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### Minutes

Regular Meeting of May 12, 2022  
Code Enforcement Committee

**Committee Members Present:** Jennifer Sparks, Public Health Sanitarian Enforcement Officer; Dean Lisitano, Chief Building Official (left at 9:12 a.m.); Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Tom Hazel, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Gary Gessaro, Fire Marshal; Jason Hurlbut, Deputy Fire Marshal; Christopher Holden, Acting Director of Public Works; and Christopher Forte, Assistant General Counsel.

**Members of the Public:** None.

1. **Call to Order**

Assistant General Counsel Forte called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Review and approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2022 regular meeting.

**MOTION:** Fire Marshal Gessaro made a motion to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes. Chief Building Official Lisitano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:02 am.

3. **Public Session.** None.

4. **New Business**

A. **Mayor's Office.**

1) Update from the Mayor's Office. Absent, no updates.

B. **Public Works.**

1) Update from the Public Works Department. No updates.

C. **Health Department.**

1) Update from the Health Department. No updates.

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**D. Department of Land Use.**

- 1) Update from the Department of Land Use. No updates.

**E. Building Department.**

- 1) Update from the Building Department. No updates.

**F. Police Department.**

- 1) Update from the Police Department. Absent. No updates.

**G. City Fire.**

- 1) Update from City Fire. No updates.

**H. South Fire District.**

- 1) Update from South Fire District. No updates.

**I. Westfield Fire District.**

- 1) Update from the Westfield Fire District. No updates.

**J. Office of the General Counsel.**

- 1) Update from the Office of the General Counsel. No updates.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Mayor's Office**

- 1) Wharfside Commons. No updates, no further action needed.

**B. Department of Land Use.**

- 1) 192 South Main Street. Violations have been remediated. No further action needed.
- 2) 159 Boston Road: Inspections found hole in roof, owner not living in house and refusing help for social workers. Land Use indicates this will be a long process to achieve compliance.
- 3) 212 Sisk Street: Inspection was performed, found multiple unregistered vehicles, and blight on the property. Notices of Violations sent to owner.
- 4) 520 East Main Street: Inspection was performed and the building is deteriorating with roof damage. Owner is repairing, and is close to achieving compliance.
- 5) 56 Catherine Street: Land Use inspected the property numerous times and found no evidence of a tow truck being stored on the property. No further action needed.
- 6) 514-516 Main Street: Inspection was performed and three salons were found operating on the site. Two are registering with the town, and the third is working with the City to be relocated to an area where a tattoo parlor is authorized. No further action needed.
- 7) 80 Liberty Street: Graffiti on side of building. Land Use ordered that the

graffiti be painted over, and owner is working to paint it over with graffiti proof paint and to work with the tenant to remove a dilapidated awning.

- 8) 203 Prospect Street: Inspection performed and found dumping of construction debris on the site. Land Use has ordered that the material be properly disposed of. Notice of Violation issued by Land Use. Will continue to monitor.
- 9) 1133 Long Hill Road: Inspection of the property found blight on the north and west side of the building on the property. The owner is working to remediate the violations, and the Committee will continue to monitor.

#### **C. City Fire.**

- 1) 399 deKoven Drive. The Fire Department has been working with the new owners, and it looks like renovations are being performed on the property. Will continue to monitor.
- 2) 52 North Main Street. City Fire inspected the premises and found numerous Fire Code violations. The Fire Department has reached out to the State's Attorney and is moving forward with their office. A 90 day extension to remediate the violations have been granted upon advice of the State's Attorney, and an inspection is scheduled for when the extension expires, on July 20. Will continue to monitor.

#### **6. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Fire Marshal Gessaro made a motion to adjourn. Deputy Fire Marshal Hurlbut seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 9:14 am.

The Committee adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

cc: Hon. Benjamin Florsheim, Mayor  
Code Enforcement Committee Members  
OGC Personnel