

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 03, 2022
City Council Chambers**

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeffrey Caggiano, Mayor
Richard J. Brown, Chief Building Official
Edward Spyros, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Robert Osborn, Lieutenant BPD
Marco Palmeri, Bristol-Burlington Health Department (Zoom)
Michael Yacovino, Fire Prevention Inspector
Richard Lacey, Corporation Counsel
Robert Longo, Water Department (Zoom)

Also in Attendance: Jeffrey Steeg, Corporation Counsel
Thomas DeNoto, Assessors Office
Erica Mikulak, Bristol-Burlington Health District
John Aniolowski, Bristol Housing Authority
Noelle Bates, Corporation Counsel
Lindsey Rivers, Public Works
Sue Tyler, City Council
Jennifer Cole, Tax Department (Zoom)
Lauren Scappaticci, BSC (Zoom)
David Sgro, ECD (Zoom)
Josh Corey, DPW
Jeremy Robotham, FMO
Thomas Conlin, Corp Counsel

In Absent Raymond Rogozinski, Public Works

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Richard J. Brown called to order the Wednesday, August 03, 2022, Code Enforcement Committee Special Meeting at 9:01 AM in the City Hall West Facility Meeting Room 1

ITEM 2. Approval of July 20, 2022 Minutes

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Ed Spyros and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rick Brown to approve the meeting minutes from July 20, 2022 All in favor, the **Motion passed**.

Voted: Unanimously Approved

ITEM 3. Public Participation

362 Shrub Rd/ 31 Balsam St. Mary Ann Sirois, Owner of 362 Shrub gave a brief explanation of the current status in regards to the tall grass in this property along with the

property 31 Balsam St. owned by her brother who currently is at the hospital since late June.

ITEM 4. Discussion of properties of interest concern to Committee Members

325 Oakland St. Rick Brown, BBD – There were three boxes located in the parking lot of this property collection of donated items. Ed Spyros, Zone Enforcement stated one of the donation boxes was removed, Only two existing boxes were left and one was cleaned by the company that owns them. The last box if continued violating the city ordinance, the building department will ask for Public Works to remove and place it in another location. Ongoing.

ITEM 5. New Business (updates)

330 East Rd. Rick Brown, BBD. An email was received on July 25th concerning this property from a resident neighbor. Files were reviewed and nothing was found as far as violations in the past regarding 330 East Rd. The complaint about fighting, screaming, and loud noise, is more like a police matter. **Off the agenda.**

83 Gridley St. Rick Brown, BBD. A citation was written last week regarding violations that had not been complied with. A portion of the violations had been closed. Windows not functioning, the electrical not operating correctly, the siding missing and peeling paint, and the front porch has structural damage in the left corner. Noelle Bates, Corp Counsel, stated the owner appealed 5 of the citation tickets received. Erica Mikulak, BBHD, shared she was at the property yesterday the owner is getting another citation for existing multiple violations suggesting a group inspection should be done. Ongoing

369 Parks St. Rick Brown, BBD. A citation letter was written last week regarding an illegal bedroom in the basement. The property has 3 apartments but 4 families are living on the property, he will be meeting with the owner this afternoon, a group inspection was done last week, (BFD, BBHD, and BBD) we observed many violations. Ongoing.

30 Cottage St. Rick Brown, BBD. Also, a group inspection was done (BFD, BBHD, and BBD). A letter was sent for existing violations inside and outside. Ongoing.

145 Central St. Rick Brown, BBD. Trying to contact the owner. This is a commercial building with structural damage, an inspection was done yesterday where several violations were observed. (Failing siding, thresholds missing, broken windows, roof, door issues, etc.

8 Summer St. - Rick Brown, BBD. Four apartments were condemned per a water leak affecting the electrical system. 3 out of 4 apartments are ready to be occupied today confirming the 3rd apartment is good to go. Ongoing.

ITEM 5. Old Business (updates)

70 Union St. Richard Brown, BBD. Water problem, the landlord wasn't fixing it. A couple of bathrooms were leaking, the owner tried to fix it himself. The owner hired a plumber but it didn't fix it. A warning letter with 10 days to fix any violation will be sent. Erica Mikulak, BBHD, The second-floor tenant was refusing to let anyone in. however now that access has been granted, the source of the leak was identified.

58 Andrews St. Richard Brown, BBD. The citation letter was sent at the end of June. I will follow up to verify violations complied. Jeff Steeg, Corp Counsel shared the contact person for this address obtained through the tax office.

81 N. Main St. Richard Brown, BBD. Waiting for a group meeting with the maintenance guy, Dave Kone, and JC, the owner, the Health Dept., and the Fire Department. Erica Mikulak, BBHD. Waiting for a letter from BBD because this is considered a boarding house. Marco Palmieri, BBHD, had a meeting with Corp Counsel and was concluded that is not a health department matter. Ed Spyros, Zoning Enforcement. The property is located in the BD1 Zoning District. In this zoning district, there is a permitted use to have a work dwelling unit for up to 5 people that are allowed to live in it. Mike Yacovino, BFD. This apartment definition does not violate is not violating any fire department codes. A meeting will be arranged Ongoing.

95 Terryville Ave. No comments and Corp Counsel will look into it

287 Round Hill Rd. Richard Brown, BBD. The building is down, and the yard is completely clean. This case is closed.

322 Park St. Rick Brown, BBD. - Closed

31 Balsam St. Rick Brown, BBD. Erica Mikulak, BBHD. End of June She was contacted by two different state agencies. Hartford Health Care and Department of Social Services. Mary Ann Sirois's brother, the owner of 31 Balsam St, was taken to the hospital. The nurses who were taking care of him reported that they were concerned that the house was in hoarding conditions. No hot water was available, the kitchen couldn't be used, cold water only, and the bathroom is in disrepair. BBHD was there when the owner was coming back from the hospital and BBHD was not allowed to go on the second floor or the basement. Back of the porch, the roof is collapsing. Evidence of raccoons, cats in windows, and other animals. A week later BBDH came back and call the Mental Health crisis team. The police and Bristol Fire department was on site. BBHD Issued an order for unfit for

habitation. BBHD applied for an administration service warning to the State. Ongoing.

362 Shrub Rd. Rick Brown, BBD. The property has a long history of violation letters, 10 years. The owner, stated she cleaned up the backyard of the property last year. The property however this year has been requested to have the yard and lawn cleaned but not complying. Mary Ann Sirois, Owner of 362 Shrub again explained how she has cooperated in cleaning up the property but has gotten some difficulties with equipment to be able to clean her yard and her brother's yard at 31 Balsam St.

108 Pleasant View Ave. A wellness check was done at 108 Pleasant View Ave, unfortunately, the owner has passed away.

ITEM 6. Updates

ITEM 7. To Adjourn

It was MOVED by Commissioner Ed Spyros, and seconded by Commissioner Rick Brown to adjourn the Code Enforcement Meeting at 9:53 am and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha I. Bravo
Recording Secretary
Building Department
Senior Administrative Assistant/Code Enforcement