



Blight Prevention Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:00am

Via Zoom, in accordance with Executive Order 7B

Meeting Minutes Approved

Please note these minutes are not verbatim.

Attendees: First Selectman Rudy Marconi (arrived late), Building Official Jason Celestino, Health Director Ed Briggs, and Recording Secretary Gillian Sheerin, Fire Marshal Guy Mignilas, Planning and Zoning Director Alice Dew

1. 20 Flat Rock Drive

J. Celestino drove by the property last week and commented that tall grass does not violate the Blight Ordinance.

J. Celestino motioned a determination of no blight for the property 20 Flat Rock Drive.

G. Mignilas second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

2. 82 Cooper Road

There was a determination of blight against this property a few years ago. The property owner cleaned it up and the Board eventually determined no blight. A new complaint was filed so the Board will investigate the property again.

J. Celestino motioned to accept the complaint against 82 Cooper Road. A. Dew second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

R. Marconi arrived at the meeting 10.26am.

3. 120 Ivy Hill Road

R. Marconi met with Chris Murray, the direct neighbor, and another man who lives down the road and may be interested in purchasing 120 Ivy Hill.

The Board discussed the close proximity of the house to the property line, and the idea of the Town taking on the demolition of the structure.

According to the Ordinance, the Town is able to correct the action on the property and take out a lien. R. Marconi commented that due to the property owner's financial status the Town would most likely not get the money back in if a lien is placed.

Another option is for the property owner to donate the land to the Town in which case the Town would then forgive any fines that are due and proceed with demolition.

R. Marconi commented that Mr. Murray offered to donate \$1000 to the Town to help with whatever needs to be done for the cleanup.

J. Celestino commented that if the Town owns the property, they can demolish the structure themselves per the statute which states that an owner of a single-family residence can demolish a structure without a demolition license if that structure is not taller than 35 ft. and the demolition will not affect any other properties. The property will need to be checked for asbestos and an underground oil tank first. Removal of these could cost a lot.

R. Marconi said he will reach out to the home owner for permission to enter the property.

4. 29 Lakeview Drive

According to an update from Attorney Alex Copp, 29 Lakeview Drive is going back to the court but there is no date set yet.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 26, 2022

E. Briggs motioned to approve the Blight Prevention Board Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2022. A. Dew second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

R. Marconi motioned to adjourn the June 28, 2022 Blight Prevention Board Meeting.

A. Dew second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.