

**Enfield Blight Review Committee Meeting
Scitico Room – Enfield Town Hall
Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:30 PM**

A meeting of the Enfield Blight Review Committee was held in the Scitico Room at the Enfield Town Hall on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 5:31 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ken Nelson Jr – Town Council Liaison, Councilor John Santanella – Town Council Liaison, Jennifer Bruyette, Mary Ann Turner

Absent: James Byrne

Also Present: Kristy Koistinen, Acting Director of Economic & Community Development

New Business

42 Hartford Avenue – Two representatives from Freedom Mortgage, property owner, attended the meeting virtually. Kristy Koistinen reviewed the violation history and the current condition of the home. The representatives from Freedom Mortgage reviewed additional information regarding the owner's history after the foreclosure was completed in December 2019. Staff confirmed there are still outstanding violations on the home. Jennifer Bruyette advised that in the owner's request, they state that the property initial trash violation was cleaned December 12, 2022 so she suggested the fines should be for March 1, 2022 (Citation Date) to December 12, 2022 (cleanup) which would be \$20,724.

A motion was made by Jennifer Bruyette and seconded by Mary Ann Turner to recommend Town Council reduce the property maintenance fine of \$31,074 to a total of \$20,724. The motion was approved 4-0-0.

34 Jondot Drive – Kristy Koistinen reviewed the history of the property and the Blight Review Committee's previous recommendation that Town Council approved in April to reduce the fines of \$94,074 to \$10,000, if the property is rehabilitated by December 31, 2023. The owner's representative has requested an extension to allow enough time to complete Building Department inspection. They also requested to forgive the liens due to the work that was done to the home all together. The Committee agreed that they would keep the fines at \$10,000 which was originally agreed upon.

A motion was made by Jennifer Bruyette and seconded by Mary Ann Turner to recommend Town Council extend the deadline for the rehabilitation to March 31, 2024. The motion was approved 4-0-0.

Old Business

Property Maintenance Ordinance Updates – The Committee agreed that a more in-depth discussion will take place in the near future to finalize the ordinance revisions. Mayor Ken Nelson requested that staff move forward to update the ordinance to include a threshold when the Town may begin the foreclosure process on property maintenance fines. The Committee agreed on \$20,000 or 180 days whichever the property reaches first depending on the number of violations.

Discussion Items

Kristy Koistinen provided an update on some of the current and open property maintenance liens.

The Committee agreed to schedule a monthly meeting going forward to finalize the ordinance revisions and to discuss a certain amount of liens each meeting to tackle the amount of fines currently outstanding.

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Bruyette made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm, seconded by Mary Ann Turner. The motion was approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristy Koistinen
Office of Economic & Community Development