



Blight Prevention Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 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. 44 New Street

R. Marconi read the complaint for the record. The members of the Board reviewed the property and agree that it does not fall under blight. A letter will be sent to the complainant letting him know of the Board's decision.

2. 82 Cooper Road

J. Celestino visited the property last week and commented that there were several campers, cars etc in the yard, however when G. Miglinas visited this morning it had been cleaned up. The Board will review the property one more time to assess if there is blight. If not, a letter will be sent to the complainant. If there is blight, the property will be added to next month's agenda.

E. Briggs motioned a determination of no blight for the property 82 Cooper Road contingent upon a final review by the Board members. J. Celestino second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

3. 120 Ivy Hill Road

There has been no success in finding a buyer for the property due to the close proximity to powerlines. The next step is to get estimates on what it would cost the Town to take down the structure. In order for the Town to take action, there will need to be a meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

A. Dew suggested applying for a grant to turn it into recreational use, such as a parking lot for the Rail Trail.

4. 29 Lakeview Drive

The property continues to sit at the hands of the courts. Several residents joined the meeting to express their frustrations and ask questions.

Ellan Burns sent a letter to the Board asking about health conditions on the property. E. Briggs commented that it is impossible to enter the property due to the overgrown thorns etc.

Cynthia Crean, 28 Lakeview Drive, and Ellen Burns both expressed their frustrations with the litigation hold up and shared details on what they have seen going on at the property over the past few months.

The litigation hold up is out of the Boards hands. There will be a meeting scheduled with Alex Copp, the attorney handling the case, the Blight Prevention Board members and the residents.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 28, 2022

E. Briggs moved to approve the Blight Prevention Board Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2022. J. Celestino second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.