

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
City Council Chambers**

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in Attendance: Aubrey Minkler, Community Services
Noelle Bates, Corporation Counsel
Richard Lacey, Corporation Counsel
Stephen Bynum, Community Services
Michael Yacovino, Fire Department
Thomas DeNoto, Assessor
Lauren Scappaticci, Senior Coordinator
Nicolette Arrotti, Bristol-Burlington Health District
David Sgro, Economic Community Development
Josh Corey, Public Works
Jason Gagnon, Public Works
Thomas Doyle, Bristol Property Owner

Absent: Erica Mikulak, Bristol-Burlington Health District
Kristopher Lambert, Fire Department
John Aniolowski, Bristol Housing Authority
Gary Buzzell, Fire Department
Marco Palmieri, Bristol-Burlington Health District
Melissa Green, Bristol Housing Authority
Ann Bednaz, Tax Collector
Lindsey Rivers, Public Works
Brian Skinner, Animal Control Officer

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Ellen Sassu-Zoppo called to order the Wednesday, June 2, 2021 Code Enforcement Committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ITEM 2. Approval of May 5, 2021 Minutes

IT was **MOVED** by Raymond Rogozinski and **SECONDED** by Robert Longo to approve the meeting minutes of May 5, 2021.

Call for discussion – None

Voted: Unanimously Approved

ITEM 3. Public Participation

No public participation noted.

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

916 Middle Street discussed as one unit is still condemned as the violation remains open.

Fire Department was called out to **1033 Farmington Avenue** due to a leak within the kitchen area. At the time of this call, Fire Department attempted to walk on roof but it was very soft in some areas. Building Department conducted an inspection. Several property maintenance violations were observed and the owner was contacted of the situation. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued to allow them to remain open.

Health and Building Departments conducted an inspection at **1 Divinity Street** as a complaint was received from a tenant. Upon inspection the common areas displayed black mole, an electrical system hazard on the exterior and the roof is leaking. Both departments notified the owner of the violations.

Building and Health Departments conducted an inspections at **30 Summer Street, Apartment 6** as a complaint was received from a tenant stating there was no hot water within the shower. Upon arrival, a contractor was in the process of repairing the valve in the shower. Also observed was an infestation of carpenter bees that will need to be resolved.

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

27 Summer Street discussed as this property displays lack of property maintenance. A Group Inspection will be set-up soon.

The property located at **116 (122) High Street** was sold. Water Department stated the new owners paid in full.

Property located at **19 Lincoln Place** remains vacant with no current activity. The property is still condemned until all violations have been repaired. The owner applied for an Assessment Tax Freeze but only has a year from the date of application to receive this.

The owner of **111 Stewart Street** is still working on the issues and is making progress.

A complaint was received on **319 Queen Street** as this property is displaying junk-yard like conditions and also blighted with trash. Zoning Enforcement Officer is allowing them 20 days to clean up the property.

A Property Maintenance Letter was mailed out to the owner of **33 Merriman Street** as the property has been vacant for several years. No response from the homeowners.

Health Department conducted an inspection at **74 Locust Street**. They observed rat droppings within the apartment and others items. They stated an inspection will need to be set up with Building also.

Discussion arose on the on-going Hoarding Situation at **70 Union Street**. The tenant occupies a one room apartment and is not responsive to vacating the unit. This is not a Directive 10 and not enough for the departments to move forward in relocation.

Health Department discussed a property located at **108-110 Prospect Street**. The neighboring property owner has complained about raw sewage leaking onto his property. The owner stated that the tenant is flushing baby wipes which are not flushable and appears to be clogging the septic system. Health Department would like the owner to provide invoices showing he is making repairs. The Senior Center stated that the tenants are elderly and their children live out of state.

ITEM 6. New Business

Zoning Enforcement Officer attended two citation hearings. **134 Frederick Street** was upheld and owner remitted the fine payment. **14 East Main Street** owner cleaned up the property due to blight and fine was remitted.

Public Works issued five tickets to the owner of **53 Rich Lane** as trees were removed within the wetlands area and were left to block the river.

Public Works informed the committee of a blighted property located at **35 Surrey Drive**. Building Department has been informed and will be inspecting the property.

ITEM 7. Old Business

The Water Department informed the committee that the owner of **467 Farmington Avenue** has an outstanding water bill with a 60-day commercial shut off. Also discussed is the tenants are destroying items within the common areas.

224 North Main Street has a tentative offer with a new lease being generated. The owner agreed to recreate turn-key for the new tenant. The equipment has been found and the former tenant has an active on-going criminal investigation.

ITEM 8 To Adjourn

IT was **MOVED** by Raymond Rogozinski and **SECONDED** by Robert Longo to adjourn the Code Enforcement Meeting at 9:30 a.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Ososki
Recording Secretary
Building Department