



Town of Ridgefield
Blight Prevention Board Meeting Approved Minutes
March 18, 2025, 11am

Present: First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Building Official Jason Celestino, Planning and Zoning Director Alice Dew, Recording Secretary Rebecca Ramirez, Jennifer Zbell (filling in for Ed Briggs, health director) and Fire Marshal Drew Loya.

Guests: Jeff Londona, Julianne Harris and Joanna Chin.

1. 122 Lakeside Drive

Due to a disability, the property owner was not able to resolve blight matters. The board granted her an extension until the end of March to clean up the property. Mr. Marconi asked to have the father's club assist her with cleaning up the blight issues. I will ask her for permission to do so with a follow up phone call. The house will be kept on the agenda until the next meeting.

2. 346 Bennett's Farm Road

A police officer drove by the house and said the car was up on bricks and being repaired. The blight ordinance states cars must be registered to be on property. The car's registration is expired so the blight prevention board secretary will send a letter to the owner to have the registration renewed.

3. 80 Silver Spring Lane

A police officer drove by and said the cars were in the process of being pulled off the property. The address will be kept on the agenda going forward. Someone from the blight board will take a drive by to see the current standing of the vehicles.

4. 84 Mamasco Road

This home will be donated to the town and there will be an expense. The property and the property next door are both in her name. She wanted to donate both properties but wasn't able to. There will be another board of selectpersons meeting and it will be mentioned.

5. 29 Lakeview Drive

There was a tax sale on this property. The paperwork will be filed. The total cost is around \$300,000 for any individual willing to purchase the property. The foreclosure begins on Monday March 24th, 2025. The machine on the property will also be cleaned up.

6. 12 Clearview Drive

Jeff Londona joined the call and expressed his concern that there are still piles of wood and fencing still lined up against his fence. He said there is still construction and debris. There still continues to be piles of boxes and garbage. He said it continues even after the garbage man comes. Jennifer Zbell will take a look regarding health concerns about the bags of dog waste. A letter of intent to fine will be sent to the property owner. If no improvements are made, then the fines will commence. Drew Loya made a motion to send a letter of intent to fine, Alice Dew seconded the motion, motion carries 5-0.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 18th, 2025

Alice Dew made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 18th, 2025. Drew Loya seconded the motion, motion carries 5-0.

Jennifer Zbell made a motion to adjourn the March 18th, 2025 blight prevention board at 11:32 am. Alice Dew seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0.