

Building/Property Maintenance Committee

Minutes for September 19, 2017



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Serge Michaud – Resident – Chairperson	X	
Robert Wentworth, Bldg Insp/Vice Chair	X	
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X	
Scott Jackson, Derry Fire Dept.	X	
Mike Fowler, DPW	X	
Dawn Enwright, Tax Collector	X	
Charlie Foote, Councilor Liaison		X
George Sioras, Town Planner	X	
Robert Mackey, Code Enf Dir	X	
Vacant, Resident		
Ernest St.Pierre – Resident	X	
Courtney Bogaert, Health Inspector	X	
Stacy Beliveau, Tax Collector Alternate		
George Feole, Police Dept Alternate		
Mike Stanhope, Fire Dept Alternate	X	

A monthly meeting of the Building & Property Maintenance Committee was held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

Approval of Minutes

Scott Jackson made a motion to accept the July 18, 2017 minutes.

Seconded by Ed Garone

Motion PASSED (9–0–1) George Sioras Abstained

OLD BUSINESS

8 & 14 East Broadway – Bob Wentworth had a meeting scheduled with the owner and contractor last week, but the owner didn't attend.

Bob Mackey stated that the Code Enforcement went to Court and the owner was given a date by the Court to complete the repairs by. The owner has until October 31st to comply or we will be going back to court.

Ernest St.Pierre questioned if the Town would go back to court on November 1st?

Bob Mackey stated that sometimes the Court will assign a follow up date, he would need to verify if a date was assigned.

92 Old Chester Road – The Code Enforcement Office will be going to court on September 21st, but we have received a call from the Attorney stating that they have filed for a continuance due to a death in the family. The Department had completed a walk thru back on September 8th.

112 West Broadway –Bob Wentworth stated that there had been no change with this property. Do we want to turn this over to the Attorney?

Ernest St.Pierre questioned what the violation was on this property.

Bob Mackey stated that this property is the first property you see as you come into Town on Route 102 and has the "Welcome to Derry" sign. The property is in disrepair and is unsightly. We have been asking the owner to paint the building or demo it.

Serge Michaud felt that we should be consistent with how we proceed with any other property with a similar concern.

Ernest St.Pierre felt that the Committee should have a time line for dealing with these various concerns.

Serge Michaud stated that there was a process in place however; it may not resolve the concern as quickly as we may like it.

Bob Mackey stated that the Code Enforcement Office generates a series of letters and if no action has been taken it then goes to the Attorney to start the process of taking them to court.

Ed Garone asked if the “Welcome to Derry” sign could be removed.
Mike Fowler felt that the Town could be reacting to Facebook comments if the sign were to be removed. It is a Town Administrator decision whether it stays or goes.

148 Goodhue Rd – The RFP has gone out to get prices to have the building taken down. The plan is for it to be removed by November.

Mike Fowler stated that the Town has spent \$1,000 for the Asbestos Inspection and expects the RFP to come in between \$8,000 to \$10,000 to demo the building. The Town will be reimbursed when the property is resold.

3 McKinley – Bob Wentworth mentioned that a Renovation Permit has recently been pulled on this property. No inspections have been performed as of this meeting date.

71 Birch St – Bob Mackey has emailed the Pelham Building Inspector regarding this property as he is a friend of the owners for an update. He been told that they have conducted an asbestos inspection are planning to take down the building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tax Deeding - Dawn Enwright stated there were five properties originally, recently one of the homes were repurchased, but felt that only two (2) properties will actually be going to Auction.

Barns – Ernest St.Pierre stated that the NH Preservation Alliance Group will be accepting new applications for owners to apply for grant money to either rebuild or demo their barns. He wasn’t sure how he should get the information to the current owners with barns that are on our list.

<https://nhpreservation.org/new-hampshire-preservation-alliance/>

Bob Mackey stated that the Code Enforcement Office could generate a letter providing them with this option and see where it goes.

Ed Garone questioned if the barn was in the ROW.

Mike Fowler felt that was a good question and would look into that.

Bob Mackey stated that if it were in fact in the ROW it would impact them getting a permit to repair the barn.

Ed Garone added that it could also stop a sale from going through if the structure was too close or on the property line.

Bob Mackey added that the owners would need to apply for a lot line adjustment to correct the issue.

Serge Michaud wanted to bring up the discussion regarding an outside company presenting before this Committee. This company helps Towns and Cities resolve blighted properties by tearing them down or renovating them. They take on the liability and expense verses the recent process that the Town went through with 148 Goodhue Rd.

Staff is going to meet with them and report back to the committee.

Ernest St.Pierre wanted to mention that he has noticed that there are businesses repairing their facades in the downtown area and felt the Committee should acknowledge their efforts with a letter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

The next meeting be held on October 17, 2017 @ 10:00 am – Room 207

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen, Recording Clerk