

Blight Prevention Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 10:00am

Via Zoom, in accordance with Executive Order 7B

Town Hall, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Meeting Minutes-Unapproved

Please note these minutes are not verbatim

Zoom Meeting Code:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3mlidGJnQOaMheJiWrr6ug

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

Guests: none

Mr. Marconi called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Rudy asked if anyone had anything to add or if we have received any new complaints.

1. **44 Highview Drive:** Follow up

The property issues were discussed.

Mr. Baldelli commented that the property is and has always been in a perpetual state of messy disarray and he can understand why the neighbors are frustrated. He also said he dealt with this individual on another property at a different location with similar issues and that the individual is very difficult to make progress with.

Mr. Celestino commented that the individual has a development application pending for the porch, however he will not get a permit until he satisfies the Zoning requirements.

Mr. Celestino and Mr. Briggs said they are not sure it is considered Blight.

Mr. Marconi suggested that the property is blighted based on the amount of time the property has been in this state and that nothing has been done to improve it. He cited the front yard has an incomplete porch, dumpster, pile of dirt, vehicles, etc.

Mr. Baldelli motioned a determination of Blight in pursuance to the town ordinance.

Mr. Marconi read section 235-2 from the blight ordinance.

A discussion was had regarding how the property has not been adequately maintained (section 235-2E).

Mr. Celestino second the motion.

The members voted 5-0 in favor of blight.

2. **29 Lakeview Drive:** Follow up

Mr. Marconi said he has not heard from the BPB attorney. The case has not progressed in the court system. He will follow up once he hears from Alex.

Mr. Baldelli commented that the last filed court motion was on September 29, 2019 and there has been no action since.

No vote was taken

3. **32 Catoonah Street:** follow up

Mr. Baldelli said he inspected the property and does not see anything that can be considered blight.

Mr. Marconi and Mr. Celestino agreed.

Mr. Baldelli motioned a determination of no blight.

Mr. Miglinas second the motion.

The board voted 5-0 in favor of No Blight.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes August 25, 2020**

Rudy asked if anyone has any additions or changes.

Mr. Briggs made a motion to approve. Mr. Miglinas second the motion.

The board voted 5-0 to approve motion.

Mr. Marconi asked if the board wants to meet in November. Everyone agreed to meet November 24, 2020 at 10am.

Mr. Marconi adjourned the meeting at 10:23am