

BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
Administrative Conference Room – Fire Headquarters
November 13, 2014 – 6:30 Pm
(DRAFT)

ATTENDANCE:

Blight Prevention Board

Russ Blair	<u> X </u>
Rick Burke	<u> X </u>
Jo Ann Davidson	<u> X </u>
Jeff Stewart	<u> X </u>
Joe Strickland	<u> X </u>

Blight Prevention Board Staff

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

October Minutes were approved.

11 Edgemarth Hill Rd.

Mr. Will Birnie, the homeowner, did not attend the meeting. Mr. Birnie stopped by the blight dept. office and updated Michele Onofrio. He has removed one additional car, with a total of 6 cars removed. The Board continues to be pleased with Mr. Birnie's progress. Joe Strickland requested we contact him and would like him to attend our meeting on December 11, to give us an update.

22 Maple Avenue N.

The homeowner, Mr. Calligos, contacted Michele Onofrio with a plan to clean up his property. He informed Michele he removed all the unsightly piles of firewood in front of his house. He will remove the wood on the side of his house in April 2015. He will repair the gable vent on his house sometime in December upon his return from Peru. In June or July of 2015 he will paint the house. He plans on attending the December 11, 2014 meeting. The Board will mail a copy of the meeting minutes and remind Mr. Calligos to attend the December meeting.

1 Strathmore Lane

It was determined that Nancy Vorel is the legal owner of the house at this time. Steve Smith said the time has come to determine the next steps as we have notified the owner of record. Rick Burke wanted to discuss if the house is repairable. Steve Smith said the homeowner has two options, fix up the house or consider demolishing the structure. After discussing the structure, the following motion was made by Jeff Stewart, seconded by Rick Burke and the Board unanimously agreed the following must be done by Monday, December 15, 2014:

- Remove Tarp
- Restore roof to a weather tight condition using roofing materials consistent with the neighborhood
- Make windows weather tight

A letter will be mailed out to Nancy Vorel and a copy to a law firm on record.

8 Drumlin Road

The homeowner did not attend the meeting. Michele Onofrio stated she did not receive a signed receipt from the certified mail that was sent out. The pictures of the house and property were shown to the Board. Pictures from the street did not show debris. All the debris is viewed from the neighbor's yard. The Board discussed the practicality of removing the debris. Rick Burke felt the debris was only there for a short amount of time based on the condition of it via the pictures. The complaintee did not attend the meeting, nor was he or she there when Steve Smith investigated the property; a designated time had been set up. The Board decided to take no action and to proceed if new information becomes available.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Jo Ann Davidson, seconded by Russ Blair, the hearing adjourned at 7:30 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

Herbert Bloom – 86 Old Rd.

Myra Hess – resident

Peter Knight - RTM