

Code Enforcement Committee
Minutes
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Room 208 - Municipal Building

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Committee Members Present: Bruce Driska, Christopher Smedick, Dean Lisitano, Al Santostefano, Joe Havlicek, Joseph Bibisi, Nick Purro, Art Higgins, Sal Nesci, Steve Kroll and Bobbye Knoll Peterson.

Members of the Public: None

Discussion regarding:

Health Dept.

1. 24 Grand Street: Property owners have failed to remedy Health Orders that have been issued to them for lack of hot water on the property. A motion was made by Sal Nesci, and seconded by Al Santostefano to refer this to the Office of the General Counsel for further action. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 465 Middlefield Street: (Sweet v. Middletown Health Department). Issue involving numerous health code violations on the property. Hearing was held at the State Health Department and the State found for the City. The owner appealed from that decision. The General Counsel is covering oral argument on the matter in the coming weeks.

SFD. No issues of concern

City Fire.

1. 152 Liberty Street: There was a sewage leak on the property. The owners have cooperated with the Fire Department to remedy the problems. The tenants have renewed complaints against the landlords, alleging that the basement was flooded. City Fire inspected and found no evidence of flooding. The Health Department will monitor and follow up.

WFD. No issues of concern

MPD. No issues of concern

Bld. Insp.

1. 14 Laurel Street: The building has been demolished. No further action needs to be taken.
2. 98 Hillside Street: Permit obtained. The property is ready to be demolished.
3. 5 Prospect Street: No action taken. Enforcement action on hold until spring.

4. 491 East Main Street: The property was put on the blight list. An order was sent in July 2014 to clean up the property. The owner of the property is behind on taxes. The Health Department will issue a new order to the owners of the property.
5. 203 Prospect Street: The Building Official was asked to look at this property as the porch was falling down and appears to be left open. The Building Official agreed to inspect and if necessary to send out a letter to the property owner. The building official sent letter of compliance to owner of the property. To date, there was no reply. Building official will send another letter. There is also an issue of snow removal as the owner has failed to remove snow from the sidewalk.
6. Wadsworth: Zoning Enforcement is handling. See below.

Zoning Enf

1. Wadsworth: Bruce Driska contacted the Attorney General's office on this property, who informed Mr. Driska that the Attorney General's office had some questions on the deed and referred it to Attorney Rachel Wietzel at another state agency. To date, no reply from Attorney Weitzel has been received.
2. 124 Middlefield: Zoning Enforcement Action is on hold until spring.

Legal

1. 25 Hotchkiss Street: Case is closed, nothing to report.
2. Wadsworth Street: Nothing to report. Zoning Enforcement is handling.
3. 5 Maple Place: The issue on this property is that it is a two family home being used a sa rooming house. A hearing before the State Health Department was conducted, and after the hearing the hearing officer requested that the parties present supplemental evidence and briefing in the next week. The General Counsel is handling.

Neat

1. **New Matters of Concern.**
 - i. 574 High Street: The property is in foreclosure and went to auction, but there were no bidders. The property is currently abandoned. The bank-owner of the property has failed to remove snow and ice from the property's sidewalks pursuant to City ordinance. The Public Works Department will be issuing the owner a letter, requiring removal of such snow/ice pursuant to City ordinance.
 - ii. 199 Prospect Street: The bank-owner of the property has failed to remove snow and ice from the property's sidewalks pursuant to City ordinance. The

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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: MOVED by Bobbye Knoll Peterson; SECONDED by Nesci, and carried UNANIMOUSLY.