

Blight Prevention Board Meeting Minutes for January 24, 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), Barbara Serfilippi (32 Colonial Lane) and Kristie Brady (12 Colonial Lane).

Agenda

- 1. 28 Catoonah Street- Continuance of Determination of Violation Hearing**
- 2. 29 Colonial Lane- Determination of Blight**
- 3. New Complaints**
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 22, 2016**
- 5. Old/New Business**

Mr. Marconi called the Blight Prevention Board to order at 10:00 am.

1. 28 Catoonah Street

Mr. Reynolds stated that the building is down. Mr. Grasso noted that the fence remains standing and Mr. Baldelli suggested that it may keep people out. Mr. Baldelli moved and Mr. Reynolds seconded a motion to issue a determination of No Blight. The Board voted 5-0. Motion passed.

2. 29 Colonial Lane

Mr. Baldelli noted heavy overgrowth, building debris and parts of the building missing. Mr. Reynolds reported that part of the foundation is missing or collapsed and that an unsafe notice should be set out. Mr. Baldelli stated that it is his opinion that it is collectively blight. John Macko had not been notified in advance that his property was being investigated for a blight violation. Mr. Metzger commented that he has attempted to talk with Mr. Macko but to no avail. Mrs. Serfilippi commented that the problem has been ongoing for at least 6 years. Mr. Grasso noticed an unsecured window and a trench that are safety hazards from an emergency standpoint. Mr. Reynolds also noted that access to the basement is open. Mr. Metzger stated the neighbors are worried about infestation and Mr. Briggs replied that under public health code he has the right to enter the property. Mr. Marconi instructed that the owner should be notified that a probable violation exists and to ask the owner to attend a hearing before the Blight Prevention Board. It was agreed to discuss the property at the next meeting. Vote was held in abeyance.

Note: Anyone requiring special accommodations due to disability is asked to contact the First Selectman's office at (203) 431- 2774.

3. New Complaints:

197 Branchville Rd: Mr. Marconi received a written message just prior to the meeting regarding the property and how it has been vacant for a long time, is a mess and rodent infestation is suspected. The caller was advised to send in a letter to the Blight Prevention Board.

29 Lakeview Drive: Mr. Marconi had received an email regarding 29 Lakeview that was to be distributed to all of the board members. The property is under construction and has open building and septic repair TOR permits. There are questions regarding livability. A notice is to be sent out to the owner that the property will be on the agenda for the February meeting.

4. November 22, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Mr. Marconi moved and Mr. Briggs seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30. All agreed.