

BOARD OF REVIEW - DANGEROUS BUILDINGS MINUTES
Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 5:00 PM

Committee members present: Chair Gary Schnip, Tucker Braddock, James Heist, James Quarto and Darryl Wickham

Committee members absent: Alderwoman Stacy Gould

Others Present: Building Official James Troeger and Blight Officer Brittany Williams

1. Call to Order: Chair Gary Schnip called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
2. Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.
3. Acceptance of Minutes: On a motion by Jim Heist, seconded by Tucker Braddock, the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting of the Board of Review (BOR) were approved as presented.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Communications: None
6. Blight updates/concerns:
 - a) 62 North Main Street: No change.
 - b) 554-556 East Main Street: No change.
 - c) Jordan's Retaining Wall: No change.
 - d) 38 West Main Street, Marina Towers: No change.
 - e) 61 Lincoln Avenue: No change.
 - f) 87 5th Street: No change.
 - g) 34-36 Slater Avenue: No change.
7. Watch List:
 - a) 231 Broadway: Blight Officer Britt Williams reported she spoke to the property manager. He should be out there within two weeks. He hopes to put a hold on the citation process.
 - b) 6 Huntington Avenue (storage structure): No change.
 - c) 253 Broadway: No change.
 - d) 241 Broadway: Building Official Jim Troeger reported that there is progress on the exterior.
 - e) 337 – 341 Main Street (YMCA): No change.
 - f) 7 Woodlawn Terrace: No change.
8. Foreclosure in Progress:
 - a) 29 Boswell Avenue: No update.

- b) 26 Elijah Street: No update.
- c) 31-33 Cliff Street: No update.
- d) 62 Plain Hill Road: No update.

9. City Owned Properties:

- a) 270 West Thames Street: No change.
- b) 13 Baltic Street: No update.
- c) 11 Lake Street: Jim T reported the demolition has not gone out for bid.
- d) 482-492 Norwich Avenue: Jim Q reported the property has been sold. It will be redeveloped into a 6-family.
- e) 43 Fountain Street: Jim T reported there has been an offer on the property.
- f) 504 East Main Street: No change.
- g) 702 New London Turnpike: No change.
- h) 23 Whitaker: No change.
- i) 212 Prospect Street (NPU): No change.
- j) 36 Huntington Avenue: No update.

10. Other:

- a) Public Works Committee (PWC) Report: No report.

- b) Committee Priorities and Format:

Britt reviewed blight codes from multiple municipalities. She explained how elements of these codes could be helpful in prioritizing blight action. One example policy demonstrated a means of categorizing and quantifying the extent of blight at a property to compare it to others. Discussion ensued regarding the causes and effects of blight.

Britt also presented a large, printed map of Norwich with blighted properties indicated. It was decided to ask that the map be printed in sections or quadrants to enable a closer view.

11. Next meeting: The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5 PM.

12. Adjournment: On a motion by Darryl Wickham, seconded by Jim Quarto, the Board of Review unanimously adjourned at 6:36 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Wilson
Recording Secretary*