

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 03, 2020
City Council Chambers**

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Thomas Lozier, Chief Building Official
Lieutenant Mark Morello, Police Department
Raymond Rogozinski, Public Works
Robert Longo, Water Department
Edward Spyros, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Also in Attendance: Stephen Bynum, Community Services
Aubrey Minkler, Community Services
John Aniolowski, Bristol Housing Authority
Richard Brown, Building Department
Attorney Richard Lacey, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Jeffrey Steeg, Corporation Counsel
Josh Corey, Public Works
Noelle Bates, Corporation Counsel
Marco Palmieri, Bristol-Burlington Health District
David Sgro, Bristol Development Authority
Joseph Hooper, Representative of Bristol Resident
Tom Doyle, Bristol Resident
Jason Pio, Bristol Resident
Karen Pio, Bristol Resident

Absent: Michael Yacovino, Fire Department
Karen Wagner, Bristol-Burlington Health District
Ann Bednaz, Tax Collector
Melissa Green, Bristol Housing Authority

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Ellen Sassu-Zoppo called to order the Wednesday, July 1, 2020 Code Enforcement Committee meeting at 9:01 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ITEM 2. Approval of the June 3, 2020 Minutes

IT was **MOVED** by Raymond Rogozinski and **SECONDED** by Thomas Lozier to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2020.

Call for discussion – None

Voted: Unanimously Approved

ITEM 3. Public Participation

Mr. Joseph Hooper is a representative of Diane Ouellette, owner of **458 Broad Street**. Mr. Hooper was requesting an extension of six months to continue to clean out the property. The committee agreed to his request under the conditions that there will be a bi-weekly inspection to see the progress that has been made by the homeowner. The Building Department also requested that the above ground pool be removed immediately due to the unsanitary and unsafe conditions.

The home owners of **240 Divinity Street** called into the meeting to discuss a concern with the apartment rental. The Mayor suggested for them to call her office and a future meeting will be set-up with the appropriate agencies and/or departments.

ITEM 4. Discussion of team inspections and to take any action as necessary.

The homeowner of **20 Danbury Lane** has not mowed her lawn or repaired the vinyl siding on the side and rear of the dwelling. Public Works was hired to mow the rear yard but unfortunately the homeowner locked the gate to the rear yard. The homeowner is hostile to anyone whom enters her property. Elderly Protective Services are involved with the case.

The third floor tenant of **142 Park Street** power was turned-off due to non-payment. The tenant took it upon himself to steal power from the second floor tenant. Eversource discovered the situation and immediately called the Building and Fire Departments due to the severity of the issue. The owner of the property immediately called a contractor and also brought in a generator to ensure the safety and well-being of the tenants.

ITEM 5. Discussion of properties of interest and/or concern to Committee Members

The police department was called out to the dwelling located at **35 Bonnie Court** due to a medical emergency. Upon arrival it was discovered that the dwelling displayed unsanitary conditions. Building Department was called in to observe the condition of the dwelling. Both Health and Building Departments scheduled another inspection as to the progress of the homeowner and occupants cleaning the dwelling. Richard Brown stated progress is being made and the homeowner has been very cooperative. Health, Fire and Building Departments have scheduled a follow up inspection also with Community Services as to the status of the cleanliness of the dwelling.

458 Broad Street discussed within Public Participation. See Item 3 for discussion.

171 Maple Street discussed as this property displays junk-yard like conditions. The homeowner has not been cooperative with no attempt to clean up. The front porch is filled with miscellaneous items and the yard contains 16 motor vehicles with several of them unregistered. A Violation Citation has been issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The homeowner is appealing the ticket with a citation hearing set-up in the immediate future.

The owner of **188 Maple Street** has been cooperative and spoke to the Chief Building Official. This property displays lack of exterior maintenance but due to the Corona-Virus the homeowner is having financial issues. In the near future the exterior of the dwelling will be painted and other items will be repaired.

A complaint was received on **1074 Burlington Avenue** stating the property was displaying junk-yard like conditions (i.e. auto parts strewn throughout) and lack of exterior maintenance. The homeowner is cooperating and progress has been made on the clean-up.

Discussion arose on **856 Stevens Street** as the property has an abandoned boat and motor vehicle with vegetation growing out of them and surrounding. The owner has not responded to the notices and a Violation Citation will be issued.

ITEM 6. New Business

A condemnation order was issued to **87 O’Sullivan Drive** due to heavy fire damage. The Chief Building Official stated no one would be allowed interior access until an engineer report is submitted stating that the roof trusses are not compromised and dwelling is safe for entry.

A condemnation order was also issued for a property located at **426 Wolcott Street**. This property suffered heavy fire damage in the kitchen with the remainder of the dwelling suffering from smoke damage. The occupants of the dwelling have been relocated by Red Cross.

A condemnation warning order was issued to the owner of **26 Park Street** as the front porch was struck by a motor vehicle. The street was closed down due to the severity of the damage as they felt the porch may collapse into the street. The owner agreed to have the city call in a contractor to conduct an “emergency temporary repair”. The Building Department has been in contact with the owner and will need to apply for a permit and repair the work within 10-days.

Robert Longo, Water Department informed the committee that the executor order has expired and the termination of water due to non-payment will end at the end of July.

ITEM 7. Old Business

267-269 Main Street discussed as to the status of the building permit and progress of the construction. Plumbing and Electrical inspectors have been out to the property for rough inspections. The contractor has also been repairing the roof.

ITEM 8. To Adjourn

IT was **MOVED** by Raymond Rogozinski and **SECONDED** by Edward Spyros to adjourn the Code Enforcement Meeting at 10:22 a.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Ososki
Recording Secretary
Building Department