

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
First Floor Meeting Room**

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Also in Attendance: Michael Yacovino, Fire Department
Noelle Bates, Corporation Counsel
Lindsey Rivers, Public Works
John Aniolowski, Bristol Housing Authority
Richard Brown, Building Department
Attorney Jeffrey Steeg, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Richard Lacey, Corporation Counsel
Annemarie Sundgren, Community Services
Josh Corey, Public Works
Thomas DeNoto, Assessor
Jennifer Cole, Deputy Tax Collector
Roger Rousseau, Purchasing
David Habersfeld, Bristol Resident
Tom Doyle, Bristol Resident

Absent: Stephen Bynum, Community Services
David Sgro, Bristol Development Authority
Jason Gagnon, Public Works
Ann Bednaz, Tax Collector
Karen Wagner, Bristol-Burlington Health District
Melissa Green, Bristol Housing Authority
Marco Palmieri, Bristol-Burlington Health District

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Ellen Sassu-Zoppo called to order the Wednesday, March 4, 2020 Code Enforcement Committee meeting at 9:04 a.m. in the first floor meeting room.

ITEM 2. Approval of the February 5, 2020 Minutes

IT was **MOVED** by Robert Longo and **SECONDED** by Thomas Lozier to approve the meeting minutes of February 5, 2020.

Call for discussion – None

Voted: Unanimously Approved

ITEM 3. Public Participation

No further discussion.

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

A group inspection was set-up for a property located at **70 Union Street** as a complaint was received from a tenant occupying the property. Upon inspection several violations were observed. It appears the front and rear stairs are unsafe and in poor condition. All stairwells were strewn with litter and also the emergency lights were not working. Unable to gain access to the basement. The second floor tenant had no heat. A future group inspection will be set-up as a list of repairs were mailed to the owner with a time frame of 30 days.

No group inspection was required at **531 North Main Street** as the issue was resolved and no action was taking.

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

The property at **108 Pleasant View Avenue** remains vacant as the owner is living in a motel. The City of Bristol hired a contractor to clean out the dwelling. The owner will be allowed to choose what he would like to keep. Eagle Environmental was hired to test the popcorn ceilings for asbestos but the test came back negative.

458 Broad Street remains condemned as the owner has not cleaned out the property. A friend of the owner has been in touch with the Building Department and requested an extension as the owner would like to slowly clean out the dwelling. Owner will be bringing a representative to help her as the Chief Building Official gave her a deadline of June 30th to clean-out the dwelling.

The owner of **267-269 Main Street** has hired a contractor to move forward on the interior renovation of the dwelling.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer discussed several properties that were brought up at last month's meeting from a concerned Bristol Resident. **242 Mines Road** displayed junk-yard like conditions. The owner is cooperating and is about 65% complete. **45 Country Lane** has numerous flower pots throughout the yard. At this point it is not visually appealing but in the summer the pots will be filled with flowers. **46 Country Lane** is in the progress of cleaning and they have also removed two unregistered motor vehicles. The owner of **44 Brentwood Road** cleaned up the property and is in compliance.

ITEM 6. New Business

Public Act No. 19-2 – An Act Concerning Abandoned and Blighted Property Receivership was discussed. Attorney Jeffrey Steeg summarized the Public Act and at this point no one has utilized this Act. The property basically needs to be unfit for human occupancy and will also need to have a laundry list of code violations attached.

Public Works Department is cleaning up right-of-ways within city limits. They would also like to set up cameras within the James P. Casey Road and Clark Avenue area as there has been illegal dumping. A complaint was also received in reference to Covanta egress/ingress roadway as the trucks scrap out the garbage within the bed of the truck and leave the debris on the side of the road.

A complaint was received on a property located at **1350 Farmington Avenue**. The Zoning Enforcement Officer sent out a letter to the owner to clean up the property. At this time no response from the owners.

ITEM 7. Old Business

IT was **MOVED** by Raymond Rogozinski and **SECONDED** by Thomas Lozier to adjourn the Regular Code Enforcement Meeting at 9:53 a.m. for an Executive Session to discuss two pending legal matters.

Call for discussion – None

Voted: Unanimously Approved

ITEM 8. To Adjourn

IT was **MOVED** by Thomas Lozier and **SECONDED** by Edward Spyros to adjourn the Code Enforcement Meeting at 10:15 a.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Ososki
Recording Secretary
Building Department