

BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
Administrative Conference Room – Fire Headquarters
October 9, 2014 – 6:30 Pm
(FINAL)

ATTENDANCE:

Blight Prevention Board

Russ Blair	_____X_____
Rick Burke	_____
Jo Ann Davidson	_____X_____
Jeff Stewart	_____X_____
Joe Strickland	_____X_____

Blight Prevention Board Staff

Michele Onofrio	_____X_____
Steve Smith	_____

September Minutes were approved.

11 Edgemarth Hill Rd.

Mr. Will Birnie, the homeowner, did not attend the meeting. Jeff Stewart updated the Board on Mr. Birnie's progress in cleaning up his property. To date he has removed a total of 5 cars, providing copies of receipts verifying their removal by a salvage company. Jo Ann Davidson noted that the tiers of white buckets were also removed. Mr. Bernie will be contacted by the Board to provide the next steps necessary in the continued efforts of cleaning up his property.

22 Maple Avenue N.

The homeowner, Mr. Callirgos, attended the meeting. Several neighbors in attendance addressed the Board and Mr. Callirgos with their concerns which included: peeling house paint; a missing gable vent; the need for covering holes in the exterior to prevent rodent entry; unsightly piles of firewood strewn about the property; and the status of the 4 vehicles parked on the property.

Mr. Callirgos addressed the Board. He stated that only one of the vehicles on the property was unregistered. He stated that he has faced some economic challenges including job loss and medical payment obligations. He further stated that he has been trying to clean up a little at a time, while currently working two part-time jobs, over a 65 hour work week. He will continue working outside cleaning up until the weather gets cold. The Board chairman, Joe Strickland, suggested that the Human Services Department might be a worthwhile Town resource for Mr. Callirgos to contact. Joe said that Michele Onofrio, Board support staff, could help set up a meeting with them.

After discussion among the Board members, it was determined and Joe Strickland stated the property would not be deemed blighted at this time. The Board asked that Mr. Callirgos call Michele Onofrio in the next 30 days and establish a plan to clean up the property that represented a reasonable opportunity for success. Mr. Callirgos agreed to attend the December 11th meeting to report on his progress.

1 Strathmore Lane

The Homeowner sent an email to Steve Smith, Blight Officer, which was shared with the Board stating that a loan servicer is foreclosing on the house. The Board expressed a need to verify who currently owns the house. This information will determine who is the correct party to whom the blight citations must be sent.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Jo Ann Davidson, seconded by Russ Blair, the hearing adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Michele Onofrio
Secretary

Distribution:

Larry Bradley, Director, Planning & Zoning
Barbara Butler, Director, Department of Human Services
Dale Call, Chief of Police
Mark Cooper, Director, Health District
Andrew Kingsbury, Fire Chief
Carol Leahy, Staff, Historic District Commission
James S. Marpe, First Selectman

In Attendance

Joseph Coci – 88 Old Rd.

Nancy Bloom – 21 Maple Ave. N.

Arlene & Herbert Bloom – 86 Old Rd.

Greg Getschow – 17 Edgemarth Hill Rd.