



Town of Ridgefield
Blight Prevention Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes
September 15th, 2026, 11am Via Zoom

Present: Building Official Jason Celestino, Director of Planning and Zoning Aarti Paranjape, Director of Health Jennifer Zbell, and Recording Secretary Renee Petrillo

Absent: First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Fire Marshall, Drew Loya

Guest(s): 0

Meeting Called to order by Building Inspector, Jason Celestino at 11:01am.

1. 51 Tally Ho Rd

Jason Celestino, Building Inspector drove by property last week. States there is tall grass. Jennifer Zbell, Health Department Director drove by as well, stating tall grass but no other signs of what would be considered Blight. Jason Celestino stated per the Blight Ordinance this is not Blight. If property continues to be neglected by homeowner it could become Blight in the future. The Board would like to vote "No Blight" in the next Blight Meeting. In the meantime, Blight Prevention Board Secretary, Renee Petrillo will send another letter to homeowner of 51 Tally Ho Road. This letter will note that the property is borderline of becoming Blight and to prevent this the Town of Ridgefield would like to help with homeowner's permission by having a volunteer organization to come in and cut the high grass. The town cannot proceed with assistance until we have permission granted from the homeowner.

2. 84 Mamanasco Road

Waiting on Rudy's comments in next meeting- this is not Blight will be removed from agenda.

3. 29 Lakeview Rd. – This is now town owned- take off Blight Agenda

4. 43 Danbury Rd

Tree warden has removed tree stumps.

Update from P & Z – A pre-construction meeting will be planned, which includes all parties involved; P&Z, Fire Marshall, Building Inspector, Health Director. There is a pause and cease letter for 43 Danbury Rd until this meeting occurs. This is not Blight, but the Blight Prevention Board will keep an eye on it's progress.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 18thth, 2026

Motion made by Jennifer Zbell, 2nd by Aarti Paranjape, All in favor

Next meeting is October 20th at 11:00 am

Motion to adjourn at 11:11am

Motion by Jason Celestino

Seconded by Aarti Paranjape

All in favor