onofrio told the Board complaints were received regarding debris in the back and side yards. After Board questions and discussion with the co-owner, Rick Burke motioned to Blight the property, Lynn Goldberg Seconded and The Board unanimously agreed. The owners must remediate the entire property of garbage and debris. Evidence of remediation of the property that cannot be seen via the public right of way

must be photographed and time stamped to show the completed remediation. This must be remediated by April 11, 2023.

## **New Business**

### **233 Hillspoint – Gilbert Cohen**

Steve Smith updated the Board on the history of the property and the litigation the owner(s) were engaged in. Jim Ezzes from the ZBA was also in attendance and confirmed the owner(s) now have an approval for specific plans to finish building the house. Steve Smith also explained the owner(s) have a building permit to remove the Chimney and Cupola that that will expire on March 16, 2023. The Board agreed the owner(s) had enough time to remove the Chimney and Coupola and that supply chain issues, which were mentioned as a possible hindrance to completing the work, does not interfere with their removal. Rick Burke Motioned to Blight the property, Lynn Goldberg seconded, and the board unanimously agreed the owner(s) have until March 23, 2023, to remove the Chimney and Coupola. In addition, and in order to maintain an active Building permit, the owner(s) must update the Board monthly that the property is undergoing construction. Any debris created during the Chimney and Coupla demolition must be disposed of properly off site. Further, the orange fence needs to be removed or re-established into its intended use configuration and maintained. It should be noted that several interested parties attended the meeting and offered their thoughts about the state of the property and its detrimental effect on the neighborhood.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The hearing adjourned at 8:05 P.M. Our next meeting will be April 13, 2023.

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Michele Onofrio, Secretary

### **Distribution:**

Mary Young, Director, Planning & Zoning  
Elaine Daignault, Department of Human Services  
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