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#### Minutes

Regular Meeting of March 29, 2018 Code Enforcement Committee

<u>Committee Members Present</u>: Chairman Joseph Bibisi, Sal Nesci, Chief Public Health Sanitarian; Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official; Louis Bartolotta, Fire Marshal; Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Nick Purro, Police Officer; Christopher Holden, Deputy Director of Public Works; Gary Gessaro, Deputy Fire Marshal; Michelle Ford, Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Officer; and Christopher J. Smedick, Assistant General Counsel.

Members of the Public: None

# 1. Call to Order

Chairman Bibisi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

# 2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2018 regular meeting.

**MOTION:** Chief Public Health Sanitarian Nesci made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting. Deputy Fire Marshal Gessaro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:01 am.

\*Fire Marshal Higgins was absent for this vote.

## 3. Public Session- None

## 4. New Business

#### A. Police Department

1) 1079 Saybrook Road/Woodbury Circle: Since last month's meeting, the Police Department has had the property inspected almost every night, and no trespassers or violations were found. The Police Department will continue to monitor, but no further action is required at this time.

### B. Office of the General Counsel

1) <u>Review of Code Enforcement Liens</u>: Assistant General Counsel Smedick updated the Commission on the status of the Code Enforcement liens.

#### 5. Old Business

## A. Planning, Conservation and Development Office:

1) <u>139 Spencer Drive</u>: Code violations still exist on the property, but the property is in a tax foreclosure. The property will continue to be monitored.

#### B. Office of the General Counsel

1) 74 Country Club Road: The property owner appealed a decision of the Connecticut Department of Public Health affirming the Middletown Health Department's order to cure various violations of the Public Health Code and Middletown Code of Ordinances on the property. The appeal was denied by the Department of Public Health and the City's legal order was modified, and affirmed. The owner has appealed to the Superior Court. The Office of the General Counsel will continue to defend the action and will continue to monitor the property.

# C. Building Department

- 1) <u>138 College Street</u>: The Building Department is monitoring the progress of the property's construction. The property will continue to be monitored.
- 2) <u>193 River Road</u>: The structure on the property has been demolished. No further action required at this time.

## D. Police Department

1) 139 Church Street: The Code violations on the property have been remediated. No further action required at this time.

<sup>\*</sup>Fire Marshal Higgins joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

#### E. South Fire District

**MOTION:** Fire Marshal Bartolotta made a motion to add 1675 Saybrook Road to the agenda for discussion. Deputy Fire Marshal Gessaro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:10 am.

- 1) <u>1675 Saybrook Road</u>: South Fire raised issues that they are working with the owners to address potential code violations.
- 2) 50 Walnut Street: Fire Marshal working with owner on this property.
- 3) Jackson Corrugated Property: No further updates.

#### F. Westfield Fire District:

1) FedEx Ground – 1000 Middle Street (New Building): Site work is being performed on the building, and parts of the building will now be opened up for office use. The property will continue to be monitored.

# 6. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on motion of Chief Public Sanitarian Nesci, seconded by Officer Purro, and carried unanimously.

cc: Hon. Daniel T. Drew, Mayor
Code Enforcement Committee Members
OGC Personnel