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Minutes

Regular Meeting of August 25, 2022
Code Enforcement Committee

Committee Members Present: Kevin Elak, Director of Health; Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official; Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Tom Hazel, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Gary Gessaro, Fire Marshal; Lieutenant Nick Puorro; Christopher Holden, Director of Public Works; James Mastroianni, Fire Marshal; and Christopher Forte, Assistant General Counsel.

Members of the Public: Brian Robillard, Chief Engineer, Water & Sewer Department

1. Call to Order

Assistant General Counsel Forte called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the August 11, 2022, regular meeting.

MOTION: Chief Building Official Lisitano made a motion to approve the August 11, 2022 minutes. Fire Marshal Gessaro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:01 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. 5-7 Silver Street: Sewer lateral on the property is damaged causing water and soil to enter the water system. This is causing sinkholes in the road and sidewalk area. Public Works and Water & Sewer will issue notices to the owner. 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.
- 2) 49 Silver Street. Overgrown grass on the property. Owner hiring landscaper to remedy violations. Will continue to monitor.

E. Building Department.

- 1) Update from the Building Department. Discussion regarding a hookah lounge. Someone dropped off an arrest report for one of the owners. The Police Department will follow up.

F. Police Department.

- 1) Update from the Police Department. No updates.
- 2) 30 Wall Street: Abandoned cars on property removed. No further action required.

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.

J. Office of the General Counsel.

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

5. Old Business

A. Department of Land Use.

- 1) 106-108 Maple Street: Notices of Violation and Citations were sent to the owner to remediate trash and waste accumulating in driveway. Owner failed to remediate violations by time set forth in order.

MOTION: Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer Hazel made a motion to commence clean and lien procedures and to refer this matter to the Office of the General Counsel to issue a Notice of Abatement. Director Elak seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:07 am.

- 2) 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.

- 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 and meet with the owner.

B. Police Department

- 1) 30 Wall Street: Resolved. See above.

C. 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.

D. Office of the General Counsel.

- 1) Peppermill Private Fire Hydrant. Private fire hydrant is out of service. The Office of the General Counsel has been in communication with the Health Department 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.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Lieutenant Puorro made a motion to adjourn. Chief Building Official Lisitano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:28 am.

The Committee adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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