

BLIGHT PREVENTION BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

July 11, 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>
Alex Geer	<u>    X    </u>

Blight Prevention Board Staff

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

May Minutes – Not Approved – Some Board members did not review

**New Business**

Discussion - Amending the Blight Ordinance

Our Town Attorney, Eileen Flug, presented the new changes the Board had previously discussed. Alex Geer made a motion to approve the changes to the Blight ordinance, Jeff Stewart seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. Eileen Flug will submit the revised Blight Ordinance to Lou Mall, an RTM member, who volunteered to submit them to the RTM for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading in September.

**Old Business**

**437 Riverside**

Michele Onofrio presented pictures of the property to the Board. The homeowner did not attend the meeting. The Blight Board discussed the house and accessory structure and agreed both were in need of remediation. Rick Burke motioned to Blight the property, Jeff Stewart seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. The following needs to be remediated by Tuesday, August 6, 2024, Main structure - repair open holes in the wall and replace broken windows.

Accessory structure - repair or replace rotted roof and remediate boarded up windows.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The hearing adjourned at 8:06 P.M. Our next meeting will be August 8, 2024.

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Michele Onofrio, Secretary

**Distribution:**

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