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Minutes
Regular Meeting of August 11, 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; Lieutenant Nick Puorro; 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 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

   A. Review and approval of the minutes of the July 28, 2022, regular meeting.

MOTION: Fire Marshal Gessaro made a motion to approve the July 28, 2022 minutes. Public Health Sanitarian Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:00 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. Absent. No updates.

   C. Health Department.
      1) Update from the Health Department. No updates.
D. Department of Land Use.
   1) Update from the Department of Land Use.  106-108 Maple Street: Notices of Violation and Citations were sent to the owner to remediate trash and waste accumulating in driveway. Land Use will inspect and follow up and refer to Committee for clean and lien procedures if necessary.

E. Building Department.
   1) Update from the Building Department. No updates.

F. Police Department.
   1) Update from the Police Department. 30 Wall Street: Abandoned cars on property. Will continue to monitor.

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

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

I. Westfield Fire District.
   1) Update from the Westfield Fire District. No updates.
   2) Peppermill Private Fire Hydrant. Private fire hydrant is out of service. Working with the Office of the General Counsel and Water & Sewer Department to have an order issued, and will refer to the Committee for clean and lien procedures if necessary. Will continue to monitor.

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

5. Old Business

A. Health Department
   1) 25 Walnut Street: Health Department attempted to inspect and contact homeowner but was unsuccessful. No further action needed.

B. Department of Land Use.
   1) 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.
   2) 1235 Saybrook: Overgrown grass has been remediated. No further action required.
   3) 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.

4) **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.

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. Cannot see material from the roadway, and neighbor will not allow access to adjoining property to view. No further action required at this time.

C. **Police Department**

1) **115 Wanda Lane**: Snow plow and equipment removed from roadway. No further action required at this time.

D. **City Fire.**

1) **52 North Main Street**: City Fire re-inspected the premises and found that several Fire Code violations have been remediated but some persist. The owner has 30 days to comply with violations found during inspection in August. Will continue to monitor.

6. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Chief Building Official Lisitano made a motion to adjourn. Fire Marshal Gessaro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:12 am.

The Committee adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

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