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Minutes

Regular Meeting of May 30, 2019
Code Enforcement Committee

Committee Members Present: Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official; Ron Baia, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Gary Gessaro, Deputy Fire Marshal; Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Nick Purro, Police Officer; and Christopher J. Smedick, Assistant General Counsel.

Members of the Public: None

1. **Call to Order**

Assistant General Counsel Smedick called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

2. **Election of Chairman Pro-Tem**

MOTION: Deputy Fire Marshal Gessaro made a motion to elect Chief Building Official Lisitano as Chairman Pro-Tem. Officer Purro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:10 am. Mr. Carta was absent for the vote.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the January 31, 2019 regular meeting.

MOTION: Deputy Fire Marshal Gessaro made a motion to approve January 31, 2019 minutes. Fire Marshal Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:10 am.

4. **Public Session-** None

5. **New Business**

A. **Health Department:**

- 1) 212 Burgundy Hill (Hoarding): The Health Department has been dealing with a hoarding situation at 212 Burgundy Hill. The owner has started to clean up the property, and the Health Department will continue monitor the

property.

B. Police Department:

- 1) 337 Main Street (La Boca- Expired Licenses): A complaint was made to the Police Department alleging that La Boca had expired licenses. Investigations by the Police and Health Departments revealed that La Boca was current with their licenses and permits. No further action required.
- 2) 180 Johnson Street (Marine Bait Wholesale): Animal Control has been called to Marine Bait Wholesale at 180 Johnson Street regarding two dogs that have been quarantined. The Police Department and Planning, Conservation and Development will continue to monitor.

C. Office of the General Counsel:

- 1) Review of Code Enforcement Liens: No update.

6. Old Business

A. Police Department:

- 1) 218 Smith Street (Westfield Pizza): The Police Department received reports about individuals living above Westfield Pizza. The PD inspected and observed bicycles in the rear of the property, and further inspections revealed the abatement of any violations. No further action needed.

B. Planning, Conservation and Development Office:

- 1) 223 Barbara Road: The property has become overgrown after the lawn was cut on August 3, 2018. Further inspection by the Office of Planning, Conservation and Development revealed that the properties have been brought into compliance. No further action needed.
- 2) 139 Spencer Drive: Code violations still exist on the property, but the property is in a tax foreclosure. Further inspection by the Office of Planning, Conservation and Development revealed that the properties have been brought into compliance. No further action needed.
- 3) 84 High Street: This property was suspected of being a potential rooming house or sober house based on complaints received by the Planning, Conservation and Development Department. The Health Department stated that no health code violations exist on the property, and the Fire Department will look into this property. Further inspection by the Office of Planning, Conservation and Development revealed that the properties have been brought into compliance. No further action needed.

C. 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 owner has now declared bankruptcy, so the Office of the General Counsel will continue to defend the action and will continue to monitor the property.

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:22 a.m. on motion of Chairman Pro-Tem Lisitano, seconded by Fire Marshal Gessaro, and carried unanimously.

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