

Blight Prevention Board Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2017 (approved)

Please note these minutes are not verbatim

Attendees: First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Zoning Enforcement Officer Richard Baldelli, Building Official Bill Reynolds, Health Director Ed Briggs, Fire Marshall Mickey Grasso and Recording Secretary Linda Andrews.

Guests: John Metzger (21 Colonial Lane), Kristie Brady (12 Colonial Lane), Karen Kleinman (168 Branchville Rd).

Agenda:

1. 29 Colonial Lane- Notice of Violation
2. 197 Branchville Rd.- Determination of Blight
3. New Complaints- 610 Bennett's Farm Rd.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes- February 28, 2017
5. Old/New Business

Mr. Marconi called the Blight Prevention Board meeting to order at 10:02 am.

1. 29 Colonial Lane- Mr. Baldelli and Mr. Grasso stated that there had been no further action on the property since our last meeting. Mr. Reynolds said that a Building Department unsafe notice was sent to Mr. Macko on 3/17 (via certified and regular mail) with instructions to board up the property and make it inaccessible. Mr. Grasso said it was a potential fire hazard. The Blight Prevention Board Ordinance was read by Mr. Marconi and the Board was asked if a citation should be issued. Mr. Marconi read the citation section of the Ordinance and the Board discussed the frequency of the citation, the cost of the violation and the delivery method of the citation. Mr. Marconi suggested that we send one citation and see what response comes forth. Mr. Marconi motioned to issue a citation for a violation and Mr. Briggs seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0, motion carried. Mr. Metzger suggested that if, by the end of April, there has been no progress on the property, the town remediate the property and bill the owner. Mr. Reynolds noted that a court order would be necessary to go onto the property. The Town's Blight enforcement policy was briefly explained to Mr. Metzger at that time.
2. 197 Branchville Road- Helen Toama, property owner, and Mr. Marconi spoke on the phone prior to the BPB meeting and it was conveyed to the owner that she would be given 30 days to respond to the Blight complaint that was issued on her property. Bill Reynolds had also spoken with Ms. Toama regarding the open doors in the front, back and basement of the

house. Mr Reynold noted that the doors have since been closed and locked. Mr. Marconi stated that the house is still dilapidated. Mr. Briggs motioned to grant the owner a 30 day extension and Mr. Baldelli seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0, motion passed. Ms. Kleinman asked if the issues with the house will be resolved. Mr. Marconi replied that we will make a determination in 30 days at our next BPB meeting.

3. 610 Bennetts Farm Road- It was determined that the actual property address is #616 Bennett's Farm Road and the owner is Eureka. Mr. Grasso stated that some of the boards enclosing the property had been removed and the building and property had been accessed. Mr. Reynolds agreed to contact Eureka V regarding the building. The Board agreed to make an investigation of the property.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes- February 28, 2017. Mr. Baldelli motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes and Mr. Briggs seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0. Motion passed.
5. Old/New Business- There was no new business to discuss.
6. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.