Building/Property Maintenance Committee

Minutes for July 21, 2020



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Robert Wentworth, Bldg Insp – Chairperson	Х	
Robert Mackey, CE Director – Vice Chair	Х	
Ed Garone, Derry Police	Х	
Mike Stanhope, Derry Fire Dept.	Х	
Mike Fowler, DPW	Х	
Diane Mulholland, Tax Collector	Х	
Jim Morgan, Councilor Liaison	X via Zoom	
George Sioras, Town Planner	Х	
Serge Michaud – Resident		Х
Mike Welch, Resident	X via Zoom	
Vacant – Resident		
Courtney Provencher, Health Inspector		Х
Stacy Beliveau, Tax Collector Alternate		Х
George Feole, Police Dept Alternate		Х
Dave Eastman, Fire Dept Alternate		Х

A meeting of the Building & Property Maintenance Committee was held Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Wentworth noted that two corrections were made to the January 21, 2020 minutes. On page 2 under New Business, address corrected from 128 to 148 Goodhue Road and on page 3 under Other Business, address corrected from 6 to 4 Pillsbury.

George Sioras made a motion to accept the January 21, 2021 minutes as revised. Seconded by Diane Mulholland.

Motion PASSED (8–0).

OLD BUSINESS

92 Old Chester Road – The attorney is waiting for the final order from the court. The courts are behind due to Covid-19. Follow up is planned once the order is issued by the court.

141 By-Pass 28 – Bob Wentworth met with the owners back in April. Some progress is continuing. More follow up is needed and an additional letter is planned.

43-45-45.5 East Broadway –Anthony Cristallo plans to reopen the restaurant. He cannot fix anything until money is made from the restaurant.

264 Hampstead Road – Bob Wentworth indicated that a letter was sent to the owner requiring him to take down the building. An extension was granted until August 18, 2020. Bob Mackey indicated that a staff report was issued. The Town can hire someone to take down the building and lien the property for the cost. Bob Wentworth stated that trash and clutter has been removed from the land.

3 Desforge Road – Multiple letters were sent with no response. The letters were received back as return to sender/unable to forward. Property is vacant. Diane Mulholland questioned the environment. Bob Wentworth did not think so. The rear doors are open and children have been inside.

Low Priority

53 English Range Road – A letter was sent regarding the barn. No contact at all from the owner.

65 English Range Road – There has been no progress despite contact from the owner.

405 Island Pond Road – Unregistered motor vehicles.

4 & 6 Goodhue Ext. – This is an overrun contractor's yard. The court has ordered the owner to clean up the property. Bob Mackey stated that an agreement was entered that was approved by the court. The deadline date to avoid fines and penalties is October 1, 2020.

13 Bedard Ave - Bob Mackey indicated that complaints were received from Chabot Drive due to wood for "personal use". This is more of a Code issue and they will continue to monitor.

36 Maple Street - Multiple unregistered vehicles and trash strewn about the property. Bob Mackey indicated that a letter was sent to the owner a year ago. A letter was sent to the Town's attorney for enforcement.

109 Rockingham Road – Watt's Auto Salvage. There are approximately 100 unregistered vehicles. Bob Mackey stated that the property is up for sale. The attorney does not want the Town to take ownership of the property.

Chief Garone asked if there was anyway to determine the condition of the soil, can the Town test the soil? Bob Wentworth stated that we can with the property owner's permission. This is a question for the attorney. Councilor Morgan stated that we need to solve this problem. Bob Mackey stated that if the property owner does not remove the vehicles, then the Town can remove them. The second step is testing the soil.

Councilor Morgan asked if there are still burned motor vehicles. Mike Stanhope stated that he thought the burned cars were removed from the front. There may still be a few in the back. Bob Mackey stated that the attorney promised things that are not happening. We should be doing something to move this along.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1) Councilor Morgan asked about the status of Rigatoni's. Bob Mackey stated that it is in insurance limbo. The insurance company wanted to take the building down. Lisa has an annex in Windham where she is preparing and cooking food that she is selling at the South Ave location. George Sioras indicated that Lisa is looking into a new location in Derry.

109 Rockingham Road – Watt's Auto Salvage. Councilor Morgan requested a staff report for non-public agenda on 109 Rockingham Road regarding the options of the Town. This may need Town Council involvement. Councilor Morgan stated that Mike Fowler brought up good environmental concerns. Bob Mackey stated that he is waiting for direction from the attorney.

Chief Garone stated that we are in a catch 22. This is a great financial opportunity based on outstanding liens. However, it is unknown if this is a multimillion-dollar environmental issue. Councilor Morgan replied unless it is grant funded. Chief Garone asked what the hesitation is on this property if grants for clean up are available? Councilor Morgan stated that Covid-19 has lengthened this process.

George Sioras made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Morgan. MOTION PASSED (8 – 0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM. Next meeting to be held on **October 20, 2020** @ **10:00** AM – Third Floor Meeting Room.

Respectfully, Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk