

BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
September 14, 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> </u>

August 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 new owner, Scott Maronna, did not attend the meeting. The Board agreed to re-visit this property next month.

233 Hillspoint – Gilbert Cohen

The owner, Mr. Cohen, did not attend the meeting. Michele Onofrio reported that the Blight fine continues to accumulate.

164 Newtown Turnpike

Michele Onofrio showed the Board and others in attendance photographs of the property. The homeowner did not attend the meeting. Last month the homeowner agreed to re-organize the equipment on his property. The photographs presented at the meeting indicated that no progress was made in his efforts to organize the backyard over the last month. Neighbors in attendance stated although the street view looks good, the backyard view is untidy. The Board agreed to keep this on the agenda and Michele Onofrio will contact the homeowner and address the backyard issues.

8 Palmieri Road

Michele Onofrio showed the Board and others in attendance photographs of the property. The homeowner did not attend the meeting. The Board agreed the homeowner had made an effort to remediate some of the property. Michele Onofrio spoke to the homeowner, and he is in the process of looking for a storage facility to replace the containers in the front and side yard. The Board agreed to keep this property on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

22 Maple Avenue North

Michele Onofrio explained to the Board she has received numerous phone calls regarding the condition of the property. Michele showed the Board and those in attendance a photograph that shows three (3) inoperable cars in the driveway. The neighbors are complaining about these vehicles, and debris in the driveway. The property has been on our agenda several times for the same issues. Lynn Goldberg motioned that the property was blighted, the owner must remove the inoperable vehicles or make them operable again. The property must be remediated by October 10, 2023, Rick Burke seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed. The Board retains all rights going forward to fine the property owner if the property is not remediated by the October 10th deadline.

2 Palmieri Road

The homeowner did not attend the meeting. Michele Onofrio told the Board the owner received a notification letter to attend the Hearing. In response, the homeowner removed two (2) inoperable vehicles. The neighbors in attendance confirmed he is working on cleaning up his yard. The Board would like to keep this property on the agenda.

5 Hiawatha Ln

Michele Onofrio showed the Board a photograph of the property. She explained that in the past few years the property periodically has garbage and debris in the front yard and road area. Michele explained this address is the subject of complaint calls throughout the year regarding the overturned garbage pails and debris on the ground. The Homeowner attended the meeting, he rents out multiple apartments at this address. He said he cannot control the way the tenants take care of their garbage. Michele Onofrio reminded him many people rent out their property and they do not have this problem. The Board agreed the property must be kept tidy. The Board would like to keep this property on the agenda for next month.

ADJOURNMENT

The hearing adjourned at 7:55 P.M. Our next meeting will be October 12, 2023.

Michele Onofrio, Secretary

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