

Town of Ridgefield Blight Prevention Board Meeting Approved Minutes March 26, 11am

Present: Rudy Marconi, Jason Celestino, Ed Briggs, Alice Dew, Drew Loya, Gillian Sheerin, Rebecca Ramirez

Guests: Jeff Londona, Chris Murray, Cindy Crean, Ellen Burns

1. 275 Mountain Road

A new complaint on 275 Mountain Rd was submitted. The complainant provided pictures which show slate, black stone and wood dispersed in the yard. Members of the board will take a drive by the property to determine if this is considered blight. A rubber tired back-hoe also exists on the property and the board will review to see if an unregistered vehicle stored on property is in violation of code number 349-1. In the next blight meeting, the board will decide whether to move forward.

2. 12 Clearview Drive

A longstanding concern between Mr. Jeffrey Londona and his neighbor has been ongoing since he moved in. Mr. Londona attended the meeting and expressed concern in regards to parts of his neighbor's fence being constructed on his property. His neighbor was advised to remove the fence but refused. Two sections of the fence have fallen onto Mr. Londona's yard and pieces of debris are spreading onto his property. The board has decided that a fence is a civil issue but will visit property to decide if it is blight.

3. 29 Lakeview Drive

First Selectperson Rudy Marconi attended a meeting with Town Attorney Alex Copp at Danbury Superior Court on March 20th. Mr. Pereira and his attorney Thomas Monogue also attended. The Town has presented an agreement to Mr. Pereira with terms regarding remediation. In addition, a judgement has been submitted for the strict foreclosure on the property if the agreement is not executed. Upon foreclosure, there will be no appeals or motions to re-open. Ellen Burns, Cindy Crean and Chris Murray were in the meeting to ask questions.

4. 120 Ivy Hill

A buyer would like to purchase the property. Two weeks ago, there were surveys on the property in question. If the sale moves forward, the house will be removed completely. The potential buyer is looking into rebuilding the house using some of the original foundation. The owner will contact the engineer to see if house is sound.

5. Meeting Minutes

Ed Briggs moved to approve the Blight Prevention Board Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2024. Jason Celestino seconded the motion. Alice Dew and Drew Loya abstained. Motion carries 3-0-2.

Ed Briggs moved to adjourn the Blight Prevention Board Meeting at 11:32am. Alice Dew seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0.