

Enfield Blight Review Committee Meeting
Enfield Room – Enfield Town Hall
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:30 PM

A meeting of the Enfield Blight Review Committee was held in the Enfield Room at the Enfield Town Hall on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: John Santanella – Town Council Liaison, Ken Nelson Jr – Town Council Liaison, Jessica Martin, James Byrne (arrived 6:30pm)

Also Present:

Nelson Tereso, Director Economic & Community Development, Town Staff

Kristy Koistinen, Community Development Specialist, Town Staff

Discussion Items

A discussion took place regarding establishing a fine amount before the town is able to foreclose on the property. The committee agreed that the foreclosure process should begin when the fines reach \$20,000. A letter will be issued to the owner when their fines reach \$10,000 and again at \$15,000 advising them that their property needs to be brought into compliance before the fines reach \$20,000 or the Town may begin the foreclosure process.

The committee and staff reviewed the property maintenance ordinance and discussed changes that would help improve the property maintenance process. The proposed updates to the ordinance will be prepared by staff. The Blight Review Committee will meet again to go over the proposed changes in order to make a formal recommendation to the Town Council to approve these updates to the property maintenance ordinance.

A discussion took place on a possible tax incentive program for people who purchase a blighted single-family property in town to rehab and then live in. The committee and staff discussed a tax incentive program to encourage buyers to invest in the rehabilitation blight properties where the increase on a property tax assessment could be deferred at 100% for up to 5 years from the time such improvement has been completed and a certificate of occupancy has been issued.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Koistinen
Office of Economic & Community Development