



Town of Ridgefield
Blight Prevention Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes
May 28th 11am

Present: First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Building Official Jason Celestino, Planning and Zoning Director Alice Dew, Health Director Ed Briggs and Recording Secretary Rebecca Ramirez

Absent: Fire Marshal Drew Loya

Guests: Julien Britz, Lorraine Merritt Trapani, Dave Liederbach, Steven Seagriff, Todd Payne, Margaret Powell and Michael Elliott.

1. 84 Mamanasco Road

This property used to be owned by a resident who no longer lives here. She was approached years ago by First Selectman Rudy Marconi because a builder wanted to purchase the house. Jason Celestino said this house should just be torn down. There are odds and ends in backyard and First Selectman Rudy Marconi said something will be done here. The board will drive by the house to inspect it. First Selectman Rudy Marconi moved to accept 84 Mamanasco Road as blight. Ed Briggs second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

2. 80 Silver Spring Lane

First Selectman Rudy Marconi said this house is barely visible from the road according to images. The board will drive by the house to take a closer look. Jason Celestino moved to accept 80 Silver Spring Lane as blight. Alice Dew second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

3. 275 Mountain Road

The board has agreed that this property is not blight. Alice Dew looked into whether this could have been a zoning issue. It was agreed to take this address off the agenda. Ed Briggs moved to decide that 275 Mountain Road is not blight. Alice Dew second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

4. 12 Clearview Drive

The board has agreed that this property is not blight. First Selectman Rudy Marconi said that a civil issue does not constitute as blight. Alice Dew moved to decide that 12 Clearview Drive is not blight. Jason Celestino second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

5. 29 Lakeview Drive

First Selectman Rudy Marconi stated that the judge handling this case gave an allowance for a continuance of up to June 15th. There was a mishandling of placing a fence into the ground around the property by the owner and Caleb Johnson of the wetlands department did not sign off. Jason Celestino said that if he properly puts the fence up and fills out a demolition permit then Caleb will sign off. Despite a proposal made by town attorney Alex Copp to request a discontinuance, the court objected and provided Mr. Perriera more time to clean up and said he has until the first week of June for demolition. There was a concern that there is lead paint around the house where the fence is. Jason Celestino said if it's under 10 cubic yards it can be disposed of residentially. The home owner is responsible for doing the work themselves. The board will continue discussing this based on the court proceedings.

6. 120 Ivy Hill Road

This house has been sold. Even though the new owner has already begun the work, Alice Dew said that not much has been done here. Jason Celestino said this property should be left on the agenda. It will be continued for next time.

7. Meeting Minutes

Alice Dew moved to approve the Blight Prevention Board Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2024. Jason Celestino second the motion. Ed Briggs abstains. Motion carries 3-0-1.

Ed Briggs moved to adjourn the May 28, 2024 Blight Prevention Board Meeting at 11:16 am. Alice Dew second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.