

BLIGHT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday October 8, 2019 6:00pm

A Blight Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti (Absent), Selectman Rick Fowler, Betsy Bosco, Bob Barry, Blight Enforcement Officer – Ashley Clement.

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Blight Enforcement Officer Updates – Ms. Clement shared updates on the active Blighted properties and voluntary compliance orders.

56 Brookfield Road: The Blight inspection done on August 8, 2019. An RVC was sent on August 12, 2019. Mr. Skibisky came into the office to speak with Ms. Clement about possibilities to get the property cleaned up and the compliant. They discussed his financial constraints and the possibility of looking into a Small Cities grant. Mr. Criss shared that there is not an administrator for the funds. Ms. Clement is trying to find other grants or financial options to help him. The property needs to be cleaned up and have old tarps replaced and to add new tarps or OSB to the areas that have no windows or doors. Mr. Barry knows a person that can possibly help with a reverse mortgage if that will help with the finances. Mr. Criss stated that its great that we are spending time to locate funds but we need resolution now in the meantime and suggested that Mr. Skibitsky come up with and submit a plan within a week of what he is going to do now to temporarily secure and cover the openings and "eye sore" which can be seen from the road and the complainants house. Ms. Bosco made the motion to have the blight officer inform Mr. Skibitsky of a written plan submittal to the board within the week Mr. Barry seconded all were in favor.

131 Cemetery Road: The Blight inspection was on July 30, 2019. RVC set on July 30, 2019 (15 days, August 14, 2019). The second inspection was on August 14, 2019. The NOV was sent on August 20, 2019 (60days, October 18, 2019). The homeowner still has two (2) unregistered vehicles. Before citations start there the homeowner will have to get served as none of the certified mailing receipt cards have been received. If served, this will push this another sixty (60) days. Ms. Bosco made a motion to serve the property owner. Mr. Barry seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Criss also stated that Ms. Clement notify the blight attorney.

30 Breezy Hill Road: The Blight inspection was on August 8, 2019. RCV sent on August 8, 2019 (15 days, August 23, 2019). The homeowner called into the office to review the RVC he received. September 26, 2019 a drive by inspection was made and it was noticed that significant work has been made. He may ask for another extension. Ms. Clement felt that she would grant him another extension since he has made a lot of progress thus far. Mr. Criss asked Ms. Clement to

contact TAHD to finish dealing with the pool and if Town was not able to then contact Rob Rubbo the director.

120 Bull Road: The Blight inspection was made on August 27, 2019. The RCV sent on August 29, 2019 (15 days, September 12, 2019). The second attempt was made on September 12, 2019 (15 days, September 26, 2019). Ms. Clement waited an extra week to see if any of the letters were returned. NOV was sent on October 7, 2019 (60 days, December 9, 2019). There has been no communication from the homeowner about the Blight issues.

131 Clearview Avenue: The Blight inspection was made on August 27, 2019. The RVC was sent on August 29, 2019 (15 days, September 12, 2019). Homeowner called on September 3, 2019 to review the RVC. The homeowner had three (3) violations. Two (2) were addressed. The last issue is the peeling paint; getting a quote to have it painted. All vehicles are registered on the property.

Discuss current Reports on existing complaints – The five (5) existing Blighted properties are in the process of being resolved (see above). A discussion ensued about the Blight Ordinance #150.

Executive Session – Nothing at this time.

Adjournment – Mr. Barry made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm. Ms. Barry seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
Jen Bucci

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