

BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

February 8, 2024

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>    X    </u>
Joe Strickland	<u>    X    </u>
Lynn Goldberg	<u>    -    </u>

Blight Prevention Board Staff

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

January Minutes were approved.

**Old Business**

**233 Hillspoint Rd**

The property was sold in January 2024, at which time the outstanding Blight fine was paid in full. The change of ownership and payment of the blight fine do not automatically remediate the blight on the property. Therefore, per the Blight regulations, the new owner requested a 30-day moratorium on a new blight fine being imposed which was granted by the Blight enforcement officer. The new owner has said that he is anxious to start work to complete the construction on the property as quickly as possible. All Board members were pleased with the work already being done under the new ownership.

**New Business**

Discussion on amending the Blight Ordinance

Joe Strickland, Michele Onofrio and Steve Smith had a meeting with the town attorney regarding adding some additional items to our blight ordinance. Joe Strickland discussed with the Board the possibility of adding peeling paint, dangerous trees, and temporary storage containers to the ordinance. Rick Burke felt storage containers fall under the jurisdiction of Planning and Zoning. Rick would like to attend the next meeting with the town attorney regarding updating the blight ordinance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The hearing adjourned at 7:13 P.M. Our next meeting will be March 14, 2024.

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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  
Mark Amatrudo, Interim Fire Chief  
Donna Douglass, Historic District Commission  
Jennifer Tooker, First Selectwoman