

**Town of Ridgefield
Blight Prevention Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:00am
Lower Level Small Conference Room
Town Hall, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

Meeting Minutes-Approved

Please note these minutes are not verbatim

Attendees: Health Director Ed Briggs, Building Official Jason Celestino, Zoning Enforcement Officer Richard Baldelli, and Recording Secretary Cristina Santoianni

Absent: First Selectman Rudy Marconi, and Fire Marshal Guy Miglinas,

Guests: Wilson Rivera (82 Cooper Rd), Sue Bareille (Katonah, NY), Lois Tebbutt (8 Strawberry Ridge Rd), Leslie White (6 Strawberry Ridge Rd), and William Murrell (14 Strawberry Ridge Rd)

Mr. Baldelli called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

1. **82 Cooper Rd:** A Determination of blight may be made

Mr. Rivera provided documents of three vehicles he registered and will be removing one vehicle by the end of the week. Mr. Rivera also provided photos showing the progress that he and his hired help have made by removing debris from his house into a thirty-yard dumpster during weekends.

Ms. Bareille (neighbors mother) recognized the improvements made to the property but expressed concern about what may be seeping into the ground through Mr. Rivera's property into her sons well water.

The Board agreed that progress has been made and may take some time before the clean-up is completed.

Mr. Baldelli motioned to continue with an additional 30-day extension. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

2. **10 Strawberry Ridge Rd:** Citation still in progress

The Board saw no improvements to the property except that a vehicle had been removed. Debris on the property remains as well as broken sports equipment, damaged siding, damaged gutters, and a deteriorating deck. The citation to Mr. Mark Mauldin has been discontinued after new ownership began during the first week of January 2019. The Board decided to issue a citation to the current owners, US Bank, effective today.

Mr. Baldelli motioned to issue a citation to US Bank. Mr. Celestino seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0, motioned passed.

3. **29 Lakeview Dr:** In litigation. Possible executive session.

No motions made.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** January 22, 2019

Mr. Briggs motioned to approve the January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Celestino seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

Mr. Baldelli motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0, motion passed.