

BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

June 8, 2023

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Blight Prevention Board

Russ Blair	_____X_____
Rick Burke	_____
Jeff Stewart	_____X_____
Joe Strickland	_____X_____
Lynn Goldberg	_____

Blight Prevention Board Staff

Michele Onofrio	_____X_____
Steve Smith	_____X_____

May 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 owner could not attend the meeting. Michele Onofrio updated the Blight Board. The new owner continues working on resolving various legal issues involved in the transfer of the property. He is expecting a Court approved resolution shortly.

**233 Hillspoint – Gilbert Cohen**

The owner, Mr. Cohen attended the meeting. Steve Smith updated the Board. At the time of the Blight Board meeting, the windows had not been relocated, according to the agreement reached with the ZBA, and the siding was not installed, which was a requirement of the Blight Board. Mr. Cohen told the Board his builder quit before the required work could be completed. Steve Smith told the Board and Mr. Cohen, that a lot of time has passed, and he recommends starting to fine the property owner. The Board agreed that the citation initiating a fine should move forward.

## **New Business**

### **1 Charcoal Hill**

Michele Onofrio showed the Board and residents in attendance pictures of the property. During the time between the Blight letter being sent and the Blight Board meeting date, the owner, Mr. Galloway made improvements to the condition of the property. He explained along with the realtor representing the property, the house is for sale. It was reported that the property is available for sale in its current, partially completed state. However, during the sale period the owner will continue to complete the construction of the property. The Board agreed to this dual approach to the property remediation and agreed that the property was not blighted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The hearing adjourned at 7:53 P.M. Our next meeting will be July 13, 2023.

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Michele Onofrio, Secretary

### **Distribution:**

Mary Young, Director, Planning & Zoning  
Elaine Daignault, Department of Human Services  
Foti Koskinas, Chief of Police  
Mark Cooper, Director, Health District  
Nicholas Marsan, Acting Fire Chief  
Donna Douglass, Historic District Commission  
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