

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
City Council Chambers**

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard J. Brown, Chief Building Official
Sue Tyler, City Council
Edward Spyros, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Robert Osborne, Lieutenant BPD
Marco Palmeri, Bristol-Burlington Health Department
Michael Yacovino, Fire Prevention Inspector
Jeffrey Steeg, Corporation Counsel
Robert Longo, Water Department
Raymond Rogozinski, Public Works (Zoom)

Also in Attendance: Thomas DeNoto, Assessors Office (Zoom)
Erica Mikulak, Bristol-Burlington Health District
Noelle Bates, Corporation Counsel
Lindsey Rivers, Public Works
Aubrey Minkler, Community Services
Stephen Bynum, Bristol Youth Services
Wesley Hoyt, FMO
Jeremy Robotham, FMO
Josh Corey, DPW
Jennifer Cole, Tax Department
David Haberkfeld, Public

Absent Jeffrey Caggiano, Mayor

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Introductions

City Counsel Sue Taylor in the absence of Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano called to order the Wednesday, October 05, 2022, Code Enforcement Committee Meeting at 9:02 AM in the City Hall West Facility Meeting Room 1

ITEM 2. Approval of September 07, 2022 Minutes

It was **MOVED** by Commissioner Ed Spyros and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Robert Osborne to approve the meeting minutes from September 07, 2022 All in favor, the **Motion passed**.

Voted: Unanimously Approved

ITEM 3. Public Participation

None

ITEM 5. New Business

45 Grassy Rd. – Ed Spyros, Zone Officer: The property is owned by the same person along with three more properties. A complaint was received regarding all four properties being heavily blighted with construction debris, the houses are vacant. A citation ticket was sent. Ongoing. Old Business

78 Union St. – Rick Brown, CBO: The house was working without permits, and asked to stop any more construction work which they did. A portion of the Dwelling has been condemned and requested to take down per unsafe conditions. Ongoing and moving to old business.

33 Third St. - Rick Brown, CBO: The owner is a repeater offender with several violations, The BWD informed us that the water was shut off. The owner was cooperative and allowed the City to go in and the water was turned back on. The City also sent BARC services to clean up the yard. Closed

Beth Ave, Marwood Condominiums. Erica Mikulak, BBHD: It has been several complaints about water discoloration. The BWD also has been involved. Currently working with the Condo Association to resolve the issue. These are Owner occupied Condo units. Moving to old business.

330 East Rd - Rick Brown, CBO: This is the same owner of several other properties. A property maintenance violation letter was sent on Sept 24, 2022, giving 30 days to correct all the violations. Erica Mikulak, BBHD, The first floor, and 2nd floor received a warning letter to start doing repair work, Oct 11th is the dateline otherwise a citation will be issued, currently multiple violations. . Ongoing, moving to old business.

73 Gridley St. Marco Palmieri, BBHD: An ongoing complaint regarding a smell in the yard related to the sewer by the tenant. Not Confirmed. DEEP also has been involved. The last group inspection in which Bristol Police Dept. BBHD, BFD, and BBD were present, but nothing was confirmed. The Fire Department suggested calling 911 if the smell was detected again. Public Works also went to do an inspection and found two blockages in the storm line with are not connected to the sewer. A neighbor went to the hospital due to smell but nothing came back regarding any toxicity. Robert Longo from BWD also confirmed nothing was found regarding smell after several inspections. Ray Rogozinski also stated that Eversource was at this property, and did some testing regarding the gas leak, and nothing was confirmed. Closed.

ITEM 4. Discussion of properties of interest concern to Committee Members
None.

64 Stearns St. Rick Brown, BBD. In 2020, the owner took out a permit to re-do the side staircase which was incorrectly built by blocking the egress window. The second-floor tenant had issues with electric boxes. Michael Yacovino also share the BFD has been there to address the Fire Code violations, Wesley Hoyt, FMO sent a warning letter to the owner with no response, and one of the tenants responded regarding water coming to their 1st-floor apartment. The inspection also shows blocked egress windows by old refrigerators and a lot of trash, Also Erica Mikulak, BBHD has been working with the Owner who has cleaned and removed the old refrigerators, and the leak will be repaired. Ongoing. Moving to old business.

350 Divinity St. Ed Spyros, Zone Enforcement. The property has been cleaned up where Dollar General is located. The owner is a corporation based out of Waterbury. A citation ticket was sent and the property has been cleaned. Closed

ITEM 5. Old Business (updates)

55 Prospect. . Richard Brown, BBD. The owner is in the process of repairing the violations. Ongoing. Keep old business.

30 Cottage St. Richard Brown, BBD. A Violation Notice letter was sent in August follow up by a second inspection. Another letter was sent to request the rest of the violations to be completed. The date was Sept 14th. Erica Mikulak. BBHD: 1st floor complies, 3rd floor still working on cleaning up some items. Checking back in 30 days. BFD also working with the owner to bring the property into compliance with the Fire Codes.

74 Locus St. Richard Brown, BBD. A Violation notice was sent on Sept 17, 2022, with 30 days to comply. Michael Yacovino, BFD, This is an ongoing problem. The stairways and porches are an accumulation of trash and stuff and just need to be reinforced to keep them clean. Keep in the old business

369 Park St. Richard Brown, BBD. A citation letter was written out, regarding an illegal bedroom in the basement. The property has three apartments but four families are living on the property. A group inspection was done on August 3rd, 2022 with BFD, BBHD, and BBD. We observed many violations. Zihra, the owner, spoke with a lawyer to evict the tenants. The 1st floor, front, and 4th tenant were condemned. Keep in old business.

81 N. Main St. Richard Brown, BBD. Illegal Boarding Apartments. The drawings have been printed out and I have spoken to the architects. Needs time to compare plans to see what has changed. Ongoing, Keep in the old business

362 Shrub Rd, Marco Palmeri, BBHD; the owner does not allow entry to the property to inspect any violations. Working on getting an Administration search warrant from the state. Richard Brown, BBD; Documents from this office show issues going on way back since 2010, repeating violations including, overgrown vegetation, weeds, tall grass, yard waste, debris, shed collapsing, abandoned, malfunctioning gutters, rotted, siding, doors, window frames, holes in the siding of the house, unsecured areas, etc. pond in the back that is stagnant/ hoarding. Requesting to get in to check for “life safety” issues, cats in cages, rats running around inside (video proof) questionable running water, heat, and operable smoke detectors. These are just issues that can be seen from outside the house. Not allowing inside yet.

31 Balsam St. Marco Palmeri, BBHD; the owner does not allow entry to the property to inspect any violations. Working on getting an Administration search warrant from the state.

83 Gridley St. Richard Brown, BBD. The owner complained he has complied with all the violations, but a contractor disagree as he has not been able to complete all the work needed per the owner’s refusal. Another citation ticket was sent for \$ 1404.00. Erica

Mikulak. BBHD; Outstanding violations existing on the first floor, other violations from other departments on the second floor. Additional citations have to be issued.

Public Participation was open again.

Mary Ann Sirois, owner of 362 Shrub gave a brief recap of the status of her property as well as the status of her brother's property located at 31 Balsam St. Bristol, CT

ITEM 6. Updates

ITEM 7. To Adjourn

It was MOVED by Commissioner Robert Longo, and seconded by Commissioner Robert Osborne to adjourn the Code Enforcement Meeting at 9:50 am and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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