

Blight Prevention Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 10:00am

Via Zoom, in accordance with Executive Order 7B

Meeting Minutes approved

Please note these minutes are not verbatim

Zoom Meeting Code:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9VOI0ShkSeSv6g63vguEQQ

Attendees: First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Building Official Jason Celestino, Zoning Enforcement Officer Richard Baldelli, Health Director Ed Briggs, and Recording Secretary Gillian Sheerin

Absent: Fire Marshal Guy Mignilas

Rudy called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

1. Map-E14, Lot-0242

Mr. Baldelli discussed the agreement between the Planning and Zoning Department and the property owner, which requires the property to be in compliance with zoning regulations no later than July 9, 2021. Mr. Baldelli suggested that in the meantime, the Board should continue forward with the blight complaint.

Mr. Marconi motioned to classify the property located at Map-E14, Lot-0242, as blighted. Mr. Baldelli second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

2. 27 Jefferson Drive

The property is in foreclosure and currently has an offer on it. Mr. Briggs commented that the property is not blight because the structure is completely intact and the only issue is the overgrown grass and brush. Mr. Baldelli added that if the property is not addressed in the next couple of months it will start deteriorate pretty quickly, however he agrees that at the moment the building itself does not qualify as Blight. The Board will review the property again at the next meeting.

No motions were made.

3. 120 Ivy Hill Rd

Mr. Marconi will bring the offer to sell the property to the Town to the next Board of Selectman meeting, but does not feel it will be an ideal property for the Town. Mr. Baldelli recommends that the Board continue moving forward with the Blight process.

Mr. Baldelli motioned to classify 120 Ivy Hill Rd as blighted and continue forward with the enforcement process. Mr. Celestino second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

4. 44 Highview Drive

The Board acknowledged the progress that has been made over the past few months, however the property still has a dirt pile in the driveway, a back hoe parked on the side of the house, a pod in the front yard, a dumpster in the side yard, and the front yard is not properly cleaned up. The Board discussed moving forward with the penalties discussed in the previous BPB meeting.

Mr. Baldelli motioned to institute the fine proceedings for 44 Highview Drive in a manner as was described by Mr. Marconi. Mr. Marconi will notify Attorney Copp at Cohen and Wolf. Mr. Briggs second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

5. 29 Lakeview Drive

Mr. Marconi commented that there is not much to report and he will follow up with Attorney Copp.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 1, 2021 and April 20, 2021

Mr. Baldelli motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 1, 2021 and April 20, 2021. Mr. Celestino second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Mr. Baldelli motioned to adjourn the June 22, 2021 BPB Meeting. Mr. Briggs second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.