

Present: Chairman Don Truskauskas, Anne Marie Buonocore, Alternate Member Daniel Thurston, Alternate Member Michelle Rewenko and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond

Absent: David Mathes, Joseph Marzullo, Todd Ouellette and Alternate Member Lynne Steincamp

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

Chairman Truskauskas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated with Alternate Member D. Thurston seated for J. Marzullo and Alternate Member M. Rewenko seated for T. Ouellette.

2. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 9/14/15 AND 9/28/15**

Item is tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a voting quorum.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT.**      None.

4. **DISCUSSION ON DRAFT BLIGHT ORDINANCE AND REVISED ORDINANCE 103 ABANDONED AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES PREPARED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN.**

Chairman Truskauskas questions why there are two ordinances involving abandoned vehicles. He believes that if abandoned vehicles are the real issue in town, there should be just one ordinance for that problem. The Blight Ordinance includes some things that would be difficult to enforce. In regards to the Blight Ordinance, Section 5 *Mowing*, D. Thurston states that Harwinton is mostly rural and some areas in town have large parcels where property owners do not mow a portion of their land. Would this constitute a violation of the ordinance?

Chairman Truskauskas also notes that Section 5's reference to "grass growing within six feet of any side yard property line adjoining a property on which a building or dwelling exists" should apply to vacant buildings and not homes that are occupied. Chairman Truskauskas also believes that the Board of Selectmen should not be the Blight Commission but that members of each land use commission should be members as they have a better understanding of the types of land use within the town. D. Thurston questions why the Board of Selectmen would want to involve themselves in controversial matters. A. Buonocore suggests and **motions** that First Selectman Michael Criss be invited to attend the next Zoning meeting scheduled for October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Blight Ordinance further. D. Thurston seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. **COMPLAINTS/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.**      The ZEO has sent notice that there is nothing to report.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**      None.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Letter from Zoning Commissioner Todd Ouellette dated 10/13/15 is received giving his resignation as a member. The commission accepts the resignation and will hold a Special Meeting on October 28, 2015 at 6:55 p.m. to appoint a new member to fill the vacant regular member position left by T. Ouellette.

8. **INVOICES.**      None.

9. **ADJOURN.**

D. Thurston **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., seconded by A. Buonocore. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond, Land Use Coordinator

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