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Minutes
Regular Meeting of May 26, 2022
Code Enforcement Committee

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Sparks, Public Health Sanitarian Enforcement Officer; Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official; Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Tom Hazel, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Gary Gessaro, Fire Marshal; Jason Hurlbut, Deputy Fire Marshal; Christopher Holden, Acting Director of Public Works; and Christopher Forte, Assistant General Counsel.

Members of the Public: None.

1. Call to Order

Assistant General Counsel Forte called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2022 regular meeting.

MOTION: Chief Building Official Lisitano made a motion to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes. Zoning Enforcement Officer Hazel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:04 am.

3. Public Session. None.

4. New Business

A. Mayor’s Office.
   1) Update from the Mayor’s Office. Absent, no updates.

B. Public Works.
   1) Update from the Public Works Department. 39 Grand Street. Bulky waste on sidewalk. Public Works will pick it up and bill the homeowner.

C. Health Department.
   1) Update from the Health Department. No updates.
D. Department of Land Use.
   1) Update from the Department of Land Use. 115 Wanda Lane: Report of a
      snow plow and trailed parked in the cul-de-sac within the roadway. MPD
      will follow up.

E. Building Department.
   1) Update from the Building Department. 1235 Saybrook: Report of
      overgrown grass on the property. Department of Land Use will follow up.

F. Police Department.
   1) Update from the Police Department. No updates.

G. City Fire.
   1) Update from City Fire. No updates.

H. South Fire District.
   1) Update from South Fire District. No updates.

I. Westfield Fire District.
   1) Update from the Westfield Fire District. No updates.

   1) Update from the Office of the General Counsel. No updates.

5. Old Business

A. Department of Land Use.
   1) 159 Boston Road: Inspections found hole in roof, owner not living in
      house and refusing help for social workers. Land Use indicates this will
      be a long process to achieve compliance.
   2) 212 Sisk Street: Inspection was performed, found multiple unregistered
      vehicles, and blight on the property. Notices of Violations sent to owner.
   3) 520 East Main Street: Inspection was performed and the building is
      deteriorating with roof damage. Owner is repairing, and is close to
      achieving compliance.
   4) 80 Liberty Street: Graffiti on side of building. Land Use ordered that the
      graffiti be painted over, and owner has complied. No further action
      needed.
   5) 203 Prospect Street: Inspection performed and found dumping of
      construction debris on the site. Land Use has ordered that the material be
      property disposed of. Notice of Violation issued by Land Use. Will
      continue to monitor.
6) **1133 Long Hill Road:** Inspection of the property found blight on the north and west side of the building on the property. The owner is working to remediate the violations, and the Committee will continue to monitor.

**B. City Fire.**

1) **359 deKoven Drive.** The Fire Department has been working with the new owners, and the owners have complied with all violations. No further action needed.

2) **52 North Main Street.** City Fire inspected the premises and found numerous Fire Code violations. The Fire Department has reached out to the State’s Attorney and is moving forward with their office. A 90 day extension to remediate the violations have been granted upon advice of the State’s Attorney, and an inspection is scheduled for when the extension expires, on July 20. Will continue to monitor.

**6. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Zoning Enforcement Officer Hazel made a motion to adjourn. Lieutenant Puorro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:16 am.

The Committee adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

**cc:** Hon. Benjamin Florsheim, Mayor
Code Enforcement Committee Members
OGC Personnel