Minutes
Regular Meeting of July 14, 2022
Code Enforcement Committee

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Sparks, Public Health Sanitarian Enforcement Officer (arrived at 9:04 am); Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official; Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Tom Hazel, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Gary Gessaro, Fire Marshal; James Mastroianni, Fire Marshal; Richard Demaio, Assistant Building Official; Christopher Holden, Acting Director of Public Works; and Christopher Forte, Assistant General Counsel.

Members of the Public: Vivian Bergamotto, 646 Main Street, Middletown, CT.

1. Call to Order

Assistant General Counsel Forte called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the May 26, 2022 regular meeting.

MOTION: Chief Building Official Lisitano made a motion to approve the May 26, 2022 minutes. Fire Marshal Gessaro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:03 am. Public Health Sanitarian Sparks was absent for the vote.

2. Public Session
   a. Vivian Bergamotto, 646 Main Street, Middletown, CT: Stated generally that conditions on the corner of Green and Main Street are deteriorating, that there is drugs and violence and City officials and the Police Department need to do more.

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. 25 Walnut Street: Property is
unsafe. Fire, Land Use and Health will follow up. Will continue to monitor.

C. Health Department.
   1) Update from the Health Department. No updates.

D. Department of Land Use.
   1) Update from the Department of Land Use. No updates.

E. Building Department.
   1) Update from the Building Department. 23 Silver Street: Fire at the building which is now blighted and falling down. ZEO and Fire Department have reached out to the property owner and the insurance company. ZEO will reach out to insurance company to ensure that property is made safe. Will continue to monitor.

F. Police Department.
   1) Update from the Police Department. Absent. 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) 1235 Saybrook: Overgrown grass on the property. A Notice of Violation has been issued.
   2) 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.
   3) 212 Sisk Street: Inspection was performed, found multiple unregistered vehicles, and blight on the property. Notices of Violations sent to owner and Land Use plans to re-inspect.
   4) 520 East Main Street: Inspection was performed and the building is deteriorating with roof damage. Owner is repairing, and is close to
achieving compliance.

5) **2C3 Prospect Street**: Inspection performed and found dumping of construction debris on the site. Land Use has ordered that the material be properly disposed of. Notice of Violation issued by Land Use. Cannot see material from the roadway, and neighbor will not allow access to adjoining property to view. 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 has remediated the violations and no further action is required.

**B. Police Department**

1) **115 Wanda Lane**: Report of a snow plow and trailed parked in the cul-de-sac within the roadway. MPD will follow up.

**C. City Fire**

1) **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**: Chief Building Official Lisitano made a motion to adjourn. Zoning Enforcement Officer Hazel. Motion passed unanimously at 9:21 am.

The Committee adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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